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BOARD OF ALDERMEN. STATED MEETING.

TUESDAY, December 15, 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 Nicholas T. Brown, William E. Burke, 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 T. Oakley, 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.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Goodwin—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board for further consideration the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas, now in his hands, granting permission to the Consumers Gas Fuel Company to lay pipes, mains, etc., in the City of New York.

Alderman Goodman offered the following as a substitute and moved that the consideration of both resolutions be postponed until 3 o'clock P. M. this day:

Whereas, This Board has been severely criticised for its action in the matter of the application of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company, the said criticism being mainly directed against the alleged low compensation demanded for the privilege of using our streets, and largely because of alleged inadequacy of security to the City for a fulfillment of every requirement in the franchise; therefore

Resolved, That the ordinance granting to the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company the privilege to lay mains and pipes in this city be and the same is hereby recalled from his Honor the Mayor.

Resolved, That the vote by which the said ordinance was adopted be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

Resolved, That the several reports of the Committee on Lamps and Gas in the matter of fuel gas, and all papers and data relating thereto, be and they are hereby referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine into the question of municipal ownership of gas plants, with instruction to carefully and thoroughly investigate the value of the franchise, consider the question of adequate compensation, examine into the provisions of security to the City for a fulfillment of every requirement intended to be exacted, and report to this Board such conclusions and recommendations as the result of the investigation may warrant.

Alderman Goodwin moved the adoption of his resolution.

The President ruled that the substitute had the precedence.

Alderman Noonan moved as an amendment that when the Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday, December 16, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of the whole matter.

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Goodman. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

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

Negative—Alderman Goodwin—1.

Alderman Noonan moved that when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday, December 16, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M.

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

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 8, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body, calling for the lighting of Stebbins avenue, from 400 feet north of Jennings street to East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, on the ground of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works that this avenue is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks on which to place public lamps.

Yours, respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps be placed thereon and lighted in Stebbins avenue, from a point four hundred feet north of Jennings street to East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 8, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, for amendment, resolution of your Honorable Body to pave One Hundred and Fourteenth street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, with asphalt blocks on concrete foundation, on the ground of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works that 340 lineal feet of this street have a grade of nine per cent., which is too steep for asphalt block pavement. Therefore, this area should be paved with granite blocks.

Yours respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

Resolved, That the carriageway of West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, 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.

Alderman Olcott moved that the resolution and ordinance be amended by striking out the word "asphalt" before the word "block" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "granite."

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

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

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

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 8, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body to light Longfellow street, from Home to Jennings street, on the ground of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works that Jennings street is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks on which to place public lamps.

Yours, respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Longfellow street, from Home street to Jennings street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 8, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body, permitting the Commercial Cable Company to remove the pillar and globe from the curb in front of the premises No. 12 West Twenty-seventh street to a like position in front of the premises No. 1269 Broadway, on the ground of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works that the placing of the pillar and globe in front of No. 1269 Broadway would constitute an illegal obstruction.

Yours, respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Commercial Cable Company to remove the pillar and globe from the curb in front of the premises No. 12 West Twenty-seventh street, in the City of New York, to a like position in front of the premises No. 1269 Broadway, in said city, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The President announced that a public hearing would be held by the Committee on Law Department in Room 16, City Hall, on Monday December 21, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the matter of the charges against the New York and Westchester Water Company.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Kennefick—

Whereas, The people in the lower part of the city be compelled to labor at their various avocations during each week day, thus being unable to devote any of their time on such days to innocent amusement such as it is contemplated that the Aquarium at Castle Garden will be; therefore, it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby respectfully requested to open the Aquarium to the public on Sundays during such hours and under such restrictions as the said Commissioners may determine.

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

In connection herewith, the following communication from the Department of Public Parks was presented:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, December 14, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLOMAN, President, Board of Aldermen, City Hall:

SIR—I am directed by the President of this Department to advise you that it is the intention of the Department to open the Aquarium on Sundays on and after January 3, 1897.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Which was ordered on file.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of appointing various Commissioners of Deeds, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby respectively appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places respectively of those whose names appear opposite, who were recently appointed, but failed to qualify, viz.:

James McLaughlin, in place of Minnabelle H. Clasley.

Edward J. Flack, in place of Adolph N. Duma-hant.

Edward G. Klumpf, in place of Marshall R. De Lany.

Charles E. F. McCann, in place of Harry W. Gray.

RUFUS R. RANDALL, THOMAS DWYER, 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 Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—23.

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of placing an additional lamp on West Twenty-sixth street, in front of the Press Club, at No. 34 on that street, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That an additional lamp-post be erected and street lamp placed thereon and lighted in front of the Press Club, No. 34 West Twenty-sixth street, New York City.

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

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 Burke, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—26.

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred the matter of the revision and compilation of the City Ordinances respectfully recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the appropriation of three thousand five hundred dollars made to the Law Department in 1895 to be expended during the year 1896 for the work of the revision and compilation of the ordinances of the City of New York, to the appropriation of the Clerk of the Common Council to be known as the "Fund for the Revision and Compilation of Ordinances"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby further respectfully requested to set aside the sum of three thousand dollars additional in the Final Estimate of 1897, to be added to the appropriation for the Clerk of the Common Council and to be made part of the "Fund for the Revision and Compilation of Ordinances," the whole amount to be payable by said Clerk of the Common Council, from time to time, under the direction of the Board of Aldermen and with the approval of the Mayor.

FREDERICK A. WARE, as to the first resolution thereof, BENJAMIN E. HALL, JACOB C. WUND, JOHN T. OAKLEY, Committee on Law Department.

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

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Kennefick—

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896. *To the Board of Aldermen:*

DEAR SIRS—We the undersigned hackmen do hereby ask permission to be allowed to stand on the curb of sidewalk at the entrance of bridge leading to the Pennsylvania Railroad depot, situated on the southern corner of Cortlandt and West streets, for the purpose of soliciting passengers for hire, as at present we are not permitted to go within 125 feet of same. Hoping and trusting that the above request will be granted, we remain, Yours, etc.,

Wm. O. Connell, No. 11 Albany street, Carriage License No. 1065; J. Anderson, No. 1 Albany street, Carriage License No. 1328; T. Hastings, No. 22 Rector street, Carriage License No. 657; Henry Smith, No. 29 Downing street, Carriage License Nos. 180 and 710; T. Hopkins, No. 11 Cottage place, Carriage License No. 1642; John Cornell, No. 6 Renwick street, Carriage License No. 1280; W. Berger, No. 254 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, Carriage License Nos. 13 and 17; T. Magan, No. 155 Cedar street, Carriage License No. 830; James Bracken, No. 111 Washington street, Carriage License No. 614; E. Hagan, No. 137 Washington street, Carriage License No. 12; James W. Ford, No. 355 West Forty-fifth street, Coupe No. 404; A. Darrell, No. 521 Hudson street, Carriage License No. 510; Fred Hill, No. 164 West Houston street, Carriage License No. 167; Wm. Quirk, No. 217 Sullivan street, Carriage License No. 1160; Geo. McMano, No. 19 Albany street, Carriage License No. 212; David O'Neill, No. 35 Washington street; I. Kelly, No. 4 Renwick street; Jeremiah Moore, No. 578 Greenwich street, stable-keeper; John Murphy, No. 15 Renwick street, Carriage License No. 184; William Davis, No. 438 East Fourteenth street, Carriage License No. 70; William Cronin, No. 15 Renwick street, Carriage License No. 74.

DECEMBER 14, 1896. *To the Board of Aldermen:*

DEAR SIRS—We, the undersigned business men in the lower part of Cortlandt street, are very much in favor of the above petition being granted.

Gas Likens, Glen Island Hotel, No. 88 Cortlandt street; Charles Napoli, No. 86 Cortlandt street; L. Lusing, No. 87 Cortlandt street; P. C. Eckhardt, Jr., No. 78 Cortlandt street; H. Iris, No. 90 Cortlandt street; Stephen Kelly, No. 80 Cortlandt street; Joseph Amas, No. 78 Cortlandt street; Horstmann Brothers, No. 77 Cortlandt street; Archibald McInnes, No. 85 Cortlandt street. Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman Olcott—

NEW YORK, November 24, 1896. *To the Board of Aldermen:*

Believing that there should be a proper and suitable approach to Central Park by some regulation of the traffic, we respectfully request the passage of the proposed ordinance which prohibits the use of Fifth avenue, from Twenty-fifth street to Fifty-ninth street, by trucks, between the hours of 3 and 7, from October to June, and which will not prevent deliveries during those hours:

Hitchcock, Darling & Co., Fifth Avenue Hotel; N. Whitman, Fifth Avenue Hotel; V. P. Gibney, M. D., No. 16 Park avenue; John Gault, No. 210 West Fifty-seventh street; John S. M.

Acher, No. 30 West Twenty-first street; Daniel P. Pease, M. D., Fifth Avenue Hotel; Henry C. Rose, Fifth Avenue Hotel; P. H. Crowe, No. 24 East One Hundred and Eleventh street; C. Townsend, No. 244 West Forty-fifth street; J. A. Shroas, No. 109 West Twenty-eighth street; Otto G. D. Shingler, No. 139 Fifth avenue; John E. Ingersoll, No. 222 West Twenty-third street; J. T. Abbott, Fifth Avenue Hotel; W. H. P. Phylle, No. 12 East Forty-third street; James A. Silvey, No. 949 Broadway; C. W. Hanks, No. 47 West Thirty-fifth street; Geo. H. Morrison, No. 134 West Forty-fourth street; B. Butler Boyle, No. 117 West Fifteenth street; R. Meeker, No. 134 West Twenty-sixth street; C. L. Painter, Fifth Avenue Hotel; H. W. Guernsey, Fifth Avenue Hotel; Chas. P. Ebbets, No. 321 West Twenty-second street; F. C. Bellinger, St. Cloud Hotel; Leo Hartwig, Fifth Avenue Hotel; E. M. Knox, No. 26 East Eighty-third street; O. W. Clapp, Fifth Avenue Hotel; Geo. F. Truell, Chelsea Square; Wayne Griswold, Fifth Avenue Hotel; Wm. H. Eddy, No. 40 West Twenty-seventh street; Geo. W. White, No. 100 Fifth avenue; Henry Doyle, New York "Journal"; James M. Varnum, No. 62 William street; Prof. A. G. Corbett, No. 100 East Twenty-sixth street; Rev. Dr. Newland Maynard, No. 130 Fifth avenue; Louis B. May, No. 1343 Broadway; Edmund S. Mills, No. 503 Fifth avenue; Charles Tremain, No. 128 West Seventy-first street; J. Jeff. Falk, Nos. 13 and 15 West Twenty-fourth street; W. N. Lloyd, No. 152 Lexington avenue; Linwood Wheelmen, No. 59 West Eleventh street; Louis J. Schwarz, No. 13 Clinton place; Eugene L. Afeld, No. 59 West Eleventh street; Julius Strahl, No. 153 Ridge street; Herman Kahn, No. 105 Second avenue; O. C. Afeld, No. 59 West Eleventh street; Fred. Hoelscher, No. 71 Franklin street; John A. Hall, No. 135 West One Hundred and Twenty-first street; W. F. Hall, No. 71 Franklin street; W. G. Buxton, No. 159 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street; Jos. C. Vogel, No. 246 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street; John W. Kelly, No. 303 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street; Arthur T. Niederwieser, No. 235 East Twenty-second street; B. G. Evans, No. 155 Sixth avenue; Walter M. Dressel, No. 89 East Fourth street; Wm. Siegmund, No. 56 East Seventh street; Julius B. Kraincey, No. 433 East Eighty-seventh street; Jos. Siegmund, No. 53 East Seventh street; Mich. Jordan, No. 450 West Fiftieth street; E. Pebler, No. 64 Morton street; John J. Lyons, No. 265 West Twentieth street; E. Oestreich, No. 89 Third avenue; C. Rawan, No. 107 West Eighty-fourth street; J. Evans, No. 192 Varick street; Al. Beck, No. 1047 Prospect avenue; J. McGowan, No. 21 Barrow street; Robert W. Troy, No. 335 East Eighth street; C. Mulcahy, No. 258 West Twenty-sixth street; J. F. Mooney, No. 361 West Twenty-sixth street; James McFadden, No. 206 East Eighteenth street; M. E. Morr, No. 73 Delancey street; J. Drewes, No. 91 University place; O. G. Buell, No. 465 West Fifty-seventh street; R. Whelan, No. 59 East Ninth street; Benjamin Levy, No. 18 East Broadway; Walter M. Siegmund, No. 116 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street; Albert S. Thorpe; E. E. Lockwood, No. 221 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street; Chas. Brush, No. 118 Willoughby street, Greater New York; Shepherd H. Cox, No. 100 Barrow street; Sam Kuninestiel, No. 111 East One Hundred and Thirteenth street; Thomas J. Rafter, No. 240 West Twenty-first street; J. Weiss, No. 621 East Sixth street; Sam'l Niedenveiser, No. 1696 Madison avenue; E. Rosenstein, No. 509 East Eighty-first street; R. Heinze, No. 552 East Eighty-second street; Fred Brandkamp, No. 245 First avenue; R. J. Gerbel, No. 166 East Eightieth street; George Brantz, No. 23 East Seventh street; Fritz Rustler, No. 105 Second avenue; Lewis N. Clapp, No. 71 Franklin street; Bertram Neidenveiser, No. 41 East Nineteenth street; Adolf Noekele, No. 41 East Nineteenth street; S. F. Rugg, No. 41 East Nineteenth street; Charles L. Wetherlen, Buckingham Hotel; James Dater, Buckingham Hotel; D. J. O'Hara, Buckingham Hotel; E. Einstein, Buckingham Hotel; Warren G. Everts, Buckingham Hotel; H. C. Corson, Buckingham Hotel; John McGoldrick, Buckingham Hotel; T. M. Tryon, No. 576 Fifth avenue; Alexander Bryant, Buckingham Hotel; Frederick V. Wishart, Buckingham Hotel; S. Brown, Buckingham Hotel; T. G. Battman, Jr., No. 30 West Fifty-first street; L. Rich'd Barret; F. Egerton Welde, Buckingham Hotel; Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., Buckingham Hotel; B. A. Bulkley, Buckingham Hotel; Ernst Thalmann, No. 10 East Fiftieth street; Harry Rindskopf, Buckingham Hotel; E. T. Hillyer, No. 550 Park avenue; Carol Narlow, Windsor Hotel; Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, Buckingham Hotel; Frederick A. Brown, Buckingham Hotel; Dr. Ch. Van Bergen, the Buckingham; Percy Thompson, No. 1 West Thirty-fourth street; A. T. Demarest, Nos. 335-7-9 Fifth avenue; Edward Van Valkenburgh, No. 62 Worth street; Acosta Nichols, No. 233 Fifth avenue; Eugene Southack, No. 444 Madison avenue; C. H. K. Smith, Buckingham Hotel; Geo. W. Van Slyck, Buckingham Hotel; George C. Lyman, Buckingham Hotel; Jos. Lyman; S. S. Riker, Buckingham Hotel; W. H. Chesebrough, Jr., No. 17 East Forty-fifth street; Victor Mapes, No. 60 West Fortieth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department: CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 5, 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	\$776 40	\$1,223 60
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.	500 00	226 86	273 14
Salaries—Common Council.....	86,300 00	79,105 84	7,194 16

WILLIAM J. LYON, Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Henry D. Macdona: HENRY D. MACDONA, No. 38 PARK ROW, NEW YORK CITY, December 14, 1896. Hon. JOSEPH SCHILLING, City:

DEAR SIR—Will you kindly return by bearer the certificate of deposit of the Fulton and Market National Bank for \$10,000, made by R. A. C. Smith, handed to you as Chairman of the Committee on Lamps and Gas, when the petition of the New York Fuel Gas Company was referred to your Committee by the Board of Aldermen. Yours truly,

H. D. MACDONA, Counsel for New York Fuel Gas Company.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from a citizen:

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

The undersigned hereby applies to your Honorable Board for a permit to erect a news-stand under the Elevated Railroad stairs, one on the northeast corner and another on the northwest corner, of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, in the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 14, 1896.

Yours, etc.,

MRS. ELIZABETH HORN, No. 140 West Twenty-eighth street, New York.

Which was referred to Alderman Ware.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Board of Health: HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, December 10, 1896. WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Esq., Clerk, Board of Aldermen, New York City:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held December 8, 1896, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant lot north side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street, beginning one hundred and twenty-five feet east of Broadway and extending twenty-five feet east, be forwarded to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, with the request that for sanitary reasons the Department of Public Works be authorized and directed to have said lot fenced.

A true copy.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR (CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING), NEW YORK, December 10, 1896. CHARLES F. ROBERTS, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent:

SIR—On July 8, 1896, an inspection was made of the vacant lot north side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street, beginning 125 feet east of Broadway, and extending 25 feet east, and the same was found to be in a dangerous condition, and an order (No. 35310), was issued July 10, 1896, and was served upon the alleged owner, Hannah M. Halpin, Boulevard, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, directing her to fence said lot, which she has failed to do. All the remedies existing in this Department for the enforcement of said order have been exhausted. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Board of Aldermen be requested to authorize the Department of Public Works to have said lot fenced.

Respectfully, (Signed) ALFRED LUCAS, Chief Sanitary Inspector.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

A true copy.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police and Health Departments.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Vernon M. Davis: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, December 10, 1896. WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council:

DRAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of a copy of resolutions concerning the death of Colonel Fellows, adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 8, 1896. Very respectfully,

VERNON M. DAVIS, District Attorney.

Which was ordered on file.

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, December 12, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLMAN, President, Board of Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen:

No. 1219. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to pave One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, with asphalt.

The Water Purveyor reports that an asphalt pavement on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street would be isolated, and that it does not seem to him that the expenditure therefor would be warranted by the public benefit that would result. I concur in his view of the matter.

No. 1252. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to pave with asphalt the carriageway of St. Mark's place, from Third avenue to Avenue A.

As there is a railroad track in St. Mark's place, it is not deemed advisable to lay an asphalt pavement there, especially in view of the attitude assumed by railroad companies not to pave the space within and about their rail tracks. Very respectfully,

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

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

We, the undersigned, property-owners and residents of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, do respectfully petition your Honorable Body that the pavement on said block be laid with asphalt:

Edward C. Cockey, No. 225 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mary A. Cockey, No. 225 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Marston R. Cockey, No. 225 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Cora L. Cockey, No. 225 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Isaac B. Sprague, No. 227 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Claribel Sprague, No. 227 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Harriet Talbert, No. 227 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Chas. B. Keyes, No. 221 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Armand Mantone, No. 223 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Jennie Loewenstein, No. 223 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Sam Loewenstein, No. 223 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Walter Watkins, No. 232 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Henriette Loewenstein, No. 223 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; M. R. Palmer, No. 221 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Sarah E. Palmer, No. 221 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mark Franklin, No. 219 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Sarah England, No. 219 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Susie E. Franklin, No. 219 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Fred. H. England, No. 219 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Wm. Beiman, No. 217 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Herman H. Wurtz, No. 2140 Seventh avenue, corner One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; V. Hugo Mathushek, No. 230 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; J. Stanton, No. 230 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; George T. Chase, No. 238 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Lauretta H. Chase, No. 238 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Annie Nichols, No. 224 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. B. Mack, No. 222 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; James Forsyth, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Anna Forsyth, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John M. Forsyth, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Ann H. Clark, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Laura K. Clark, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Joseph Forsyth, No. 233 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. S. Crane, No. 235 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. Payn, No. 235 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; K. Mittag, No. 234 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John C. Lee, No. 248 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Josephine C. Lee, No. 248 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; H. W. Nichols, No. 224 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; James W. Nichols, No. 224 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; I. M. Woodard, No. 239 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. E. Rich, No. 243 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. I. Mooney, 243 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. S. Hurtenstein, No. 243 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. E. Detmold, No. 245 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. S. Herzog, No. 255 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. M. Berliner, No. 255 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Rosalie Berliner, No. 255 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Sam. Berliner, No. 255 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Rh. McCready, No. 228 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Jessie McCready, No. 228 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

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

We, the undersigned property-owners and residents of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, do respectfully petition your Honorable Body that the pavement on said block be laid with asphalt:

A. Langstadter, No. 265 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; M. Strauss, No. 267 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; S. Bushmann, No. 274 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. Lesser, No. 272 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. Calder, No. 282 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Frank Leveien, No. 284 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Tony Fichtl, No. 284 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; William Bruggemann, No. 286 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John Carroll, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; M. McDonald, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. L. McCashire, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; C. W. Littlefield, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; J. Seaman, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. M. E. Chandler, No. 277 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Ph. Dinger, No. 277 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; R. Carrington, No. 279 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. F. E. Potter, No. 264 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; M. Mitchell, No. 218 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Wm. R. Eiman, No. 217 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Dr. J. E. Ferdinand, No. 220 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. James G. Smith, No. 251 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. Henry Emanuel, No. 250 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; H. E. White, No. 250 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; R. L. McCready, No. 228 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Thomas B. Van Amringe, No. 263 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; E. A. Bruce, No. 264 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; E. H. Montcalm, M. D., No. 273 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; G. H. Morse, No. 264 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; H. F. Ackermann, No. 273 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. E. Bell, No. 264 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; E. R. Sherwood, No. 264 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. McVey, No. 263 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; J. A. Bell, No. 263 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; H. Loewenstein, No. 223 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; H. H. Upham, No. 259 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; S. Berliner, No. 255 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Herman Munk, No. 2140 Seventh avenue, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Jonas M. Heimerdinger, No. 2151 Seventh avenue; G. J. de Quesada, M. D., No. 213 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; E. Frank Waven, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Samuel A. Cramer, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John G. Webster, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John H. Dolan, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Philip Dolan, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Julia Dolan, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Ida E. Dolan, No. 201 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Peter J. Dolan, No. 210 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John E. Heins, No. 2138 Seventh avenue, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; John B. Heins, No. 2138 Seventh avenue, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; S. Wronke, No. 261 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. S. Lucas, No. 268 West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street; Timothy Griffin, No. 268 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Gregorio de Quesada, No. 266 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. A. M. Arteaga, No. 266 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. M. Roura, No. 266 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. John T. Baxter, No. 258 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Dennis Cahill, No. 256 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; J. H. Murfey, No. 242 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; M. Costello, No. 242 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Kate E. Cochrane, No. 236 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; R. H. Johnston, No. 234 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; A. R. Johnston, No. 234 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; W. Watkins, No. 232 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. Alfred Scott, No. 246 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. Alfred Scott, No. 246 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. W. R. Willis, No. 262 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; R. L. Willis, No. 262 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mr. J. Matzenbacher, No. 214 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. E. Matzenbacher, No. 214 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Harry A. Clase, No. 246 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Francis Scott, No. 246 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

In connect on herewith Alderman Woodward offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to pave One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, with asphalt.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 24, 1896, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof. WM. H. TEN EYCK, Clerk of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he hereby is respectfully requested to pave with asphalt the carriageway of St. Mark's place, from Third avenue to Avenue A.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 1, 1896, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof. JOHN J. GALLAGHER, Deputy Clerk, Board of Aldermen.

Which was ordered on file.

COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following invitation from the Murray Hill Republican Club:

MURRAY HILL REPUBLICAN CLUB, BROADWAY, FORTY-SECOND STREET AND SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 14, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City of New York, City Hall:

GENTLEMEN—We, the members of the Murray Hill Republican Club of the Twenty-seventh Assembly District, request the pleasure of your Honorable Board to attend our First Annual Reception, to be held at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, on Tuesday evening December 29, 1896.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD G. TILSON, Secretary.

Compliments of Andrew Robinson, Benj. E. Hall.

Which was, on motion of the Vice-President, accepted with thanks.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the New York and Westchester Water Company:

The petition or communication filed with the Board of Aldermen of New York City on Tuesday, December 8, 1896, as follows:

By Alderman Randall—

Whereas, The newly-annexed territory above the Bronx river is supplied with water by the New York and Westchester Water Company, a private corporation, under contracts and franchises made and had before annexation, between said company and the local authorities of the said towns and villages; and

Whereas, The people of said locality are obliged to pay expensive rates for their water supply, averaging twenty-five dollars per year upon an ordinary dwelling with improvements, and in many cases said charges are in violation of the contracts of said company, and the water supply has been bad in quality and unhealthy, and has been defective and inadequate, and the pressure largely deficient; and

Whereas, The said company has not lived up to its said obligations and contracts, and has failed in the same; and

Whereas, The people of Woodlawn Heights, who take their supply from the city mains, do not get the benefit of a sufficient pressure and the supply materially fails; therefore

Resolved, At a joint meeting of Delegates from all the Citizens' Associations of Woodlawn and the newly-annexed district, held in Williamsbridge, on the 24th day of November, 1896,

That we hereby petition the Board of Aldermen of our city to set in motion the proper machinery by which a thorough investigation of the contracts and franchises of the New York and Westchester Water Company in the newly-annexed territory may be had, and their exact construction ascertained, and that it be further ascertained whether said company has lived up to their contracts and franchises, or whether it has impaired the same.

