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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

MINUTES, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, ROOM 16, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—George B. McClellan, Mayor; Edward M. Grout, Comptroller; James W. Stevenson, Deputy Comptroller; Timothy P. Sullivan, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen; John F. Ahearn, President of the Borough of Manhattan; Martin W. Littleton, President of the Borough of Brooklyn; Louis F. Haffen, President of the Borough of The Bronx; Joseph Cassidy, President of the Borough of Queens; George Cromwell, President of the Borough of Richmond.

Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor, presiding.

The minutes of meeting held February 5, 1904, were approved as printed.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Secretary to the President of the Board of Aldermen and from the Commissioner of Public Works for the Borough of Richmond:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 18, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the President of the Board of Aldermen to forward to you a copy of the enclosed communication to the Hon. Timothy P. Sullivan, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.

Yours truly,
THOS. O'CONNOR, Secretary.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 17, 1904.

Hon. TIMOTHY P. SULLIVAN, Vice-Chairman, Board of Aldermen, No. 33 East Seventh street, Manhattan:

DEAR SIR—I beg to inform you that it will be necessary for me to leave the city to-morrow, the 18th inst., to be absent until on or about the 10th prox., and during that time the powers and duties of this office will, under section 23 of the Charter, devolve upon you.

Very truly yours,
C. V. FORNES, President of the Board of Aldermen.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., February 8, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—I send you herewith copy of letter dated January 28, 1904, from President George Cromwell, giving formal authorization for my acting in his stead and place at meetings of the Board of Estimate and Board of Aldermen.

Yours very truly,
LOUIS L. TRIBUS, Commissioner.

NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., January 28, 1904.

LOUIS L. TRIBUS, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works, New Brighton, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 383 of the Greater New York Charter, I hereby authorize you, in case of my absence, to act in my stead and place at the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

Which were ordered on file.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, asking for an additional appropriation for the removal of ashes, etc., from office buildings, wholesale houses and department stores in The City of New York.

The Secretary stated that the Comptroller was familiar with this subject and requested that the matter be laid over until his arrival, which request was granted.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of the Fire Department relative to a transfer of \$27,500 to "Salaries, Bureau of Chief of Department Payrolls, Borough of Manhattan and The Bronx":

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, January 18, 1904.

The Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The payroll of the Bureau of Chief of Department of this Department for the month of January, 1904, will be \$8,975, or for the year 1904 \$107,700. As there was but \$88,653.38 appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the payment of salaries of employees carried on the payroll of this Bureau for the year 1904, there will be an apparent deficit of \$19,046, which amount will be largely increased when the vacant positions of Chief of Department and Chief Instructor are filled. This condition is due to the action of Mr. Sturgis, late Commissioner, who, in the month of December, 1903, increased the number of Deputy Chiefs from four to five, and the number of Chiefs of Battalion from eighteen to twenty-three, thus adding \$20,700 to this payroll for the present year.

To provide for this deficit and for the money to pay the salaries of the Chief of Department and the Chief Instructor will require a sum approximating \$27,500, and therefore I have the honor to request that your Honorable Board will authorize a transfer of that amount from the appropriation entitled "Salaries, Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies Payrolls, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," to the appropriation entitled "Salaries, Bureau Chief of Department Payroll, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx."

Yours respectfully,

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
NOS. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, February 3, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of the following letter, under date of January 25, from Deputy Comptroller J. W. Stevenson:
"At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held January 22, 1904, your communication requesting a transfer of \$27,500 to the appropriation entitled 'Salaries—Bureau of Chief of Department Payroll, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx,' and stating that such transfer is necessary because of the action of former Commissioner Thomas Sturgis, who, in the month of December, 1903, increased the number of Deputy Chiefs of the Department from four to five, and the number of Chiefs of Battalion from eighteen to twenty-three, was presented and referred back to you for further information as to whether the good of the service required these promotions."

Upon investigation of this subject I am satisfied that the promotions referred to will be of great aid to the good of the service of this Department.

I find that the promotions were made as part of the plan for the enlargement of the force, for which \$200,000 in revenue bonds were issued last year. The Board of Aldermen adopted the resolution for bond issue November 24, 1903, it was approved by the Mayor November 30, 1903, and adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment December 1, 1903.

A further reason for these promotions is found in the introduction of the system of allowing members of the uniformed force one day off in every five, the Deputy Chiefs, the Battalion Chiefs and the Foremen taking their turn in relieving each other on their days off.

The uniformed force of this Department is now numerically below its proper quota, and more than one hundred and fifty appointments will have to be made as soon as the Civil Service list reaches me, and they will add to the duties and responsibilities of the officers.

Again, the tremendous growth of the City causes a constant demand for new fire houses and new companies, and the efficiency of the service throughout the City necessitates the meeting of these demands when well founded.

In view of these considerations, I am satisfied that the increase in the number of Deputy Chiefs of this Department from four to five, and the number of Chiefs of Battalion from eighteen to twenty-three, resulted in promotions for the good of the service, and I therefore most respectfully recommend the approval of your Honorable Board of the requested transfer of \$27,500 to the appropriation entitled "Salaries—Bureau of Chief of Department Payroll."

Very respectfully yours,

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Fire Department for the year 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Salaries—Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies Payrolls," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Salaries—Bureau of Chief of Department Payroll," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Surrogates of New York County, relative to fixing the salaries of certain employees in their office.

On request of the Secretary, laid over until the arrival of the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, requesting the Board to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the fixing of the salary of the position of Cashier in said Department:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
PIER "A," NORTH RIVER,
NEW YORK, February 4, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I beg to advise you that I have this day appointed Silas Strauss, of No. 248 East Seventy-eighth street, Borough of Manhattan, to the position of Cashier in this Department, with compensation at the rate of \$3,000 per annum, to take effect February 5, 1904, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

This appointment of Mr. Strauss is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William H. Cole, who has for the past two years held the position of Cashier, with compensation at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

The position of Cashier in this Department is one of considerable responsibility, the holder thereof having the handling of all the moneys received by the Department

from rentals, etc., amounting in the aggregate to upwards of \$3,000,000 per annum. He is also held solely responsible for the petty cash fund of the Department, and is bonded for the faithful performance of his duty.

I am of the opinion that a salary of \$3,000 per annum would be but fair compensation for the services required of the Cashier, and I would therefore respectfully ask that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment establish the position of Cashier for this Department with compensation at the rate of \$3,000 per annum, to take effect as of February 5, 1904.

Respectfully yours,

MAURICE FEATHERSON, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the Commissioner of the Department of Docks and Ferries taken and dated February 4, 1904, in fixing the salary of the position of Cashier in said Department at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, as of date February 5, 1904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting copy of report and resolution adopted at meeting of the said Board on February 1 relative to school sites, etc., and requesting that an opportunity be given said Board to be heard in matters relating to the administration of schools in the City:

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 6, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of a report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held February 1, 1904, relative to school sites, etc., said resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to give the Board of Education an opportunity to be heard in matters relating to the administration of the schools of this City before any final action is taken thereon.

Respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF FIVE.

[From the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held February 1, 1904.]

Mr. Warburg presented the following:

To the Board of Education:

On October 7, 1903, representatives of the Board of Education appeared before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with a carefully prepared Budget for the year 1904, asking for \$17,264,974.55 for the General School Fund. Notwithstanding our earnest efforts, and without any request for further explanation, \$964,091.06 was cut from the General Fund, and but \$16,300,883.49 was appropriated. By the addition of some unexpended balances this amount is increased to \$16,566,855.49.

Thereupon the Board of Education appointed a Committee of Seven to determine, as nearly as possible, the cost of maintaining throughout the year 1904 the various educational agencies under the charge of the Board, and to report a plan of apportioning the available funds among these agencies. They may be classified as follows:

1. Day schools, elementary and high.
2. Evening schools, elementary and high.
3. Free lectures.
4. Evening recreation centres.
5. Vacation schools.
6. Vacation playgrounds.

After the most thorough investigation, the Committee of Seven reported that to maintain the day schools, elementary and high, with unimpaired efficiency throughout the year 1904 will cost \$16,054,484.21. The fixing of this sum implies a saving in existing methods of administration of \$100,000. After deducting the amount of \$16,054,484.21 required for the maintenance of the day schools, elementary and high, the Committee found that only \$512,371.28 remained for the support of the five other educational agencies enumerated above. It was recommended that of this sum \$50,000 be devoted to the maintenance of free lectures and \$433,715 to the maintenance of evening schools, elementary and high. To make this appropriation suffice for evening schools it was found necessary to recommend that a reduction in the salaries of the Principals in all evening schools and of the Teachers in evening high schools be made immediately, and that the number of evenings on which these institutions will be kept open during the term commencing in October next be diminished. As no money was left for the support of the other three educational agencies— evening recreation centres, vacation schools, and vacation playgrounds—the Committee, while fully realizing the value of these activities, was constrained most reluctantly to recommend that the evening recreation centres be discontinued after January 31, 1904, and that the vacation schools and vacation playgrounds be not opened next summer. Resolutions embodying these recommendations were adopted by the Board of Education on December 23, 1903. The proposal to close the recreation centres and not to open the vacation schools and playgrounds next summer immediately evoked a storm of protest, not only from those who enjoy or have enjoyed their benefits, but from philanthropic societies and from the general public, who realized, perhaps for the first time, how much these institutions have made for good citizenship in the more congested quarters of the City.

In answer to these resolutions Comptroller Grout charged the Board of Education with extravagance and wasteful expenditure of the people's money, and started investigations to discover where money might be saved in school administration.

At the meeting of the Board of Education held on January 14, 1904, President Rogers communicated to the Board the wish of his Honor the Mayor that the action of the Board with regard to the closing of the recreation centres be rescinded pending further investigation. His Honor's wish was promptly complied with, and a Committee of Five was appointed in accordance with the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, The Comptroller of The City of New York has stated that this Board in the administration of its affairs is extravagant and wasteful with the funds at its disposal, this Board desires to state that it has no knowledge of any waste or extravagance; that it welcomes any investigation the financial officer of the City desires to make, and will co-operate with him in every way to ascertain if any economies can be secured. With that object in view, be it

"Resolved, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to make such investigation; to invite and co-operate with the Comptroller to ascertain where and how economies may be made."

Since that resolution was adopted this Committee of Five has had the following correspondence with the Comptroller:

"January 15, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller, City of New York, No. 280 Broadway, City:

"DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the Board of Education held last night it was resolved that a special Committee of Five be appointed to make such investigation and co-operate with the Comptroller as to ascertain where and how economies may be made.

"The President has designated me as Chairman of this Committee, and I beg to ask of you to let me know at what time, what day and where it would suit you to meet some members of this Committee, so that we may know what steps you wish us to take.

"As many important matters depend on the report of this Committee, we trust that you will see your way to give this your early attention.

"Respectfully yours,

F. M. WARBURG."

"January 16, 1904.

"Mr. F. M. WARBURG, Chairman, Committee of Five, Board of Education:

"DEAR SIR—I have your letter of the 15th instant notifying me that the Board of Education has appointed a special Committee of Five, and that you are Chairman, to make an investigation of that department, and to co-operate with the Comptroller to ascertain where and how economies may be made, and requesting me to let you know what time and place would suit me to meet some members of that Committee, so that they may know what steps I wish them to take.

"I shall be very glad to meet any members of your Committee any morning at 11 or 12 o'clock, other than Friday morning, which may suit their convenience. At the same time, I doubt whether any such meeting could at present have any direct influence on the work assigned to your Committee. I have at the present time investigations pending in the hands of experts into many departments of the work of the Board of Education. This work is in such shape that no assistance is needed at present. Both in the schools and in the administrative offices of the Board full information is being given us when such is requested. As soon, however, as any of the reports are received, there will be basis for useful conference and co-operation. Until such time it seems to me it would be better that your Committee should pursue its investigation independently.

"Yours very truly,

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller."

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

"DEAR SIR—Upon receipt of your favor of the 16th instant I had a meeting called of the Committee of Five, at which I communicated to them your wishes. In compliance therewith, our Committee will continue its investigation independently, and will be ready at any time for any conference you may desire.

"Trusting to hear from you when the proper time for such a conference arrives, I remain,

"Yours very truly,

F. M. WARBURG."

"January 25, 1904.

"Mr. F. M. WARBURG, Chairman, Committee of Five, Board of Education:

"DEAR SIR—I have yours of the 22d instant. I enclose herein the first report which has come to me upon the work of the Board of Education, which will be followed shortly by a number of others which will be less general in their character. After some of the more specific reports have been transmitted to you and you have been able to examine them, I shall be ready then for any conference that you wish.

"Very truly yours,

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller."

"January 27, 1904.

"Mr. F. M. WARBURG, Chairman, Committee of Five, Board of Education:

"DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Comptroller to transmit the enclosed copies of a report, communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and resolution, for the information of your Committee. This matter will be presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the meeting on Friday, the 29th instant, until which time the Comptroller will be obliged to you and your Committee if you will consider the matter confidential.

"Yours very truly,

OLIVER E. STANTON, Secretary to the Comptroller."

"January 19, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller, City of New York, No. 280 Broadway, City:

"MY DEAR SIR—I received from your office a report and resolutions which are to go to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this morning.

"I thank you for sending it to me before the meeting. I shall take it up with the Committee of Five. I regret that you did not deem it advisable to take this up with our Committee before submitting it to your Board of Estimate, as I feel satisfied that satisfactory explanation to nearly every item could have been given to you. Such conference, I feel satisfied, would have saved you the trouble and expense that the preparation of this report must have given to you.