That we further petition the Board of Aldermen and the other proper city authorities to take immediate steps to furnish an adequate supply of water from the city reservoirs, under an adequate pressure, sufficient to supply the highest parts in Woodlawn and the newly-annexed territory, and to that end the City either acquire by condemnatory proceedings the plant and mains of said company of said district or install a new plant of its own therein, and provide a proper pumping station and other facilities.

J. D. PATTERSON, Wakefield Taxpayers' Association; J. B. BOWERS, Woodlawn Association; SEWARD BAKER, Westchester Taxpayers' Association; W. F. DAY, Williamsbridge Improvement League.

A true copy of resolutions passed by a joint meeting of the above organization on November 24, 1896.

LUCIUS W. HOW, Secretary pro tem.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, is incorrect, misleading and untrue in its statements regarding the New York and Westchester Water Company, to wit: It is not true that the people of said locality are obliged to pay expensive rates for their water supply or that in many cases said charges are in violation of the contracts of said company; and the water supply has been had in quality and unhealthy and has been defective and inadequate, and the pressure largely deficient, for the reason that the facts are: That the people of said locality are only obliged to pay the rates specified and prescribed in the contracts between said New York and Westchester Water Company and the municipalities, respectively, existing prior to annexation thereof, to the Twenty-fourth Ward of New York City.

That there never has been any violation, in the charges of said company, of the contracts and rates prescribed. That it is false that the water supply has been bad in quality, and unhealthy, for the reason that it has at all times been healthy and of good quality and pure and wholesome. That it is false that it has been defective, and the pressure largely deficient, the fact being that it has always been according to the contracts and terms of the contracts. That there never has been a deficient pressure, and the water supply furnished under said contracts, Mayor Strong has found the facts to be—and certified them in his annual message to the Common Council for the year 1896—as follows:

"In many parts of the new section (Twenty-fourth Ward, supplied by the New York and Westchester Water Company) the water pressure in the mains has been found to be so strong that it is believed, for the present at least, engines can be dispensed with, and hose wagons, with perhaps two chemical engine attachments used in lieu."

That the statements in said communication or petition as follows, to wit: "Whereas, the said company has not lived up to its said obligations and contracts and has failed in the same," is wholly and unqualifiedly false and untrue in each and every detail and particular, as will appear by reference to the respective contracts and their terms. That the signers to the said communication are consumers connected with the company's mains, who have either never paid any rents or else have not complied with the company's rules and regulations, and are in default under respective contracts with the company for furnishing water to them respectively, or are open enemies of the company and in a political alliance or endeavor to harass and annoy the company in the carrying out of its contracts in an endeavor by them to increase influence and patronage in said annexed district, and that they have wilfully and falsely misstated the facts in their prejudice against the enterprise. That the New York and Westchester Water Company has notified all its consumers, including said signers, that, notwithstanding the prescribed contract rates, it will furnish water to each and every one on the same basis as that established for Croton water. That the territory is uneven in its contour, lying at elevations of from 44 to 190 feet above tide water. That the water for all high elevations has to be pumped under pressure at great expense, and that special arrangements are made and provided pursuant to the contracts for the doing of this.

Very respectfully, NEW YORK AND WESTCHESTER WATER COMPANY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Lawrence Stewart: EUTAW HOUSE, BALTIMORE AND EUTAW STREETS, BALTIMORE, MD., December 14, 1896. Board of Aldermen, N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—Please forward me what record you have of the marriage of W. L. Stewart and Nina J. Teal, both of Baltimore City, Md. Ceremony performed by Rev. Frank L. Wilson, of New York, on April 7, 1895.

Very respectfully,

LAWRENCE STEWART, No. 1502 Rettler Street, Baltimore, Md.

Which was referred to the Board of Health.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Property Owners' Association:

PROPERTY OWNERS' UNION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 78 EAST NINETY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, December 14, 1896. To the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—During the past year we have made strenuous efforts to save the roadway on the east side of Park avenue, from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Second streets, paved, but so far have failed. The avenue is in a very bad condition, particularly that part from One Hundred and First to One Hundred and Second streets, which is almost impassable, and in the night time really impassable.

Frequent appeals have been made to the Commissioner of Public Works, but up to this time nothing has been done to make this thoroughfare passable and safe for vehicles.

At Ninety-seventh street and Park avenue, at either end of the bridge crossing over the railroad cut, the depressions or ruts daily wreck or break harness or vehicle, and at night many more accidents occur, owing to the fact that, although there are two lamp-posts, one at either end of the bridge, no lamp is there to be lighted, nor has there ever been a lamp there. The lamp-posts were placed there when the bridge was erected, showing that the necessity for having light at that point was fully realized at that time.

The foot-bridge at the Ninety-eighth street crossing is also in the same unprotected condition as regards light at night. It has its bare lamp-posts without the lamp, consequently without the light, much needed there, all of which tends to keep the neighboring flat-houses without tenants, people being timid about trusting themselves abroad after dark in that neighborhood.

We petition you to take the steps necessary to relieve this much neglected neighborhood of our city. I am, Yours respectfully, LAMBERT RUNCKINBUSBY, President.

Which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS AGAIN RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Board of Education:

HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, December 9, 1896. WM. H. TEN EYCK, Esq., Clerk, Board of Aldermen:

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith certified copy of a report adopted by the Board of Education this day relative to the Estimate of School Funds required for the year 1897.

I would respectfully invite your close inspection and perusal of the same, in view of the fact that the Final Estimate will be considered on 16th inst.

Very respectfully,

JACOB W. MACK, Chairman, Finance Committee.

Commissioner Mack presented the following:

To the Board of Education:

The Finance Committee would respectfully report that it has had under consideration the fact

that the original estimate, as adopted by the Board of Education on September 9, 1896, has been materially amended since that time, and in order that the various changes should be presented in compact form, submits herewith for the information of the Board, a statement showing the original estimate, the various amendments thereto, the reasons therefor, the items of increase and decrease relative thereto, and finally the estimate for 1897, as it stands on the record this day.

The following is the statement referred to:

Statement Showing the Original Estimate for 1897, as Adopted by the Board of Education September 9, 1896, and Subsequent Amendments thereto; also Showing the Estimate this Day, after Allowing for Changes Made.

No. 1.	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.	AMENDMENTS.		ESTIMATE FOR 1897, AS AMENDED.
		Increase.	Decrease.	
Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches....	\$3,938,460 80	\$27,000 00 (1)	.....	\$3,965,460 80
Salaries of Janitors in Grammar, Primary and High Schools.....	274,250 00	8,000 00 (2)	.....	282,250 00
Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.....	170,000 00	.....	.....	170,000 00
Salaries of Officers and Clerks and other Employees of the Board of Education.....	58,000 00	4,000 00 (3)	.....	62,000 00
Salaries of the Board of School Superintendents.....	72,500 00	.....	.....	72,500 00
Enforcement of the Act, chapter 671, Laws of 1894, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Compulsory Education of Children." Salaries of Attendance Officers, and for the establishment and maintenance of schools or classes, pursuant to section 9 of chapter 671, Laws of 1894.....	64,000 00	.....	.....	64,000 00
Support of Nautical School, wages, current expenses, repairs, etc.....	31,810 00	.....	.....	31,810 00
Rent of school premises, and premises Nos. 160 and 166 Elm street, for annexes to the Hall of the Board of Education.....	63,130 00	50,500 00 (4)	.....	133,630 00
Fuel for all the Schools and Hall of the Board of Education.....	118,475 00	.....	.....	118,475 00
Gas and other methods of lighting for all the Schools and the Hall of the Board of Education.....	45,000 00	.....	.....	45,000 00
Supplies, Books, Maps, Slates, Stationery, etc., for the use of all the schools.....	279,616 00	11,000 00 (5)	.....	290,616 00
Libraries.....	12,437 66	8,000 00 (6)	.....	20,438 06
Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education.....	25,000 00	.....	.....	25,000 00
Incidental Expenses of the Evening Schools.....	1,500 00	.....	.....	1,500 00
General Repair Fund:				
(a) Incidental Expenses of Schools—Repairs.....	67,146 00	.....	.....	67,146 00
(b) Buildings Contingent Fund.....	57,800 00	.....	.....	57,800 00
(c) Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of.....	120,906 50	.....	.....	120,906 50
(d) Repairs to Buildings.....	199,253 00	10,000 00 (7)	.....	209,253 00
(e) Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, Changes and Repairs of.....	38,956 50	.....	.....	38,956 50
Placing Fire Alarm Telegraph Wires in the Subways.....	7,200 00	.....	.....	7,200 00
Furniture and Repairs of.....	45,276 00	9,000 00 (8)	.....	54,276 00
Pianos and Repairs of.....	7,000 00	.....	.....	7,000 00
Corporate Schools, as per Acts of the Legislature.....	140,000 00	.....	.....	140,000 00
Lectures to Workmen and Workingwomen, Free.....	53,900 00	.....	.....	53,900 00
Transportation of Pupils in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	6,400 00	.....	.....	6,400 00
Biennial School Census.....	2,500 00	32,500 00 (10)	.....	35,000 00
	\$5,900,517 46	\$160,000 00	\$10,966 97	\$6,049,550 89

(1) Additional for Salaries in High Schools, making

\$42,000 in all.

(2) Janitors for Temporary Buildings, etc.

(3) Additional Clerks.

(4) Rent High School Building and Temporary School Accommodations.

(5) Laboratories and Text Books for High Schools.

(6) Statutory.

(7) Fixing-up High Schools.

(8) High School Furniture.

(9) Statutory.

(10) To accomplish census without aid of Police Department.

The Committee would call special attention to the fact that the amounts allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the Provisional Estimate adopted by that Board on October 20, 1896, are practically the same as those contained in the appropriation to this Board for the present year. In many instances the amounts thus provisionally allowed are entirely inadequate for the purposes for which they are appropriated, and if not increased in the Final Estimate would seriously impair the work of this Board during next year, and restrict its efforts to provide accommodations and facilities for the proper conduct of the schools.

In other instances, amounts appear which are in excess of the requirements of this Board, which sums may, therefore, be safely distributed among such other appropriations as are insufficient.

The following comparative statement is herewith submitted, showing the estimate of the Board of Education for 1897, the Provisional Estimate adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, together with the differences noted.

Statement, Showing by Comparison the Estimate of the Board of Education for 1897 (as Amended) and the Provisional Estimate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with Differences Noted.

No. 2.	ESTIMATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.	PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, ADOPTED OCT. 20, 1896.	DECREASES.	INCREASES.
1	Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools and of Supervisors of Special Branches....	\$3,965,460 80	\$3,728,327 00	\$237,133 80
2	Salaries of Janitors in Grammar, Primary and High Schools.....	282,250 00	263,075 00	19,175 00
3	Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.....	170,000 00	177,000 00	7,000 00
4	Salaries of Officers and Clerks and other Employees of the Board of Education.....	62,000 00	49,700 00	12,300 00
5	Salaries of the Board of School Superintendents.....	72,500 00	52,124 97	20,375 03
6	Enforcement of the Act, chapter 671, Laws of 1894, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Compulsory Education of Children." Salaries of Attendance Officers and for the Establishment and Maintenance of Schools or Classes, pursuant to section 9 of chapter 671, Laws of 1894.....	64,000 00	65,000 00	1,000 00
7	Support of Nautical School—Wages, current expenses, repairs, etc.....	31,810 00	31,810 00	.....
8	Rent of School Premises and premises Nos. 160 and 166 Elm street for Annexes to the Hall of the Board of Education.....	113,630 00	66,370 00	47,260 00
9	Fuel for all the Schools and Hall of the Board of Education.....	118,475 00	112,342 96	6,132 04
10	Gas and other methods of lighting for all the Schools and Hall of the Board of Education.....	45,000 00	42,000 00	3,000 00
11	Supplies, books, maps, slates, stationery, etc., for the use of all the schools.....	290,616 00	234,271 00	56,345 00
12	Libraries.....	20,438 06	12,437 66	8,000 40
13	Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education.....	25,000 00	22,500 00	2,500 00
14	Incidental Expenses of the Evening Schools.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....
15	General Repair Fund:			
16	(a) Incidental Expenses of Schools—Repairs.....	67,146 00	67,597 00	451 00
17	(b) Buildings Contingent Fund.....	57,800 00	57,800 00	.....
18	(c) Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of.....	120,906 50	140,651 00	19,744 50
19	(d) Repairs to Buildings.....	209,253 00	200,418 00	8,835 00
20	(e) Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, Changes and Repairs of.....	38,956 50	39,434 00	477 50
21	Placing Fire-alarm Telegraph Wires in the Subways.....	7,200 00	14,400 00	7,200 00
22	Furniture and Repairs of.....	54,276 00	37,544 00	16,732 00
23	Pianos and Repairs of.....	7,000 00	2,000 00	5,000 00
24	Corporate Schools, as per Acts of the Legislature.....	120,033 03	145,000 00	24,966 97
25	Lectures to Workmen and Workingwomen, Free.....	53,900 00	31,500 00	22,400 00
26	Transportation of Pupils in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	6,400 00	4,000 00	2,400 00
27	Biennial School Census.....	35,000 00	10 00	34,990 00
	Purchase of Text Books, treating of Alcoholic Drinks, etc., pursuant to chapter 1041, Laws of 1895.....	.....	35,000 00	35,000 00
Total.....	\$6,049,550 89	\$5,633,812 59	\$502,578 27	\$95,839 97

The Committee believes that the present is an opportune time to present reasons in support of the allowances requested, and therefore submits herewith, in a consecutive form, its views on the various items of the estimate.

No. 1. Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools, and of Supervisors of Special Branches:

Required, \$3,965,460.80. Allowed, \$3,728,327. Decrease, \$237,133.80.

It is estimated that the regular monthly pay-rolls at the end of this year will fully equal a twelfth of the annual appropriation for 1896; it will therefore be apparent that unless additional funds are provided teachers could not be employed for new schools to be opened, nor for the increasing attendance in existing ones.

The required increase is itemized in the estimate of this Board and the figures speak for themselves without further argument at this time. The Committee would state, in connection herewith, that, failing to obtain an adequate increase a shortage would inevitably ensue, and this Board might be called upon to decide whether or not to retain all deductions for absences in the Salary Fund, in place of the usual monthly transfer to the Retirement Fund, thereby partially providing means to employ teachers to meet the anticipated increase in attendance but risking censure for non-compliance with the Public School Teachers' Retirement Act.

The Committee would call attention to the fact that this Board requested this appropriation for "Salaries of Teachers in Grammar, Primary and High Schools, and of Supervisors of Special Branches." The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in response thereto, has provided an appropriation for "Salaries of Teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools." It will be observed that provision for salaries in High Schools and also Supervisors of Special Branches would thus be omitted. The Committee recommend that the title of the appropriation be amended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment so as to conform to fact.

No. 2. Salaries of Janitors in Grammar, Primary and High Schools :

Required, \$282,250. Allowed, \$263,075. Decrease, \$19,175.

The provisional allowance, granted practically, cuts off "New Schools," \$9,604, and the item for "Watchmen," \$1,600, and for Janitors in buildings to be rented, \$8,000, together—\$19,204.

The monthly salaries as now paid fully cover their proportional relation to the annual appropriation, therefore an increase to the figures requested by this Board is absolutely necessary, or a pro rata deduction would have to be made from the rates of salary now paid. The Committee would suggest that the appropriation should be made to this Board under the title requested, viz. :

"Salaries of Janitors in Grammar, Primary and High Schools," instead of "Salaries of Janitors in Grammar and Primary Schools," otherwise the appropriation will not be available for all the purposes for which it is intended.

No. 3. Salaries of Teachers and Janitors in Evening Schools.

Required, \$170,000. Allowed, \$177,000. Increase, \$7,000.

The excess of \$7,000 may be usefully employed in the aid of some other appropriation. In case of necessity, during the fall term of the Evening Schools, any deficiency could be met by transfer.

No. 4. Salaries of Officers and Clerks and other Employees of the Board of Education.

Required, \$62,000. Allowed, \$49,700. Decrease, \$12,300.

The changes incidental to the abolishment of the Trustee System have largely increased the volume of business to be transacted by the employees of this Board, necessitating additional help in all branches.

The present pay-roll amounts to..... \$53,930 00

The increases requested are for 4 Patrol Inspectors, \$1,200 4,800 00

Additional clerical help in the office of the City Superintendent, Clerk of the Board, etc..... 3,270 00

\$62,000 00

The Committee would remark that the duties heretofore performed by Clerks to Boards of School Trustees now fall upon the employees of the Board, and the usual appropriation of about \$3,000 per annum is discontinued.

No. 5. Salaries of the Board of School Superintendents :

Required, \$72,500. Allowed, \$52,124.97. Increase, \$20,375.03.

The Board of School Superintendents consists of the City Superintendent at \$7,500; one Superintendent and Secretary at \$5,000, and fifteen at \$4,000 per annum, aggregating \$72,500. Their designations, terms of office and salaries are fixed; the New School Act giving the Board of Education power in the premises. The Committee would remark that the appropriation has been made for "Salaries of City Superintendent and Assistants"; the New School Act designates these officials as "the Board of School Superintendents." Under the circumstances it is respectfully recommended to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to amend the title of the appropriation so as to conform to the statutory designation.

No. 6. Enforcement of the Act, Chapter 671, Laws of 1894, entitled "An Act to provide for the Compulsory Education of Children," Salaries of Attendance Officers, and for the establishment and maintenance of schools or classes pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 671, Laws of 1894 :

Required, \$64,000. Allowed, \$65,000. Increase, \$1,000.

The amount of \$1,000, being the excess appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, can be relinquished, and used advantageously in some other appropriation. The Committee would call particular attention to the fact that this Board has, by resolution, recently relinquished to the City Treasury the sum of \$40,000, specially appropriated for the establishment of Truant School, etc., in 1896. Owing to the fact that the school building most suitable for the establishment of such a school is still occupied by the Department of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the Board has been unable to utilize the appropriation therefor, and consequently returns the money to the City.

No. 7. Support of the Nautical School :

Required, \$31,810. Allowed, \$31,810.

Satisfactory.

No. 8. Rents of school premises, and premises Nos. 160 and 166 Elm street for Annexes to the Hall of the Board of Education :

Required, \$113,630. Allowed, \$66,370. Decrease, \$47,260.

Owing to the need of temporary school accommodation, the annual rent roll has been largely increased since the presentation of the budget, so that it now amounts to \$73,290, for premises leased and being leased. The matter of providing temporary accommodations is one of the most important, if not the most important problem before this Board, and it is earnestly hoped that its efforts to provide additional school room forthwith may be in no way checked owing to stringency of financial means. The Committee would also recommend that the title be amended to "Rents of school premises and premises for Annexes to the Hall of the Board of Education," for the reason that additional quarters are being procured for the use of certain departments whose needs have outgrown the accommodations in the Hall of the Board and present annexes.

No. 9. Fuel for all the schools and Hall of the Board of Education :

Required, \$118,475. Allowed, \$112,342.96. Decrease, \$6,132.04.

It is estimated that about 1,287 tons of coal will be required for 1897, additional to the quantity now being annually used, or a total of about 24,294 tons. The introduction of improved heating apparatus effects considerable saving in the quantity of wood being used—about 40 cords. The prices have been approximately placed at \$4.50 per ton of coal and \$8 per cord for wood. The indications in the fuel market at this time fully warrant the belief that higher prices will prevail, and that the rates placed in the estimates are as low as will be safe to figure on. The prices paid during the last five years for coal were as follows :

1892-3..... \$4.64 per ton of 2,240 lbs. delivered at school buildings into bunkers.
1893-4..... 4.76 " " " "
1894-5..... 4.41 " " " "
1895-6..... 3.96 " " " "
1896-7..... 4.23 " " " "

The total increase in the appropriation, covering both increase in quantity and price, is only \$6,132.04.

No. 10. Gas for all the schools and Hall of the Board of Education :

Required, \$45,000. Allowed, \$42,000. Decrease, \$3,000.

The amount, \$3,000, is little more than 7 per cent. over the 1896 appropriation, and covers new schools and additional expense incidental to the Free Lecture Course, which it is proposed to extend.

No. 11. Supplies, books, maps, slates, stationery, etc., for the use of all the schools :

Required, \$290,616. Allowed, \$234,271. Decrease, \$56,345.

New schools will cost, on the basis of \$4.25 for Grammar and \$1.25 for Primary, about \$21,935 00
To complete the substitution of pencils and paper for slates and slate pencils..... 2,500 00
Manual Training, for Workshops (6 at \$550) and Kitchens (6 at \$350); supplies for 6 male departments, \$375 each, and 6 female departments, \$210 each..... 8,910 00
Physical exercise in additional schools..... 3,500 00
Renewal of flags (chapter 222, Laws of 1895)..... 2,500 00
Physiology books (Alcoholics, chapter 1041, Laws of 1895)..... 1,000 00
Supplies for High Schools..... 11,000 00
Kindergartens (20 at \$250)..... 5,000 00

\$56,345 00

In connection herewith it should be stated that the usual appropriation (\$35,000) for Books on Alcoholics has been discontinued and the sum of \$1,000 inserted in the appropriation for "Supplies," and is deemed adequate for the purpose in 1897.

No. 12. Libraries, per Acts of the Legislature :

Required, \$20,438.06. Allowed, \$12,437.66. Decrease, \$8,000.40.

The appropriation for Libraries is a matter of statute, and is dependent upon the equivalent amount given by the State for this purpose, so that in order to legally receive and expend the State funds it is necessary for the City to also appropriate and expend a similar sum.

No. 13. Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education :

Required, \$25,000. Allowed, \$22,500. Decrease, \$2,500.

The additional expenses incidental to the recent change in the school system render it necessary that the sum of about \$2,500 should be allowed in addition to the amount of the appropriation allowed in 1896.

No. 14. Incidental Expenses of the Evening Schools :

Required, \$1,500. Allowed, \$1,500.

The amount is adequate.

Nos. 15 to 19. General Repair Fund :

	Required.	Allowed.
a. Incidental Expenses of Schools—Repairs.....	\$67,146 00	\$67,597 00
b. Buildings Contingent Fund.....	57,800 00	57,800 00
c. Sanitary Work, Changes and Repairs of.....	120,906 50	140,651 00
d. Repairs to Buildings.....	209,253 00	200,418 00
e. Heating and Ventilating Apparatus, Changes and Repairs of.....	38,956 50	39,434 00

\$494,062 00 \$505,900 00

The Committee would call attention to the fact that more money has been allowed in the aggregate for repairs, etc., by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the Provisional Estimate than what was requested by this Board. It would be preferable to receive the appropriations in the manner and amounts now indicated by this Board, and there is no occasion for any increase in the aggregate.

No. 20. Placing Fire Alarm Telegraph Wires in the Subway :

Required, \$7,200. Allowed, \$14,400. Surplus, \$7,200.

The amount indicated by this Board is believed to be sufficient for the purpose; it is therefore suggested that the surplus be employed in some other connection.

No. 21. Furniture, and Repairs of :

Required, \$54,276. Allowed, \$37,544. Decrease, \$16,732.

In addition to the amount allowed there will be required for furniture for proposed new high schools..... \$9,000 00

For reversing the furniture of 404 rooms, in order to comply with the recommendation of the Board of Health..... 4,005 00

Wages of 2 Inspectors and 1 Draughtsman..... 3,441 00

\$16,446 00

—which amounts practically cover the sum deducted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

No. 22. Pianos and Repairs of :

Required, \$7,000. Allowed, \$2,000. Decrease, \$5,000.

The sum of \$2,000 is entirely inadequate to carry out the propositions of the Board, for such an amount will only be sufficient to cover renewals and repairs, and leave out of the question the establishment of 20 Kindergartens, which require 20 instruments at \$250—\$5,000.

No. 23. Corporate Schools :

Required, \$120,033.03. Allowed, \$145,000. Increase, \$24,966.97.

The required amount is computed per statute; therefore the excess of \$24,966.97 can be utilized in connection with some other appropriation.

No. 24. Lectures to Workingmen and Workingwomen—Free :

Required, \$53,900. Allowed, \$31,500. Decrease, \$22,400.

The sum of \$22,400 (additional to the amount of the former appropriation, \$31,500) is requested to meet the rapidly growing demands for extension of the popular Lecture Course, and while the granting of an increased appropriation is not a peremptory necessity, the expediency and usefulness of this form of education is demonstrated by the desire of the people to attend these lectures, and the fact that numbers have often to be refused admission through lack of room.

No. 25. Transportation of pupils in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Required, \$6,400. Allowed, \$4,000. Decrease, \$2,400.

The recent annexation of territory on the north side of the city is the reason for the request for additional stages, which will cost about \$2,400 per annum.