"Yours very truly,

F. M. WARBURG."

During and since this correspondence the Comptroller's representatives have had free access not only to the bureaus of the Board of Education, but, as we are informed, to the schools, where stores are inspected and Teachers and Principals cross-questioned. The Comptroller has even gone to the length of seeking evidence against the Board of Education from discharged and dissatisfied employees.

Two official reports have been received from the Comptroller's office. The first, prepared by two persons whose qualifications for such judgment are unknown, but who are reported in the "City Record" as "expert accountants," is a lengthy report on the academic value of the course of study, and also on the money spent in the purchase of books in which employees of the Board of Education are alleged to be interested. In this report no extravagance is shown, nor is any way pointed out in which expenses may be reduced, except by a revolutionary change in the course of study in elementary schools.

The second report is made by E. E. Schiff, Clerk to the Comptroller. It purports to show extravagance in the acquisition of sites and negligence in using such sites for the purposes for which they have been acquired. The report was given to the newspapers days before the meeting of the Board of Education, and the Board of Estimate took action upon it at once by passing the following resolution:

"Resolved, That all applications for the acquisition of land for any and all public purposes shall be accompanied by a detailed statement of the reasons which make the acquisition of land necessary, and also the date when the department, commission, bureau or officer making the application can actually use the same for the purposes for which the land is to be acquired."

We are sorry that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has acted precipitately on the recommendation of the Comptroller on the strength of this report. We protest against this action, not because of the resolution, which is unobjectionable in itself, but because we feel that, before acting on a report of an accountant, the Board of Estimate should have given the Board of Education an opportunity to be heard. Had such an opportunity been given it would have been demonstrated that any action of the latter Board with regard to sites was fully justified by existing conditions.

We annex a report prepared by the Department of Buildings answering the report of the Comptroller's Clerk, and we feel satisfied that this report will show that, as far as the present Board of Education is concerned, its action in the matter of selecting school sites and erecting school buildings has been guided by sound judgment and reasonable foresight.

While the Board of Education will always be pleased to give the Board of Estimate any information in its power, we respectfully request that the Board of Estimate will not take action upon reports concerning educational administration without giving the constituted educational authorities an opportunity to be heard.

While we do not impugn the motives of the Comptroller, we feel that his hasty publication of all reports intended to create a prejudice in the public mind against the Board of Education is officially discourteous and highly injurious to the public schools.

The Committee of Five will do everything in their power to co-operate with the Comptroller, and will give every report coming from his hands their most careful consideration. We feel, however, that charges in the newspapers against the Board of Education should not be resorted to until the Board of Education shall have shown an unwillingness to act on any proper suggestions the Comptroller may make to the Committee.

The following resolution is therefore offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it hereby is respectfully requested to give the Board of Education an opportunity to be heard in matters relating to the administration of the schools of this City before any final action is taken thereon.

The report addressed to the Comptroller of the City, dated January 22, 1904, by E. E. Schiff, Clerk to the Comptroller, relative to the various sites in possession of the Board of Education, or The City of New York for the purposes of said Board, and which are said to be unimproved, has had careful consideration.

It is made to appear in the said report that the present Board of Education is unduly negligent of the interests of the City in not improving for school purposes lands acquired therefor, but a cursory analysis, however, would show the contrary to be the case, notwithstanding the figures presented therein.

An apparent effort is made to hold the present Board of Education responsible for the acts, not only of its immediate predecessors, but of those of officials of municipalities which were consolidated in 1898, and as far back as 1895.

It must be borne in mind, in the consideration of this question, that this Board of Education took office under the revised charter in February, 1902.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The report specifies that in the Borough of Manhattan there are twenty-four plots of ground acquired for school purposes which are yet unimproved, four of which are vacant. There are also six plots which should be consolidated into three parcels, constituting, as they do, three sites.

Of the twenty-one plots, therefore, twelve were selected and title vested in The City of New York prior to February 1, 1902. Of the remaining nine, some were selected prior to that date, but title vested subsequent thereto.

In two cases cited, viz., One Hundred and Third street, west of Second avenue, and Forty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, the lots were acquired and improved, in the one case in 1902 and in the other in 1892 and 1897, for playgrounds, and have been in constant use since those dates, while the two parcels given in East Seventeenth street should properly be consolidated, making one plot. This property is in the rear of Public School 104, the rear tenements of which come within about six feet of the windows of the school, and it was proposed in 1897 to acquire about twenty feet off the rear of the lots, thereby doing away with the nuisance. This was found to be so expensive that it was afterward determined to take the entire plot. In view of the recent rapid increase in population, contract for an addition will be let within thirty days.

Of the remaining twenty-two plots, those at No. 214 East Sixty-third street, Nos. 437-439 West Forty-ninth street, Nos. 208-218 East Thirty-third street, No. 29 Norfolk street, No. 456 West Fifty-eighth street, No. 92 James street, No. 27 King street, No. 937 First avenue, rear of No. 44 First street, and No. 337 West Eighteenth street, a total of ten parcels, were secured to preserve light and air, to afford playground space, to improve sanitary conditions, to provide for future growth, and in a number of instances to head off speculative builders, who, if permitted to proceed, would have rendered the school buildings untenable.

Of the remaining sites, that at Dominick, Clarke and Broome streets was selected in 1897 to replace an old building, but the needs for accommodations have been much more pressing in other localities.

Nos. 219-221 East Twenty-first street, Manhattan. This property was acquired to erect an addition to the Truant School; contracts therefor were advertised three times, but the bids were found to be very excessive and were therefore rejected. It was decided that it would be unwise to expend any such sum of money on the premises, but rather to change the system so as to use this as a house of reception and to provide for the proper housing of the pupils in some outlying district, where it could be done to much better advantage with less funds. Plans are completed to clear and pave the premises for playground purposes, as the school at present has none.

Nos. 132-134 West Fifty-fifth street, Manhattan. Property was acquired for future addition, but more to immediately remove the nuisance of having the stables within a few feet of the school building.

Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, between Livingston place and First avenue, Manhattan. Property acquired for the erection of the Manual Training High School. There being no organization for a Manual Training High School in effect, it was proposed to erect the Boys' High School upon this plot. Plans were drawn, contract let and rejected twice, and the High School was then changed to Fifty-ninth street and Tenth avenue, contract for which has been let. Organization of the other high schools having been effected, it is now ordered that plans shall be drawn for a Manual Training High School to be erected on this site as soon as appropriation therefor may be had.

One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-eighth streets, west of Seventh avenue. Property was apparently selected to provide for future growth of the City in this section, and it will be needed soon after the underground road is in operation.

Of the remaining parcels, a contract for East Ninth and Tenth streets, Manhattan, has been let this day, and contracts for the balance will be let within from thirty to forty days.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Six parcels are cited, of which a part—that at Julianna street and Elliott avenue—was a heritage from the old Union School District Board at consolidation in 1895. It was insufficient in size, and the adjacent vacant land was acquired, as it was apparently foreseen that a school would be required in that locality within the coming five years.

Contracts will be let within thirty days' time for buildings at Longwood avenue, between Kelly and Beck streets; Prospect avenue and Jennings street; and also Ogden avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, High Bridge. This last, a vacant plot adjoining Public School 11, was acquired to protect the school property from encroachment and for provision for future extension.

Eagle avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets, adjoining Public School 10, was purchased to prevent erection of tenements on property which was known to be required for future extension of the new school building.

The site at Gerard and Walton avenues was selected in 1897 by the old Board of Education, probably for provision for future growth. No school building required at the present time. The land is vacant.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

There are six sites mentioned, all vacant property. The plots at Jamaica and Hopkins avenues; Washington avenue and Pulaski street; John street and Prospect place; and Kaplan avenue, Hammond and Horton streets, were selected under the old Charter by the former Borough School Boards in 1899 and 1900, probably in anticipation of increased population.

The plot at Charlotte avenue and Seventh street, North Woodside, was acquired under a contract to purchase executed by the District School Trustees before consolidation.

The remaining plot, Kouwenhoven street, Long Island City, will be improved by buildings, contracts for which will be let within thirty days, the plans and specifications being about complete.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Two plots are cited, one on The Boulevard, between Wardwell and Fisk avenues; the other on Pleasant avenue and Woodrow road. Plans and specifications are so far complete that contracts will be let within the next thirty days.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

There are fourteen plots cited, of which three constitute one site, reducing the number to twelve. Of these, the following are for the preservation of light and air, playground or sanitary improvements, viz.: McKibbin street, adjoining Public School 21; No. 864 Quincy street, adjoining Public School 26; No. 355 Suydam street, adjoining Public School 123; Humboldt street, adjoining Public School 51; Watkins street, adjoining Public School 84; and Monitor street, adjoining Public School 110.

Of the remaining six plots, that at Eleventh avenue and Windsor place, where no streets are as yet opened, was selected by the former Borough School Board and acquired under the old Charter. The land is vacant and not needed for school purposes at the present time.

The site at Hicks, Middagh and Poplar streets was acquired to replace Public School 8. Improvements cannot be made until possession is had of the entire site.

The site on Putnam avenue and Madison street, adjoining the Boys' High School, was selected by the former Borough School Board for future extension, as was also the plot at Bedford avenue and East Broadway, in the rear of Erasmus Hall High School. The frame buildings on this plot have been used for school purposes.

Of the remaining two sites, that for the Commercial High School at Albany avenue and Dean street will be improved at an early date, as the plans and specifications for the new building are well advanced. The Board is credited with the possession of this site in October, 1902. The fact is that the corner, occupied by a building, was not acquired until December, 1903.

The other, Bushwick avenue, Seigel and McKibbin streets, will be improved by the letting of a contract for a new building within ninety days, as the preliminary plans have been approved by the Board.

The report specifies, therefore, a total of fifty-four pieces of property, nine parcels of which constitute four sites and two others of which have been improved, making a net total of forty-eight.

The foregoing analysis shows conclusively that about one-half of the sites named here are for light and air, the prevention of encroachments, etc., and the remainder are to be improved in the immediate future, or are so located as not to warrant the Board expending funds thereon at the present moment, when there are other sections of the City demanding immediate relief.

To the public at large the irregular increase in growth of various parts of the City is not noticeable, but to the Board of Education it constitutes one of the most potent factors in dealing with the school problem. Unforeseen circumstances increase, decrease or retard the growth of population in a certain section, and it was to provide against this that former administrations advocated as wise the securing of school sites in advance of the needs of population, rather than to await the great increase in values due to a sudden speculative movement, such as is now taking place in the Brownsville district in Brooklyn.

Attention is called to the fact that the Board has permitted buildings to remain on land acquired but not improved. In some cases the primary object of protection was gained when the title vested, but in all instances the policy has been to permit the buildings to stand until the land was actually needed, thereby permitting the Sinking Fund to obtain revenue therefrom to offset interest and taxes, notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear at times to effect the removal of the buildings before funds were available for permanent improvement.

Neglect is charged to the Board of Education in that vacant plots which had been in its possession for months were not improved, and at the same time plans prepared and contracts let for the other plots even before title vested. To the unprejudiced observer the reason for this policy cannot fail to be obvious.

The report further contrasts the loss to the City on revenue taxes and interest on these buildings with the amount charged against the Rent Account, which is \$129,366.20, of which 90 per cent., or \$116,429.58, will be used for classrooms.

An examination of the rent roll shows that of this the sum of about \$49,000 will be available on the abandonment of rented premises through the completion of school buildings now under contract, while the further sum of about \$13,000 will be released upon the completion of contracts to be let within the next ninety days.

It is not made clear that the sum of \$129,366.20 represented the exact rent roll, and that the item of \$26,750 was inserted to provide for additional quarters which were being sought for throughout the City, not only by the Board of Education, but by the Finance Department as well, and that the item was not allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In regard to the criticism contained in the supplementary report of the same date, relative to the elapsed time between vesting the title and letting of contracts, there is a noticeable omission to refer to the well-known facts which existed regarding the finances of the Board of Education at the time of reorganization under the new Charter early in 1902, there being an utter lack of funds until late in April, preventing not only the letting of contracts for new buildings, but also those for the equipment of buildings under contract, resulting in the suspension of operations in a number of cases.

Neither is there any mention made of the fact that little or no progress could be made early in 1903, on account of lack of funds, or that in April of the same year, when there was an apparent balance to the credit of the Board, the Comptroller informed the President of the Board, Mr. Henry A. Rogers, and the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings, Mr. Richard H. Adams, that, although such was the fact, he was unable to certify financial ability until July 1, 1903.

Neither is any reference made to the well-known fact that the building industry of this City was totally crippled by the labor difficulties from April until late in October, or that, notwithstanding all obstacles, the Board of Education advertised repeatedly for bids for new buildings without receiving any tender, and was unable until November to make any substantial progress.

The Board has exerted every effort to provide additional school accommodations, notwithstanding the difficulties heretofore encountered, which reduced its effective working time about ten months out of the two years, and has succeeded in letting contracts for sixty-one buildings, which will provide 60,525 sittings.

In conclusion, the Committee would state that the gross available balance of the School Building Fund at this time amounts to \$5,252,557.25, against which sum there has been charged tentatively, in accordance with the written instructions from the Comptroller, the approximate valuation of sites selected and now in various stages of acquisition, viz., \$2,330,046, leaving a net balance available for building purposes of about \$2,922,511.25.

This last-mentioned sum is more than covered by plans, etc., now nearing completion, contracts for which will be let within sixty to ninety days.

FELIX M. WARBURG,

WM. LUMMIS,

JACOB W. MACK,

A. STERN,

G. W. WINGATE,

Special Committee of Five

The report was approved and the resolution adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Barrett moved that copies of the foregoing report be printed and sent to all members of the Board of Education, all members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and all members of the Board of Aldermen.

Adopted.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on February 1, 1904.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary Board of Education.

The President of the Borough of Brooklyn offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the Board of Education that they will be given an opportunity to be heard on all matters of an important nature relative to public schools that come before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, requesting the transfer of \$10,000 to "Borough of Brooklyn for Removal of Snow and Ice."

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, February 8, 1904. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have the honor to request that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be transferred from the account of Sweeping and Carting, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, Borough of Brooklyn, for the year 1904, to the appropriation account of Snow and Ice, Borough of Brooklyn, for 1904, for the reason that the balance remaining in the last named account is not sufficient to meet the emergency of the last fall of snow.

I have also to request that, in accordance with the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be authorized and directed to issue bonds of The City of New York to the amount of ten thousand dollars

(\$10,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for the restoration to the account of Sweeping and Carting of the amount temporarily transferred therefrom as requested above.

Respectfully,
JOHN McGAW WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1904 entitled "Borough of Brooklyn—Sweeping and Carting," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1904, entitled "Borough of Brooklyn—Removal of Snow and Ice," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; and

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue, the proceeds of which shall be applied to refunding to said appropriation the amount hereby transferred therefrom.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, requesting the transfer of \$100,000 to "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for Removal of Snow and Ice."

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, February 9, 1904. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have the honor to request that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), be transferred from the account of Sweeping and Carting, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for the year 1904, to the appropriation account of Snow and Ice, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1904, for the reason that the balance remaining in the last named account is not sufficient to meet the emergency of the last fall of snow.

I have also to request that, in accordance with the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be authorized and directed to issue bonds of The City of New York to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for the restoration to the account of Sweeping and Carting of the amount temporarily transferred therefrom as requested above.

Respectfully,
JOHN McGAW WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Sweeping and Carting," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Removal of Snow and Ice," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; and

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue, the proceeds of which shall be applied to refunding to said appropriation the amount hereby transferred therefrom.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, requesting the transfer of \$10,000 to "Borough of Brooklyn—Removal of Snow and Ice."

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, February 18, 1904. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have to request that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be transferred from the account of Sweeping and Carting, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, Borough of Brooklyn, for the year 1904, to the appropriation account of Snow and Ice, Borough of Brooklyn, for 1904, for the reason that the balance remaining in the last-named account is not sufficient to meet the emergency of the present fall of snow.

I also have to request that, in accordance with the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be authorized and directed to issue bonds of The City of New York to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for the restoration to the account of Sweeping and Carting of the amount temporarily transferred therefrom as requested above.

Respectfully,
JOHN McG. WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1904 entitled "Borough of Brooklyn: Sweeping and Carting," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1904, entitled "Borough of Brooklyn: Removal of Snow and Ice," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; and

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue, the proceeds of which shall be applied to refunding to said appropriation the amount hereby transferred therefrom.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, requesting the transfer of \$55,000 to "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx: Removal of Snow and Ice":

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, February 18, 1904. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have to request that the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) be transferred from the account of Sweeping and Carting, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for the year 1904, to the appropriation account of Snow and Ice, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1904, for the reason that the balance remaining in the last-named account is not sufficient to meet the emergency of the present fall of snow.

I also have to request that, in accordance with the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be authorized and directed to issue bonds of The City of New York to the amount of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for the restoration to the account of Sweeping and Carting of the amount temporarily transferred therefrom as requested above.

Respectfully,
JOHN McG. WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following resolutions were offered:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Sweeping and Carting," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1904, entitled "Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Removal of Snow and Ice," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; and

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 546 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue, the proceeds of which shall be applied to refunding to said appropriation the amount hereby transferred therefrom.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Deputy Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn—13.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Coroners of the Borough of Brooklyn, stating that they had each appointed a Clerk under the provisions of chapter 370, Laws of 1899; that no provision had been made for the salary of such Clerks, and requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 for this purpose.

Referred to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

The Comptroller and the President of the Borough of Queens appeared and took their places in the Board.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, asking for an additional appropriation for the removal of ashes, rubbish, etc., from office buildings, wholesale houses, department stores, etc., in The City of New York.

Laid over for consideration with the Bond Budget.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, calling attention to the fact that \$370,000 authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in 1903 was not acted upon by the old Board of Aldermen, and requesting that the matter be resubmitted to the present Board for its action:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, February 16, 1904. }

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—On June 4, 1903, there was laid before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a request for bond account of \$395,000 for the construction of a building in the Borough of Brooklyn to be used for the purpose of a stable, repair department and administration building. This being reported upon favorably by the Engineer of the Department of Finance, as in the accompanying letter, bonds to the amount of \$370,000 were passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and referred to the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen. There it was not acted upon, and the bonds not having been signed, after six weeks of non-action of the Board of Aldermen, by the late Mayor, it has been deemed wise by the Corporation Counsel that this matter should be resubmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for their action.

The land upon which this stable is to be erected has been acquired by the city. The plans and specifications for this building are most distinctly utilitarian and simple in their design and quality of material. The city owns no building whatever in the Borough of Brooklyn for the use of the Street Cleaning Department. What stabling we have in this Borough is rented property and totally insufficient. The Department has to-day ninety-six horses in temporary shedding in the incumbrance yard in Pacific street, the rear enclosure of which, under the building law, may only be a canvas drop curtain, which at this season of the year is an insufficient protection.

As is shown by the plans accompanying this letter, there would be stabling for 250 horses, room for the storage of carts under cover, instead of exposing them in all weathers out of doors, together with adequate space for repairs, storage and administration.

Respectfully,
JOHN McGAW WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following was offered:

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on June 5, 1903, adopted a resolution, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, authorizing the issue of Corporate Stock to an amount not exceeding three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000), to provide means for the construction of a stable on the block bounded by Flushing avenue, Graham street, Kent avenue and Little Nassau street, Borough of Brooklyn;

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen failed to take action thereon before the expiration of the term of office of the old Board of Aldermen; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, in a communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated February 16, 1904, has made requisition for the issue of bonds to the amount of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000) to provide for the construction of a stable on the block bounded by Flushing avenue, Graham street, Kent avenue and Little Nassau street, Borough of Brooklyn, as provided by section 546 of the Greater New York Charter; therefore be it

Resolved, That subject to the concurrence herewith by the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000), the proceeds whereof to be expended for the purposes aforesaid.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Surrogates of New York County, relative to the fixing of the salaries of certain employees in their office:

CHAMBERS OF THE SURROGATES' COURT,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, January 29, 1904.

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

GENTLEMEN—In submitting the estimates for the current year we asked for the appropriation of \$2,600 for the stated purpose of increasing the annual salaries of two Clerks to the Surrogates, from \$1,800 to \$2,500 each; the salary of the Second Assistant Probate Clerk, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; the salaries of the Guardian Clerk and the Guardian Accounting Clerk, from \$1,600 to \$1,700 each; the salary of the Entry Clerk, from \$1,600 to \$1,800; the salaries of the First and Second Assistant Clerks of Records, from \$1,000 to \$1,200 each, and the salary of Messenger, from \$900 to \$1,200.

The reasons for such increases were given in the communication accompanying the estimates, and the increased amount so asked, together with the other appropriations applied for, was allowed by the budget as finally adopted. We assumed that this allowance authorized us to fix the salaries mentioned at the increased rates from January 1, instant, and accordingly did so. We have since been informed that the approval and ratification of our action by the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen is necessary to make it effectual, and we respectfully request such approval and ratification.

In no instance does the amount of the increased salary exceed the maximum fixed by the grade in which the position is classed by the State Civil Service Commission.

Yours very truly,
FRANK T. FITZGERALD,
ABNER C. THOMAS.

Surrogates.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action taken by the Surrogates of New York County in fixing the salaries of the following positions in the office of the Surrogates of said County, as follows:

	Per Annum.
Clerk to the Surrogate	\$2,500 00
Second Assistant Probate Clerk	1,500 00
Guardian Clerk	1,700 00
Guardian Accounting Clerk	1,700 00
Entry Clerk	1,800 00
First Assistant Clerk of Records	1,200 00
Second Assistant Clerk of Records	1,200 00
Messenger	1,200 00
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—as of date January 1, 1904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, relative to an appropriation of \$28,000 for the purpose of preparing new tax and assessment maps:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY,
February 4, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor of The City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I beg to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Taxes and Assessments held on February 3, 1904, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That requisition be and is hereby made under the provision of chapter 542 of the Laws of 1892 and certified to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the sum of twenty-eight thousand (\$28,000) dollars, that amount being necessary and required to be expended to enable the Department of Taxes and Assessments to proceed with the work and procure materials necessary in providing new assessment maps during the year 1904.

Yours respectfully,
C. ROCKLAND TYNG, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 542 of the Laws of 1892, and sections 169, 170 and 187 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisition made by the Board of Taxes and Assessments, by resolution adopted February 3, 1904, for twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) to be expended in preparing new tax and assessment maps; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time as may be necessary, Revenue Bonds to an amount not to exceed twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, requesting an appropriation of \$600 to provide for decoration and music in the City Hall on January 1, 1904.

Laid over for unanimous vote:

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Board of Education, transmitting copy of the report of the Committee on Sites, relative to the selection of a school site on Eighty-ninth street, which was ordered on file.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 4, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held January 29, action was taken with reference to a school site on East Eighty-ninth street, selected by the Board of Education on October 28 last, and the matter was referred back to us with a request that we consider a site recommended by the Comptroller's Appraiser of Real Estate, on Avenue A, Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, in lieu of the one selected by us. The matter was considered by the Board of Education on the first instant, and was referred to the Committee on Sites, which was empowered to inquire into the facts and report thereon to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The matter has been very thoroughly investigated by said committee, and I have the honor to hand you herewith a copy of the committee's report. The committee recommends that no change be made in the site we have selected, and urges that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment proceed immediately with the acquisition of said site. In the committee's conclusions I fully concur. I may add

that the Comptroller's Appraiser, in his report, states that several of the houses on the site which we selected are owned by Alderman Schappert. I have received a letter from Mr. Schappert, in which he states that he is not the owner of any property on East Eighty-ninth street selected by the Board of Education for school purposes, and that he never offered the property to or sought to secure its selection as a site by the Board of Education.

Trusting the matter will receive prompt attention by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as school accommodations in this vicinity are very much needed.

Yours very truly,
H. A. ROGERS, President.

NEW YORK, February 4, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—Your committee have made a careful examination of the properties referred to in the copy of report dated January 25 by Mr. M. J. Brown, Appraiser of Real Estate in Charge of Bureau, Department of Finance, made to the Comptroller, and which the latter presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, relative to the proposed acquisition of plot for school purposes 168 feet 9 inches front on the south side of Eighty-ninth street, beginning 100 feet east of Avenue A, in Local School Board District No. 16, Borough of Manhattan, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board of Education October 28, 1903.

Briefly, the report recites that the proposed plot is composed of nine lots, each 18 feet 9 inches by 100 feet 8½ inches, being known as Nos. 504 to 520, inclusive, East Eighty-ninth street, there being erected thereon nine two-story and basement brownstone dwellings, eight of which are 18 feet 9 inches by 48 feet, and one of the same dimensions, having an extension to the main building of 16 feet by 30 feet.

That the total assessed value is \$59,500.

That several of these houses are owned by Alderman Schappert.

That a communication has been received from an attorney stating that the price at which he is authorized to sell to the City is \$124,500.

That a fair valuation of the property is

For No. 504	\$11,000 00
For the other eight, \$9,000 each	72,000 00
A total of	\$83,000 00

That the proposed school site is in the interior of the block, facing on Eighty-ninth street, with the rear of the school site abutting upon five-story tenements on Eighty-eighth street, the front directly opposite the House of Good Shepherd, and reciting further that he was informed that the windows in the building of the House of the Good Shepherd were iron barred, and that he did not believe it would be as good a selection as a site for a public school as another piece of property, hereinafter mentioned, within a block of this same location.

The site that is suggested is located on the corner of Avenue A, extending from East Ninetieth to East Ninety-first street, being vacant, setting off a plot 201 feet 5 inches front, facing Avenue A, by 150 feet in depth on East Ninetieth and East Ninety-first streets, upon which that office had an option for the sale of the same to the City for the sum of \$118,000. It is recommended that the request of the Board of Education for the approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the acquisition of the site named (East Eighty-ninth street) be refused on the grounds:

First—That the price asked for the property is excessive and that condemnation proceedings will have to be instituted for the acquisition of the site, which will cause delay and expense, and that in acquiring this site the City is paying for buildings upon the property which will have to be removed therefrom.

Second—That the school building erected on the site selected by the Board of Education will be surrounded by houses on all sides, thus cutting off light and air.

And that the Board of Education be requested to examine the vacant plot at Avenue A, Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, and if as suitable for school purposes as the site in East Eighty-ninth street, that it be requested to rescind the resolution for the school site on East Eighty-ninth street and adopt a resolution selecting Avenue A, East Ninetieth and East Ninety-first streets, as a school site.

The school site proposed by the Department of Finance, facing Avenue A, from East Ninetieth to East Ninety-first streets, is but one block from the Astoria Ferry, which is located on Avenue A, corner of Ninety-second street. One of the objectionable features of the location was made exceptionally plain at the time of the visit of your committee by the presence of a long string of trucks and carriages lined up on the easterly side of Avenue A, extending well down on the block proposed by the Finance Department to be used for school purposes, and which were awaiting entrance to the ferry slip.