No. 26. Biennial School Census :

Required, \$35,000. Allowed, \$10. Decrease, \$34,990.

It is proposed to take the census by the employment of enumerators and tabulators, to act under the direction of this Board, on a basis of cost equivalent to \$1,000 for each School Inspection District. The aid of the police, as in the instance of the last census, would probably reduce the total cost to about \$2,500 only, for stationery and tabulation. The item of \$10 has been inserted tentatively in the Provisional Estimate, and the best method of taking this census, both accurately and economically, should be adopted.

No. 27. Purchase of text books treating of alcoholic drinks, etc., pursuant to chapter 1041, Laws of 1895 :

Required..... Allowed, \$35,000.

The sum of \$1,000 is deemed adequate for the purpose and has been incorporated in the "Supplies," etc., fund and the usual special appropriation (\$35,000) discontinued so far as the wishes of the Board are concerned. The amount inserted in the Provisional Estimate by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may therefore be added to some appropriation insufficient for its purposes.

In general conclusion the Committee would call attention to certain facts :

Total estimate, 1897 (as amended)..... \$6,040,550 89
Total appropriation, 1896..... 5,679,302 59

Total increase over 1896..... \$361,248 30

Amount of provisional estimate adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, October 20, 1896..... \$5,633,812 59

Estimate of the Board of Education (amount required)..... 6,040,550 89

Total deficit..... \$406,738 30

The following general statement accounts in round figures for the increase of \$361,248.30 above mentioned—separated into three headings—1. Increases due to enactment of special laws. 2. Increases due to proposed extensions and improvements. 3. Increases due to normal causes.

No. 3. General Statement, showing particulars relating to increase of \$361,248.30 mentioned in foregoing report :

	OCCASIONED BY NEW AND SPECIAL LAWS.	PROPOSED EXTENSIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE SYSTEM.	NORMAL CAUSES.
Board of School Superintendents.....	\$15,687 80		
Supervisors of Special Branches.....	20,300 00		
Officers and Clerks and other employees of the Board of Education.....	10,825 40		
Biennial School Census.....	35,000 00		
Incidental expenses of the Board of Education.....	2,500 00		
Kindergartens (20 new)—Salaries, \$10,000; Pianos, \$5,000; Supplies, \$5,000.....	\$20,000 00		
Technical, Manual and Industrial Education— Salaries, \$6,500; Workshops (6), \$3,300; Kitchens (6), \$2,100.....		15,410 00	
Supplies for 6 Female Departments, \$2,250.....			
Supplies for 6 Female Departments, \$1,260.....			
Physical Exercise—Supplies.....		3,500 00	
Lectures to Workingmen and Workingwomen, Free—1,100 Lectures in place of \$30.....			22,400 00
High Schools, Establishment of— Salaries, \$42,000; Fitting up, \$10,000.....			
Furniture, \$9,000; Laboratories, \$3,000.....			75,000 00
Text Books, \$8,000; Rents, \$3,000.....			
Furniture—Reversing position of furniture in 404 rooms, in order to comply with the recommendation of Board of Health as to light and position of pupils.....		4,005 00	
Increase occasioned by New and Special Laws.....	\$83,713 20		
Increases for Proposed Extensions, Improvements and Additions to the System.....		\$140,315 00	
Increases Normal Causes (balance—being the differences between general increases and decreases.....			\$137,220 10
Total increase in Estimate of Board of Education for 1897 over appropriation for 1896.....			\$361,248 30

Comparison with former years :

The following statement is an exhibit for five years of the annual net increase in the funds required for school purposes :

1893 over 1892..... \$76,474 59 1896 over 1895..... \$716,879 45
1894 over 1893..... 109,304 04 1897 over 1896..... 362,248 30
1895 over 1894..... 328,288 87 Average for five years..... 318,439 05

The increase requested, viz. : \$361,248.30 is therefore not abnormal, particularly considering the special features contained therein and hereinbefore described.

The following table, from 1891 inclusive, exhibits the average attendance and the increase, together with the percentage of increase, to which is added the money apportioned annually to the schools and the per capita result :

YEAR.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	INCREASE OF ATTENDANCE.	PER CENT. OF INCREASE.	SCHOOL MONEYS.	PER CAPITA.
1891.....	137,849	1,723	1.25	\$4,267,367 00	\$30 95
1892.....	141,508	3,659	2.59	4,448,355 00	31 43
1893.....	146,070	4,562	3.22	4,524,830 00	30 98
1894.....	154,314	8,244	5.64	4,634,134 00	30 03
1895.....	163,339	9,025	5.85	4,962,423 00	30 38
1896 *.....	175,000	11,651	7.14	5,679,302 59	32 45
1897 *.....	188,000	13,000	7.42	6,040,550 89	32 13

* Estimated.

The Committee would state in connection with the insertion of estimated figures of attendance for the years 1896 and 1897 that, so far as 1896 is concerned, results will fully equal expectations, as the average attendance for October, 1896, was about 184,000.

The Committee would respectfully suggest that copies of this report be forwarded to each member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

JACOB W. MACK, Chairman; JOSEPH J. LITTLE, W. J. VAN ARSDALE, EDWD. H. PEASLEE, HENRY W. TAFT, Finance Committee.

Accepted.

Extract from the minutes, December 9, 1896.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk of the Board of Education.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Police Department:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, December 9, 1896. WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Esq., Clerk to Board to Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—I send you herewith copy of chapter 371 of Laws of 1896, relative to the rights of veterans in respect to hawking, peddling and vending goods, etc., and of opinion of Counsel to the Corporation, to the effect that persons "hawking, peddling or vending under said law are amenable in all respects to the general regulations of law and ordinance governing hawking, vending and peddling in this City."

I respectfully call your attention to the fact that some provision should be made to require persons obtaining license under the above-mentioned act to have either upon their person or upon such conveyances or both, as they may use in their business of hawking, peddling or vending, a badge or inscription (as the case may require) which would, without interfering or coming in contact with badges or inscriptions now used by vendors under the present ordinances, indicate that said persons had the right under the laws and ordinances to hawk, peddle, vend, etc., in this city.

I would respectfully urge that this matter be brought before the Common Council at its next meeting, to the end that some such action as above referred to be taken regarding the same.

Very respectfully, PETER CONLIN, Chief of Police.

CHAPTER 371.

AN ACT to authorize the issuing of licenses to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines for hawking, peddling and vending of merchandise within this State.

Became a law April 22, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the military or naval service of the United States who is a resident of this state shall have the right to hawk, peddle and vend any goods, wares and merchandise, or solicit trade, within this state by procuring a license for that purpose to be issued as herein provided.

Sec. 2. On the presentation to the clerk of any county in which any soldier, sailor or marine may reside, of a certificate of discharge from the army or navy of the United States, such county clerk shall issue without cost to such soldier, sailor or marine a license certifying him to be entitled to the benefits of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896. PETER CONLIN, Esq., Chief of Police:

SIR—Replying to your letter of December 3, asking me to advise you whether the persons licensed under chapter 371 of the Laws of 1896 are amenable to the provisions of the City ordinances governing hawkers, vendors, peddlers, etc., when they are conducting such trade or traffic within the City limits, I have to say:

Chapter 371 of the Laws of 1896 provides that every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the military or naval service of the United States, who is a resident of this State, shall have the right to hawk, peddle and vend any goods, wares and merchandise or solicit trade within this State by procuring a license for that purpose to be issued by the Clerk of the County in which said applicant resides, upon the presentation of the applicant's certificate of honorable discharge. Said license to be issued to him without charge.

In my opinion the effect of this act was to relieve persons intended to be benefited from the obligation of taking out any other license than that provided for in the act for the purpose indicated, and from the necessity of paying any license fees.

The license having been obtained, however, as provided in the act, confers only such rights upon the holders as the ordinary license, and persons undertaking to hawk, peddle or vend thereunder, are amenable in all respects to the general regulations of law and ordinance governing hawking, vending and peddling in this city.

(Signed) WILLIAM L. TURNER, Acting Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

COMMUNICATIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from a citizen: NEW YORK, December 12, 1896. To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully make application to your Honorable Body to be permitted, as provided by subdivision 3 of section 86 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 418 of the Laws of 1887, chapter 115 of the Laws of 1888, and chapter 718 of the Laws of 1896, to keep a stand for the sale of papers in front of No. 755 Ninth avenue, southwest corner of Fifty-first street and Ninth avenue, subject to all the conditions contained in an ordinance entitled "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."

MORITZ LENOBEL, residence, No. 305 West Thirty-ninth street.

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

R. Enlimann, being duly sworn, says that, as occupant of the premises, he hereby consents to the above application of Mr. M. Lenobel to keep a stand for newspapers in front of said premises, No. 755 Ninth avenue, and that this consent is given without payment therefor, and that no rent or other compensation is to be exacted by or paid to the owner, lessee or occupant of said premises, or to any other person, for said privilege.

Sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1896. LOUIS JULIEN, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

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

Moritz Lenobel, being duly sworn, says he has made application to the Board of Aldermen for a permit for permission to keep a newspaper stand in front of the premises No. 755 Ninth avenue, New York City, and that R. Enlimann, the occupant of said premises, has filed his consent thereto with said Board; deponent says further, that he has not paid, or agreed to pay, any rent or compensation for such stand privilege; is a citizen of the United States, having been naturalized in the Superior Court of the City of New York on the 15th day of October, 1892, and now resides at No. 305 West Thirty-ninth street, New York City.

Sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1896. LOUIS JULIEN, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

Which was referred to Alderman Muh.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from H. A. Bradley: NEW YORK, December 15, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLMAN, President, Board of Aldermen, New York City:

DEAR SIR—Inclosed please find copy of letter sent to Hon. Mayor Strong, and I request that I have the privilege of coming before your Honorable body to explain how cheap and perfect gas can be made with my gas generator. Should an investigation take place of the workings of the gas companies, it will readily show they are making gas for one-quarter of the former expense with my process, which they have been doing for the past two years.

I am prepared to go before any board of expert engineers or professors in physics and chemistry and have them criticize my process.

Yours respectfully, H. A. BRADLEY.

Which was referred to the Special Committee of Seven on Municipal Ownership of Gas Plants.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Randall—

Whereas, The safe preservation of the records of all instruments affecting titles for real estate in this city is of the greatest importance, and the destruction of such records by fire would work irreparable loss and cause untold confusion; and

Whereas, The present Register's Office or Hall of Records in this city, by reason of its age, faulty construction, inadequate space, inflammable nature, and poor sanitary condition, is totally unfit and unsafe to be the repository of such valuable records; and

Whereas, In the other large cities of the United States, the real estate records are kept in fire-proof buildings specially adapted for the purpose; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board of Aldermen take such action as may be necessary to secure the speedy erection of a new fire-proof municipal building in this city adapted to safely preserve the rapidly accumulating records affecting titles to real estate, and for the convenient examination of the same, and commensurate with the growing needs of so large a city, and to that end that the Committee on County Affairs be appointed by the President to confer with the City and State authorities, and take such further action as they may deem advisable for the accomplishment of the above purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That said Committee co-operate and act in conjunction with "The Association for securing the erection of a new Hall of Records or Register's Office," if said co-operation may be deemed advisable.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That Albert Carr, of No. 39 Whitehall street, New York City, be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Dwyer—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Ullman to erect, place and keep a storm-door in front of his premises, Nos. 165 and 167 Mercer street, provided the dimensions shall not exceed those 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.

By Alderman Campbell—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to P. J. Downey Association to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Forty-second street and Third avenue, Fifty-fifth street and Third avenue, Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue, Sixty-second street and Second avenue, Sixty-fifth street and Third avenue, Seventy-sixth street and Third avenue, Seventy-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 December 15, 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 the following application for stands, within the stoop line, for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, fruit and soda-water and for boot-blackening purposes, on file with the Clerk of this Board, be and they are hereby referred to the Committee on Law Department for report thereon:

First Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Charles J. Quinn, 2 and 4 Church street.
John J. Harkins, 330 Church street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Joseph Rovigno, 124 Liberty street.
John Noble, 292 Greenwich street.
R. F. Bennett, 73 Cortlandt street.
Emil Lesser, 105 and 107 Church street.
Hannah Abramovitch, 307 Canal street.
Daniel Magrino, 2 Desbrosses street.
Eugenio Picco, 69 Walker street.
Leonard Lucio, 115 Walker street.
William Page, 151 Washington street.
John Belmonti, 23 Barclay street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Wm. H. Denton, 226 West street.
Sigmund Schwartz, 253 Greenwich street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Robert Piggott, 137 Liberty street.
Giuseppe Chiariello, 101 Hudson street.
Antonio Cauco, 202 Greenwich street.
Wm. Tutting, 269 Greenwich street.
Vito De Vito, 18 Park place.
Wm. C. Frazer, 144 Greenwich street.
Biagio De Giacomo, 342 Canal street.
Vito Parrilli, 199 Washington street.
Luca Catoggia, 73 Cortlandt street.
Gabriele Cappellini, 92 and 94 Liberty street.
Nicola Piern, 203 West Broadway.
Vito A. Russo, 3 Park place.
James Lorenzo, 22 Park place.
Vito Fucello, Rector street and Trinity place.

Second Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Bernhard Horn, 69 Fulton street.
Jules Vermatten, 100 Broad street.
James Mayers, 131 Roosevelt street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Vincenzo Tipaldi, 129½ Mulberry street.
Thomas McIntyre, 184 Canal street.
Giuseppe Toppiani, 180 William street.
Louis Lagomarsino, 239 Pearl street.
Mrs. Mary Shay, 23 Fulton street.
Antonio Savio, 93 Walker street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Ike Harrison, 96 Bayard street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Joseph Esler, 335 Broadway.
Frank Satteducato, 141 William street.

Third Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Samuel Cohen, 308 Grand street.
Samuel Greenberg, 306 Grand street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Nicholas Rose, 117 Orchard street.
Michele Rime, 103 Ludlow street.
Antonio Ricinolo, 134 Forsyth street.
M. Silverman, 203 Canal street.
Pasquale Lapetina, 34 Spring street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

M. Orenstein, 428 Broadway.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

David Andreoni, 153 Grand street.
Jim Taleri, 351 Grand street.
Antonio Commisello, 292 Broome street.

Fourth Assembly District.

FRUIT STANDS.

John Killeen, 237 Monroe street.
Abraham Kartzinsky, 18 Norfolk street.
Hyman Isaacson, 25 Market street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Leon Marcus, 95 Norfolk street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

David Kircik, 133 Stanton street.
Louis Goldstein, 157 Broome street.
Nepin Starbkin, 193 Clinton street.

Fifth Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Paul Siegeler, 133 Stanton street.
Pietro Sacco, 311 Rivington street.
A. Zeno, 574 Grand street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Leon Marcus, 95 Norfolk street.
David Kircik, 133 Stanton street.
Louis Goldstein, 157 Broome street.
Nepin Starbkin, 193 Clinton street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Antonio Cirillo, 232 Delancey street.
Joseph Devano, 405 Grand street.
Simon Ballin, 605 Grand street.
Luigi Canulloro, 618 Grand street.
Giuseppe Cerillo, 214 Rivington street.
Nicola Galicio, 248 Rivington street.

Sixth Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

Wolf Kornfeld, 143 Ridge street.
Rocco Motto, 443 East Houston street.
Giocomo Mascone, 212 East Second street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Cono Currano, 335 East Houston street.
Rocco Motto, 443 East Houston street.
Anthony Bruus, 198 Rivington street.
Philip J. Seiter, 342 East Third street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Pasquale Camevale, 19 Third avenue.
Charles Faber, 225 East Houston street.
Ralph Pape, 72 Second ave.

Seventh Assembly District.

NEWSPAPER STANDS.

J. H. W. Baetche, S. E. cor. Second avenue and Sixth street.
Moritz Geissler, S. W. cor. Clinton and Stanton streets.
Adolph Weisman, 178 Allen street.

SODA-WATER STANDS.

Louis Gleichenous, 104 Stanton street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Dominic Dionio, 281 Bowery.
Tony Cont, 348 Bowery.
Vito Constantino, 13 First avenue.
Vincenza Giordano, 132 First avenue.

W. H. McKiernan, 24 Park place.
David Nangle, 70 West Broadway.
John F. Wynn, 92 Cortlandt street.

Louis Offito, 313 Broadway.
George Kontos, 329 Broadway.
Giovanni Merli, 335 Broadway.
David Zanardi, 113 West Broadway.
Antonio Santagata, 235 West Broadway.
Vito Abbate, 399 West Broadway.
Geo. W. Smith, 81 Vesey street.
Demetrius Patrickios, 130 Reade street.
Richard Marcatto, 130 West street.
P. Barbieri, 199 West street.
Joseph Canapa, 270 West street.

Sigmund Brannstein, 5 Hudson street.
Joseph Jacobson, 36 Lispenard street.

Pasquale Papa, 6 Park place.
Giuseppe Tronolone, 13 Park place.
Charles Engels, 147 West Broadway.
Thomas Rosson, 229 West Broadway.
Antonio Santagata, 235 West Broadway.
Pasquale Lorenzo, 71 Chambers street.
James Pinto, 202 Chambers street.
Joseph Menotti, 56 Grand street.
Francesco Labrieto, 51 Cortlandt street.
George H. Horstman, 77 Cortlandt street.
Frank P. Danzilio, 301 Canal street.
Cauriera Valzeno, 120 and 124 Franklin street.
Giovanni Caraquari, 88 Duane street.
Vincenzo Mecca, 66 Church street.
Vincenzo Sperchito, 321 Church street.

Herman Bolger, 100 Park Row.
Louis Rattagliata, 178 Park Row.
Charles Rosenthal, 54 Wall street.
Wm. J. O'Connor, 58 Oak street.

Contagelli Ferdinando, 280 Broadway.
Moritz Plaezck, 27 Park Row.
M. Rosenkranz, 47 Walker street.
Laverino De Santi, 89 Bayard street.
Giovanni Bilancia, 100 Roosevelt street.
Antonio Papa, 127 Elm street.

William Wasserman, 36 Centre street.
Jacob Granich, 39 Duane street.

Pietro Leonardo, 61 New Bowery.
Antonio Debrino, 75 Park Row.

Pauline Wiesel, 61 Bowery.
Baruch Rosenberg, 52 Rivington street.
Charles Koppelowitz, 237 Canal street.

Isidor Leberman, 15 Bowery.
Rocco Zaccaria, 12 Spring street.
David Andreoni, 153 Grand street.
Francesco Boggerso, 62 Prince street.
Rocco Zito, 148 Chrystie street.

Harry Baron, 2 Division street.
Wolf Lipman, 167 Orchard street.

Vito Maso, 131 Bowery.
Giuseppe Ancarlo, 19 Stanton street.
Michele Rime, 103 Ludlow street.

David Horowitz, 1 Hester street.
Aaron Kuschner, 7 Suffolk street.
Marks Hurewitz, 8 Suffolk street.
Abraham Rosenhal, 13 Norfolk street.

Antonio Scarponi, 219 East Broadway.

Ellen Cleary, 620 Grand street.

Antonio Foggi, 2 East street.
Angelo Longone, 33 Suffolk street.
Meyer Woolf, 123 Broome street.

Joseph Woolf, 18 Pitt street.
Max Hoffman, 45 Columbus street.
Hyman Wallach, 71 Sheriff street.
Max Baron, 74 Willett street.
Philip Goldberg, 92 Norfolk street.

Emilio Fidone, 2 Pitt street.
Antonio Trotta, 104 Ridge street.
Antonio Cirillo, 198 Rivington street.
Herman Gruit, 260 Broome street.
Giuseppe Baldo, 194 Delancey street.
Vincenzo Cicero, 225 Delancey street.

David Levy, 2 Avenue C.

Angelo Denolfo, 83 Avenue C.
David Cohen, 107 Ridge street.
Morris Israel, 141 Ridge street.

Giuseppe Cirillo, 14 Avenue C.
Giovanni Zito, 68 Avenue C.
Pietro Zito, 69 Avenue C.
Rocco Capice, 90 Avenue C.

Elias Robinson, N. W. cor. Avenue B and Third street.
Isidor Hanell, 19 Second avenue.

F. Petrucci, S. E. cor. Eighth street and Third avenue.
Francesco Rizzo, S. W. cor. Lafayette and Astor place.

Gustave Baron, 31 Clinton street.

Dominic Dionio, 281 Bowery.
Tony Cont, 348 Bowery.
Vito Constantino, 13 First avenue.
Vincenza Giordano, 132 First avenue.

Eighth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

William Magidow, S. W. cor. Broadway and Spring street.
Morris Blumberg, 256 Spring street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Tony M. Rago, S. W. cor. Broadway and Prince street.
Diedrich Tonjes, 112 Clinton place.
Andrew Vallette, 162 Spring street.
Nicolo La Rocco, 166 Spring street.
Anthony Casazza, 201 Spring street.
Benedetto Ripetti, 92 Prince street.
Ferdinando Esminis, 107 Prince street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Elmer Brown, 151 Sixth avenue.
William McLoughlin, 331 West Broadway.

Ninth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Samuel Stolper, 256 West Fourteenth street.

Tenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STAND.**

Leo Raphael, 300 East Fourteenth street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Vaccara Raffeli, 209 Avenue B.
George Zacharias, 134 East Fourteenth street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Donato Grosso, 30 Third avenue.
Pasquale Viglione, 87 Third avenue.

Eleventh Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Victor Young, S. E. cor. Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Vincenzo Pietro, 464 Sixth avenue.
Ronaldo Vincenzo, 518 Sixth avenue.

Twelfth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STAND.**

Adam Jochim, 288 First avenue.

Thirteenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Robert Frank, S. W. cor. Eighth avenue and Twenty-second street.
Thomas Loughran, S. W. cor. Ninth avenue and Twenty-third street.
George C. Meyer, 378 Seventh avenue.
Edward Weisbord, 216 Eighth avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Alfred Marozzo, 332 Ninth avenue.

BOOTBLACK STAND.

Angelo Russo, 113 West Twenty-third street.

Fourteenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Ide Venaker, 81 Lexington avenue.
Mary McAnill, 359 Third avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Salvatore Chimiloya, 786 Second avenue.
John B. Armiamino, 666 Third avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Pasquale Caffarella, 395 Third avenue.
Giuseppe Laurenzano, 429 Third avenue.
Frank Flasio, 448 Third avenue.
Otto J. Carlson, 503 Third avenue.

Fifteenth Assembly District.**BOOTBLACK STANDS.**

Joseph Zaccacchino, 534 Eighth avenue.

Sixteenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

John Hammer, S. W. cor. of Fifty-third street and Third avenue.
Percy Altschuler, 724 Second avenue.
Michael Danke, 1027 Second avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Francis J. O'Neil, 861 First avenue.
Ferdinand Frebay, 979 First avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Francis J. O'Neil, 861 First avenue.
Francis Coradillo, 969 Third avenue.

Seventeenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Hayman Mangel, 715 Eighth avenue.
Isaac Feiginoff, 554 Eleventh avenue.
Friedrich Dohrmann, 552 Eleventh avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Luigi Cascado, N. W. cor. Fortieth street and Seventh avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Savirio Mascolo, 583 Eighth avenue.
Michael Monaur, 580 Ninth avenue.

Eighteenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Hyman Hellmanowitz, 621 Ninth avenue.
Herman Rozen, 682 Ninth avenue.
Joseph Gresser, 710 Ninth avenue.
David Kantor, 782 Ninth avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Michael J. Burke, 760 Seventh avenue.
Catherine Stauff, 890 Ninth avenue.

SODA-WATER STAND.

Jacob Saiben, 762 Seventh avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Edward Gallagher, 871 Eighth avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Salvatore La Morte, 716 Ninth avenue.
Frank La Morte, 724 Ninth avenue.

Nineteenth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Hayman Henkin, 930 Eighth avenue.
Dave Knopp, 861 Ninth avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Vega Arnest, Sixty-fifth street and Amsterdam avenue.
Hugh J. Murray, 141 Amsterdam avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

David Tiller, S. W. cor. Fifty-ninth street and Ninth avenue.

Twenty-first Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Minnie Moran, S. W. cor. Lexington avenue and Mayer Levin, 699 Seventh avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Lorenzo Graziozo, 1512 Broadway.
R. A. Hoffman, 754 Sixth avenue.

Twenty-second Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Augustus Di Sulpizio, S. E. cor. Eighty-third street and Third avenue.
David Barishausky, N. E. cor. Lexington avenue and Seventy-sixth street.
Philip Sonken, N. E. cor. Third avenue and Eighty-second street.
David Pumpyskey, 1470 Second avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Joseph Pascale, 1461 First avenue.
J. W. O'Connor, 1540 First avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Joseph Pascale, 1461 First avenue.
Fabio D'Allesio, 1330 Third avenue.
Pettegrino Chella, 1327 Third avenue.