It is understood that at times this line of traffic awaiting passage across the ferry covers the easterly side of the avenue for a distance of three blocks to the south. It is true that the plot is vacant, but this might well be caused by the reported difficulty of conducting building operations thereon, which has left much of the property in this vicinity vacant.

The maps show the elevation of the avenue in front of the proposed school site to be 11 feet above high tide, or six feet lower than the site selected by the Board of Education on Eighty-ninth street.

It is well known that the policy of the Board for some time has been not to purchase school property on avenue fronts, as in no other manner is it possible to avoid the nuisance of traffic, which, owing to the peculiar street or block plan of Manhattan Island, is concentrated on the avenues, and more particularly is this the case on Avenue A at this point, since it is the main artery of travel to and from the Astoria Ferry, located on the block about 200 feet above the site selected by the Department of Finance. This consideration alone is sufficiently weighty and self-evident to any one who has any knowledge whatsoever of school conditions to preclude it from any further consideration.

The object in selecting the school site on Eighty-ninth street was to relieve Public School 77, at Eighty-sixth street and First avenue; Public School 30, on Eighty-eighth street, just west of Second avenue; and Public School 151, at Ninety-first street and First avenue, which together have a total of 1,766 children on part time.

It was recognized that new Public School 190, on Eighty-second street, west of First avenue, would relieve Public School 77 somewhat from the pressure to the southwest of that school, but there was no possible means of relief on the north and east other than the selection of a site and the erection of a building in the vicinity of Eighty-eighth street and Avenue A. A study of the neighborhood discloses the fact that owing perhaps to the topography of the region, the population is massed in solidly built up blocks on the high ground from First avenue to Avenue B and the East river, and extending up to Eighty-ninth street, between Avenues A and B, thence showing more and more unbuilt sections as the river bends sharp towards the north at Ninetieth street, and the levels drop to that of the vast areas of marsh and swamp which were filled in.

A search of all the blocks from Eighty-sixth street north to Ninety-first street, and from First avenue to the river, does not show any desirable site of the required size which can be had for a reasonable sum, owing to the nature of the improvements thereon.

The map submitted herewith shows clearly the location of the site selected by the Board of Education in Eighty-ninth street, which is on the south side of the block, between Avenues A and B, the latter of which terminates at the intersection of Eighty-ninth street, owing to the fact that the East river makes a short bend to the north at that point, bringing the site selected by the Department of Finance within 225 feet of the river, while that selected by the Department of Education is about 1,000 feet distant from the river. It will be observed, also, that the East River Park begins at Eighty-ninth street and Avenue B, and extends southerly, thus bringing it within a reasonable distance of the Eighty-ninth street school site, but as there is no exterior street from the intersection of Avenue B and Eighty-ninth street, northerly, the park is not readily accessible from the site submitted by the Department of Finance, while the absence of this exterior street renders the latter site very advantageous for the erection of factories which may desire a water front. This would be exceedingly objectionable upon the same block with the school building.

It is true that the proposed Eighty-ninth street site faces on the buildings of the House of the Good Shepherd and St. Ann's Home, as indicated by the maps, but by reference to the photographs accompanying this report, it will be observed that these

buildings are low, and, at the same time, of such permanent character as to assure an abundance of light and air for the school, exclusive of that to which it would be ordinarily entitled by the width of the street.

The mention made of iron-barred windows is misleading, since the guards are on the first story windows only, similar to those on many of the houses in the City where protection is required.

The nine houses included in said site were erected some time ago and are not in the best of condition, and it would appear to be much more economical to acquire this property, remove the buildings and have a site with a good foundation upon which to build, than it would be to take the proposed site, which is vacant, and which would cost the difference, owing to the difficulty in securing a foundation, to say nothing of the saving which would be effected by having but one exposed front requiring architectural treatment, instead of three.

After most careful consideration and in view of the facts as above set forth, we are of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to make any change in reference to the site on Eighty-ninth street, heretofore selected by the Board of Education, and we urge that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be again requested to proceed as promptly as possible to the acquirement of the site, as the school conditions of that district require immediate relief.

WM. HARKNESS,
RICHARD H. ADAMS,
JOHN J. BARRY,
GEO. D. HAMLIN,
NICHOLAS J. BARRETT,
S. M. DIX,
Committee on Sites.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges, requesting the transfer of \$2,000 to "Supplies and Contingencies."

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
February 9, 1904.

Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, Manhattan:

GENTLEMEN—Please transfer \$2,000 from the account "Salaries—General Administration, 1903," to the account "Supplies and Contingencies, 1903," to cover outstanding necessary obligations.

Respectfully,
GEO. E. BEST, Commissioner of Bridges.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Bridges, for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries, General Administration—Salaries of Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Employees in Main Office," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the Department of Health, requesting the issue of Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$67,000, for the construction of a new steamboat to convey persons affected with contagious diseases to the Riverside Hospital.

Laid over for consideration with the Bond Budget.

The Secretary presented a communication from the former Sheriff of Kings County, with the approval of the present Sheriff of Kings County, requesting the transfer of \$3,000 to "Maintenance of Kings County Jail for 1903."

Referred back to the former Sheriff with the request that he explain his reasons for exceeding the appropriation made for the year 1903, giving an itemized statement of the expenditures in excess of said appropriation.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, relative to the recommendation of the President of the Borough of The Bronx for the restoration of the position of Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning in said Borough, which was ordered on file.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
NEW YORK, February 8, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—There has been referred to me, through the office of the Comptroller, a recommendation from the President of the Borough of The Bronx for the consideration of the restoration of the position of Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning for the Borough of The Bronx.

Before 1898 the part of the Borough of The Bronx which is so populated or so paved as to require sweeping and collecting by the Department of Street Cleaning was within the City of New York. This territory was cared for by a District Superintendent of the Department of Street Cleaning, being one of the districts of the City. Since 1902 a District Superintendent of the Department of Street Cleaning has again been in charge of this Borough. The mileage of streets and the number of inhabitants have both increased during this time, but not to such an extent as to require as many men or as many carts and horses for collection as several of our down town districts, nor does it require the intense and careful supervision of many of the districts in the lower part of the city which are under the care of a District Superintendent.

At present writing I cannot concur in the recommendation for a Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning in the Borough of the Bronx, made by the Honorable President, not only for the above reasons, but because it is the intention of the Commissioner to keep most closely in personal touch with all of the organized units of his department and personally to supervise and care for the intended improvements in method of handling. These cares and responsibilities cannot well be delegated.

Respectfully,
JOHN McGAW WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The Secretary presented the following resolution appropriating \$18,289.71 for the maintenance and distribution of the water supply in the Borough of Brooklyn during a portion of the year 1903:

Whereas, By subdivision 1 of section 242 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has the power to appropriate from time to time for the maintenance, improvement and extension of the system of water supply of the Borough of Brooklyn the moneys received from water rents in the said borough, subject, however, to the charges now imposed by law upon said revenues; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Elec-

tricity has submitted an estimate of one million three hundred and eighteen thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents (\$1,318,289.71) as the amount required for the proper maintenance and distribution of the water supply for said borough; and

Whereas, The sum of five hundred and fifty-three thousand and twenty-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$553,021.24) will be required for the year 1903 to meet the interest on outstanding bonds issued for the construction and extension of the water works of said borough, and the revenues to be received during the year 1903, based upon the revenues actually received during prior years, can safely be estimated at an amount in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby determines that the sum of eighteen thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents (\$18,289.71), in addition to the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) heretofore set aside and appropriated by said Board, be and hereby is set aside and appropriated from the water revenues received during the year 1903, if such revenues be sufficient, and if not, from the balance remaining in the Water Revenue Account on December 31, 1902, for the maintenance and distribution of said water supply in the Borough of Brooklyn during a portion of the year 1903.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Department of Health, requesting various transfers:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
SOUTHWEST CORNER FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health of The City of New York, held February 10, 1904, the following resolution was adopted:

On motion, it was

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

From fund entitled "Hospitals—Borough of Manhattan, 1903," to fund entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Borough of Manhattan, 1903"	\$2,230 00
From fund entitled "Hospitals—Borough of The Bronx, 1903," to fund entitled "Disinfection—Borough of Manhattan, 1903".....	4,430 00
From fund entitled "Hospitals—Borough of The Bronx, 1903," to fund entitled "Disinfection—Borough of The Bronx, 1903".....	358 00
From fund entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Borough of The Bronx, 1903," to fund entitled "Disinfection—Borough of Brooklyn, 1903".....	291 00
From fund entitled "Hospitals—Borough of Brooklyn, 1903," to fund entitled "Disinfection—Borough of Brooklyn, 1903".....	636 00
From fund entitled "Abatement of Nuisances—Borough of Manhattan, 1903," to fund entitled "Disinfection—Borough of Richmond, 1903".....	317 00
From fund entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Borough of Brooklyn, 1903," to fund entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Borough of Richmond, 1903".....	309 00
From fund entitled "Support of Ambulance Service—Borough of Brooklyn, 1903," to fund entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Borough of Queens, 1903"	377 00
Total	\$8,948 00

A true copy.

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand nine hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$8,948) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Health for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Borough of Manhattan—"Hospital Fund (excluding payments to private hospitals)"	\$2,230 00
Borough of The Bronx—"Hospital Fund (excluding payments to private hospitals)"	4,788 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"Hospital Fund (excluding payments to private hospitals)"	636 00
Borough of The Bronx—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	291 00
Borough of Manhattan—"Abatement of Nuisances".....	317 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	309 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"Support of Ambulance Service".....	377 00
Total	\$8,948 00

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

Borough of Manhattan—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	\$2,230 00
Borough of Manhattan—"Disinfection".....	4,430 00
Borough of The Bronx—"Disinfection".....	358 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"Disinfection".....	927 00
Borough of Richmond—"Disinfection".....	317 00
Borough of Richmond—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	309 00
Borough of Queens—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	377 00
Total	\$8,948 00

—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Correction requesting various transfers within his own appropriation:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I would respectfully ask permission from your Honorable Board to make the following transfers, all being for the year 1903, in order that the accounts of the Department for that year may be closed as soon as practicable:

For Borough of Manhattan—(Manhattan Appropriation).

From "Donations to Discharged Prisoners" to "Transportation, Maintenance, etc., of Insane Criminals".....

\$209 43

For Borough of Brooklyn—(Brooklyn Appropriation).

From "Donations to Discharged Prisoners" to "Transportation, Maintenance, etc., of Insane Criminals".....

220 75

From "Donations to Discharged Prisoners" to "Supplies and Contingencies for the Department of Correction, Borough of Brooklyn".....

500 00

From "Salaries" to "Supplies and Contingencies for the Department of Correction, Borough of Brooklyn".....

684 04

From "Supplies for Manufacturing Purposes" to "Supplies and Contingencies for the Department of Correction, Borough of Brooklyn".....

500 00

Total.....

\$2,114 22

The action of your Honorable Board on the above will be highly appreciated.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-one hundred and fourteen and twenty-two one hundredths dollars (\$2,114.22) be and hereby is transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Correction for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Borough of Manhattan—"Donations to Discharged Prisoners,".....

\$209 43

Borough of Brooklyn—"Donations to Discharged Prisoners,".....

720 75

Borough of Brooklyn—"Salaries,".....

684 04

Borough of Brooklyn—"Supplies for Manufacturing Purposes,".....

500 00

Total.....

\$2,114 22

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

Borough of Manhattan—"Transportation, Maintenance and Expenses of Insane Criminals,".....

\$209 43

Borough of Brooklyn—"Supplies and Contingencies for the Department of Correction,".....

1,684 04

Borough of Brooklyn—"Transportation, Maintenance and Expenses of Insane Criminals,".....

220 75

Total.....

\$2,114 22

—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Jurors, County of Queens, requesting the Board to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the fixing of the salaries of the positions of Assistant Commissioner of Jurors and Clerk in his office.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS' OFFICE,
QUEENS COUNTY COURT HOUSE,
LONG ISLAND CITY, January 14, 1904.

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

GENTLEMEN—Will you kindly pass a resolution through your Board and the Board of Aldermen, pursuant to chapter 56, of the Charter, fixing the salary of the Assistant Commissioner of Jurors of Queens County, at \$1,500 per year, and also fixing the salary of the Clerk in the Commissioner of Jurors' office at \$1,200 per year.

I enclose you copy of resolution of the Board empowered to appoint the Commissioner and fixing salary of Assistant and Clerk, a copy of which was served on the Chairman of your Board on October 29, 1903.

Yours truly,

EDWARD J. KNAUER,
Commissioner of Jurors, Queens County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ss.:

We the undersigned, pursuant to chapter 441 of the Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to create a Commissioner of Jurors in the several counties of this State," do hereby fix the salary of the Assistant Commissioner of Jurors in the County of Queens, at fifteen hundred dollars a year, and the salary of the Clerk of the Commissioner of Jurors in said County at twelve hundred dollars a year, said salary to be paid in equal monthly payments from the first day of January, 1904.

Dated October 3, 1903.

GARRET J. GARRETSON,
Justice Supreme Court, Second Judicial District.

HARRISON S. MOORE,
County Judge of Queens County.

JAMES INGRAM,
County Clerk of Queens County.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the Justice of the Supreme Court, Second Judicial District, the County Judge of Queens County and the County Clerk of Queens County, taken and dated October 3, 1903, in fixing the salaries of the following positions in the office of the Commissioner of Jurors, Queens County, as follows:

Assistant Commissioner of Jurors, per annum.....

\$1,500 00

Clerk, per annum.....

1,200 00

—as of date January 1, 1904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a petition from the Chief Engineer and the Assistant Engineer of the Police Department Steamboat Patrol for an increase in their salaries.

Laid over.

The President of the Borough of The Bronx appeared and took his place in the Board.

The Secretary presented a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, relative to certain changes in the payrolls of the hospitals, and the fixing of the salaries of employees.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Surrogate of Kings County, relative to his request for the Board to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the fixing of the salary of Stenographer's Amanuensis:

CHAMBERS OF SURROGATE'S COURT,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., February 11, 1904.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—Your communication asking me whether the position of Court Stenographer's Amanuensis is so classified in the State Civil Service Commission's rules is duly received. I must frankly confess that these various rules of the State Civil Service Commission are beyond my comprehension, and that it is impossible for me to answer.

The only thing that I can draw from their classification is that they specifically exempt by name certain positions in each office, and all other positions are declared to be in the competitive class; and that, further, in the competitive class all Stenographers are apparently rated alike, irrespective of the importance of their duties, and that all clerks are apparently rated alike, irrespective of whether they really have to perform some intelligent clerical labor or are mere copyists.

Perhaps a word of explanation in regard to the details of the positions in my office will simplify the transaction: By the provisions of section 2508 of the Code of Civil Procedure, all of the employees of the Surrogate's Court, outside of the Chief Clerk and Stenographer, are designated as clerks, irrespective of the duties which they have to perform. Long before the adoption of the Civil Service Rules, however, for the purpose of convenience in making out the payroll and budget, the various clerks were given titles corresponding to the duties which they were required to perform, although there was no legal authority for the giving of these titles. Upon the adoption of the Civil Service rules they were adopted by the State Civil Service Commissioners, and in referring to the offices they have come to be regarded as if they were positions which were officially created.

When a stenographer was appointed to assist the Court Stenographer in writing out the court minutes, in accordance with the provisions of the Code, for the sake of convenience such stenographer was referred to as Court Stenographer's Amanuensis, and such appointee has been known by that title ever since, although, as I explained before, there was no legal provision for such title to the position.

I regret that I am unable to give you better information on this matter, but this is the best I can do.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I remain yours very truly,

JAMES C. CHURCH.

CHAMBERS OF SURROGATE'S COURT,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 22, 1904.

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

GENTLEMEN—The amount allowed for salaries to my office for the year 1904 is \$5,000 in excess of that allowed for 1903. As before stated, in my communication to your Honorable Board, accompanying my requisition, there will be but little occasion to make any new appointments or changes until after the completion of the alterations and repairs to the Hall of Records, now in progress, and the occupancy of the new offices thus provided. There is, however, immediate necessity for the appointment of two court officers. My application to your Board for the fixing of the amount of salaries for the year 1904 asked that three additional Court Officers be provided for, as they would be needed upon the occupancy of the new court room. By reason, however, of the press of business in the office, and occasional sickness, I have been compelled to utilize the services of Court Officers as Clerks, and from time to time to take Recording Clerks from their work to act as Court Officers. Consequently I find, at the present time, the necessity for the appointment of two of these officers, and have already made request of your Honorable Body for the fixing of one of these offices as of the first of January, 1904. I desire now to have another Court Officer's position fixed at the salary of \$1,200, which is the usual sum allowed to Court Officers of this borough, and purpose filling that position, when fixed, by the appointment of Mr. Lorenzo O'Connor, who is now acting as Recording Clerk at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. This increase of salary is within the limit allowed by the Civil Service Commission, and will add but \$200 to the annual salary charge of this office.

I also desire to have the salary of Miss Mary L. Murphy, the Stenographer's Amanuensis, increased from \$700 to \$800. Miss Murphy has been many years in the service, is very faithful and competent, and her salary is not in proportion to the services which she renders. I therefore ask for an increase of from \$700 to \$800. A similar application for an increase of her salary from \$600 to \$800 was made upwards of a year ago and was granted by the prior Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but by reason of a misapprehension in fixing the salary total for this office I was able to add the amount of \$100 to her then salary. I now desire that it be fixed at \$800.

I desire that these increases shall take effect from the first day of February, 1904, and respectfully request that your Honorable Board so recommend to the Board of Aldermen.

Should there be any question as to granting these slight increases, or should the Board desire further explanation of the matter, I will be pleased at any time to appear before your Honorable Board and state in more detail the reason why I ask these slight increases.

Trusting this will receive your early and favorable attention, I remain,

Yours very truly,

JAMES C. CHURCH, Surrogate.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby recommends to the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, that the salary of the position of Stenographer's Amanuensis in the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, be fixed at the rate of eight hundred dollars (\$800) per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Correction, requesting a transfer of \$4,825 to "Salaries," and requesting the Board to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the fixing of the salaries of Stokers and Firemen.

Referred to the Mayor for submission to the Commissioner of Accounts.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Health, requesting the establishment of the position of Tabulator in the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, February 9, 1904.

Hon. J. W. STEVENSON, Deputy Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—Receipt of yours of the 6th instant addressed to Hon. Thomas Darlington, Commissioner of Health, in which you state a communication from this Department requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to fix the salary of the position of Tabulator at grades ranging from \$1,200 per annum to \$1,800 per annum, inclusive, and of the position of Messenger at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, was laid over until February 19, 1904, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held February 5, 1904, in order to give the said Commissioner of Health an opportunity to appear and state his reasons for the proposed increases in the salaries of those positions, is respectfully acknowledged.

In the matter of the request to fix the salary of the position of Tabulator at the grades ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per annum, you are informed the Board did not make a request for an increase of salary, but requested that the position of Tabulator of the fourth to the eighth grade, inclusive, be created for the reasons stated in the communication.

The Commissioner of Health desires me to state, however, that he will make it his business to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at the meeting mentioned, in respect to this and other matters pending before the Board at that time.

Respectfully yours,
EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 22, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—Receipt of yours of January 15, 1904, returning the communication addressed to you on December 12, 1903, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to create the position of Tabulator of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the Department of Health, and the communication of December 8, 1903, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to consent to the fixing of the salary of William T. Brady, at present a Messenger in this Department, assigned to duty in the Office of the President of the Board of Health, with salary at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, at \$1,500 per annum, pursuant to resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting held January 8, 1904, directing the Secretary of the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment to return all communications received from the heads of administrative departments prior to January 1, 1904, for the consideration of the present heads of said departments, is respectfully acknowledged.

You are informed the matters above mentioned were submitted to the Board of Health at its meeting held January 20, 1904, for consideration, and I was again directed to respectfully request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to create the position of Tabulator of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the Department of Health. As stated in the said communication of December 12, 1903, the Hollerith Electric Tabulating Machine was introduced in this Department some twelve years ago, and has been in constant use in the Bureau of Records in the tabulation of vital statistics during the whole of that period. There is a similar position under the rules and regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission in the Tenement House Department, and for the purpose of more strictly complying with the said rules and regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, in assigning those employees of this Department to such positions, the duties of which they are required to perform, the Board of Health desires the creation of the position in question.

Respectfully yours,
EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby recommends to the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, that the salaries of the following positions in the Department of Health be fixed as follows:

	Per annum.
Tabulator	\$1,200 00
Tabulator	1,350 00
Tabulator	1,500 00
Tabulator	1,650 00
Tabulator	1,800 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Police Department, requesting an appropriation of \$3,700 for extra work in the construction of a station house for the Seventy-fifth Precinct:

POLICE DEPARTMENT,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, February 6, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—Whereas, Contract was entered into with Thomas G. Carlin by the Police Commissioner for the Police Department of The City of New York, dated May 28, 1903, for the construction of a station house for the Seventy-fifth Precinct for the sum and price of \$88,000, and it appearing from reports of the architect (R. Thomas Short) that it is necessary to perform additional work on account of the character of the ground where the foundations of said building are to be dug and built, and that four estimates for said work have been received by the Police Commissioner, the lowest being that of said contractor, Thomas G. Carlin; and

Whereas, By resolution adopted December 8, 1903, approved by the Mayor December 18, 1903, the Board of Aldermen adopted the following:

"That permission be and hereby is given to the Police Commissioner to accept the estimate of Thomas G. Carlin for extra work required in the construction of a station house for the Seventy-fifth Precinct in a sum not to exceed \$3,700, and to award contract for same without advertising for competing bids."

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the issue of Corporate Stock in the sum of \$3,700 to pay the expense for extra work required in the construction of a station house for the Seventy-fifth Precinct.

Ordered, That copy of resolution of the Board of Aldermen hereinbefore referred to be respectfully referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with these proceedings.

Very respectfully,
WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to an amount not exceeding thirty-seven hundred dollars (\$3,700) to provide means to pay the expense for extra work required in the construction of a station house for the Seventy-fifth Precinct, and that when authority therefor shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The

City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to an amount not exceeding thirty-seven hundred dollars (\$3,700), the proceeds whereof to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Police Department requesting the apportionment of \$15,000 provided for in resolutions heretofore adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

POLICE DEPARTMENT,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, February 6, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIRS—Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by resolution adopted March 13, 1903, authorized the issue of Corporate Stock in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of payment of preliminary plans for new station houses and buildings for the Police Department in the City of New York, which said resolution was passed by the Board of Aldermen on April 14, 1903, and approved by the Mayor on April 20, 1903; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by resolution adopted June 5, 1903, authorized the issue of Corporate Stock in the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of payment for preliminary plans for the Sixty-eighth, Seventieth and Seventy-first Precinct station houses, which said resolution was passed by the Board of Aldermen on July 14, 1903, and approved by the Mayor on July 20, 1903.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to apportion the said sum of \$15,000 provided by the said resolutions, as follows: the sum of \$12,00 for the purpose of payment of preliminary plans for new station houses and buildings for the Police Department in the City of New York; and the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of payment of preliminary plans for the Sixty-eighth, Seventieth and Seventy-first Precinct station houses.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, hereby consents to the application of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the proceeds of Corporate Stock authorized to be issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment June 5, 1903, to the same purposes and objects for which Corporate Stock was authorized to be issued by resolution adopted March 13, 1903, to wit:

To provide means to pay the expenses of the preparation of the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of new buildings in The City of New York under the jurisdiction of the Department of Police.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Board, relative to the appointment of three additional Axemen for the work of the triangulation of the City.

Laid over.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, enclosing copy of communication from the Engineer in Charge of the Bureau of Lamps and Lighting, relative to the insufficiency of the appropriation for lighting public buildings during the year 1904.

Laid over.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, requesting the transfer of \$900 to "Maintenance and Construction," Borough of The Bronx:

PARKS, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,
NEW YORK, February 2, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, New York City:

SIR—A bill has been presented to this Department, February 1, 1904, for making all necessary repairs to the horse and hand mowers owned by the Department of Parks of The Bronx; also furnishing any necessary new parts and keeping same in good working order at all times during the year beginning February 1, 1903, and ending February 1, 1904.

I am informed that there is absolutely no record of this agreement in this Department, and, consequently, no provision was made to pay the same from the proper appropriation, namely, the appropriation for "Maintenance and Construction, 1903." I find, however, that there is a balance in the account entitled "Administration, 1903," of \$1,323.04. The work under this alleged agreement has been performed, and the party should be paid.

If a transfer could be made from the appropriation "Administration, 1903," which is in excess of the requirements thereof, of the sum of \$900, to the appropriation "Maintenance and Construction, 1903," the account above mentioned could be paid, thus avoiding the necessity of legal proceedings on behalf of the said party.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM P. SCHMITT,
Commissioner of Parks, Borough of The Bronx.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$900) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Parks for the year 1903, entitled "Borough of The Bronx—Administration," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said department for the year 1903, entitled "Borough of The Bronx—Maintenance and Construction," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the New York Zoological Society, requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 for the purpose of the renewal of steam heating and piping in the New York Aquarium.

Referred to the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

The Secretary presented the following reports from the Bureau of Investigations, Department of Finance, relative to the request from the Board of Education for the approval of the action of said Board in awarding contracts for pianos for use in the public schools to other than the lowest bidder:

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, stating that a clerical error was made in copying a report of said Board, adopted January 27, 1904, relative to sundry transfers and requesting permission to withdraw said copies and substitute corrected ones:

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 9, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—Owing to a clerical error appearing in the copy of a report adopted by the Board of Education on January 27, relative to sundry transfers of funds, I wish to withdraw the copy heretofore sent you and to substitute the enclosed corrected copy.

Respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Supplies desires an adjustment of the several "Transportation" appropriations for the current year, made necessary by the fact that some funds are insufficient for their purposes, while others exhibit a surplus.

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to make the following transfers within the Special School Fund for the current year, and covering certain of the "Transportation" appropriations:

The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the item "Transportation," Borough of The Bronx, to the item "Incidental Expenses," Board of Education.

The sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the item "Transportation," Borough of Brooklyn, to the similar-named fund of the Borough of Queens.