Twenty-third Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

B. Nelson, S. E. cor. 116th street and Eighth avenue.
Harry Klionsky, 2110 Eighth avenue.
David Pollock, 2130 Eighth avenue.
John Brady, 2151 Eighth avenue.
Aaron Levine, 2154 Eighth avenue.
Nathan Waskovitz, 2190 Eighth avenue.
Thomas Condon, 567 Amsterdam avenue.
Simon Zeithun, Amsterdam avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Charles H. Baechler, 846 Amsterdam avenue.
Frederick Lindewurth, 729 Columbus avenue.
Joseph Schrage, 749 Columbus avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

William H. Abbey, 2110 Eighth avenue.
Harry Taylor, 2128 Eighth avenue.
Pasqualino Adinolfi, 2150 Eighth avenue.

Twenty-fourth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Harris Friedland, 1040 Park avenue.
Morris Soken, S. W. cor. Lexington avenue and Eighty-fourth street.
Benjamin Werner, 1241 Lexington avenue.
Morris Fishkin, 1593 First avenue.
Morris Fishkin, 1602 First avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

William Fischer, 1470 Third avenue.
Simon Sachs, 1488 Third avenue.
Hyman Zeitlein, 1505 Third avenue.
Morris Kohn, 1526 Third avenue.
Simon Kowarsky, 1546 Third avenue.
Joseph Heineman, 250 East Eighty-second street.

Jacob M. Berman, 1681 First avenue.
Joseph O'Kun, 1701 First avenue.
Frederick Weickert, 1705 Second avenue.
Jacob Ratner, 1716 Second avenue.
Mrs. Emma Grund, 1739 First avenue.

Adolph Stern, N. W. cor. Eighty-fourth street and Third avenue.
Isidor Blank, 1580 Avenue A.
Antony Russon, 1685 First avenue.
Vinchenza Rogia, 1779 First avenue.
Gaetano Carciullo, 1036 Second avenue.

Giuseppe Ealigione, N. E. cor. Ninety-third street and Second avenue.
Adolph Stern, N. W. cor. Eighty-fourth st. and Third ave.

Twenty-fifth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Michael Taylor, S. E. cor. Lexington avenue and Ninetieth street.
Peter Stammer, N. E. cor. Park avenue and Eighty-seventh street.
Celli Simon, S. W. cor. Third avenue and Ninetieth street.

FRUIT STANDS.

Michele Savarese, 1733 First avenue.
Georgia Barsia, 1815 Second avenue.

BOOTBLACK STAND.

Christopher Purcell, 1801 Third avenue.

Twenty-sixth Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Freda Saffro, S. E. cor. Park avenue and 116th street.
Bernard Lange, S. W. cor. 117th street and Second avenue.
A. Kopelewitz, 1829 Lexington avenue.
Charles Schmidt, 2276 First avenue.
Nathan B. Wolf, 1631 Madison avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Grasissio Po-si, 186 East 116th street.
Euselia Cosella, 1923 Third avenue.
Frena F. Del Grandia, 2052 Third avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Alexander Monaco, 1569 Madison avenue.
Antonio Fasanella, 1815 and 1817 Park avenue.
Paolo Buono, 2282 Second avenue.
Andrea Coscella, 1923 Third avenue.
Constantino Del Gandio, 2062 Third avenue.
Vincenzo Gloria, 2142 Third avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Louis Bottini, 171 East 106th street.
Michele Grieco, 150 East 116th street.
Giuseppe Pozzi, 186 East 116th street.
William Schmidt, 300 East 116th street.
Charles C. Crump, 1829 Lexington avenue.
Gibrello Maino, 2359 Third avenue.

Twenty-seventh Assembly District.**NEWSPAPER STANDS.**

Adolph Maltz, 2080 Madison avenue.
Diedrich West, 2362 First avenue.
Morris Lindner, 2363 Second avenue.
Herman Fondiller, 280 Third avenue.
Jacob Neppel, 2332 Third avenue.
Marcus L. Ebowitz, 2346 Third avenue.
Joseph Rosen, 2385 Third avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Achille F. Rosini, N. E. cor. 121st street and Third avenue.
Adolph Segal, 2003 Third avenue.
Jacob Boon, 2362 Third avenue.
Salvatore Zerillo, 2371 Third avenue.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Fred. Bay, 2061 Lexington avenue.
Camillo Maresco, 2364 Second avenue.
Michele Magrino, 2283 Third avenue.
Frank Kerjano, 2319 Third avenue.
Arthur H. Decker, 2362 Third avenue.
James Federici, 2375 Third avenue.
Andrea Cervini, 2382 Third avenue.

FRUIT STANDS.

Andrea Cervini, 2382 Third avenue.
Antonio Casella, 2383 Third avenue.
Giacomo Garbino, 2396 Third avenue.
S. Milazzo, 166 West 125th street.
Nicholas Dotorato, 192 West 125th street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

Giacomo Garbarino, 2396 Third avenue.
Donato Nardiello, 50 East 125th street.
Luigi Esposito, 83 East 125th street.
Giuseppe Russo, 101 East 125th street.
Louis Cererini, 3180 Third avenue.
Tony Jacamo, 2312 Third avenue.

Twenty-third Ward.**NEWSPAPER STAND.**

Frederick W. McCullough, 624 East 138th street.

BOOTBLACK STANDS.

George Bulter, 52 Willis avenue.
C. A. Hogrele, 307 Willis avenue.

Twenty-fourth Ward.**NEWSPAPER STAND.**

Morris Glatman, 3594 Third avenue.

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

By Alderman Ware—

Resolved, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the introduction and adoption of stand applications of any description, be hereby suspended for the month of December, 1896.

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

By Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to communicate with the Board of Police Commissioners and request them to refrain from enforcing the ordinance relative to stands within the stoop-lines and bootblack stands, until the applicants shall have had an opportunity to secure their permits.

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 Rocco Marasco to erect, keep and maintain a show-window in front of his premises, No. 55 Spring street, provided said show-window complies in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance adopted May 21, 1895, and approved May 31, 1895, 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.

By Alderman Tait—

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be and gas-lamps placed thereon and lighted in front of the German Reformed Church on the southeast corner of Avenue B and Fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman Muh—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company to lay a six-inch iron pipe for conveying oil from their premises on the easterly side of Twelfth avenue, just north of West Fifty-fourth street, to the bulkhead-line of the Hudson river, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the said Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may be occasioned during the progress or subsequent to the completion of the work of laying said pipe, 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 Goodman—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Ohl to erect, keep and maintain two storm-doors in front of his premises on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Second avenue, provided said storm-doors shall, in all respects, comply with the provisions of the ordinance relating to storm-doors; 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.

By Alderman Hackett—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the ladies of the Eighteenth Street M. E. Church to place and keep transparencies on the lamp-posts on the corners of Eighth avenue and Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, and on the corners of Ninth avenue and Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets; 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 the date of approval of his Honor the Mayor.

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

By Alderman Kennefick—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Helen C. Juillard to lay an iron pipe for the purpose of conducting steam across St. John's lane from her premises at a point seventy-five feet south of Laight street, along and under St. John's lane to building opposite, on the east side of St. John's lane, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the said Helen C. Juillard stipulates with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may be occasioned during the progress or subsequent to the completion of the work of laying said pipe, the work to be done at her 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 Muh—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Forty-fourth Street M. E. Church to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Southwest corner of Forty-fourth street and Eighth avenue, southwest corner of Forty-seventh street and Eighth avenue, southeast corner of Forty-eighth street and Ninth avenue and northeast corner of Forty-eighth 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 January 3 to February 1, 1897.

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

By Alderman O'Brien—

Resolved, That the ordinance relating to and prohibiting the exhibition in any window or open space in any story of a house above the street floor of any pantomime performance of puppet or other figures, comedy, farce, show, play or any other entertainment, which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 5, 1884, and approved by the Mayor December 6, 1884, be and the same is hereby suspended from and including December 15, 1896, to and including January 3, 1897.

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

By Alderman Olcott—

Resolved, That G. O. 257, 277, 733, 880, 1081 and so much of G. O. 1144 as relates to the Twenty-third Assembly District be returned to the introducer and stricken from the list of General Orders.

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 Henry Koch to erect, keep and maintain a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 2204 Eighth avenue, provided said storm-door shall in all respects comply with the provisions of the ordinance relating to storm-doors, 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.

By Alderman Parker—

ORDINANCE to amend ordinance regulating the placing of building materials in the street.

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

Section I. Subdivision 6 of section 78 of article VII. of chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, as amended August 19, 1895, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the words "And it shall also be lawful for contractors or builders to place their materials upon the pavement of carriageways without the intervention of any protecting medium, save when and the where the pavement is of asphalt or wood."

Sec. II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. III. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

Alderman Ware moved that the vote by which the above ordinance was adopted be reconsidered.

Alderman Woodward raised the point of order that Alderman Ware's motion could not be entertained because Alderman Ware had not voted in the affirmative.

And the President declared the point of order well taken.

Whereupon, Alderman Ware desired it to be noted in the minutes that he had made the request to be recorded in the negative.

(G. O. 1222.)

By Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid in One Hundred Eighty-fourth street, running from Jerome avenue to Aqueduct avenue, East; in Davidson avenue, running one hundred feet south, and four hundred and thirty feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; in Grand avenue, running one hundred and seventy-five feet south and three hundred and eighty feet north of One Hundred Eighty-fourth street, and in Aqueduct avenue, East, running two hundred and forty feet south of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, as provided by section 86 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Robinson—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Forty-fourth Street M. E. Church to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Northeast corner of Forty-fourth street and Tenth avenue, southwest corner of Forty-fourth street and Ninth avenue, northeast corner of Forty-second street and Ninth avenue, and southeast corner of Forty-second street and Eighth avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only from January 3 to February 1, 1897.

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

(G. O. 1223.)

By Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in One Hundred Eighty-fourth street, running from Jerome avenue to Aqueduct avenue, East; in Davidson avenue, running one hundred feet south and four hundred and thirty feet north of One Hundred Eighty-fourth street; in Grand avenue, running one hundred and seventy-five feet south and three hundred and eighty feet north of One Hundred Eighty-fourth street, and in Aqueduct avenue, East, running two hundred and forty feet south of One Hundred Eighty-fourth street, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Robinson—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to McPartland & O'Flaherty to place and keep a temporary show-case over their show window in front of their premises on Eighth avenue, between Fortieth street and Forty-first street, for the purpose of a holiday exhibition, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only January 3, 1897.

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

By Alderman School—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph J. F. Bopp to drive an advertising wagon through the streets of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Chief of Police; such permission to continue only until December 21, 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 the Commission for Lighting the City be it is hereby respectfully requested to place two electric lights in St. Ann's avenue, between John street and One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

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

(G. O. 1224.)

By the same—

Resolved, That two additional lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, within the stoop-line, in front of the new Thirty-seventh Precinct Police Station-house on the northwest corner of Alexander avenue and East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Woodward—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New York Presbyterian Church, of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Seventh avenue, to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Southwest corner One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh avenue, northeast corner One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Seventh 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 President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 1225.)

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to Edgecombe avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By the President—

Resolved, That James Wall, of No. 262 West Thirty-first 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 Clancy—

Resolved, That John V. Humphreys, of No. 165 West Eleventh 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 James W. Brinck, of No. 348 West Twenty-eighth 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 Marshall—

Resolved, That Frederick C. Ohse, of No. 36 East Third 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 the same—

Resolved, That George Hatzel, of No. 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 Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That John F. Kavanagh, of No. 2196 Bathgate avenue, 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 Wund—

Resolved, That Cornelius F. Collins, of No. 329 East Thirtieth 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 Marshall—

Resolved, That G. O. No. 291 be and is hereby stricken from the list of General Orders, as the same has been complied with.

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

By Alderman Oakley—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William P. Gilroy to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers and periodicals under the elevated railroad stairs on the northeast corner of Eighth street and First avenue, provided said stand shall be erected in conformity with the provisions of subdivision 3, section 86 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by the Laws of 1896, and subject to the conditions of an ordinance to regulate the placing of stands under the stairs of the elevated railroad which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen September 3, 1896, and repassed on October 6, 1896.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived Alderman Goodman called up for consideration the resolutions introduced at the opening of the meeting, which are as follows:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board for further consideration the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas, now in his hands, granting permission to the Consumers Gas Fuel Company to lay pipes, mains, etc., in the City of New York.

Whereas, This Board has been severely criticised for its action in the matter of the application of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company, the said criticism being mainly directed against the alleged low compensation demanded for the privilege of using our streets, and largely because of alleged inadequacy of security to the City for a fulfillment of every requirement in the franchise; therefore,

Resolved, That the ordinance granting to the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company the privilege to lay mains and pipes in this city be and the same is hereby recalled from his Honor the Mayor.

Resolved, That the vote by which the said ordinance was adopted be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

Resolved, That the several reports of the Committee on Lamps and Gas in the matter of fuel gas, and all papers and data relating thereto, be and they are hereby referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine into the question of municipal ownership of gas plants, with instructions to carefully and thoroughly investigate the question of adequate compensation, examine into the provisions of security to the City for a fulfillment of every requirement intended to be exacted, and report to this Board such conclusions and recommendations as the result of the investigation may warrant.

Alderman Brown moved that the consideration of both resolutions be postponed indefinitely.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Brown, Burke, Dwyer, Goetz, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Schilling, Tait, and Wund—11.

Negative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Goodman, Goodwin, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, School, Ware, Wines, and Woodward—17.

Alderman Goodman moved that his preamble and resolution be substituted for the resolution of Alderman Goodwin.

Alderman Brown moved that the preamble be taken from Alderman Goodman's resolution and annexed to Alderman Goodwin's resolution.

Which was accepted by Aldermen Goodman and Goodwin.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution of Alderman Goodwin as amended. Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Goodman moved that action on the remainder of his resolution be deferred until the next meeting.

But the President ruled that no action could be taken until the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas was returned by the Mayor and was before the Board.

Alderman Goodman moved that the Clerk be directed to inform the Mayor in writing that the Board had by resolution recalled the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas in the matter of the Consumers Company.

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

Subsequently the above report was received from his Honor the Mayor, and is 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 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:

"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, 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.

"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 said 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 C. 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 them-

selves, 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 present 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 86, 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 power 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 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 Laws 1883, chapter 276, page 310; Laws 1884, chapter 287, page 348; Laws 1885, chapter 530, page 899; Laws 1893, chapter 710, page 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.

CHARLES K. BEEKMAN, of Counsel.

"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 two 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-pipe 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 the 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 State, 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 Milhau 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 the 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 price 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 judgment, 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 in pursuance 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.

It being understood and agreed that the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have power to direct that charges to manufacturers, industrial concerns, etc., be fixed at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet.

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 fifty 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 repairing 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.

That the gas so furnished shall contain not less than three hundred and fifty heat units, and that the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have power to direct an increase of the units of heat to not exceeding five hundred.

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 or any pipes; 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.

And as further evidence of good faith, and as compensation to the City of New York, the company receiving this franchise shall pay a sum of \$15,000 to the Comptroller as soon as the said franchise has been granted.

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 Mayor, Aldermen and 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 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 Goodwin moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the above report and the resolutions were adopted.

Alderman Goodman offered as a substitute for Alderman Goodwin's motion the following: Resolved, That the vote by which the said ordinance was adopted be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

Which was accepted.

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

Alderman Goodman offered the following:

Resolved, That the several reports of the Committee on Lamps and Gas in the matter of fuel gas and all papers and data relating thereto be and they are hereby referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine into the question of municipal ownership of gas plants, with instructions to carefully and thoroughly investigate the value of the franchise, consider the question of adequate compensation, examine into the provisions of security to the City for a fulfillment of every requirement intended to be exacted, and report to this Board such conclusions and recommendations as the result of the investigation may warrant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Olcott called up

G. O. 1162, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Ninety-eighth street, between West End avenue and Riverside Drive, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 1177, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in the Boulevard, between One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets, and in One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between Boulevard and Riverside Drive, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 1193, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Stebbins avenue, from a point beginning four hundred feet north of Jennings street to East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 1219, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Intervale avenue, from Freeman street to Wilkins place, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 1180, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Anthony avenue, from Gray street to One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in section 356 of the Consolidation Act.

G. O. 1181, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in One Hundred and Seventieth street, between Crotona avenue and Boston road, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, as provided in section 356 of the Consolidation Act.

And G. O. 1216, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Quarry road, from Arthur avenue to Lafontaine avenue, and in Lafontaine avenue to One Hundred and Eighty-first street, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

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

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

Alderman Olcott called up G. O. 1165, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the carriageway of Ninety-eighth street, from West End avenue to Riverside Drive, be paved with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, 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 Brown, Burke, Dwyer, Goodman, Goodwin, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, School, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—24.

Alderman Parker called up G. O. 502, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of One Hundred and First street, from Madison to Fifth avenue, 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 Brown, Burke, Dwyer, Goodman, Goodwin, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, School, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—24.

Alderman Parker called up G. O. 522, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That all the flagging and the curb now on the sidewalks on the east side of Fifth

avenue, from Ninetieth to Ninety-seventh street, be relaid and reset where necessary, and that new flagging and curb be furnished where the present flagging and curb are defective, as provided by section 321, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, as amended by chapter 569, Laws of 1887, 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 negative by the following vote, three-fourths of all the members elected failing to vote in favor thereof:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Dwyer, Goodman, Goodwin, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, School, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—22.

On motion of Alderman School, the above vote was reconsidered and the paper was restored to the list of General Orders.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Wund moved the Board do now adjourn.

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

And the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, December 22, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending November 14, 1896.

Deposited in the Treasury.		The Department of Street Improvements,	
To the credit of the Sinking Fund.....	\$207,310 85	23d and 24th Wards—	
City Treasury.....	7,181,250 17	Street Improvement Fund—	
Total.....	\$7,688,561 03	June 15, 1886—23d and 24th	
Bonds Issued.		Wards.....	\$53,223 90
Three per cent. Stock.....	\$76,200 00	Surveying, Laying-out, Maps,	
Three and one-half per cent. Stock.....	6,296,590 70	Plans, etc., 23d and 24th	
Total.....	\$6,372,790 70	Wards.....	42 26
Warrants Registered for Payment.		Surveying, Laying-out and	
The Finance Department—		Making Topographical Sur-	
Cleaning Markets.....	\$727 17	veys, etc.....	1,209 15
Contingencies—Comptroller's		Telephonic Service and Con-	
Office.....	311 98	tingencies.....	146 00
Salaries—Finance Department.....	489 00	Williamsbridge Sewer Fund...	471 22
Interest on the City Debt.....	4,650 00	The Department of Public Char-	
Interest on Revenue Bonds.....	23,860 22	ities and Correction—	
The Aqueduct Commission—		For Supplies.....	48 30
Additional Water Fund.....	34,652 70	The Department of Public Charities—	
The Common Council—		Alterations, Additions and Re-	
Contingencies—Clerk, Common Council..	26 86	pairs to Buildings, etc.....	\$10,015 27
The Mayoralty—		For Supplies.....	8,447 21
Contingencies—Mayor's Office.....	10 02	For Supplies for Insane Asy-	
The Law Department—		lums.....	332 10
Contingencies—District Attor-		For Donations to G. A. R.	
ney's Office.....	\$12 90	Veterans.....	70 00
Contingencies—Law Depart-		For Transportation of Paupers	
ment.....	418 96	For rents—Gouverneur Hospi-	
The Department of Public Works—		tal Stables.....	800 00
Aqueduct—Repairs, Mainte-		The Department of Correction—	
nance and Strengthening....	\$3,838 83	For Supplies.....	3,414 90
Additional Water Fund, City of		The Health Department—	
New York.....	463 69	For Bacteriological Laboratory.	
Bridge over Harlem River at		For Removal of Night Soil,	
Third Avenue.....	189 00	Offal and Dead Animals.....	2,083 33
Bridge over Harlem Ship Canal,		Health Fund—For Anti-toxine	
Maintenance of.....	58 50	Fund.....	218 00
Boring Examinations for Grad-		Health Fund—For Contingent	
ing and Sewer Contracts.....	60 00	Expenses.....	481 00
Boulevards, Roads and Avenues,		Health Fund—For Disinfection	
Maintenance of.....	1,815 75	Health Fund—Rents, Health	
Bronx River Works—Main-		Department.....	150 00
tenance and Repairs.....	296 54	Health Fund—For Law Ex-	
Contingencies—Department of		penses.....	166 66
Public Works.....	5 50	Hospital Fund—Hospital Sup-	
Croton Water Fund.....	2,170 94	plies.....	1,488 01
Fire Hydrant Fund.....	2,292 66	Hospital Fund—For Construc-	
Free Floating Baths.....	74 35	tion of Pipes, Trenches, etc.,	
Lamps and Gas and Electric		The Police Department—	
Lighting.....	401 63	Police Station-houses—Rents.....	79 17
One Hundred and Fifty-fifth		The Department of Street Cleaning—	
Street Viaduct—Maintenance		Sweeping.....	\$24,386 15
and Repairs.....	14 00	Carting.....	23,456 05
Public Buildings—Construction		Final Disposition of Material,	
and Repairs.....	1,310 24	etc.....	10,726 27
Removing Obstructions in		Rents and Contingencies.....	195 70
Streets and Avenues.....	389 50	New Stock.....	615 00
Repairing and Renewal of		The Fire Department—	
Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.....	4,196 40	Apparatus, Supplies, etc.....	6,805 56
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements		Salaries.....	2,689 01
and Regrading.....	4,107 66	Sites, Buildings, etc.....	195 00
Repairs of Eighth Avenue		The Department of Buildings—	
Pavement.....	4,800 00	Department of Buildings—Contingencies	
Repaving—Chapter 475, Laws		and Emergencies.....	732 38
of 1895.....	49,001 53	The Board of Education—	
Repaving Roads, Streets and		Public Instruction—For Pur-	
Avenues.....	729 20	chase and Display of U. S.	
Restoring and Repaving—		Flags, etc.....	\$400 84
Special Fund.....	2,365 50	Public Instruction—For Inci-	
Roads, Streets and Avenues		idental Expenses of Ward	
Unpaved—Maintenance of		Schools.....	349 12
and Sprinkling.....	1,799 99	Public Instruction—For Inci-	
Salaries—Department of Public		idental Expenses of the Board	
Works.....	1,502 50	of Education.....	88 91
Sewers—Repairing and Clean-		Public Instruction—For Re-	
ing.....	1,269 31	pairs to Buildings.....	649 00
Street Improvement Fund—		Public Instruction—For Inci-	
For Surveying, Monumenting		idental Expenses of Evening	
and Numbering Streets.....	20 00	Schools.....	56 00
Street Improvement Fund, June		Public Instruction—For sani-	
15, 1886.....	14,342 17	tary Work, Changes and Re-	
Supplies for and Cleaning Pub-		pairs of.....	3,203 00
lic Offices.....	2,441 63	Public Instruction—For Sup-	
Water-main Fund.....	3,215 50	plies, Books, Maps etc.....	10,675 25
The Department of Public Parks—		Public Instruction—Special	
Aquarium.....	\$120 09	Alterations, Janitor's Apart-	
Cathedral Parkway, Improve-		ments.....	700 00
ment and Completion of.....	17 50	Public Instruction—For Sal-	
Castle Garden—Equipping, etc.		aries, Teachers, Grammar and	
Central Park—Construction of		Primary Schools.....	308,689 83
Central Park—Improvement of		Public Instruction—For Sal-	
Corlears Hook Park, Con-		aries, Janitors, Grammar and	
struction and Improvement of		Primary Schools.....	21,694 81
Harlem River Bridges—Re-		Public Instruction—For Heat-	
pairs, Improvement and		ing and Ventilating Apparatus	
Maintenance.....	350 42	Public Instruction—For sal-	
Improvement of Parks and		aries, Teachers and Jani-	
Parkways—Chapter 11, Laws		tors, Evening Schools.....	38,129 64
of 1894.....	2,382 72	Public Instruction—For School-	
Maintenance and Construction		house Fund No. 2.....	683,192 96
of New Parks North of Har-		Public Instruction—For Fur-	
lem River.....	1,223 24	niture and Repairs of.....	439 50
Maintenance and Government		The College of the City of New York.....	1,070,273 86
of Parks and Places.....	5,819 62	The Normal College.....	2,030 50
Metropolitan Museum of Art..		The Department of Taxes and Assess-	
Mulberry Bend Park, Con-		ment.....	137 69
struction of.....	282 45	Contingencies—Department of Taxes and	
Mount Morris Park—Alter-		Assessments.....	18 00
ations, etc.....	10 50	The Department of Docks—	
Riverside Park and Drive—		Dock Fund.....	8,894 96
Grading, Drainage, etc.....	24 60	The Judiciary—	
Van Cortlandt Park Parke		Salaries—Judiciary.....	545 75
Ground—Extension of Im-		Printing, Stationery and Blank Books—	
proved Portion.....	327 77	City Record—Salaries and Con-	
The Department of Street Improvements,		tingencies.....	\$25 00
23d and 24th Wards.....	10,894 74	Printing, Stationery and Blank	
Bridges Crossing the N. Y. &		Books.....	406 00
H. R. R. Depressions, 23d		Publication of the CITY RECORD	
and 24th Wards.....	\$101 68	Asylums, Reformatories and Charita-	
Bronx River and other Bridges,		ble Institutions—	
Repairing and Maintenance		American Female Guardian	
of.....	61 02	Society.....	\$25,000 00
Cromwell's Creek Bridge,		Institution for Improved In-	
Repairing and Maintenance		struction of Deaf Mutes.....	4,787 37
of.....	40 67	New York Catholic Protectory	
Maintenance—23d and 24th		New York Infant Asylum.....	19,609 31
Wards.....	13,930 56	New York Pos. Graduate Med-	
Monumenting Avenues and		ical School and Hospital.....	7,881 39
Streets.....	77 04	New York Soc. Prevention	
Restoring and Repaving—		of Cruelty to Children.....	5,000 00
Special Fund—23d and 24th		Nursery and Child's Hospital..	10,000 00
Wards.....	55 77	Institution for Hebrew Children	
Spuytten Duyvil Creek Bridge,		Protestant Episcopal House of	
Chapter 399, Laws of 1896...	55 00	Mercy.....	3,227 57
Sewers and Drains—23d and		The Shepherd's Fold of the	
24th Wards.....	580 20	Protestant Episcopal Church.	
		Civil Service of the City of New York...	1,250 00

The Commissioners of Accounts—		Miscellaneous Purposes—
Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts....	\$39 11	Refunding Assessments Paid
Miscellaneous Purposes—		in Error.....
Advertising.....	\$17 25	Refunding Taxes Paid in Error
Armory Fund.....	2,702 84	Revenue Bond Fund—Greater
Block Tax Assessment Map		New York Commission.....
Fund.....	5 73	Revenue Bond Fund—For
Contingencies—District At-		Judgments.....
torney's Office.....	39 91	Revenue Bond Fund—Surveys,
Croton Water Rent—Refund-		Maps and Plans.....
ing Account.....	889 99	Revenue Bond Fund of 1896.....
Fees of Witnesses subpoenaed		Salaries—Board of Revision
on behalf of the People.....	2,000 00	and Correction of Assess-
Fund for Street and Park		ments.....
Openings.....	51,150 24	Salaries—Inspectors and Seal-
Interest on Assessments.....	1 08	ers of Weights and Measures
Jurors' Fees.....	130 50	Unclaimed Salaries and Wages.
New East River Bridge Fund..	3,716 98	
Rapid Transit Fund No. 2.....	2,072 00	Total.....
Rents.....	6,150 00	

Claims Filed.