The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the item "Transportation," Borough of The Bronx, to the similar-named fund of the Borough of Richmond.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education January 27, 1904.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment February 5, 1904, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Education for the year 1904, entitled and as follows:

"Special School Fund—Borough of Brooklyn, Transportation".....	\$2,000 00
"Special School Fund—Borough of The Bronx, Transportation".....	1,000 00

Total.....	\$3,000 00
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—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to the said Department of Education for the year 1904, entitled and as follows:

"Special School Fund—Borough of Queens, Transportation".....	\$2,000 00
"Special School Fund—Borough of Richmond, Transportation".....	1,000 00

Total.....	\$3,000 00
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

—be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Education for the year 1904, entitled and as follows:

"Special School Fund—Borough of The Bronx, Transportation".....	\$2,000 00
"Special School Fund—Borough of Brooklyn, Transportation".....	2,000 00

Total.....	\$4,000 00
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—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said Department for the year 1904, entitled and as follows:

"Special School Fund—Board of Education, Incidental Expenses".....	\$1,000 00
"Special School Fund—Borough of Queens, Transportation".....	2,000 00

"Special School Fund—Borough of Richmond, Transportation".....	1,000 00
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Total.....	\$4,000 00
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Mayor, relative to the transfer of \$1,000 to the Commissioner appointed to represent The City of New York at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition:

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
February 4, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—I beg to transmit to you herewith copy of a letter from Thomas W. Hynes, the Commissioner to represent The City of New York at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, asking that one thousand dollars out of the fund of five thousand dollars allotted to the Tenement House Department be temporarily transferred to him for the expenses of his Commission, and also copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the Tenement House Department consenting to the transfer.

Respectfully,

GEO. B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.

TENEMENT HOUSE COMMISSIONER, NO. 61 IRVING PLACE, }
NEW YORK, February 1, 1904.

Hon. GEO. B. McCLELLAN, City Hall, City:

DEAR SIR—Referring to the request of Commissioner Hynes, which I understand has been made to you for the temporary transfer of \$1,000 from the \$5,000 fund appropriated, as I am informed, to defray the expenses of an exhibit to be made by this Department in the coming St. Louis Exposition, I would say that if such temporary transfer is agreeable to you I have no objection to the same.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) THOS. C. T. CRAIN, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TO LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION,
ROOM 192, NO. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, January 29, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor:

DEAR SIR—I am informed that, even with favorable action on the part of the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in providing an additional appropriation for the exhibit to be made by this City at the St. Louis Purchase Exposition, the additional funds will not be available for three or four weeks, thus causing a delay which may materially affect the work now under way.

In pursuance to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen November 17, 1903, the Mayor assigned to the Tenement House Department the sum of \$5,000 of the \$10,000 which was made available.

I would respectfully request that you authorize a transfer of \$1,000 from the sum previously allowed to the Tenement House Department for the immediate purposes of this Commission, the said sum of \$1,000 to be refunded to the Tenement House Department as soon as additional funds are provided.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) THOMAS W. HYNES, Commissioner.

The action of the Mayor in making the transfer was approved by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Queens Borough Library, calling attention to the insufficiency of the appropriation made to said library for the year 1904:

Which was ordered on file.

QUEENS BOROUGH LIBRARY,
NO. 101 EAST AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
February 8, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor, City of New York:

SIR—At a former meeting of our Board of Trustees, held January 8, 1904, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the Chair (the writer) be made a committee of one to frame a resolution to send to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, protesting against the small amount of appropriation for 1904, and asking for an increase thereto."

I would like to call your attention to the enclosed Departmental Estimate for the year 1904, which was submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in August, 1903. No action was taken upon this estimate by said Board, no increase was granted, and no explanation of the failure to make the increase has been made to our Board of Trustees. The total appropriation for all library purposes for the year 1904 was \$519,393.80. Of this amount

Brooklyn Public Library received \$248,518, an increase of \$61,818.

New York Public Library received \$223,600.80, an increase of \$112,450.80.

Queens Borough Library received \$30,000, no increase whatever.

It has in the past been difficult for the Trustees of the Queens Borough Library to maintain that institution, which now includes nine branches, with the small amount annually appropriated for their use, and in consequence of the rapid growth of the library system throughout the borough it will be impossible to maintain the libraries at the proper standard required by the Regents and demanded by the people during the year 1904. Unless an increased appropriation is made, it will be necessary to close the branches during the latter part of the year. Even at the present time the library is not fully meeting the demands of the borough, as applications are constantly being received from the various sections requesting the establishment of branch libraries. These requests it has been impossible to comply with, except to a very limited extent, in consequence of lack of funds.

In addition to the general expenses, which necessarily increase from year to year through the growth of the library system, additional expenditures will be required at the opening of the three Carnegie library buildings, which will be completed before the first of June, and it is possible that still another additional sum will be required for the three other buildings, which it is hoped will be completed and open to the public before the end of the year 1904.

It must be evident, therefore, to you from these facts that the appropriation of \$30,000 for 1904 is wholly inadequate to meet the demands of the library, and that the increase asked for, \$19,410, is not alone well within the sum which is absolutely essential for the proper maintenance, but is wholly inadequate to provide for the establishment of new branches throughout the Borough, which are absolutely necessary.

I trust you will give this matter your earnest attention, and that you will spare no efforts to induce the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to grant the increase asked for.

Yours very truly,

WALTER G. FREY, President.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Coroners of the Borough of Queens, notifying the Board that each Coroner had appointed a Clerk under the provisions of chapter 370 of the Laws of 1899, and requesting the Board to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in each case to provide for the salaries.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Board of Health, requesting the Board to fix the salary of the position of Telephone Switchboard Operator at \$900 per annum.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, requesting an amendment to the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 18, 1903, authorizing an issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$300,000 for the expenses incurred or to be incurred in the construction of sewers in certain streets in the Borough of Brooklyn:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BROOKLYN, February 8, 1904.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.:

DEAR SIRS—On July 8, 1903, your Board adopted a resolution approving a resolution of the Local Board of the Heights, Red Hook, Prospect Heights and Bushwick districts, which provided for the initiation of proceedings as follows:

1. Sewer west side of Fourth avenue, from Butler street to Degraw street; Degraw street from Fourth avenue to Gowanus Canal, with silt and trap basin at Degraw street and Gowanus Canal.

2. Sewer in Fifth avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Dean street; Dean street, from Fifth avenue to Third avenue; Third avenue, from Dean street to Baltic street; Baltic street, from Third avenue to Nevins street; Nevins street, from Baltic street to Butler street; Butler street, north side, from Nevins street to Gowanus Canal; Flatbush avenue, east and west sides, from Atlantic avenue to Fifth avenue; Atlantic avenue, south side, from Flatbush avenue to Fifth avenue.

3. Sewer in Evergreen avenue, between Halsey street and Schaeffer street.

4. Sewer from the basin of the Newtown Creek Canal, between Meadow street and Stagg street to Morgan avenue sewer, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Your Board, in approving the said resolution of the Local Board, reserved its determination as to what portion, if any, of the cost and expense of the above-mentioned improvement should be borne by The City of New York. On July 31, following, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment recited its previous act in approving the resolution of the Local Board and, reserving the determination of the question as to what portion of the expense should be borne by the City, passed a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York hereby determines that the whole of such cost and expense shall be paid by The City of New York, and on December 18, 1903, said Board of Estimate and Apportionment passed a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding \$300,000, to provide the necessary means for the payment of the expense incurred or to be incurred, by reason of the construction of the sewers in the streets of Brooklyn, naming the first three proposed relief sewers as had been provided in the resolution of July 8, and also the resolution of July 31, but omitted the fourth item, to wit, the sewer from the basin of the Newtown creek canal between Meadow street and Stagg street to Morgan avenue sewer.

It appears now that the \$300,000 provided for is ample to include the cost of the construction of the fourth item, to wit, the sewer from the basin of Newtown creek canal to Morgan avenue sewer. The omission of this fourth item was undoubtedly an oversight, for plans and specifications for this improvement work are now drawn ready for bids from contractors. The acquisition of land has progressed and Commissioners of Condemnation were appointed on December 2 last.

The account of the \$300,000 provided for the construction of sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn is shown in the report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, here-to attached, and shows a balance of that fund of \$6,000, which will be sufficient to pay for the construction of the omitted sewer.

I therefore request that permission be granted to charge the fourth item mentioned of \$6,000 against the remaining balance of said fund. The facts will appear from the reports of the Commissioner of Public Works, the Superintendent of Sewers and the Chief Engineer of Sewers.

Yours very respectfully,

MARTIN W. LITTLETON, President, Borough of Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, February 5, 1904.

Hon. MARTIN W. LITTLETON, President, Borough of Brooklyn:

DEAR SIR—I beg to attach hereto copy of communication from the Superintendent of Sewers, with letter of the Chief Engineer of Sewers attached; also resolution from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment affecting this matter.

I would recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be communicated with and requested to pass a resolution to the effect that a relief sewer extending from the basin of the Newtown Creek canal, between Meadow and Stagg streets, to the Morgan avenue sewer, be charged to the fund "Construction of Sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn."

You will note from the Chief Engineer's report that there will be sufficient money remaining after paying for the three sewers referred to on page 300 of the "City Record," issued January 20, 1904, to cover the cost of the sewer referred to above.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. C. BRACKENRIDGE, Commissioner of Public Works.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BUREAU OF SEWERS, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,
February 3, 1904.

Hon. JOHN C. BRACKENRIDGE, Commissioner of Public Works:

DEAR SIR—I forward to you a copy of a communication I have received from the Chief Engineer of Sewers relating to relief sewers.

It clearly appears from the said report, including resolutions which are spoken of and are herewith also forwarded, that no fund has been set aside for the payment of a relief sewer authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to extend from a basin of the Newtown creek canal, between Meadow and Stagg streets, to the Morgan avenue sewer.

It has been determined by said Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the cost for said sewer will be a charge against the City at large. Request is therefore made that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be urged to pass a resolution to the effect that this relief sewer be charged to the fund "Construction of Sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn," as it appears that there will be a balance in said fund to meet the cost of this work, including the cost of the three other relief sewer improvements which have been charged to this fund.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) ARTHUR J. O'KEEFFE, Superintendent of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BUREAU OF SEWERS, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
February 3, 1904.

Mr ARTHUR J. O'KEEFFE, Superintendent of Sewers:

DEAR SIR—I inclose herewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 8th day of July, 1903, authorizing the construction of four relief sewers, in which it is set forth that the Board reserves its right to determine at a future date what portion, if any, of the cost of the authorizations should be borne by the City at large.

I also inclose copy of resolution passed by the Board of Estimate on the 31st day of July, 1903, in which it was determined that the cost of the four improvements should be borne by the City at large.

I was informed that said Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a later date authorized the issuance of Corporate Stock of The City of New York to an amount not to exceed \$300,000, setting forth a fund entitled "Construction of Sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn," to which the four relief sewers authorized in the resolutions I have before mentioned should be charged, but I find by referring to page 300 of the "City Record," issued on January 20, 1904, that this fund provides for only three of the matters in question, or the first three improvements noted in said resolutions. It will be seen, therefore, that in the case of constructing the fourth item, viz.:

Sewer from the basin of the Newtown creek canal, between Meadow and Stagg streets, to the Morgan avenue sewer,—said work has been authorized and ordered charged against the City at large, but that no fund has been provided for same.

There is ample money in the fund providing for the payment of this other relief sewer. I therefore suggest that permission be obtained from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to include the sewer improvement I have last mentioned above for payment against said fund. Our plans and specifications for this improvement work are drawn, ready for bids from contractors. The acquisition of land necessary has progressed, Commissioners of Condemnation having been appointed, I believe, on December 2 last.

Request is therefore also made that the City be vested with the title of this land, pursuant to section 990 of the Charter.

The liabilities against the fund "Construction of Sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn" are as follows:

1. Sewer west side of Fourth avenue, from Butler street to Degraw street, etc.,	\$107,865 00
Engineering and inspection	6,000 00
2. Sewer in Fifth avenue from Atlantic avenue to Dean street, Dean street from Fifth avenue to Third avenue, etc., etc.,	158,256 50
Engineering and inspection	9,000 00
3. Sewer in Evergreen avenue, between Halsey street and Schaefer street	11,542 49
Total.	\$9,292,663 99

This estimate of the liabilities for the work already contracted for shows a balance of more than \$6,000, which I estimate for the construction of the sewer from the basin of the Newtown creek canal, between Meadow and Stagg streets, to the Morgan avenue sewer.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY R. ASSERSON, Chief Engineer of Sewers.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 18, 1903, and which reads as follows:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of sections 169 and 176 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), to provide the necessary means for the payment of the expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by reason of the construction of sewers in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn:

Sewer west side of Fourth avenue, from Butler street to Degraw street; Degraw street, from Fourth avenue to Gowanus canal, with silt and trap basin at Degraw street and Gowanus canal.

Sewer in Fifth avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Dean street; Dean street, from Fifth avenue to Third avenue; Third avenue, between Dean and Baltic streets; Baltic street, from Third avenue to Nevins street; Nevins street, between Baltic and Butler streets; Butler street, north side, from Nevins street to Gowanus canal; Flatbush avenue, east and west sides, between Atlantic and Fifth avenues; Atlantic avenue, south side, between Flatbush and Fifth avenues.

Sewer in Evergreen avenue, between Halsey and Schaefer streets,—be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of sections 169 and 176 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), to provide the necessary means for the payment of the expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by reason of the construction of sewers in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn:

1. Sewer west side of Fourth avenue, from Butler street to Degraw street; Degraw street, from Fourth avenue to Gowanus canal, with silt and trap basin at Degraw street and Gowanus canal.

2. Sewer in Fifth avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Dean street; Dean street, from Fifth avenue to Third avenue; Third avenue, between Dean and Baltic streets; Baltic street, from Third avenue to Nevins street; Nevins street, between Baltic and Butler streets; Butler street, north side, from Nevins street to Gowanus canal; Flatbush avenue, east and west sides, between Atlantic and Fifth avenues; Atlantic avenue, south side, between Flatbush and Fifth avenues.

3. Sewer in Evergreen avenue, between Halsey and Schaefer streets.

4. Sewer from basin of the Newtown creek canal, between Meadow street and Stagg street, to Morgan avenue sewer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Corporation Counsel, requesting an amendment to a resolution adopted February 13, 1903, relative to the fixing of a number of positions and the salaries thereof in the Law Department:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, February 15, 1904.

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

DEAR SIRS—I inclose herewith a draft of a resolution making certain changes in the schedule of positions and salaries in this Department. It is merely a readjustment of the schedule now in force, for the purpose of meeting the growing needs of the Department, with no increase of cost on the payroll of the main office, and with a slight decrease in cost in the Bureau of Street Openings.

The changes which I propose are as follows:

1. To take the position of "Assistant" in the main office, at \$7,000, which is now vacant, and to divide the salary so that I may appoint two Assistants at \$2,000 each and two Assistants at \$1,500 each.

2. To take the position of "Assistant" in the Brooklyn office, at \$5,000 per annum, which is now vacant, and to divide it so that I may appoint one Assistant at \$3,000 and one Assistant at \$2,000.

3. In the Bureau of Street Openings, to abolish the positions of two Topographical Draughtsmen, one at \$1,350 and the other at \$1,200 per annum (these positions now being vacant and unnecessary), and to substitute in place thereof one Assistant at \$2,500.

My reasons for recommending these changes are as follows:

The number of cases on the court calendars which are now coming on for trial is increasing very rapidly and the Senior Assistants in the office have not the time to properly prepare all these actions for trial.

As an illustration of the increase in the number of actions tried and appeals argued, the following schedule will show the remarkable growth of this part of the office work since the date of consolidation:

Year.	Appeals Argued at Court of Appeals.	Appeals Argued at Appellate Division.	Actions Tried in Court.
1898	35	157	118
1899	51	144	231
1900	46	140	273
1901	72	150	255
1902	45	182	348
1903	80	203	439

These statistics show, therefore, that the number of appeals to be argued has about doubled and that the number of cases now being tried is between three and four times as great as during the first year of consolidation. The office greatly needs the services of a number of Assistants, who can be obtained at the smaller salaries, which I have recommended, who have been trained in the work of preparing actions for trial, and who can come into this department and take up the same line of work here. There is nothing more important than a thorough preparation of an action before trial, and these Assistants would have time to examine the records of the Department, interview witnesses and prepare trial briefs, and in this manner relieve the Trial Assistants of much detail work which they are now obliged to do and which could be done by others. Another reason is the fact that in case of the absence through sickness, or for any good reason, of an Assistant assigned to try an action, there is no one to take his place. My idea is that each Trial Assistant should have one or more subordinates, whose work it would be to prepare cases for trial and who would be competent, in case of the absence of the Trial Assistant, to take charge of the case. This is to my mind the greatest need of the Department at present, and I am sure that the changes which I have proposed will greatly add to the efficiency of the Department.

In the Bureau of Street Openings I propose the abolishing of the positions of two Topographical Draughtsmen, which are now vacant, the salaries of which aggregate \$2,550, and the addition of an assistant at \$2,500. The present force of Topographical Draughtsmen is sufficient to do the work of the Bureau and an additional assistant is needed to try condemnation proceedings.

As the abolishing of these positions at higher salaries and the substitution in place thereof of more positions at smaller salaries will add nothing to the payroll of the Department, and will increase the office force, there can be no objection upon the ground of increased expense, and I am sure that your Board will agree with me that the changes suggested will be to the best interests of the City.

I, therefore, ask that your Board adopt a resolution similar in form to that submitted herewith to carry out the proposed changes in the salary schedule, and that the resolution be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for their approval.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN J. DELANY, Corporation Counsel.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted February 13, 1903, and approved by the Board of Aldermen, March 10, 1903, fixing the number of positions and the salaries thereof in the Law Department, be amended by striking therefrom the following positions:

Main Office.

	Per Annum.
1 Assistant	\$7,000 00
1 Assistant	5,000 00

Bureau of Street Openings.

1 Topographical Draughtsman.....	\$1,350 00
1 Topographical Draughtsman.....	1,200 00

—and substitute in place thereof the following:

Main Office.

1 Assistant	\$3,000 00
3 Assistants, each.....	2,000 00
2 Assistants, each.....	1,500 00

Bureau of Street Openings.

1 Assistant	\$2,500 00
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Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance, relative to the acquisition of land between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, adjoining Public School 82, Borough of Brooklyn, for a school site:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 9, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, at meeting of December 23, 1902, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on Fourth avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, adjoining Public School 82, in Local School Board District No. 30, Borough of Brooklyn:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue distant fifty (50) feet two (2) inches from the northeasterly line of Thirty-seventh street, and running thence northwesterly and parallel with Thirty-seventh street one hundred (100) feet; thence northeasterly and parallel with Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82; thence southeasterly along the said southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82 one hundred (100) feet to the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$700.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such steps as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

I have made an examination of this property and report that this plot is Ward Eight, section 3, volume 2, Block 696, Lot No. 37, a vacant lot 25 by 100 feet on the northeasterly side of Fourth avenue, 50 feet 2 inches easterly from Thirty-seventh street, and adjoining school grounds of Public School 82, Borough of Brooklyn.

This lot is owned by John Strachan, and is offered to the City for \$2,250. (See letter herewith).

I have had several interviews with the owner, and have been unable to acquire the property at anything like its true market value. The full market value of the lot does not exceed \$1,600. The building is worth about \$100, the value being in the land alone.

Inasmuch as the expenses in condemnation proceedings to acquire this property would amount to the difference between the value of the property and the price put upon it by the owner, and that the Board of Education requires its immediate use, I am compelled to recommend its acquisition at private sale. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the above described premises at a sum not exceeding \$2,250.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate in Charge of Bureau.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the matter of acquiring property adjoining Public School 82, in Local School Board District No. 30, Borough of Brooklyn, in order to enable the Committee on Buildings to make necessary sanitary improvements. The present toilet building is in very bad condition and has been condemned by the Department of Buildings, and it is necessary to acquire additional property in order that such improvements may be made in a proper manner. The School Board for the Borough of Brooklyn, at a meeting held November 6, 1901, recommended the acquisition of a plot of land 25 feet by 100 feet on the southwest side of said school, and your committee is of the opinion that this property should be acquired for the purpose mentioned.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on Fourth avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, adjoining Public School 82, in Local School Board District No. 30, Borough of Brooklyn:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue distant fifty (50) feet two (2) inches from the northeasterly line of Thirty-seventh street, and running thence northwesterly and parallel with Thirty-seventh street one hundred (100) feet; thence northeasterly and parallel with Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82; thence southeasterly along the said southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82 one hundred (100) feet to the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above-described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$700.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such steps as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held December 23, 1902.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the action of the Board of Education in the matter of the selection of the following described lands and premises for a school site on Fourth avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, adjoining Public School 82, Borough of Brooklyn:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue distant fifty (50) feet two (2) inches from the northeasterly line of Thirty-seventh street, and running thence northwesterly and parallel with Thirty-seventh street one hundred (100) feet; thence northeasterly and parallel with Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82; thence southeasterly along the said southwesterly line of lands of Public School 82 one hundred (100) feet to the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of Fourth avenue twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning,

—and hereby authorizes the Comptroller of The City of New York to enter into a contract for the purchase of said described premises at a price not exceeding twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,250), said contract to be approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance, relative to the acquisition of land on Cedar street, in the rear of Public School 53, Richmond Hill, Borough of Queens:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 9, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education at meeting of November 26, 1902, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on Cedar street, in the rear of Public School 53, Richmond Hill, in Local School Board District No. 44, Borough of Queens:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Cedar street where it would be intersected by the continuation of the southerly line of lands of Public School 53, and running thence easterly at right angles to said Cedar street to a point formed by the intersection of the southerly line of said lands of Public School 53 with the southwesterly line of said lands; thence northwesterly along the said southwesterly line of the lands of Public School 53 to the easterly line of Cedar street; thence southerly along the easterly line of Cedar street to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above-described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$200.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

I have had an examination made of the property and would report that this is a gore lot 13 feet 1 inch by 80 feet by 81 feet 1 inch on Cedar street, in rear of Public School 53, on Linden avenue, 190 feet south of Atlantic avenue, Richmond Hill, Borough of Queens, needed to square out the present school site and give it a frontage on Cedar street as well as on Linden avenue.

This gore is a part of Lot No. 681, Block 31, Fourth Ward, and is assessed, with other property, in the name of the Charles Paulson heirs. The fair market value of the gore is not over \$200 or \$250.

Lots in this neighborhood are worth from \$300 to \$500, but the gore, though small, is all frontage, and completely cuts off the school from Cedar street. Therefore \$250 cannot be considered an excessive price under the circumstances.

However, the owner refuses to dispose of this property for less than \$400, and, inasmuch as expenses in condemnation proceedings to acquire it would amount to the difference between the value we have placed upon it and the price asked by the owner, I would respectfully recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the above-described premises at a sum not exceeding \$400.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate in Charge of Bureau.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites respectfully reports that it has carefully considered certain recommendations of the Local School Board of District No. 44, and of the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, that a strip of land on Cedar street in the rear of Public School 53, at Richmond Hill, be acquired for school purposes. The plot upon which this school stands has a frontage on Elm street, and is only separated from Cedar street by a small triangular strip of land. Your Committee recommends that said strip of land be acquired so as to give access to said school on Cedar street.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on Cedar street, in the rear of Public School 53, Richmond Hill, in Local School Board District No. 44, Borough of Queens:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Cedar street where it would be intersected by the continuation of the southerly line of lands of Public School 53, and running thence easterly at right angles to said Cedar street to a point formed by the intersection of the southerly line of said lands of Public School 53 with the southwesterly line of said lands; thence northwesterly along the said southwesterly line of the lands of Public School 53 to the easterly line of Cedar street; thence southerly along the easterly line of Cedar street to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$200.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education on November 26, 1902.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the action of the Board of Education in the matter of the selection of the following described lands and premises for a school site on Cedar street, in the rear of Public School 53, Richmond Hill, Borough of Queens:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Cedar street where it would be intersected by the continuation of the southerly line of lands of Public School 53, and running thence easterly at right angles to said Cedar street to a point formed by the

intersection of the southerly line of said lands of Public School 53 with the southerly line of said lands; thence northwesterly along the said southwesterly line of the lands of Public School 53 to the easterly line of Cedar street; thence southerly along the easterly line of Cedar street to the point or place of beginning, —and hereby authorizes the Comptroller of The City of New York to enter into a contract for the purchase of said described premises at a price not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400), said contract to be approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance, relative to the acquisition of property on First avenue and East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Borough of Manhattan, for a school site:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 15, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, at a meeting held on November 26, 1902, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on First avenue and East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, in Local School Board District No. 20, Borough of Manhattan:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of First avenue with the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, and running thence westerly along the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence southerly and parallel with First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches; thence easterly and parallel with East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the westerly line of First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches to the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$49,500.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

An examination of these premises was made by the Engineers of the Department of Finance and a report was made thereon. From an examination I have made, I have discovered that for a long time past this property has been under the control of a lawyer who has charge of a great many of the condemnation proceedings where the City's interest is concerned, as a representative of the owners, and it has therefore been impossible to do anything with the owners in the way of purchasing at private sale.

I think the full market value of the property is about \$90,000, and inasmuch as we have been unable to do anything regarding the purchase at private sale, I would respectfully recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorize the institution of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of this site.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate in charge of Bureau.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the recommendation contained in the report of the City Superintendent of Schools submitted April 9, 1902 (see Journal, page 668), relative to acquiring premises upon which to erect a new school building to take the place of Public School 163, in Local School Board District No. 20, Borough of Manhattan, and submits the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on First avenue and East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, in Local School Board District No. 20, Borough of Manhattan:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of First avenue with the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street and running thence westerly along the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence southerly and parallel with First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches; thence easterly and parallel with East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the westerly line of First avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches to the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$49,500.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education November 26, 1902.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, }
STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY, }
November 24, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—In response to a verbal request from your Department, I beg leave to advise you that the property at the southwest corner of First avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, being 100 feet 11 inches on the avenue and 150 feet on the street, is described on the records as Lots Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Block 1688, Section 6, Volume 2, and is assessed for the year 1903, at \$72,000.

Yours respectfully,
C. ROCKLAND TYNG, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the selection of a site for public school purposes, located in the Borough of Manhattan, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of First avenue with the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, and running thence westerly along the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet; thence southerly and parallel with First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches; thence easterly and parallel with East One Hundred and Seventeenth street one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the westerly line of First avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of First avenue one hundred (100) feet eleven (11) inches to the southerly line of East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, the point or place of beginning,

—and that the Corporation Counsel be and he hereby is authorized to institute condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the above described premises which are assessed for the year 1903 for the purposes of taxation at seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance, relative to the acquisition of premises on York street, adjoining Public School 7, Borough of Brooklyn:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 15, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education at a meeting held on the 26th day of November, 1902, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following described lands and premises on York street, adjoining Public School 7, in Local School Board District No. 27, Borough of Brooklyn:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of York street distant eighty-five (85) feet westerly from the westerly line of Bridge street, and running thence northerly and parallel with Bridge street ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches; thence westerly and parallel with York street ten (10) feet to the easterly line of lands of Public School 7 thence southerly along the easterly line of lands of Public School 7 ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches to the northerly line of York street; thence easterly along the northerly line of York street ten (10) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above described premises as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$500.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

Resolved, That, in the event of the above described premises being acquired by purchase, the Board of Education requests that, if possible, a covenant be inserted in the deed providing that no buildings shall be erected on the vacant lands between said premises and the present factory on the northwest corner of York and Bridge streets.