DATE.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
1896.				
Nov. 9	John Townshend.....	\$506 86	For return of amount paid for opening 12th ave..	J. A. Deering.
" 9	Daniel J. Cronin.....	348 75	For services rendered the late town of West-	
			chester as deputy-sheriff and constable, bet.	
			Nov., 1894, and May, 1895.....	
" 9	Emily A. Smith.....	19,806 97	For amount of award in matter of opening 188th	J. C. Shaw.
			st.....	
" 10	William Schnering.....	11,750 00	For amount of an award for land on 114th st.,	A. J. Wise.
			taken for a school site.....	
" 10	Barbara Toepfer.....	75 00	For amount claimed to be due for rent of pre-	J. B. Lockwood.
			mises on Westchester ave., White Plains rd..	
" 10	Eduardo Franscone.....	50 00	For award made for leasehold interest in premises	T. Gifini.
			No. 165 Madison st., taken for school site.....	
" 11	Albert Sichel.....	20,000 00	For damage for personal injuries.....	Hoadey, Lauter-
				bach & Johnson.
" 11	Charles A. Childs.....	234 48	For amount claimed to be due for goods sold to	P. T. & T. T. Eckerson.
			the Department of Public Charities, bet. July	
			and Oct., 1895.....	
" 11	Almira Kelly and an-	92 70	For return of amount paid for an assessment for	E. M. Hawke, Jr.
	other, executors.....		opening 12th ave.....	
" 11	Gustav Ramsperger.....	67 30	For return of amount paid for an assessment for	"
			opening 12th ave.....	
" 11	Abraham Sophian.....	5,000 00	For damages for personal injuries.....	Martin & Weil.
" 12	Thomas Smith.....	397 35	For amount claimed to be due for services ren-	
			dered the late Town of Westchester as constable	
			and deputy-sheriff, bet. Nov., 1894, and May,	
			1895.....	
" 12	James O. West and	41 45	For return of amount paid for an assessment for	J. A. Flannery.
	another, executors.....		sewers in St. Nicholas ave.....	
" 12	Henry Victory, indi-	1,247 25	For amount claimed to be due for services to the	J. W. Bartram.
	vidually and as assign-		late Town of Westchester.....	
	ee.....			
" 12			Claims and demands for awards made for premises	
			No. 20 Oliver st. as follows:	
" 12	Jacob Korn.....	15,100 00		Epstein Bros.
" 12	H. Brayton.....	4,800 00		"
" 12	George F. Zanes.....		For award made for certain water rights in Mt.	R. Davidson.
			Pleasant, etc., Westchester Co., also notice of	
			lien against said award by Robert Davidson,	
			attorney.....	
" 14	Charles N. Martin.....		Withdrawal of claim for award made for No. 19,	T. H. Baldwin.
			Damage Map, for opening of 167th st.....	
" 14	Truman H. Baldwin ..	712 50	Notice of lien against judgment for recovery of	"
			an assessment for opening 12th ave.....	
			For refund of portion of excise license fees, under chapter 112, Laws of 1896, as	
			follows:	
" 9	William H. Naething, assignee, \$177.40; H. Koehler & Co., assignee, \$56.44.....			Myers & Bronner.
	C. M. Roof & Co., \$177.25; Stephen A. Murphy, \$5.48; A. L. Germann, \$62.48;			K. Simon.
	A. L. Germann, \$89.07; Clement Warren, assignee, \$375.58; Gerdes & Tienken,			
	\$108.50; William H. Lock, \$87.68; Charles Reidel, \$81.65; Rudolph Jacobs,			
	\$95.35.....			
" 10	Edwin J. Caulfield, \$64.65; James Doherty, \$13.69; William Kremberg, \$38.33.....			"
" 11	John H. Lankemann, \$154.85.....			
	J. C. Rubino, \$10.76; August Lingemann, \$22.93; Josephine Kleemacher,			E. L. Kalish.
	\$103.75.....			
	William Michels, \$155.26; Henry M. Ritscher, \$141.54; Angello Morello, \$105.81;			P. P. Brady.
	Dennis F. Costello, \$88.25; Charles A. Fuller, \$65.77; E. Engelman, \$50.19; H.			
	Tonges, \$47.62; Montanette & Mechelette, \$22.42.....			
" 12	Edward Freund, \$182.12; Geon & Martin, \$83.47; Max Popper, \$56.44; Herman			K. Simon.
	Dohrmann, \$32.88; Julius Jungman, \$3.81; Joseph Boh, \$1.05.....			
" 13	The Standard Buffet Co., \$593.20; Ernest Lange and ano., \$168.02.....			P. P. Brady.
	Flavins J. Allen, \$93.16.....			O. S. Ackerly.
" 13	Consumers Brewing Co., assignee, \$483.31.....			Holm & Smith.
	Henry Klauher, \$54.24; A. Hoffman, \$50.....			K. Simon.
" 14	Louise Doelger, executrix, assignee, \$512.32.....			W. J. Royhan.
	Elise Minke, \$36.17; Henry A. Dunkak, \$35.68.....			K. Simon.

CONTRACTS REGISTERED FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1896.

No.	DATE OF CONTRACT.	DEPARTMENT.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	NAMES OF SURETIES.	AMOUNT OF BOND.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	COST.
16105	Nov. 7	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards (Bond)....	E. N. Lynch.....	J. S. Rogers.....	\$668 00	Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in College ave., from the existing sewer in East 148th st. to East 146th st.....	\$667 40
16106	" 7	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards (Bond)....	"	"	65 00	Rebuilding the south branch of sewer in Clifton st. (161st st.), at Jackson ave.....	65 00
16107	Oct. 29	Public Works.....	Thomas Callanan.....	John J. Doody.....	50 00	Flagging, curbing, etc., south side of East 111th st., east of 5th ave.....	102 59
16108	" 26	"	The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co.....	The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Co. of Phila., William B. Pope.....	4,000 00	Regulating and paving with asphalt pavement, on the present pavement, 54th st., from 6th to 9th ave., except from 6th to 7th ave.....	17,175 00
16109	Nov. 4	Docks.....	Gildersleeve & Rolfe.....	Thomas Smith, H. C. Miner.....	4,000 00	Preparing for and repairing and extending a portion of the pier at the foot of West 131st st., North river.....	8,237 25
16110	" 6	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	John Peirce.....	William E. Keyes, American Surety Co. of New York.....	6,000 00	Regulating and paving with granite block and laying crosswalks in Locust ave., from 132d to 138th st. Estimate	7,561 50
16111	" 6	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	"	William E. Keyes, American Surety Co. of New York.....	1,100 00	Regulating and paving with granite block and laying crosswalks in 162d st., from 3d to Brook ave.....	1,470 00
16112	" 9	Public Works (Bond)....	T. Hugh Boorman.....	Hartwell A. Wilkins.....	600 00	Paving with asphalt the triangle on the westerly side of the Boulevard, between 70th and 71st sts.....	Estimate
16113	Oct. 31	Public Parks.....	James D. Leary.....	John Good, John G. Moore.....	.....	Modification of Contract No. 13544 and of Modification No. 13086 thereof, for constructing a public driveway and appurtenances in the 12th Ward, between 155th st. and High Bridge.....	260,000 00
16114	" 24	"	Charles F. Mairs.....	The City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Co. of Philadelphia, William B. Pope.....	3,500 00	Constructing and putting in place a crib-fender, including the squared timber framing for the Pelham Road Draw Bridge in Pelham Bay Park.....	4,694 50
16115	" 14	Public Works.....	Joseph Lane.....	Jacob L. Maschke, Henry S. Bergman.....	3,000 00	Making alterations and repairs to the Ludlow St. Jail.....	6,363 00
16116	" 14	"	"	Jacob L. Maschke, Henry S. Bergman.....	1,000 00	Making alterations and repairs to the building No. 5 Duane st.....	1,400 00
16117	Nov. 7	Public Parks.....	John Slattery.....	James Slattery, George H. Toop.....	18,000 00	Construction of walks, granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds surrounding the Tomb of General U. S. Grant, Riverside Park.....	33,843 00
16118	" 12	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	A. A. Briggs.....	Henry B. Schrader, Alois A. Berman.....	3,600 00	Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Barry st., from Longwood to Lafayette ave., and in Lafayette ave., from Barry to Manida st.....	6,472 50

Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller, by representative, attended the opening of proposals at the following Departments, viz.:

November 9. The Department of Parks—For constructing retaining-wall on Riverside Drive, from 86th to 88th st., for regulating, etc., 153d st., bet. 7th ave. and Macomb's Dam Bridge, and for furnishing and delivering garden mould.

November 10. The Department of Docks—For dredging in Sherman Creek on the Harlem river.

November 11. The Police Department (adjourned meeting)—For 7,500 copies of the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Police Department.

Approval of Sureties.

The Comptroller approved of the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties on the following proposals, viz.:

November 9. For removal of pier at foot of Jane and Horatio sts.; R. G. and J. S. Packard, No. 130 Pearl st., Principal; Augustine Walsh, No. 96 Water st., James Shewan, foot of Stanton st., Sureties.

November 9. For regulating, etc., 165th st., from 3d to Webster ave.; Joseph J. Haiduvan, No. 695 E. 135th st., Principal; Albert B. Marshall, No. 2381 Marion ave., Thomas Guilfoyle, No. 2447 3d ave., Sureties.

November 10. For constructing sewer, etc., in Barry st., from Longwood to Lafayette ave., and in Lafayette ave., from Barry to Manida st.; Albert A. Briggs, No. 152 E. 128th st., Principal; Henry O. Schrader, No. 2687 3d ave., Alois A. Brennan, No. 1355 Franklin ave., Sureties.

For alteration and improvement to sewer in 47th st., bet. 8th ave. and Broadway; Charles E. Macklin, No. 341 E. 85th st., Principal; John McQuade, 1328 Lexington ave., Peter McGinnis, No. 1048 Park ave., Sureties.

Suits, Orders of Court, Judgments, Etc.

COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme.	Frank N. Evanhoe.....	\$462 65	Transcript of judgment.....	H. W. Unger.
	Summons and complaints. For refund of portion of excise license fees, under chapter 112, Laws of 1896, as follows:			
	Thomas E. Leeman, assignee, \$1,131.32; Thomas E. Leeman, assignee, \$1,678.53;			P. P. Brady.
	Thomas E. Leeman, assignee, \$423.40; Thomas E. Leeman, assignee, \$640.45.....			
"	Edward A. Duffy.....	15,000 00	Summons and complaint. For damages for personal injuries.....	L. Steckler.
"	Charles S. Fischer ..	2,700 00	Summons and complaint. For expert services in the case of The Peo lvs. Fleming, at the request of the District Attorney.....	L. A. Chandler.
"	Rody McLaughlin....	11,967 46	Transcript of judgment.....	Eriley & Pen-
				d-r-gast.
"	Anna R. Cooper.....	1,033 05	"	H. W. Thomas.
"	Emanuel Finsterer....	1,271 05	"	J. Marks.
"	Summons and complaints. For refund of portion of excise license fees, under chapter 112, Laws of 1896, as follows:			
	Richard Fleischauer, \$61.10; Ottilie Haag, \$77.06; Charles Engelhardt, \$30.95;			K. Simon.
	William Geneer, \$7.65; John Hasselbach, \$56; Jacob Kittner, \$40.50; Karotsonyi			
	& Kmatz, \$50; Albert Kopasz, \$98.10; Adam Moelter, 15.25; John Buttl, \$54.05;			
	John Bunz, \$72.56; George Romeg, \$106.00; Carrie Gorisch, executrix, \$160.41;			
	Francis Keegan, \$16.03; Max Augher, \$61; Max Herbst, \$3.30; Caroline Stiller,			
	59.20; Selig Falk, 59.71; Adolph Seewaldt, \$39.90; Henry W. Konig, \$177.76.....			
"	Henry F. gen, \$43.75.....			G. E. Mott.
	Adolph Voelter.....			C. H. Huppel.
	Mary Sasnowski, \$87.....			L. W. Harburger
	Christopher H. Rauft, \$91.65.....			Greene & John-
	Patrick Morris, \$43.75; Jerome Finn, \$51.11.....			son.
"	John Tiebout.....	\$341 83	Certified copy order to vacate an assessment for paving Stanton st.....	Albert & Perry.
			Transcripts of judgments as follows:	Lecomte & Rob-
"	James P. Davenport....	500 00		illard.
"	Robert Andrews.....	250 00		Parker & Scud-
"	Adolph M. Du Mahaut	250 00		der.
"	James H. Fish.....	166 66		P. P. McLaughlin
"	Max Rechnitzer.....	100 00		"
"	Valentine J. Hahn.....	83 33		"
"	Samuel B. Bowne.....	83 33		"
"	Thomas H. McCarrick..	75 00		"
"	Richard M. Arnow.....	500 00		J. F. Cryer.
"	Thomas Cowan.....	250 00		"
"	Lucius W. How.....	166 66		"
"	Emanuel Burlando.....	100 00		"
"	Seaman Hunt.....	83 33		"
"	Wm. W. Waterhouse....	83 33		"
"	Samuel A. Berrian....	75 00		"
"	Frank S. Beard.....	250 80		H. W. Unger.
"	James E. Kelly.....	519 30		J. J. O'K. Ken-
"	Andrew Martin.....	111 25	Summons and complaint. For return of amount paid for an assessment for reg., etc., 143d st.....	edy.
"	Oliver L. Jones.....	585 62	Summons and complaint. For return of amount paid for an assessment for sewer in 66th st.....	J. A. Flannery.
"	Max Rechnitzer	66 60	Summons and complaint. For services as Interpreter in the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, from Aug. 10 to 31, 1896.....	"
"	John Guy.....	5,535 57	Summons and complaint. For amount claimed to be due for service in preparing plans and specifications for the repaving, altering and erecting of certain armories in the City of New York.....	P. P. McLaughlin
"			Copies of writs of peremptory mandamus directing the return of amount paid for an assessment for opening 12th ave., as follows:	Friend, House
"	John S. Sutpen.....	1,648 58		& Grossman.
"	Daniel F. Tieman.....	2,223 39		
"	Williard P. Ward, ex-	3,475 88		T. H. Baldwin.
"	ecutor.....			"
"	Annie Gutman.....	813 65	Certified copies order directing payment of awards made to unknown owners for Parcel No. 4, \$224.33, and Parcel No. 7, \$589.32, in matter of opening Briges avenue.....	"
"	William J. Burdeck	948 00	Summons and complaint. For return of amount paid for an assessment for sewer in 51st and 56th sts., bet. 9th ave. and Hudson river.....	Myers & Bronner
"	and another.....		Certified copies of order reducing assessment on per onal estate, as follows:	
"	Premier White Lead	.....	\$15,388 to \$1,000.....	J. A. Deering.
"	Co.....			
"	Ford Typewriter Co.,	.....	\$15,388 to \$1,000.....	Adams & Hyde.
"	Caroline Bissell.....	588 80	Certified copy order directing payment into Court of award made in matter of opening Brook ave.....	"
"	John H. O'Rourke,	5,408 43	Summons and complaint. For amount claimed to be due under contract for regulating, etc., Mosholu avenue.....	C. Bissell.
"	assignee.....			Kellogg, Rose &
"	Elizabeth Irving and	958 20	Certified copy order directing payment into the office of the Chamberlain of amount of an award for Par-	Smith.
"	others.....		cels Nos. 5 and 9, in matter of opening 167th st.....	J. A. Flannery.

November 11. For building an ambulance station and vaccine laboratory on E. 17th st.; John F. Johnson, No. 2028 Lexington ave., Principal; Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, No. 35 Wall st., Henry B. Platt, No. 48 E. 26th st., Sureties.

November 11. For regulating, etc., Decatur st., from Kingsbridge rd. to Brookline st.; W. V. Spencer, No. 261 Alexander ave., Principal; Henry Schopper, No. 1985 Clinton ave., William G. Leeson, No. 470 W. 148th st., Sureties.

November 14. For gas and electric light, etc., for Armory on 14th st.; Vance Electric Company, No. 36 Liberty st., Principal; Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, No. 35 Wall st., Henry B. Platt, No. 42 E. 26th st., Sureties.

Certificate of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments Remitting Taxes on Real Estate, Nov. 13, as follows:

WARD.	BLOCK NO.	WARD NO.	ASSESSED VALUATION.	TAX REMITTED.
Twenty-fourth.....	.....	24	\$900 00	\$19 26
Section 7.....	1860	53½, 54½	10,000 00	214 00
Section 3.....	900	224, 234	35,000 00	749 00
Eighth.....	.....	1249, 1251	7,000 00	149 80

Official Designation.

November 13. William J. Lyon, Deputy Comptroller, to act as Comptroller on November 14, 1896.

Removed.

November 10. Patrick J. Rinn and Charles Seaman, Temporary Clerks in Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

Designation of Compensation.

November 11. Andrew Eadie and John B. Hough, Recording Clerks, Comptroller's Office, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum each, to take effect December 1, 1896.

Appointed.

November 13. Joseph M. S. Millette, No. 23 East Seventeenth street, Paymaster's Extra Clerk in Auditing Bureau, Finance Department, with compensation at rate of \$1,000 per annum.

WILLIAM J. LYON, Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held Monday, November 23, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., called in accordance with section 3 of article 1 of the By-laws.

Present—The full Board.

The communication from the Finance Department, in relation to substitution of surety on Contract No. 553, was ordered on file, and

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted for the substitution of William M. Ryan, No. 255 West Fifty-fourth street, as surety in place of James D. Leary, on the estimate of Morris & Cummings Dredging Company, for dredging at and in Sherman's creek on the Harlem river, under Contract No. 553.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation stating that there was no objection to the passage of the resolution giving consent of this Department to John H. Starin, permitting him to mortgage the premises leased by the City at the foot of Cortlandt and Dey streets, North river.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Department of Docks of the City of New York hereby consents to the action of John H. Starin, in giving to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, a certain mortgage upon buildings and dock property at the foot of Cortlandt and Dey streets, part of which buildings are erected upon the bulkhead owned by the said Starin, and a small portion of which is erected upon the bulkhead leased by the said Starin, from the City of New York, but nothing in the resolution shall be construed into a waiver on the part of the Dock Department of any of its rights in the premises.

The communication from the Counsel to the Corporation returning the agreement submitted by the Consolidated Ice Company in reference to the cancellation of the lease of the right to collect wharfage, etc., at the Pier foot of West Thirteenth street, with his approval as to form indorsed thereon, was ordered on file, and

On motion, President O'Brien was authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

The communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in reference to the order of reversal of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the matter of The People, etc., ex rel. Thomas Brady, and advising the Board to take the action directed in said order and reinstate Thomas Brady in position as Dock Master, was ordered on file, and said Brady reinstated as Dock Master, and the Chief Clerk directed to prepare requisition for salary due said Brady as Dock Master since September 26, 1895.

The Dock Superintendent submitted charges against Dock Master Thomas Brady of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, as more particularly set forth in the specifications accompanying same.

On motion, Dock Master Brady was suspended from duty and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy of said charges to said Brady, and to notify him that said charges will be publicly examined into by the Board of Docks, in the Board room, Pier "A," Battery place, New York City, on December 3, 1896, at 12 o'clock M.

On motion, the Board adjourned until Wednesday, November 25, 1896, at 12 o'clock M.

GEO. S. TERRY, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, called in accordance with section 3 of article 1 of the By-laws, held Tuesday, November 24, 1896, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—President O'Brien and Commissioner Monks. Absent—Commissioner Einstein.

The Board met for the purpose of opening estimates for preparing for and building a crib-bulkhead in Sherman's Creek on the Harlem river, under Contract No. 554, and for furnishing about 4,000 barrels of Portland cement, under Contract No. 555.

There being no representative of the Comptroller present,

On motion, the meeting was adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

GEO. S. TERRY, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held Tuesday, November 24, 1896, at 2.30 P. M.

Present—President O'Brien and Commissioner Monks. Absent—Commissioner Einstein.

The Board proceeded to open estimates for Contracts Nos. 554 and 555, a representative of the Comptroller being present.

Contract No. 554.

1. John W. Flaherty, with security deposit of \$850.....	\$39,915 00
2. C. F. Mairs,	38,485 00
3. P. Sanford Ross,	35,000 00
4. Spearin & Preston,	30,895 00
5. James D. Leary,	39,900 00

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Contract No. 554, estimates for which were opened this day, for preparing for and building a crib-bulkhead in Sherman's Creek on the Harlem river, be and hereby is awarded to P. Sanford Ross, he being the lowest bidder, subject to the approval of the sureties by the Comptroller.

The estimate submitted by the Atlas Cement Company for furnishing about 4,000 barrels of Portland cement under Contract No. 555, being defective, the Board deemed it for the best interests of the City to reject said bid, and it was thereupon rejected.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. S. TERRY, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held Wednesday, November 25, 1896, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held November 18, 19, 23 and 24 were approved.

The communication from the Finance Department, in reference to the dimensions of the Brockner property between Perry and West Eleventh streets, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

The following permits were granted, to continue during the pleasure of the Board: George Morton, to land boats "Peekskill" and "Fannie Woodall" on the south side of Pier, old 58, North river, compensation to be paid therefor at the rate of \$5 per day, for each landing, payable to the Dock Master.

Maine Steamship Company, to drive five piles westerly of Pier 38, East river, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

The following permits were granted on the usual terms:

Knickerbocker Fire Extinguisher Company, to test hand fire extinguisher on new-made land foot of Leroy street, North river.

H. C. Calkin, Jr., to repair water-pipe in front of Christopher Street Ferry premises.

The following permits were granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief:

Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to repair piling on the south side of Pier 16, North river.

Department of Street Cleaning, to construct stalls for the protection of hill horses on pier foot

of West Forty-seventh street, and to make some alterations in the dump foot of East Forty-sixth street.

From the Finance Department—Approving sureties on Contract No. 553.

From the Counsel to the Corporation:

1st. Transmitting form of lease to the Third Avenue Railroad Company for the land under water between Two Hundred and Sixteenth and Two Hundred and Eighteenth streets, Harlem river.

On motion, the officers of the Board were authorized to execute same.

2d. Approving form of Contract No. 554.

Department of Street Cleaning:

1st. Requesting permission to use certain piers and bulkheads for the dumping of clean snow and ice during the coming winter.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report in relation to same.

2d. Requesting permission to make certain improvements at dumps on Pier, old 42, North river, and Pier 44, East river.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted the Department of Street Cleaning to raise the dumping-board on Pier, old 42, North river, provided that as the present top cap of the dump is fastened to the pier with one and one-half inch bolts, that instead of lengthening these one and one-half inch bolts new one and one-half inch bolts, one at each short post, be put in connecting the new ten by ten cap with the present top cap, which will not be removed.

Also that permission be and hereby is granted said Department to extend the dumping-board on Pier 44, East river, at the foot of Rutgers street.

All of the above work to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

From the Fire Department—Requesting the building of a spring rack in front of the Castle Garden wall.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to transmit a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief in relation thereto.

From the Department of Public Charities—Requesting the reconstruction of the landing Pier at the foot of Fifty-first street, East river, and the removal of piles at landing float at Randall's Island, Harlem river. Application denied.

From the New York Yacht Launch and Engine Company—Accepting terms of resolution granting them permission to make certain improvements at Morris Heights, Harlem river.

From O'Connell & Hillery Marble and Lime-dust Company—Submitting new plans for shed on bulkhead between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets, North river.

On motion, the said plans were approved as amended in red, and substituted for plans previously approved.

From the Sureties on Contract No. 533—Consenting to the extension of time to complete said contract to July 1, 1897.

From the Treasurer—Recommending that the compensation to be charged I. P. Mersereau, Alexander Fraser and Matthew Foster, for the privilege of berthing oyster boats at the bulkhead north of Pier, old 54, North river, be fixed at the rate of ten cents per front foot per day, payable to the Dock Master. Recommendation adopted.

From the Dock Superintendent:

1st. Report for the week ending November 21, 1896.

2d. Transmitting resignation of Laborer A. McCormack.

On motion, said resignation was accepted, to take effect November 7, 1896.

From Dock Master Lusk—Reporting repairs required to Pier at East Seventy-ninth street; bulkhead platform at East Seventy-fifth street, and roadway at East Seventy-sixth street.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to do said work.

From Dock Master Bancker—Reporting damage to Pier at foot of West Thirteenth street, by P. Holland, while landing girders thereat.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to repair same, and report costs for collection.

From the Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Report for the week ending November 21, 1896.

2d. Reporting the commencement of the work of removing Pier at foot of Horatio street, under Contract No. 551. The Secretary was directed to notify the Comptroller.

3d. Transmitting the resignation of Hugh McKanna, Temporary Engineman.

On motion, the said resignation was accepted.

4th. Recommending that the New York and College Point Ferry Company be directed to remove their temporary ferry racks from their present location in about six weeks' time, and requesting said company to submit plans and specifications for their proposed new ferry structures. Recommendation adopted.

5th. Recommending that dredging be ordered at the foot of West Fifty-seventh street. Recommendation adopted.

6th. Recommending that repairs be ordered to Piers at West Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, and to pavement on bulkhead between One Hundred and Thirty-first and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets, and in front of Pier at One Hundred and Thirty-second street, North river, and to gate valve on bulkhead at the foot of East Twenty-eighth street. Recommendation adopted.

On motion, the Department of Public Works was requested to hasten the technical description of the streets to be closed between West Eleventh and Gansevoort streets, west of West street.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to suspend the work of rebuilding wharf at Throgg's Neck, Long Island Sound.

The Treasurer, Commissioner Einstein, submitted his report of receipts for the week ending November 25, 1896, amounting to \$62,704.88, which was received and ordered to be spread in full on the minutes, as follows:

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	FOR WHAT.	AMOUNT.
1896.			
Nov. 18	C. J. Thomas.....	1 mos. rent, top floor No. 436 West st.....	\$8 00
" 18	Terminal Warehouse Co.....	" bhd. bet. Piers, new 57 and 58, N. R.....	150 00
" 18	Occident Dock Co.....	1 qrs. rent, Pier, new 59, N. R.....	3,125 00
" 18	Charles Wedge & Co.....	2 mos. rent, No. 535 West st.....	200 00
" 19	J. S. McNeely.....	1 mos. rent, Nos. 172-184 Bank st.....	50 00
" 19	Brooklyn & N. Y. Ferry Co.....	1 qrs. rent, bhd. foot 23d st., E. R.....	37 50
" 20	Charles R. Weeks & Bro.....	1 mos. rent, No. 127 and 129 Horatio st.....	50 00
" 20	Citizens' Steamboat Co.....	1 qrs. rent, Pier, new 46, N. R.....	8,379 35
" 20	Joseph Cornell.....	" N. 78½ ft. of bhd. bet. Piers, new 45 and 46, N. R.....	150 00
" 20	Borden & Lovell.....	Taking up and relaying pavement in front of Pier, new 19, N. R.....	166 95
" 20	P. DeWitt & Co.....	2 weeks' rent of office and yard No. 379 W. 11th st.....	5 00
" 20	Arthur W. Bouton.....	1 mos. rent, No. 146 Jane st.....	30 00
" 23	N. Y. and Texas S. S. Co.....	1 qrs. rent, E. ½ Pier 20, W. ½ Pier 21, and bhd. bet. Piers 20 and 21, and pfm. in front of same, E. R.....	4,345 00
" 23	".....	" l. u. w., pfm. S. of Pier 20, E. R.....	50 00
" 23	Southern Pacific Co.....	" Pier, new 37 and ½ bhd. N. and S., N. R.....	13,750 00
" 23	".....	" bhd. N. of Pier, new 25, N. R.....	250 00
" 23	Morgan's La. & Texas R. R. S. Co.....	" Pier, new 25, N. R.....	8,347 93
" 23	Ehrenreich Bros.....	" filled-in land and l. u. w. pfm. bet. 62d and 63d sts., E. R.....	150 00
" 23	International Navigation Co.....	" bhd. extending from a point 75 ft. S. of the side of Pier, new 14, N. R., a distance of 65 ft. Pier, new 15, and bhd. S., N. R.....	6,250 00
" 23	".....	" ½ mos. rent, made land near 77th st., N. R.....	25 00
" 23	James Thedford.....	1 qrs. rent, Pier at 16th st., N. R.....	412 50
" 23	Barnard Campbell.....	22 days' rent, building cor. of Gansevoort st. and 13th ave.....	54 10
" 24	J. B. & J. M. Cornell.....	1 mos. rent, new-made land bet. 25th and 27th sts., N. R.....	324 47
" 24	W. H. Rockwell.....	Wharfage, District No. 4, N. R.....	50 00
" 24	Dock Masters.....	" Wharfage.....	1,000 65
" 24	Thomas Brady.....	" District No. 16, N. R.....	5 50
" 25	William Brooks' Son Co.....	1 mos. rent, bhd. ft. of 97th st., N. R.....	41 67
" 25	Arthur McMullen & Co.....	" Pier at 140th st., N. R.....	150 00
" 25	Cent. R. R. of New Jersey.....	1 qrs. rent, N. ½ Pier, old 12, Pier, old 13, S. ½ Pier, old 14, and bhd. bet. Piers and pfms. in front said bhd., N. R.....	13,462 50
" 25	Collector.....	" Wharfage.....	1,284 16
		Date deposited, November 25, 1896.....	\$62,704 88

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN EINSTEIN, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report of one bill or claim, amounting to \$1,766.67, which had been approved and audited. The report was ordered to be spread in full on the minutes, as follows:

Annual Expense.

Audit No.	Name.	Total.
15588.	Thomas Brady, salary, as per voucher.....	\$1,766 67
	Respectfully submitted, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Auditing Committee.	
	The action of the Secretary in transmitting the same, with requisitions for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment, approved.	

The following requisitions were passed:

Register No.	For What.	Estimated Cost.	Register No.	For What.	Estimated Cost.
14985.	Egg coal.....	\$245 00	14990.	Pipe and fittings.....	\$119 50
14986.	Roofing paper.....	18 00	14991.	Corks.....	9 00
14987.	Cast steel hoisting rope.....	13 60	14992.	Account book, etc.....	6 38
14988.	Lampwick.....	6 00	14993.	Cumberland coal.....	12 00
14989.	Pipe and fittings.....	62 50			

The Secretary reported that the pay-rolls for General Repairs and Construction Force for week ending November 20, 1896, amounting to \$5,987.39, had been approved, audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. S. TERRY, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 209 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, December 9, 1896, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Duane, Tucker, Cannon and Green.

The Committee of Finance and Audit reported their examination and audit of estimates contained in Vouchers Nos. 11416 to 11419, inclusive, amounting to \$80,885.89, and of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 11420 to 11423, inclusive, amounting to \$156.60.

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, the same were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

The Construction or Executive Committee presented the following communication, received from the Chief Engineer:

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

To the Honorable the Committee on Construction:

GENTLEMEN—Rodman Julian Thornley applies for a leave of absence, without pay, from December 11 to 24, both inclusive. I understand that he wants to attend to some private business.

Mr. Thornley's services are very satisfactory, and as he has this year had only six (6) days' vacation, while he has a right to two weeks, under the rules, with full pay, it is my intention to grant him the balance of the time to which he is entitled, but for the rest of the time I have to request and recommend that the Aqueduct Commissioners grant him a leave of absence without pay, which, for a few days, will not interfere with the work of the New Croton Dam Division, to which he belongs.

Yours, respectfully, A. FTELEY, Chief Engineer.

—and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the leave of absence, as above set forth, be and hereby is granted, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Green, the same was adopted.

The Committee also presented the following communication, received from the Chief Engineer:

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

To the Honorable the Committee on Construction:

GENTLEMEN—Owing to the great pressure to which our water-gates are subjected at the dams, I have been trying to reduce the friction of the machinery by means of such devices as may be indicated by our experience with that kind of apparatus, which may be considered somewhat novel.

For the above purpose I have asked the Albro-Clem Elevator Company, of Philadelphia, to send one of their representatives, with whom I had a conference, and they now offer, for the sum of \$275, to furnish for one of our Titicus gates a style of worm-gearing, for which they have a well-established reputation, and which, I expect, will substantially facilitate the working of the gate.

This is to respectfully recommend that I be empowered to order the above-mentioned machinery for a sum not to exceed two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275).

Yours, respectfully, A. FTELEY, Chief Engineer.

—and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That authority is hereby granted to the Chief Engineer to procure the above-mentioned machinery, at an expense of not to exceed two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

On motion of Commissioner Green, the same was adopted.

The Committee presented a communication, received from the Secretary, reporting that the sum of \$2,163.60 had been received from Division Engineer Wegmann, being net proceeds of sale at public auction, on November 24, 1896, of buildings belonging to the City of New York, and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners, situated in the "Katonah Triangle," at Katonah, Westchester County, N. Y., and stating that said amount had been transmitted to the City Chamberlain for the credit of the "Additional Water Fund," and that his receipt therefor was on file.

On motion of Commissioner Cannon, the action of the Secretary was approved.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That the sidewalks in front of Nos. 43 and 45 West Thirty-second street be flagged eight feet wide, where not already done, and that all the flag and curb now on the sidewalks be relaid and re-set where necessary, and that new flag and curb be furnished where the present flag and curb are defective, as provided by section 321, chapter 410, Laws 1882, as amended by chapter 569, Laws 1887, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 24, 1896. Approved by the Mayor, November 28, 1896.

NORMAL COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Executive Committee for the care, etc., of the Normal College of the City of New York, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until 4 o'clock P. M., on Monday, December 28, 1896, for Making Repairs, Alterations, etc., to the Normal College Buildings.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blank proposals obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street.

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

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

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

Proposals must be addressed to the "Executive Committee of the College of the City of New York."

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Dated NEW YORK, November 14, 1896.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

NEW YORK, December 14, 1896.

NOTICE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS WILL sell at public auction, at the Central Park Stables, Eighty-fifth street Transverse road, on Friday, December 18, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.,

Four horses.

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchase-money must be paid at time of sale, and the horses purchased must be removed from the Park immediately thereafter.

By order of the Commissioners of Public Parks,

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE following-mentioned works, 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 offices, the Arsenal, Central Park, until 2 o'clock P. M. Monday, December 21, 1896.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING HAY, STRAW, OATS, CORN AND BRAN.

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING GARDEN MOLD, WHERE REQUIRED, ON THE CENTRAL PARK, NORTH OF NINETY-SEVENTH STREET.

No. 3. FOR ERECTING AN IRON FENCE AROUND THE DEER PADDOCKS NEAR THE ARSENAL BUILDING IN CENTRAL PARK.

The work is to be done separately. The estimates of the works to be done, and by which the bids will be tested, are as follows:

No. 1. ABOVE MENTIONED.

375,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as prime, sweet Timothy.

60,000 pounds good, clean Rye Straw.

9,000 bushels No. 2 White Oats, to weigh not less than 36 pounds to the bushel.

40,000 pounds clean, sound No. 2 Yellow Corn.

15,000 pounds first quality of clean Bran.

All of the articles to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed, at the following places:

Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue.

Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West.

Eighty-fifth Street Stables, Transverse road.

One Hundred and Fifth street and Fifth avenue.

The amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

No. 2. ABOVE MENTIONED.

10,000 cubic yards of Garden Mold, to be delivered, where required, on the Central Park, north of Ninety-seventh street, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the Department, the entire quantity to be delivered prior to June 1, 1897.

The amount of security required is Seven Thousand Dollars.

No. 3. ABOVE MENTIONED.

Bidders will state one price or sum for all labor and materials necessary to complete the entire work.

The time allowed to complete the work is sixty days and the penalty for noncompletion within the specified time is twenty dollars per day.

The amount of security required is Eight Hundred Dollars.

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 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 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. E.—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 interest 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 contracts which the successful bidder in each case 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.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Executive Committee on Nautical School, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until 4 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, December 29, 1896, for sundry repairs to the School-ship "St. Mary's."

HUGH KELLY, Chairman Executive Committee on Nautical School.

Specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the office of the Superintendent of the Nautical School-ship "St. Mary's," foot of East Twenty-eighth street.

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

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

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

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

The party submitting a proposal must include in his proposal the names of all subcontractors, and no change will be permitted to be made in the subcontractors named without the consent of the Committee.

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

Dated NEW YORK, December 17, 1896.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR CONVEYING

pupils from Williamsbridge to Grammar School No. 64, and return, in two stages, on every school-day from and including January 4, 1897, to and including July 2, 1897; also sealed proposals for conveying pupils from Morris Heights to Primary School No. 45, and return, in two stages, on every school-day, from and including January 4, 1897, to and including July 2, 1897; and also sealed proposals for conveying pupils from Potter Park, Upper Bedford Park, to Primary School No. 18, at Woodlawn, and return, in two stages, on every school-day, from and including January 4, 1897, to and including July 2, 1897, will be received by the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until the 29th day of December 1896, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

For terms of contract and for information as to further requirements, inquire at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street.

Dated NEW YORK, December 17, 1896.

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, Chairman, Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED

by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Hall of the Board, No. 146 Grand street, until four (4) o'clock P. M. on Monday, December 28, 1896, for Erecting Wings to and Improving Premises and Building of Primary School No. 27; also for the Erection of a New School Building on the west side of Fulton avenue and north side of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

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

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

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

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

The party submitting a proposal must include in his proposal the names of all subcontractors, and no change will be permitted to be made in the subcontractors named without the consent of the Committee and Superintendent of School Buildings.

It is required, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon, or a certificate of deposit of, one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand

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 5 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 Army 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. 1262 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.

City Paymaster—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.

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. 126 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 A. M. 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. 31 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. 69 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.

dollars; that, on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposit made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

JOSEPH J. LITTLE, NATHANIEL A. PRENTISS, RICHARD H. ADAMS, WM. H. HURLBUT, JOHN G. AGAR, Committee on Buildings.
ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.
Dated NEW YORK, December 16, 1896.

CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMM.

NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, December 2, 1896.
EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

December 17, 10 A. M. BUILDING INSPECTORS OF MASONRY. Candidates must have had at least ten years' practical experience, and be able to read and understand building plans. Applicants must be competent to superintend the preparation of foundations for large buildings and the setting of all kinds of stone-work, both light and heavy, and of brick-work. They must also have a general knowledge of building, such as is required for a master builder, and must be able to read readily the several plans of a large building.

December 18, 10 A. M. INSPECTORS OF PIER BUILDING. Candidates must have a practical knowledge in construction, pier and dock work, composed of stone-filled crib-work and ordinary framing.

December 21, 10 A. M. MATRONS, DEPARTMENTS OF CHARITIES AND OF CORRECTION.

December 22, 10 A. M. NURSE.

December 23, 10 A. M. HOSPITAL ORDERLIES.

December 23, 10 A. M. STENOGRAPHER AND TYPEWRITER. Candidates will be examined as to their ability to report proceedings verbatim.

December 28, 10 A. M. ASSISTANT APOTHECARY.

Notice is hereby given that applications are desired for Building Inspectors of Carpentry, in the Building Department. Candidates must have at least ten years' experience in the carpentering line. Applicants must have a thorough knowledge of carpentry, and sufficient knowledge respecting masonry and foundations to make them competent to superintend the construction of a frame building and of a moderate sized brick building. They must also be able to read readily the several plans of such a building.

Persons desiring employment in the hospitals should make application as Hospital Orderly; salary from \$25 to \$40 per month. Orderlies are eligible for promotion to Inspector; salary from \$40 to \$60 per month, board and lodging furnished. Persons desiring employment at hospitals, outside work, should make application for Hospital Helper; salary not above \$25 per month, board and lodging furnished. Letters of recommendation will be required in all cases.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1896.
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION DAY IN THE LABOR BUREAU WILL BE FRIDAY, and that examinations will take place on that day at 1 P. M.
S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

FOUR THOUSAND TONS COAL.
PROPOSALS FOR FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) TONS of White Ash Coal for 1897. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing the Department of Correction, during the year 1897, as may be required, and in accordance with the specifications.

FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) TONS (2,240 POUNDS EACH) OF WHITE ASH COAL will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for 4,000 Tons of White Ash Coal," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 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. Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures. Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated NEW YORK, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

FISH.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH FISH, ETC., FOR 1897. Sealed Bids or Estimates for Furnishing, during the year ending December 31, 1897, FRESH FISH, ETC.,

will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Fresh Fish, etc., for the year ending December 31, 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

Any bidder for this contract must furnish testimonials that he is engaged in the business of selling fish in the City of New York, and has the plant necessary to carry out promptly and regularly the contract, if it be awarded, to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioner of the Department of Correction and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they shall 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 Fresh Fish, etc., 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 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him to

execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their 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, from time to time, as the Commissioner may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department, and bidders are especially cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated NEW YORK, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

MEATS.

PROPOSALS FOR ALL THE MEATS REQUIRED

for the year 1897. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing all the Meats required for the year 1897 to the Department of Correction, in the City and County of New York, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for all the Meats required for 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

Any bidder for this contract must furnish satisfactory testimonials that he is engaged in the business of "Butcher" in the City of New York, and has the plant necessary to carry out promptly and regularly the contract, if it be awarded, to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioner of Correction, 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 TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their 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, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated NEW YORK, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

POULTRY.

PROPOSALS FOR POULTRY FOR THE YEAR

1897. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Poultry for the year ending December 31, 1897, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 A. M. Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Poultry for the year 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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 THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000) DOLLARS.

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

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

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their 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 of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated NEW YORK, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

FRESH COWS' MILK.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH COWS' MILK FOR

the year 1897—Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Fresh Cows' Milk for the year ending December 31, 1897, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 A. M. Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Fresh Cows' Milk for the year 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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 a contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of FIVE HUNDRED (\$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 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 Milk 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their 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 of the Department and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

PROPOSALS FOR 1,200 TONS WHITE ASH
Coal, 2,240 pounds to the ton, for the year 1897. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing 1,200 tons Coal for the year ending December 31, 1897, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for 1,200 Tons Coal for the year 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department, and read.

The Commissioner of the Department of Correction 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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 TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000) DOLLARS.

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

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

the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the Coal 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their 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 of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

CONDENSED COW'S MILK.

PROPOSALS FOR CONDENSED COW'S MILK.
1897. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Condensed Cow's Milk for the year 1897 will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 23, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Condensed Cow's Milk, 1897," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department, and read.

The Commissioner of the Department of Correction 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of FIVE HUNDRED (\$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 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 Condensed Cow's Milk, 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

Bidders will write 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 of the Department, and bidders are especially cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, December 11, 1896.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

PROPOSALS FOR 4,000 POUNDS, MORE OR LESS, OF COMPRESSED YEAST. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing and delivering, free of all expense, at the Bakehouse, Blackwell's Island, Compressed Yeast. Bids will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, until Wednesday, December 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., the said Yeast to be delivered as required during the year 1897.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Yeast," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

The Commissioner of the Department of Correction 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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 fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

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

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

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

The quality of the Yeast must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned

to examine the specifications for particulars of the Yeast, etc., required before making their estimates.

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, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, No. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, etc. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Groceries and other Supplies during the year of 1897, in conformity with samples and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, December 21, 1896.

1. 3,000 pounds Maracaibo Coffee, roasted.
2. 10,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted.
3. 40,000 pounds Robusta Coffee, roasted.
4. 5,000 pounds Chicory.
5. 4,000 pounds Oolong Tea, Black, in half chests, free from all admixture and in original packages.
6. 8,000 pounds Oatmeal.
7. 1,350 pounds Whole Pepper, sifted.
8. 13,270 pounds Coffee Sugar.
9. 21,000 pounds Brown Sugar.
10. 8,000 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar.
11. 350 pounds Corn starch.
12. 58,700 pounds Brown Soap, of the grade known to the trade as "Commercially Pure Settled Family Soap," to be delivered within ninety days after the award has been made. The soap to be delivered in boxes holding about 80 pounds, and the weight to be determined on its arrival at the Storehouse, Blackwell's Island, an average tare being based upon the weight of twenty boxes selected at random from each delivery. The soap must be free from added carbonate of soda, silicate of soda, mineral soap stock, or other foreign material. It must be of good firmness, soluble in ten parts of alcohol of ninety-four per cent, and contain not more than thirty-three per cent of water. Empty soap boxes to be returned and the price bid for the same to be deducted from bills by the contractor.
13. 15,075 pounds Barley, No. 3.
14. 12,000 pounds of Rice.
15. 100 pounds Saltpetre.
16. 70 pounds Borax (powdered).
17. 278 pounds pure Mustard.
18. 4,105 dozen Eggs, are to be fresh and candled at the time of delivery, to be furnished in cases of usual size.
19. 786 bushels Beans, not older than crop of 1896 and to weigh 62 pounds net to the bushel.
20. 700 bushels Peas, not older than crop of 1896 and to weigh 60 pounds net to the bushel.
21. 15,600 pounds Fine Meal, free from adulterations, in bags of 100 pounds net; bags to be returned.
22. 30 pounds Prime No. 1 Nutmegs.
23. 250 pounds Rock Salt.
24. 650 Hams, prime quality, city cured, to average about 14 pounds each.
25. 1,830 pounds Dried Apples.
26. 14,000 pounds Butter, known as Western Extras Creamery or Fancy State Creamery.
27. 100 pounds Buckwheat.
28. 50 pounds Bar Blue.
29. 105 pieces Bacon, prime quality, city cured, to average 6 pounds each.
30. 1,660 pounds Cheese, State Factory full cream, fine, and bearing State Brand stenciled on each box.
31. 1 dozen Ed. m Cheese in foil.
32. 25 pounds Cocoa.
33. 20 pounds ground Cinnamon.
34. 10 pounds ground Cloves.
35. 25 pounds Chocolate, "Baker's Premium."
36. 250 pounds Dried Currants.
37. 15 pounds Citron.
38. 12 barrels Fine Flour, "Pillsbury's Best."
39. 50 pounds Granam Flour.
40. 30 pounds ground Ginger.
41. 205 pounds Hominy.
42. 1,800 pounds Prime Kettle Rendered Lard, in packages of about 50 pounds each.
43. 25 pounds Macaroni.
44. 62 bags Coarse Meal, free from cob, in bags, 100 pounds net; bags to be returned.
45. 43 pounds ground Pepper, "Pure," in foils 1/4 pounds.
46. 1,300 pounds Prunes.
47. 600 pounds Standard Cut Loaf Sugar.
48. 170 pounds Standard Powdered Sugar.
49. 12 dozen Toilet Soap.
50. 1,000 pounds Laundry Starch.
51. 3,310 pounds fine Oolong Tea, Black, in original packages.
52. 455 pounds fine Green Tea.
53. 23 Tongues, smoked, prime quality, city cured, to average about 6 pounds each.
54. 400 pounds Tapioca.
55. 36 barrels prime quality Malt Vinegar.
56. 4 dozen canned Peas.
57. 4 dozen Sardines, 1/4 S.
58. 4 dozen canned Salmon.
59. 50 dozen canned Tomatoes.
60. 50 dozen Chow-Chow, C. & B., pints.
61. 2 dozen Gelatine, "Cox's."
62. 4 dozen Currant Jelly.
63. 5 dozen Marmalade.
64. 6 dozen Olive Oil, "Quarts."
65. 12 dozen papers Sage.
66. 18 dozen papers Thyme.
67. 195 barrels Syrup.
68. 10 boxes Raisins.
69. 2,500 barrels White Potatoes, to be good, sound and of fair size, to weigh 172 pounds net to the barrel; empty barrels to be returned.
70. 43 barrels Soda Biscuit; barrels to be returned.
71. 9 dozen Sapsago, "Morgans."
72. 20 barrels Pickles, 30-gallon barrel, 2,000 to the barrel.
73. 175 barrels prime quality American Salt, in barrels 300 pounds net.
74. 95 barrels prime quality Sal Soda, about 340 pounds each.
75. 35 dozen Sea Foam.
76. 54 boxes Lemons, as called for.
77. 43 dozen Tomato Catsup.
78. 80 dozen Worcestershire Sauce, L. & P., pints.
79. 15 dozen Extract Vanilla, 4-ounce bottles.
80. 11 dozen Extract Lemon, 4-ounce bottles.
81. 21 dozen Bath Bick.
82. 50 dozen canned Peaches.
83. 25 dozen canned Pears.
84. 312 1/2 quints prime quality Grand Bank Codfish, to be perfectly cured and to average not less than 5 pounds each; to be delivered in boxes of 4 quints each.
85. 3,000 bushels No. 1 Oats, 32 pounds net to the bushel; bags to be returned.
86. 60,000 pounds A No. 1 Timothy Hay, tare not to exceed three pounds per bale, weight allowed as received on Blackwell's Island.
87. 40,000 pounds long, bright Rye Straw, tare and weight same conditions as hay.

No empty packages are to be returned to bidders or contractors, except such as are designated in the specifications.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, etc.," 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 Commissioner of said Department, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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 fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

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

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

No bid or 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 the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of the said Department, or, in the absence of samples, to the printed specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioner may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, No. 148 EAST TWENTY-THIRD STREET, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR. SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING FREE OF ALL EXPENSE, AT THE BAKEHOUSE PIER, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND (east side), seven thousand three hundred and sixty-nine (7,369) barrels—to consist of 3,769 barrels marked No. 1, 3,600 barrels marked No. 2. Flour will be received at the Office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, until Monday, December 21, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., the said flour to conform to the samples exhibited and to be delivered as required during the year 1897. To be delivered in barrels only. 6,300 empty barrels to be returned, as per specification, and the price bid for the same by the contractor to be deducted from the price of the flour.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Flour," 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 Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

The contractor shall furnish a certificate of inspection by the Flour Inspector of the New York Produce Exchange, also an award from the Committee on Flour of the Exchange, that the flour offered is equal to the standards of the Department, and which certificate shall accompany each delivery of flour, the expense of such inspection and award to be borne by the contractor; also certificate of weight and tare to be furnished with such delivery.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioner.

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 fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

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

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they will 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.

The quality of the flour must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of the said department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the flour, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each grade, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioner may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department; and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

(WORK OF CONSTRUCTION UNDER NEW PLAN.)

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 555.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING ABOUT 4,000 BARRELS OF PORTLAND CEMENT.

ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING ABOUT 4,000 barrels of Portland Cement 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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1896, 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 Four Thousand Dollars.

The cement required under this contract must be "Portland" cement, fully up to the standard of the best brands imported, and average at least 400 pounds gross weight to the barrel.

The quantity to be delivered under this contract is about 4,000 barrels.

It is estimated that about 2,500 barrels of this cement will be required to be quick-setting, and that about 1,500 barrels will be slow-setting, and it is further estimated that the deliveries will be required to be made so that about 1,000 barrels per week, more or less, will be furnished in each week.

It is expected that about 2,000 barrels will be required to be delivered at West Fifty-seventh Street Yard, and that about 2,000 barrels will be required to be delivered at East Twenty-fourth Street Yard.

The contract is to be fully completed and to terminate on the 1st day of April, 1897.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract or any part thereof may be unfulfilled after the respective times specified for the

fulfillment thereof may have expired, Sundays and holidays not to be excepted, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

The empty barrels will be relinquished to the contractor as provided for in the specifications, and bidders must estimate the value of the empty barrels when considering the price for which they will furnish the cement under this contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for each barrel of cement to be furnished, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which prices the bids will be tested. These prices are 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 receiving of the material by the Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made to the bidder who is the lowest for doing the whole of the work and whose estimate is regular in all respects.

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

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 that 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; that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member, or in which the bidder is directly or indirectly interested or of which the bidder 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 the action or judgment of such officer or employee 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.*

In case a bid shall be submitted by or in behalf of any corporation, it must be signed in the name of such corporation by some duly authorized officer or agent thereof, who shall also subscribe his own name and office. If practicable the seal of the corporation should also be affixed.

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

Bidders are 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 INTEREST 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 material, 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, December 8, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, NEW YORK, December 10, 1896.

MESSRS. WOODROW & LEWIS, AUCTIONEERS, will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, on account of the Department of Docks, on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1896, commencing at 10 o'clock A.M. of that day, the following described old material, at the place designated, to wit:

At West Fifty-seventh Street Yard.
Lot 1—About 8,275 pounds old wrought iron.
Lot 2—About 7,230 pounds old cast iron.
Lot 3—About 1,200 pounds old rubber hose.
Lot 4—About 525 pounds old rubber steam-hose.
Lot 5—About 18 old oil barrels.
Lot 6—About 17 old steam pumps.
Lot 7—About 175 pounds old brass condenser tubes.
Lot 8—About 325 pounds old copper pipes.
Lot 9—About 18 old galvanized fire pails.

Lot 10—1 old water tube, 8 inches by 10 inches by 12 inches.

Lot 11—1 old upstake for same boiler.

Lot 12—1 Clapp & Jones Fire-pump, 12 inches by 12 inches by 14 inches.

Lot 13—1 hoisting-engine of 16 horse-power.

Lot 14—About 8 pairs of old rubber boots.

Lot 15—About 3 old diving dresses.

Lot 16—About 175 feet of old canvas hose.

Lot 17—About 933 pounds of old rope.

Lot 18—One old safe (Herring & Co., manufacturers).

Lot 19—One old safe (Herring & Co., manufacturers).

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

Dated NEW YORK, December 10, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 563.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ABOUT 700 TONS OF ANTHRACITE COAL.

ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ABOUT 700 TONS OF Anthracite Coal 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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1896, 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 One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantity of coal to be furnished and delivered is about 700 tons.

It is expected that about 600 tons will be required to be delivered at the West Fifty-seventh Street Yard of the Department of Docks, and that about 100 tons will be required to be delivered at the East Twenty-fourth Street Yard.

Where the City of New York owns the wharf, pier or bulkhead at which materials under this contract are to be delivered, no charge will be made to the Contractor for wharfage upon vessels conveying said materials.

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 delivery of materials, 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, per ton, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

A ton of coal under these specifications shall be 2,240 pounds avoirdupois.

The work to be done under this contract is to be commenced within ten days from the date of the receipt of an order from the Engineer to begin the delivery of coal, and the delivery will be continued in lots of about 230 tons at such times and places and in such manner as may be directed by the Engineer, and the delivery of said coal will be fully completed on or before the 31st day of March, 1897, 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 Fifty Dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price, per ton, for furnishing and delivering coal, 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 estimate 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; 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 and otherwise, and that he has offered himself as

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

Bidders are 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, December 10, 1896.

Notice of proposed closing of THIRTEENTH AVENUE, between the southerly side of West Eleventh street and the southerly side of Gansevoort street, and of proposed closing of WEST ELEVENTH STREET, BANK STREET, BETHUNE STREET, WEST TWELFTH STREET, JANE STREET and HORATIO STREET, between West street and Thirteenth avenue, and of the adoption of certain resolutions by the Board of Commissioners of Docks of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of Docks of the City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of the City of New York, by closing and discontinuing Thirteenth avenue, between the southerly side of West Eleventh street and the southerly side of Gansevoort street; West Eleventh street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Bank street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Bethune street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; West Twelfth street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Jane street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; and Horatio street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; and that a meeting of this Board will be held in the offices of the Commissioners of Docks, at Pier "A," North river, on the 17th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, at which such proposed closing and discontinuance will be considered by this Board; all of which is more particularly set forth and described in the following resolutions adopted by this Board on the 3d day of December, 1896, notice of the adoption of which is hereby given, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Docks of the City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by closing and discontinuing Thirteenth avenue, between the southerly side of Gansevoort street and the southerly side of West Eleventh street; West Eleventh street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Bank street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Bethune street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; West Twelfth street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; Jane street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; and Horatio street, between the westerly side of West street and the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; all of which are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

THIRTEENTH AVENUE.
Beginning at the intersection of the southerly side of Gansevoort street with the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue and running thence southerly along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 1,350.70 feet to the southerly side of West Eleventh street; thence westerly and along said southerly side of West Eleventh street 103.05 feet to the westerly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said westerly line of Thirteenth avenue 1,388.54 feet to the southerly side of Gansevoort street; thence easterly and along said southerly side of Gansevoort street 100.18 feet to the point or place of beginning.

WEST ELEVENTH STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street and the northerly line of West Eleventh street, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 58.74 feet to the southerly side of West Eleventh street; thence westerly along said southerly side of West Eleventh street 411.44 feet to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence running along said easterly side of Thirteenth avenue 58.74 feet to the northerly side of West Eleventh street; thence easterly along said northerly side of West Eleventh street 411.44 feet to the point or place of beginning.

BANK STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street with the northerly side of Bank street, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 61.83 feet to the southerly side of Bank street; thence westerly along said southerly side of Bank street 411.44 feet to the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 61.83 feet to the northerly side of Bank street; thence easterly and along said northerly side of Bank street 411.44 feet to the point or place of beginning.

BETHUNE STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street with the northerly line of Bethune street, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 50.09 feet to the southerly side of Bethune street; thence westerly and along said southerly side of Bethune street 400 feet to the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 50.09 feet to the northerly side of Bethune street; thence easterly and along said northerly side of Bethune street 400 feet to the point or place of beginning.

WEST TWELFTH STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street with the northerly side of West Twelfth street and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 60.11 feet to the southerly side of West Twelfth street; thence westerly and along said southerly side of West Twelfth street 400 feet to the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 60.11 feet to the northerly side of West Twelfth street;

thence easterly and along said northerly side of West Twelfth street 400 feet to the point or place of beginning.

JANE STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street with the northerly side of Jane street, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 50.09 feet to the southerly side of Jane street; thence westerly along said southerly side of Jane street 400 feet to the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 50.09 feet to the northerly side of Jane street; thence easterly along said northerly side of Jane street 400 feet to the point or place of beginning.

HORATIO STREET.
Beginning at the intersection of the westerly line of West street with the northerly side of Horatio street, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of West street 50.09 feet to the southerly side of Horatio street; thence westerly and along said southerly side of Horatio street 400 feet to the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence northerly and along said easterly line of Thirteenth avenue 50.09 feet to the northerly side of Horatio street; thence easterly and along said northerly side of Horatio street 400 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed closing and discontinuance of the above-named avenue and streets at a meeting of this Board, to be held at the office of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Docks, at Pier "A," North river, on the 17th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon of that day.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks cause to be prepared for submission to this Board two similar maps or plans, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed discontinuance and closing of the above-named avenue and streets, and the location of the immediately adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof, for certification and filing in the manner required by law.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed closing and discontinuance of the above-named avenue and streets will be considered at a meeting of this Board, to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days, continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 17th day of December 1896.

Dated NEW YORK, December 3, 1896.
EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Board of Docks.

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: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.
JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

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.

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 5116, No. 1. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from the Southern Boulevard to Locust avenue (together with a list of awards for damages caused by a change of grade).
List 5168, No. 2. Regulating, grading, curbing, flagging and laying crosswalks in Willow avenue, from the Bronx Kills or Long Island Sound to East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street (together with a list of awards for damages caused by a change of grade).

List 5169, No. 3. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from the Southern Boulevard to Locust avenue (together with a list of awards for damages caused by a change of grade).
List 5288, No. 4. Sewer in Union Square, West, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, connecting with sewer in Seventeenth street.

List 5308, No. 5. Receiving-basins on the northeast corner of Seventy-seventh street and on the southeast corners of Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets and Riverside avenue.

List 5309, No. 6. Sewer in Pleasant avenue, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, connecting with sewer in One Hundred and Fifteenth street, east of Pleasant avenue.

List 5311, No. 7. Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Boulevard Lafayette.

List 5312, No. 8. Receiving basin and gully trap on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street at Madison avenue.

List 5313, No. 9. Receiving-basin on the southeast corner of Thirtieth street and Second avenue.

List 5314, No. 10. Sewers in Eleventh avenue, both sides, between One Hundred and Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Eighty-seventh streets.

List 5321, No. 11. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging One Hundred and Eleventh street, from the Boulevard to Riverside avenue.

List 5333, No. 12. Paving Twenty-eighth street, from a line about 394 feet east of First avenue to the bulkhead-line of the East river, with asphalt.

List 5343, No. 13. Sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, between Tinton and Forest avenues.

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 One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from the Southern Boulevard to Locust avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Willow avenue, from Long Island Sound to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Southern Boulevard to Locust avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 4. West side of Union Square, West, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street.

No. 5. North side of Seventy-seventh street, south side of Eighty-second street, and south side of Eighty-third street, from West End to Riverside avenue.

No. 6. Both sides of Pleasant avenue, from One Hundred and Fourteenth to One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and both sides of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, extending about 94 feet east of Pleasant avenue.

No. 7. West side of Boulevard Lafayette, from a point distant about 187 feet north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

No. 8. Block bounded by One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets, Madison and Fifth avenues, also Madison Avenue Bridge.

No. 9. South side of Thirtieth street, extending about 314 feet east of Second avenue, and east side of Second

avenue, extending about 98 feet 9 inches south of Thirtieth street.

No. 10. Both sides of Eleventh avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street.

No. 11. Both sides of One Hundred and Eleventh street, from the Boulevard to Riverside avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 12. Both sides of Twenty-eighth street, from a point about 394 feet east of First avenue to the bulkhead-line of the East river.

No. 13. Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, from Forest to Tinton avenue.

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 18th day of January, 1897.

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

NEW YORK, December 17, 1896.

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 5303, No. 1. Paving One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Kingsbridge road, with granite blocks, and laying crosswalks.

List 5304, No. 2. Paving Jewel Terrace, from One Hundred and Sixtieth to One Hundred and Sixty-second street, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

List 5305, No. 3. Paving One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street from Amsterdam avenue to Edgecombe avenue, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

List 5322, No. 4. Paving Ninety-fifth street, from First avenue to the bulkhead-line of the East river, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

List 5326, No. 5. Paving Ninety-first street, from Avenue A to the bulkhead-line of the East river, with granite blocks.

List 5327, No. 6. Paving Eighty-fifth street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam avenue, with asphalt block-pavement.

List 5330, No. 7. Paving Twenty-ninth street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eleventh avenue, with granite blocks (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5334, No. 8. Paving Twenty-eighth street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eleventh avenue, with granite blocks (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5345, No. 9. Paving One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Boston road to Trinity avenue, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

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 One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Kingsbridge road and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Jewel terrace, from One Hundred and Sixtieth to One Hundred and Sixty-second street and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Amsterdam to Edgecombe avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 4. Both sides of Ninety-fifth street, from First avenue to the East river and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of Ninety-first street, from Avenue A to the East river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 6. Both sides of Eighty-fifth street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 7. Both sides of Twenty-ninth street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 8. Both sides of Twenty-eighth street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 9. Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Boston road to Trinity avenue, 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 10th day of January, 1897.

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

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

PROPOSALS FOR ICE.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING Ice, 2,300 tons (more or less) prime quality Ice not less than ten inches thick, to be delivered at Blackwell's and Randall's Islands, in quantities as required, during the year 1897. The weight to be in all cases as received by the Department. Bidders to name price per ton of 2,000 pounds, all of which shall be delivered at the points named, free of expense to the Department of Public Charities.

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, in the City of New York, until 10 A. M. of Wednesday, December 30, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Ice," 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 BY 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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 fifty (50) per cent of the bid for each article.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a

bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the VERIFICATION be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The 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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

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Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

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Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioner may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated NEW YORK, December 17, 1896.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, December 17, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES. SEALED BIDS or estimates for furnishing Groceries and other Supplies, in conformity with samples and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, December 30, 1896.

GROCERIES.
109,250 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar during the first six months of the year 1897.

5,500 pounds, more or less, Compressed Yeast, in 1-pound packages. To be delivered in installments as may be required during the year 1897.

No empty packages are to be returned to bidders or contractors except such as are designated in the specifications.

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

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The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of the said Department, or, in the absence of samples, to the printed specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR. SEALED BIDS OR estimates for furnishing and delivering, free of all expense, at the Bakehouse Pier, Blackwell's Island (east side), 3,000 barrels marked No. 1, 2,850 barrels marked No. 2, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, until Friday, December 18, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., the said flour to conform to the samples exhibited and to be delivered as required during the first six months of the year 1897. To be delivered in sacks of 140 pounds each. Empty sacks to be returned, as per specification, and the price bid for the same by the contractors to be deducted from the price of the flour.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Flour," 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 contractor shall furnish a certificate of inspection by the Flour Inspector of the New York Produce Exchange, also an award from the Committee on Flour of the Exchange that the flour offered is equal to the standards of the Department, and which certificate shall accompany each delivery of flour, the expense of such inspection and award to be borne by the contractor; also certificate of weight and tare to be furnished with each delivery.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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 fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each grade.

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.

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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 to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

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The quality of the flour must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the flour, etc., before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each grade, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, etc. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing Groceries and other Supplies during the first six months of the year 1897, in conformity with samples and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Friday, December 18, 1896.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

1. 7,500 pounds dried Apples.
2. 14,000 pounds Barley, No. 3.
3. 185 bushels Beans not older than crop of 1896, and to weigh 62 pounds net to the bushel.
4. 200 bushels Peas, not older than the crop of 1896, and to weigh 60 pounds net to the bushel.
5. 5,000 pounds Cheese, State factory, full cream, fine and bearing the State brand stenciled on each box.
6. 8,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted.
7. 29,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted.
8. 1,000 pounds Chicory.
9. 750 pounds Dried Currants.
10. 4,600 pounds Wheaten Grits.
11. 11,000 pounds Hominy.
12. 1,000 pounds Fine Meal, free from adulteration, in bags of 100 pounds net; bags to be returned.
13. 800 pounds pure Mustard.
14. 27,500 pounds Oatmeal.
15. 1,150 pounds Whole Pepper, sifted.
16. 250 pounds Ground Pepper, pure, in foil, 1/4 lbs.
17. 7,000 pounds Prunes.
18. 20,000 pounds Rice.
19. 58,000 pounds Brown Sugar.
20. 109,250 pounds Coffee Sugar.
21. 21,500 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar.
22. 15,550 pounds Standard Cut Loaf Sugar.
23. 1,200 pounds Standard Powdered Sugar.
24. 15,000 pounds Oolong Tea, in half chests, free from all admixture and in original packages.
25. 750 pounds Young Hyson Tea in original packages.
26. 1,500 pounds Tapioca.
27. 3,000 pounds Cocoa.
28. 150 pounds Chocolate "Baker's Premium."
29. 100 pounds Citron.
30. 600 pounds Farina in pound packages.
31. 600 barrels Soda Biscuit; barrels to be returned.
32. 4,500 barrels White Potatoes, of the crop of 1896, to be good, sound and of fair size, to weigh 172 pounds net to the barrel; barrels to be returned.
33. 25 barrels Pickles, 40-gallon barrels, 2,000 to the barrel.
34. 200 barrels prime quality American Salt, in barrels 320 pounds net.
35. 34 barrels prime quality Malt Vinegar.
36. 15 barrels Syrup.
37. 23,000 pounds Butter, in tubs of about 60 pounds each, net, known as Western Extra's, Creamery or Fancy State Creamery.
38. 34,000 pounds Butter, in tubs of about 60 pounds each, net, to be of uniform color, pure, entirely sweet and clean of flavor.
39. 2,700 pounds Corn Starch.
40. 500 quintals prime quality Grand Bank Codfish, to be perfectly cured and to average not less than 5 pounds each, to be delivered as required, boxes of 4 quintals each.
41. 635 pieces Bacon, prime quality, city cured, to average 6 pounds each.
42. 690 Hams, prime quality, city cured, to average about 14 pounds each.
43. 100 Smoked Tongues, prime quality, city cured, to average about 6 pounds each.
44. 55,000 dozen Eggs, all to be fresh and candled at the time of delivery, and to be furnished in cases of the usual size.
45. 35 boxes Raisins.
46. 10 dozen canned Apricots.
47. 60 dozen Canned String Beans.
48. 60 dozen Canned Lima Beans.
49. 60 dozen Tomato Catsup.
50. 2 dozen Pineapple Cheese (four in a case).
51. 2 dozen Edam Cheese (in foil).
52. 70 dozen Canned Corn.
53. 20 dozen Chow Chow, C. & B., pints.
54. 72 dozen Canned Cherries.
55. 48 dozen Extract Lemon, 4-ounce bottles, net.
56. 60 dozen Extract Vanilla, 4-ounce bottles, net.
57. 50 dozen Gelatine, "Cox's."
58. 30 dozen Gherkins, "C. & B.", pints.
59. 25 dozen Currant Jelly, 10 ounces.
60. 10 dozen Marmalade.
61. 10 dozen French Mustard.
62. 15 dozen Olives.
63. 17 dozen Olive Oil, quarts.
64. 30 dozen Canned Peas.
65. 55 dozen Canned Peas.
66. 55 dozen Canned Peaches.
67. 30 dozen Potash.

68. 50 dozen Worcestershire Sauce "L. & P.", pints.
69. 3 cases Sardines, 1/2s.
70. 48 dozen Canned Salmon.
71. 6 dozen Sea Foam.
72. 36 dozen Royal Baking Powder.
73. 190 dozen Sapolio (Morgan's).
74. 185 dozen Canned Tomatoes.
75. 4,050 bushels m xed No. 2 Oats, 31 pounds net to the bushel; bags to be returned.
76. 185 bags Coarse Meal, free from cob, in bags of from 100 pounds net; bags to be returned.
77. 750 bags Bran, in bags of 50 pounds net; bags to be returned.
78. 172,500 pounds Hay, prime quality "Timothy," tare not to exceed 3 pounds per bale, weight charged as received at Blackwell's Island.
79. 46,000 pounds long, bright Rye Straw, weight and tare same conditions as on Hay.
80. 175 pounds Rock Salt.

81. 70,000 pounds Brown Soap, of the grade known to the trade as "Commercially Pure Settled Family Soap," to be delivered in lots of not less than 40,000 pounds, and all to be delivered within 90 days after the contract is awarded. The soap to be delivered in boxes holding about 80 pounds, and the weight to be determined on its arrival at the Store-house, B. I., an average tare being based upon the weight of twenty boxes, selected at random, from each delivery. The soap must be free from added carbonate of soda, siliceous mineral soap stock, or other foreign material; it must be of good firmness, soluble in ten parts of alcohol of ninety-four per cent., and contain not more than thirty-three per cent. of water. Empty soap-boxes to be returned and the price bid for the same to be deducted from bills by the contractor.

82. 5,000 pounds Laundry Starch.
83. 150 barrels prime quality Sal Soda, about 340 pounds each.
84. 500 pounds Saltpetre.
85. 2,000 pounds Candles, in 40-lb. boxes (16 ounces to the pound).
86. 80 bags prime quality Charcoal, 3 bushels each; bags to be returned.

PAINTS AND OILS.

87. 5,000 pounds pure White Lead, ground in oil, free from all adulterations and added impurities, subject to analysis if necessary, to be delivered in 25 to 100-pound packages, as required.
88. 280 pounds Ultramarine Blue, first quality dry, 28-pound boxes.
89. 12 barrels pure quality boiled Linseed Oil.
90. 15 barrels prime quality raw Linseed Oil.
91. 21 barrels prime quality Spirits Turpentine.
92. 70 barrels best quality Water-white kerosene Oil, 150 test.
93. 50 Barrels first quality Chloride of Lime, containing not less than 32 per cent. chlorine.
94. 90 Barrels Fine Flour, "Pillsbury's" best.

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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.

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Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, NEW YORK, December 8, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR ALL THE MEATS RE- quired for the year 1897 for the Department of Public Charities. Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing all the meats required for the year 1897 to the Department of Public Charities, in the City and County of New York, viz.:

For all Institutions.

Chucks of beef and shoulder clods, about.....	1,220,000 pounds,
Extra diet beef, about.....	30,000 "
Mutton, in pieces of forequarters, breast and shoulders, without ribs, about.....	233,000 "
Roasting pieces of beef, about.....	112,000 "
Beefsteak, sirloin, about.....	70,000 "
Corned beef, rump, and plates or navel, about.....	45,000 "
Mutton, hindquarters, about.....	135,000 "
Pork, loins, about.....	15,000 "
Veal, cutlets and loins, about.....	40,000 "
Total.....	1,900,000 pounds, more or less,

Bids will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., Friday, December 18, 1896. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for all the Meats required for 1897, for the Department of Public Charities," 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, or his duly authorized agent, 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.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

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 fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

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

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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.

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

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Dated New York, December 5, 1896.

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

COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York, will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, on Monday, December 21, 1896, at 4.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of reconsidering the vote taken November 17, 1896, by which the nomination of Dr. John J. McNulty for Professor of Philosophy was rejected. By order,

ROBERT MACLAY, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Dated New York, December 15, 1896.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

December 5, 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 10.30 o'clock A. M. on Thursday, December 17, 1896, at which time and hour they will be publicly opened.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN ST. JOSEPH'S STREET, from Robbins avenue to Whitlock avenue.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS AND LAYING CROSSWALKS IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST STREET, from Brook avenue to St. Ann's avenue.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE CARRIAGEWAY OF AND LAYING CROSSWALKS IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST STREET, from Willis avenue to Brook avenue.

No. 4. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN MOSHOLU PARKWAY, SOUTH, from existing sewer in Webster avenue to Jerome avenue.

No. 5. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN WESTCHESTER AVENUE, from Rogers place to summit east of Barretto street.

No. 6. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN JEROME AVENUE, between East One Hundred and Seventieth street and Belmont street.

No. 7. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN POND PLACE, from existing sewer in East One Hundred and Ninety-eighth street (Travers street) to East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street.

No. 8. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN GERARD AVENUE, from East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad.

No. 9. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN CAULDWELL AVENUE, from the existing sewer in Westchester avenue to summit north.

No. 10. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN MARION AVENUE, from existing sewer in East One Hundred and Ninety-eighth street (Travers street) to summit south of East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street (Rosa place), WITH BRANCH IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH STREET (Rosa place), between Marion and Bairbridge avenues.

No. 11. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET, from the existing sewer at the west house-line of Morris avenue to Railroad avenue, West, WITH BRANCHES IN MORRIS AVENUE, from Railroad avenue, West, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, AND IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH STREET, from Morris avenue to Railroad avenue, West, AND IN RAILROAD AVENUE, WEST, from East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to East One Hundred and Sixtieth 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.

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

days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

The 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.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR OPENING STREETS AND AVENUES.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," as amended, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice of the confirmation by the Supreme Court, and entry in the Bureau of Arrears, of the assessments for OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE to the following-named street in the TWELFTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard; confirmed November 13, 1896, entered December 11, 1896. Area of assessment: All the 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 a line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street and distant northerly 100 feet from the northerly side thereof from the easterly side of Twelfth avenue to a line drawn parallel to the Boulevard, and distant westerly 100 feet from the westerly side thereof, and thence by a line drawn parallel to the Boulevard and distant westerly 100 feet from the westerly side thereof to the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street; thence by the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; on the south by a line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the easterly side of Twelfth avenue to a line drawn parallel to the Boulevard, and distant westerly 100 feet from the westerly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to the Boulevard and distant westerly 100 feet from the westerly side thereof to the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street, and on the west by the easterly side of Twelfth avenue.

The above-entitled assessment was entered on the date hereinafter given in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents." Unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 917 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

Section 917 of the said act provides, that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," Room 31, Stewart Building, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon on or before February 9, 1897, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be charged interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the above date of entry of the assessment in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 14, 1896.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, No. 57 CHAMBERS STREET (STEWART BUILDING), NEW YORK, December 2, 1896.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE CITY of New York hereby gives notice to all persons who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1896, to pay the same to him at his office on or before the first day of January, 1897, as provided by section 846 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Upon any such tax remaining unpaid after the first day of December, 1896, one per centum will be charged received and collected in addition to the amount thereof; and upon such tax remaining unpaid on the first day of January, 1897, interest will be charged, received and collected upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the first day of October, 1896, on which day the assessment rolls and warrants for the Taxes of 1896 were delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes, to the date of payment, pursuant to section 843 of said act.

DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD, No. 2 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, November 25, 1896.

PROPOSALS TO PRINT AND BIND, IN PAMPHLET AND IN BOOK FORM, THE INDEXES TO THE RECORDS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS KEPT BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR 1897.

ESTIMATES FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY Government with Printed Indexes to the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths kept by the Health Department and to compile and bind them in monthly and annual volumes, will be received at the office of the Supervisor of the City Record, in the City Hall, until 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, the 22d day of December, 1896.

The said estimates will be publicly opened and read at a meeting of the Board of City Record, to be held in the Mayor's Office at or about the time above-mentioned.

Each person making an estimate shall inclose it in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimate for Printing and Binding the Indexes to Health Records," and with his name and the date of its presentation.

Each estimate shall state the name and place of residence of the person making it; if there is more than one such person their names and residences must be given, and if only one person is interested in the estimate it must distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The 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, upon 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 upon its completion and that which the 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 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 preliminary security required, and in the proposals stated, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and 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.

The amount of security required upon the execution of the contract will be in each case fifty per cent. of the cost of the articles awarded; the amount of preliminary security to be given until the award is made, and in which the sureties shall justify, shall be Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars.

Should the person 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 bid or proposal, and that the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered has been approved by the Comptroller, or if he accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default of the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

No estimates will be accepted from, or a 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, and no estimates will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person not having at the time of making his estimate full, suitable and sufficient facilities for performing the work specified in his estimate.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate but must be handed to the Supervisor of the City Record, 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 Supervisor and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of a 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.

Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the undersigned City officers to reject any or all bids which may be deemed prejudicial to the public interests.

Copies of the specifications may be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, and may be procured from the Supervisor of the City Record, at No. 2 City Hall, where samples of the work may also be seen.

WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor; FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation; CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Acting Commissioner of Public Works. JOHN A. SLEICHER, Supervisor of the City Record.

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD, No. 2 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, November 21, 1896.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING STATIONERY FOR THE USE OF COURTS AND THE DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR SUPPLYING THE City Government with Stationery, Paper, Ink, Pens, Pencils, Penholders, Rubber Bands, etc., will be received at the office of the Supervisor of the City Record, Room No. 2 City Hall, until 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, December 17, 1896, at or about which time said estimates will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Mayor.

Each person making an estimate shall inclose it in an envelope, sealed with sealing-wax, indorsed "Estimate for furnishing Stationery," and with his name and the date of its presentation.

Each estimate shall state the name and place of residence of the person making it; if there is more than one such person, their names and residences must be given; and if only one person is interested in the estimate it must distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The 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, upon 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 upon its completion, and that which the 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 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 preliminary security required, and in the proposals stated, 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.

The amount of security required upon the execution of the contract will be in each case fifty per cent. of the estimated cost of the articles awarded to each contractor; the amount of preliminary security to be given, until each award, and in which the sureties shall justify, shall be One Thousand Dollars.

Should the person 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 bid or proposal, and that the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered has been approved by the Comptroller, or if he accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he shall be

considered as having abandoned it and as in default of the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

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, and no estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person not having at the time of making his estimate full, suitable and sufficient facilities for performing the work specified in his estimate.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars, which is fifty per centum of the amount of the preliminary 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 Supervisor of the City Record, 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 Supervisor 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.

Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the undersigned City officers to reject any or all bids which may be deemed prejudicial to the public interests.

Bids must be made on each item separately, and the aggregate for each schedule, or for any part of each schedule that may be indicated in the specifications or required, must be given. The contract may be awarded, in the discretion of the Board of City Record, by items or by schedules, or parts of schedules, except when the law provides to the contrary.

The Stationery is to be put up in packages according to schedules to be furnished to the contractors by the Supervisor of the City Record, and according to the most approved methods followed in the stationery trade for the preservation of goods. The contractors must complete the delivery of the goods at the office of the CITY RECORD within thirty days from the execution of the contracts, and must give preference in deliveries to such articles as the Supervisor may direct.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.

For particulars as to the quantities and kinds of Stationery, reference must be had to the specifications, copies of which may be procured from the Supervisor of the City Record, or may be seen in the Department of Public Works. When the description of an article is not complete in the specifications, and no sample is on file in the Department of Public Works or the office of the CITY RECORD, the contractor must supply an article in every respect like that in use in the Department making the requisition, unless otherwise directed by the Supervisor of the City Record.

WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor; FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation; C. H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN A. SLEICHER, Supervisor of the City Record.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, December 14, 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, December 28, 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 ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER IN SIXTY-FOURTH STREET, between Madison and Fifth avenues; IN FIFTH AVENUE, EAST SIDE, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-ninth streets, and to curves at Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH STREET, from Seventh avenue to Fifth avenue, AND SETTING CURB-STONES AND FLAGGING SIDEWALKS THEREIN.

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH STREET, from Amsterdam avenue to Kingsbridge road, AND SETTING CURB-STONES AND FLAGGING SIDEWALKS THEREIN.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Audubon avenue to Wadsworth avenue, AND SETTING CURB-STONES AND FLAGGING SIDEWALKS THEREIN.

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 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 Rooms Nos. 1701 and 1734.

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO MANUFACTURERS OF HYDRANTS, GATE-VALVES AND OTHER SUPPLIES CONNECTED THEREWITH, exhibited at the Corporation Yard, No. 437 East Twenty-fourth street, New York, from the 17th to the 20th of November, 1896, that the judges appointed to examine and report upon the merits of the exhibits have completed their examination of the same, and that exhibitors are required to have their exhibits removed, at their own expense, before the 20th of December, 1896, and that the Department will not be responsible for articles left by exhibitors at said Yard after said time.

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 29, 1896.

TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL ORDINANCES of the Common Council, approved December 31, 1880, and subsequent thereto, in relation to the use and occupancy of sidewalks, must be complied with, and that all hoistways must occupy only such space of the sidewalk as is authorized by special ordinance of the Common Council, passed March 30, 1886, viz.:

"Hoistways may be placed within the stoop-lines, but in no case to extend beyond five feet from the house-line, and shall be guarded by iron railings or rods to prevent accidents to passers-by."

You are further notified that all violations now existing of such ordinances must be removed, and that all conditions set forth in permits granted for vault or other purposes must be complied with within sixty days. The special ordinances permitting court-yard inclosures give no right to occupy this space otherwise.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, December 12, 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 Thursday, December 24, 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.

FOR FURNISHING ILLUMINATING GAS FOR LIGHTING THE PUBLIC MARKETS, ARMORIES, BUILDINGS AND OFFICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1897, TO DECEMBER 31, 1897, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

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. 2200.

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy and Acting 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 curb-stones * * * shall be of the best hard blue or gray granite." And this Depart-

ment 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 curb-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.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, December 15, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRING, ETC., one second size La France Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 108, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 127 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, December 30, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read:

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are fixed and liquidated at fifteen (15) dollars.

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

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done bidders are referred to the specifications, which form part of these proposals.

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

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

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

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any or all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; 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 is 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 One Thousand (1,000) 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 the amount of five (5) per centum of the amount of the security required. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, December 3, 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following articles will be offered for sale at public auction, by John Stiebling, auctioneer, on Thursday, December 17, 1896, at the places below named:

At Drill-yard, in rear of Headquarters, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh Street, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Lot No. 1—1 horizontal single-pump R. M. Clapp Steam Fire Engine.

Lot No. 2—1 barrel tank Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 143.

Lot No. 3—1 barrel tank Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 192.

Lot No. 4—1 barrel tank, Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 191.

Lot No. 5—1 straight-frame Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 223.

Lot No. 6—1 straight-frame second size Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 230.

Lot No. 7—1 second size Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, Registered No. 439.

Lot No. 8—1 four-wheel tender, Registered No. 42.

Lot No. 9—1 two-wheel tender, Registered No. 4.

Lot No. 10—1 two-wheel tender, Registered No. 9.

Lot No. 11—1 portable cart scale.

Lot No. 12—12 oil cans.

Lot No. 13—1 lot scrap paper.

Lot No. 14—1 lot old battery zincs (about 2,000 pounds) to be sold by the pound.

Lot No. 15—1 lot copper refuse (about 1,000 pounds), to be sold by the pound.

At Hospital and Training Stables, Nos. 133 and 135 West Ninety-ninth Street, at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Lot No. 16—1 covered express wagon.

Lot No. 17—Old iron (about 1,500 pounds), to be sold by the pound.

At Repair Shops, Nos. 130 and 132 West Third Street, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Lot No. 18—4 copper air chambers.

Lot No. 19—2 copper chemical tanks.

Lot No. 20—1 old fire engine boiler.

Lot No. 21—Old brass (about 2,500 pounds), to be sold by the pound.

Lot No. 22—Old iron (about 5,000 pounds), to be sold by the pound.

Lot No. 23—Old tires (about 5,000 pounds), to be sold by the pound.

At Foot of West Thirteenth Street, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Lot No. 24—1 portable wagon scale.

At Store-house, No. 199 Chrystie Street, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Lot No. 25—1 seventy-foot extension ladder.

Lot No. 26—2 sixty-foot extension ladders.

Lot No. 27—3 fifty-foot extension ladders.

Lot No. 28—3 forty-five foot single ladders.

Lot No. 29—1 forty foot single ladder.

Lot No. 30—6 thirty-five foot single ladders.

Lot No. 31—1 thirty-four foot single ladder.

Lot No. 32—4 thirty-foot single ladders.

Lot No. 33—2 twenty-five foot single ladders.

Lot No. 34—2 twenty-foot single ladders.

At Store-house, No. 20 Eldridge Street, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Lot No. 35—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 36—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 37—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 38—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 39—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 40—1 lot rubber hose (about 30 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 41—1 lot canvas hose (about 45 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 42—1 lot canvas hose (about 45 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 43—1 lot canvas hose (about 45 pieces), without couplings.

Lot No. 44—1 lot canvas hose (remnants).

Lot No. 45—1 lot rubber hose (remnants).

Lot No. 46—17 rubber suction, without couplings.

Lot No. 47—1 lot of old rope.

Lot No. 48—1 lot of wooden bedsteads and parts.

Lot No. 49—1 lot of iron bedsteads (450 more or less).

Lot No. 50—1 lot of old blankets and bedding.

Lot No. 51—1 lot of old bed springs.

Lot No. 52—1 lot of chairs.

Lot No. 53—1 lot of tables and parts.

Lot No. 54—2 old clocks.

Lot No. 55—5 oil barrels.

Lot No. 56—1 lot old carpet.

Each of the lots will be sold separately.

The right to reject all bids is reserved.

The highest bidder for each lot, in case the bid is accepted, will be required to pay for the same in cash at the time of sale (except Lots Nos. 24, 15, 17, 21, 22 and 23, which must be paid for at the time of weighing and delivery), and must remove the articles within twenty-four hours after the sale.

The articles may be seen at any time before the day of sale at the places above specified.

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

NEW YORK, December 4, 1896.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING

THREE HUNDRED (300) TONS OF CANNEL COAL will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 127 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10.30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, December 30, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read:

The coal is to be free-burning, of the first quality of the kind known as "Weir-wick" Cannel Coal, all to weigh 2,000 pounds to the ton, and be hand-picked and free from slate.

All of the coal is to be delivered at the various Fuel Depots and Engine-houses of the Department, in such quantities and at such times as may be from time to time directed, and the same is to be weighed in the presence of a Weighmaster, designated for that purpose by the Department, upon scales furnished by the Department, which scales are to be transported by the contractor. All as more fully set forth in the specifications to the contract, to which particular attention is directed.

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 work, may be seen, and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

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

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

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; 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 is 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 One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) 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 twenty-five (25) 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 to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

SUPREME COURT.

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 NINETEEN-FORTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from First avenue to Harlem river, in the Twelfth 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, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 13th day of January, 1897, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 13th day of January, 1897, 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 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 14th day of January, 1897.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situated, 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 Ninety-fourth street and Ninety-fifth street, from the easterly side of Fifth avenue to the bulkhead-line of the East river; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between Ninety-third and Ninety-fourth streets, from the easterly side of Fifth avenue to the bulkhead-line of the East river; on the east by the bulkhead-line of the East river, and on the west by the easterly side of Fifth 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 23d day of February, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 4, 1896.

EDWIN T. TALIAFERRO, Chairman; JOHN K. GREEN, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

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 4th day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 9, 1896.

HENRY B. B. STAPLER, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, JOHN MURPHY, 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 POTTER PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Moshulu parkway, 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 23d day of November, 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 2d day of December, 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 4th day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 9, 1896.

QUINCY WARD BOESE, JAMES J. MARTIN, GEO. DRAKE SMITH, 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 VANDERBILT AVENUE, EAST (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Twenty-third Ward line to Third avenue and Pelham 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 23d day of November, 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 2d day of December, 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 2d day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 8, 1896.

GEORGE C. AUSTIN, PETER F. MEYER, WM. J. BROWNE, 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 southerly side of WEST TENTH STREET and the westerly side of GREENWICH STREET, in the Ninth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890.

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

First—That 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, December 8, 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 19th day of December, 1896, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and upon such subsequent days as may be found necessary.

Third—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in Part III, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 23d 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, December 7, 1896.

WILLIAM ERDMAN, JOHN FENNEL, JOHN W. DOBLER, Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK, 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 southerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, between St. Nicholas and Eighth avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890.

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

First—That 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, December 8, 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 21st day of December, 1896, at 4:30 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 23d 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, December 7, 1896.

FRANKLIN BIEN, THOMAS J. MILLER, CONRAD HARRES, Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK, 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 ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH STREET and the southerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIEH STREET, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888 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 29th day of December, 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 One Hundred and Nineteenth street and the southerly side of One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth 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 Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of One Hundred and Twentieth street distant westerly 120 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly line of Second avenue with the southerly line of One Hundred and Twentieth street; running thence southerly and parallel with Second avenue 100 feet and

11 inches to the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets; thence westerly along said centre line of the block 8 feet and 4 inches; thence again southerly and parallel with Second avenue and part of the distance through a party-wall 100 feet and 11 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Nineteenth street; thence westerly along said northerly line of One Hundred and Nineteenth street 151 feet and 8 inches; thence northerly and parallel with Second avenue and part of the distance through a party wall 100 feet and 11 inches to the centre line of the block; thence easterly along said centre line of the block 10 feet; thence again northerly and parallel with Second avenue and part of the distance through a party wall 100 feet and 11 inches to the southerly line of One Hundred and Twentieth street; thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Twentieth street 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 3, 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 MCLELLAN STREET, (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Morris 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.

AUGUST H. DIEHL, J. ASPINWALL HODGE, JR., MICHAEL COLEMAN, 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 CLARKE PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.

FRANCIS D. HOYT, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, LAWRENCE GOLDKIN, 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 heredita-

ments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET, formerly Mechanic street (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Southern Boulevard to Boston 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.

FIELDING L. MARSHALL, A. P. W. KINNAN, FRANCIS J. THOMSON, 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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster avenue to Third avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.

WILLIS FOWLER, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, JOHN LERCH, 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 MARCY PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.
M. R. JACOB, JOHN HUNTER SEDGWICK, LAWRENCE GODKIN, 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 ARTHUR AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tremont avenue to Pelham 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.
SAMUEL H. ORDWAY, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, JOHN J. QUINLAN, 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 DAIR STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Southern Boulevard, 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 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 28th day of December, 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, December 12, 1896.
SAMUEL H. ORDWAY, MARK M. SCHLESING, BENJ. COLLINS, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.
THEODORE T. BAYLOR, J. HENRY HAGGERTY, SERENO D. BONFILS, 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 POWERS AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Forty-first street to St. Mary's 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 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 28th day of December, 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, December 3, 1896.
WILLIAM A. McQUAID, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, DENNIS McEVOY, 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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Boscobel avenue to Jerome 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 23d day of November, 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 2d day of December, 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 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 7th day of January, 1897, 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, December 12, 1896.
SAMUEL H. ORDWAY, MARK M. SCHLESING, BENJ. COLLINS, 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 FULTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward line to East One Hundred and Seventy-

fifth 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 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 23d day of December, 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, November 30, 1896.
FREDERIC A. TANNER, JOHN T. SIMON, FLOYD M. LORD, 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 NELSON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Kemp place to Boscobel avenue, 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 by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards 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, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 7th day of January, 1897, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 7th day of January, 1897, 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 said city, there to remain until the 8th day of January, 1897.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situated, 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 Featherbed Lane; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between Kemp place or East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street and Jerome avenue, from the westerly side of Woody Crest avenue or Bremer avenue to the easterly side of Ogden avenue; on the east by the westerly sides of Marcher avenue and Woody Crest avenue or Bremer avenue; on the west by the easterly sides of Ogden avenue and Plinton 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 18th day of February, 1897, 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, November 30, 1896.
THOS. J. CREAMER, Chairman, ISAAC FROMME, MATTHEW CHALMERS, 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 ELLIOT PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 23d day of December, 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, November 28, 1896.
CHARLES GERLICH, G. THORNTON WARREN, MICHAEL COLEMAN, 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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Fulton 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 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 23d day of December, 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, November 27, 1896.
JAMES M. VARNUM, MICHAEL A. SWEENEY, PHILIP W. YOUNG, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, 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 TWENTY-THIRD STREET, between Second and Third avenues, in the Eighteenth 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 29th day of December, 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 Twentieth street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Eighteenth 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 situated, lying and being in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Twentieth street, distant 230 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of Twentieth street with the easterly line of Third avenue; running thence northerly parallel with Third avenue 92 feet to the centre line of the block between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets; thence easterly parallel with Twentieth street and along said centre line of the block 10 feet and 7 inches; thence southerly parallel with Third avenue 92 feet to the northerly line of Twentieth street; thence westerly along said northerly line of Twentieth street 19 feet and 7 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 3, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation, No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, from Eleventh Avenue to the Boulevard, in the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter since July 26, 1895, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, in the First Judicial District, 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 December, 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 additional 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, December 12, 1896.
JOHN JEROLMAN, GILBERT M. SPEIR,
WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, Commissioners.
CARROLL BERRY, 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 southerly side of HESTER STREET, between Chrystie and Forsyth 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 101 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 101 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 29th day of December, 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, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the southerly side of Hester street, between Chrystie and Forsyth streets, in the Tenth 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 101 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 101 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 Tenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Hester street, distant easterly 100 feet and 4 inches from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly line of Hester street with the easterly line of Chrystie street, which point is also the intersection of the easterly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 7 with the southerly line of Hester street; running thence southerly nearly parallel with Chrystie street and along the present site of Grammar School No. 7, 51 feet and 3 inches; thence easterly and parallel with Hester street 24 feet and 9 inches; thence northerly nearly parallel with Chrystie street 51 feet and 3 inches to the southerly line of Hester street; thence westerly along said southerly line of Hester street 24 feet and 5 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 3, 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 PONTIAC PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Trinity Avenue to Robbins 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 22d day of December, 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 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, November 28, 1896.
CLARENCE C. FERRIS, J. HENRY HAGGERTY,
JOHN J. NEVILLE, 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 LAFONTAINE AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tremont Avenue to Quarry 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 17th day of December, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place 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, November 23, 1896.
ARTHUR BERRY, CHAS. H. CRONIN, JULIAN
B. SHOPE, 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 PARK STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 17th day of December, 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 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, November 23, 1896.
ARIHUR BERRY, GEO. E. HYATT, MARTIN
S. COHEN, 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 TUDOR PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Walton Avenue to the Concourse, 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 27th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 17th day of December, 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 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, November 23, 1896.
EDWARD S. KAUFMAN, JACOB KATZ, ROBT.
L. WENSLEY, 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 ST. ANN'S AVENUE, (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Thirty-second Street to East One Hundred and Thirtieth 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 14th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 17th day of December, 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 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, November 23, 1896.
WM. L. STONE, JR., A. P. W. KINNAN, PETER P.
BRADY, 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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third Avenue to Vanderbilt Avenue, East, 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 23d day of November, 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 2d day of December, 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 January, 1897, 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, December 11, 1896.
RIGNAL D. WOODWARD, HENRY A. GUM-
BLETON, VICTOR J. DOWLING, 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 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 21st day of December, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 21st day of December, 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 22d day of December, 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 25th day of January, 1897, 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 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 KINGSBRIDGE ROAD (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster Avenue to the Harlem River, 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 29th day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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 18th day of December, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place 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, November 24, 1896.
HENRY L. NELSON, WM. J. BROWNE, H. B.
CLOSSON, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

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