It has been found impossible to purchase this property at private sale at a proper price, and at a meeting of the Board of Education, held on the 28th day of October, 1903, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to authorize the Corporation Counsel to institute condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of title to the strip of land 10 feet by 99 feet 8 inches on York street, near Bridge street, adjoining Public School 7, Borough of Brooklyn, on the east, selected by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes on November 26, 1902.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt a resolution authorizing the institution of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of title to the land mentioned and described in said resolution.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate in Charge of Bureau.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the matter of the necessity of acquiring land on the easterly side of Public School 7, in Local School Board District No. 27, Borough of Brooklyn, to assure suitable light and air space for said school, and submits for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby selects and determines as a site for school purposes the following-described lands and premises on York street, adjoining Public School 7, in Local School Board District No. 27, Borough of Brooklyn:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of York street distant eighty-five (85) feet westerly from the westerly line of Bridge street, and running thence northerly and parallel with Bridge street ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches; thence westerly and parallel with York street ten (10) feet to the easterly line of lands of Public School 7; thence southerly along the easterly line of lands of Public School 7 ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches to the northerly line of York street; thence easterly along the northerly line of York street ten (10) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Assessed valuation of the above-described premises, as stated by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$500.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary and proper for the acquisition of the lands and premises above described.

Resolved, That, in the event of the above-described premises being acquired by purchase, the Board of Education requests that, if possible, a covenant be inserted in the deed providing that no buildings shall be erected on the vacant lands between said premises and the present factory on the northwest corner of York and Bridge streets.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education on November 26, 1902.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to a recommendation of the City Superintendent of Schools and the Superintendent of School Buildings that a strip of land, 10 feet by 99 feet 8 inches, on the easterly side of Public School 7, Borough of Brooklyn, be acquired immediately, in order to form proper exits for the girls and to permit of the carrying out of the work under contract—of providing baths in the easterly wing, now used for exit purposes, which were planned with the understanding that this strip of land was to be acquired some time since.

The strip of land mentioned was selected for school purposes by the Board of Education on November 26, 1902 (see Journal, page 2728), and the matter was forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on November 28, 1902. Your committee is informed that offers have been made to purchase the same without result, and it is therefore recommended that the same be acquired by condemnation.

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to authorize the Corporation Counsel to institute condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of title to the strip of land 10 feet by 99 feet 8 inches, on York street, near Bridge street, adjoining Public School 7, Borough of Brooklyn, on the east, selected by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes on November 26, 1902.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on October 28, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
ROOM 20, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
November 24, 1903.

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

DEAR SIR—I certify herewith that the property situated on north side of York street, distant about 85 feet west of Bridge street, being 10 feet front and rear by about 99 feet in depth, is a portion of Lot No. 31, Block 54, of Section 1, and a fair assessed valuation of this parcel for 1903 would be \$900.

GEORGE J. CRAIGEN, Deputy Tax Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the selection of a site for public school purposes, located in the Borough of Brooklyn, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of York street, distant eighty-five (85) feet westerly from the westerly line of Bridge street, and running thence northerly and parallel with Bridge street ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches; thence

westerly and parallel with York street ten (10) feet to the easterly line of lands of Public School 7; thence southerly along the easterly line of lands of Public School 7 ninety-nine (99) feet eight (8) inches to the northerly line of York street; thence easterly along the northerly line of York street ten (10) feet to the point or place of beginning,

—and the Corporation Counsel be and he hereby is authorized to institute condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the above-described premises, which are assessed for the year 1903 for the purposes of taxation at nine hundred dollars (\$900).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the Armory Board, relative to the acquisition of a piece of property on Franklin avenue, corner of East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, Borough of The Bronx, as a site for an Armory for the Second Battery, N. G. N. Y.

Referred to the Armory Board for consideration.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges, requesting an appropriation of \$57,000 for the completion of the construction of the approach to Willis Avenue Bridge from the Southern Boulevard in the Borough of The Bronx.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
January 26, 1904. }

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, Manhattan:

GENTLEMEN—My predecessor, Hon. G. Lindenthal, addressed a communication to your Honorable Board June 29, 1903, presenting plans, specifications and an estimate of cost of an approach to Willis Avenue Bridge from the Southern Boulevard, and asking that an appropriation of \$100,000 be made for beginning the work.

Such an appropriation was made and approved by the Mayor, September 14, 1903, but the work has not been begun, because the City is not yet in possession of the land.

Title to the land will, however, vest in the City on March 15, 1904, in virtue of a resolution passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment January 15, 1904.

It is desirable that construction should begin immediately upon the City assuming possession of the premises, and should be carried on to completion under one contract. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that your Honorable Board, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen, appropriate the additional sum of \$57,000, which, together with the unexpended \$100,000 already appropriated, will, it is estimated, be sufficient to complete the approach.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. BEST, Commissioner of Bridges.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to an amount not exceeding fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000), in addition to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), authorized July 22, 1903, to provide additional means for the completion of the construction of the approach to Willis Avenue Bridge, from the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, and that when authority therefore shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to an amount not exceeding fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000), the proceeds whereof to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting the issue of \$25,000 Special Revenue Bonds for suitable exhibits by The City of New York for the Louisiana Exposition.

Laid over for unanimous vote.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Tenement House Commissioner, requesting an amendment to a resolution adopted February 5, 1904, fixing the salary of the position of Expert Tabulator at \$1,200 per annum:

TENEMENT HOUSE DEPARTMENT, }
No. 61 IRVING PLACE, SOUTHWEST CORNER EIGHTEENTH STREET, }
NEW YORK CITY, February 17, 1904. }

Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully request, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, that you fix the following salary for an employee of the Tenement House Department:

Tabulator, per annum \$1,200 00

—said salary to date from and including January 1, 1904.

Your Honorable Body acted upon a similar resolution at a recent meeting, but it is now found necessary to resubmit it to you for the following reasons:

First—That the word "expert" should not appear; and

Second—That the resolution did not contain the clause enabling this department to give the employee pay from January 1. This latter request is made inasmuch as the gentleman now filling this position was appointed by Commissioner De Forest, who was under the impression that the salary had been fixed by the Board of Aldermen, which later proved was a mistake. He has therefore continued since date of appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. T. CRAIN, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment February 5, 1904, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby recommends to the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, that the salary of the position of Expert Tabulator in the Tenement House Department be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum,

—be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the Commissioner of the Tenement House Department in fixing the salary

of the position of Tabulator in the Tenement House Department at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, as of date January 1, 1904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, and from the Secretary of the Park Board, requesting the fixing of the salary of Director of Menagerie:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, }
January 8, 1904. }

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

GENTLEMEN—In the final estimate or budget for this Department for the current year your Honorable Board allowed in the appropriation for the Zoological Department, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, an item of \$3,000 for the payment of the salary of the Director of the Menagerie, as requested by the former Park Board. This was to enable payment of the salary paid to the Director prior to its reduction to \$2,500, which was made in 1902.

The amount having been thus allowed, and being now available for the purpose, I beg to request that your Honorable Board will recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Director of the Menagerie be fixed at the amount named in order that the same may be restored on the payrolls of the Department.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. PALLAS,
Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, }
January 21, 1904. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—I am directed by President Pallas, Park Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 16th inst., signed by Deputy Comptroller Stevenson, notifying him that the matter of the salary of the Director of the Menagerie was laid over by the Board of Estimate in order to afford an opportunity for stating the reasons for having it fixed at \$3,000 per annum.

He directs me further to give you the facts in the case, as follows:

The Director of the Menagerie in Central Park is an official of long experience and well-known in connection with animal work all over the world. His success and efficiency in taking care of this collection is universally recognized among animal men. His salary was \$3,000 for many years until during the administration of the preceding Park Commissioner it was reduced to \$2,500. This reduction was made upon the plea of economy, but no other head of a bureau in the Department in this Borough had his salary reduced.

In the departmental estimate for this year, as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, provision for this salary is made at a figure of \$3,000, but in order to be certain that it is entirely legal and proper, the Commissioner asks that the Board of Estimate directly authorize the restoration of the salary to that figure.

The work of the Director of the Menagerie is onerous and responsible. Instead of being relieved by intermissions on Sundays and holidays it is made more difficult and exacting on such occasions. He is on duty every day in the year for long hours, and is subject to call at any time of the night.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby recommends to the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, that the salary of the position of Director of the Menagerie, Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, be fixed at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Mayor presented the following presentment of the Grand Jury of Kings County, relative to the condition of Raymond Street Jail, which was placed on file:

To the Honorable the County Court of Kings County:

We, the Kings County Grand Jury for the February, 1904, term, make the following presentment on the condition of the Raymond Street Jail:

On the 4th day of the current month we visited the jail in a body, and made a thorough inspection thereof. The visit being unexpected by the Warden and his assistants, it is fair to presume that the place was then seen in its everyday condition. Although evil reports concerning this jail had frequently reached our ears, and we were aware that it had often been the subject of presentments by other Grand Juries during the last ten years, we were wholly unprepared to encounter a state of affairs so humiliating to our civic pride. Such violation of the precepts of common humanity as was there laid bare to us is a disgrace to the County and a shame upon those officials who, having been charged with the responsibility, have in the past failed to discharge their manifest duty toward this institution.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Buildings of the Borough of Brooklyn, the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent of the Board of Health, and others, have been summoned before us. Individual members of the Grand Jury have visited and inspected the jail, and a thorough inspection of the same has been made by a committee of this body, accompanied by the aforementioned officials and a number of Engineers and Inspectors from their several Departments. It is stated with satisfaction that there seems to be no division of opinion among these persons as to what will be found to be the most efficacious remedy for the existing evils.

It is said that the number of Keepers is inadequate to the proper performance of the work required. While the truth or falsity of this statement is as yet unproven, it should be carefully looked into.

The principal buildings of the jail are a Women's Prison, a Men's Prison, and an Administration Building. Our investigations have been chiefly of the first two, and of the kitchen.

The Women's Prison is an antiquated non-fireproof building that is indeed a veritable firetrap. It is said to have been built about sixty-seven years ago for an administration building, and in both planning and construction is at utter variance with all modern ideas of what is suitable in a prison. On the lowest floor a number of compartments, each containing several ill-ventilated cells, furnish, as was explained to us, accommodations for first offenders. A water closet on this floor is improperly ventilated, and does not comply with the requirements of the Department of Health. This should be rectified. The upper floors are devoted to small dormitories in which older offenders are congregated. These dormitories are well lighted, and have good natural ventilation by means of windows, and from a sanitary point of view are much the best part of the entire jail. In our judgment, however, any system which necessitates the herding together of numbers of vicious characters, by day and by night, in a single sleeping apartment, is pernicious and to be condemned.

The sanitary arrangements of the Women's Prison would have been in the main wholesome were it not that several water closets were not flushed, through which cause the air was polluted with foul odors. The Board of Health has reported to us on this point. Care should be exercised to rectify this condition.

The plumbing is modern and in fair condition. It is superior to that in any other part of the jail.

We would recommend that periodical and frequent inspections of the plumbing throughout the jail be made by qualified inspectors.

The principal objection to the Women's Prison is in its non-fireproof character. In case of fire it would be difficult to empty it of its inmates without loss of life. We hold it to be little short of criminal that the prisoners in the County Jail should be exposed to this danger. We would therefore urge that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should seriously consider the advisability of providing a new and modern Women's Jail. We are of the opinion that a suitable one could be erected for the approximate sum of one hundred thousand dollars. If this should not seem to be advisable, waterproof floors and bases should be laid in all the water-closets in the present building.

Attention is called to the covers of the steam kettles in the kitchen which are worn out, and useless as a protection to the food. They should be replaced with new covers. The ceiling of the kitchen is befouled to a degree which renders it unsanitary.

By far the most serious problem that requires attention, and one in comparison with which all others are unimportant, is the sanitary condition of the Men's Prison. It is imperative that this part of the jail should receive an immediate and thorough overhauling. The Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Health has declared in our presence that the condition there is bad enough to justify him in closing the jail. He has also said that he is clothed with power to take and to enforce such action. It should be borne in mind that the administration of the affairs of both City and County is in the hands of persons who have been seated in office scarce two months, and that in consequence they cannot at this time be justly accused of neglect of duty; but the day may quickly arrive when should they still persist in failure to exercise their full powers in the matter it may become incumbent on the Grand Jury to indict them.

We think that it may be well that the District Attorney should be requested to acquaint them with our views. It is, however, but justice to state that he Grand Jury has received naught but cordial co-operation from any public official. The suggestion is made solely as a warning to any who may be disposed to think that he has no other part to perform than the expressing of good will.

We have been informed on what seems to be good authority that the predecessors of the present Board of Estimate and Apportionment, who alone have power to set the needed improvements in motion, had full knowledge of the true condition of the jail. Urgent reports, estimates and applications for the requisite funds have been repeatedly presented to them by various officials; but in the exercise of their discretionary powers they chose to suffer this intolerable condition to continue, rather than to grant the needed appropriations to correct it.

Briefly stated, the Men's Prison is a building with fireproof features. That is to say, the walls, floors and framework of the roof are of non-inflammable materials. The entrance is through the Administration Building, against which the prison abuts, and of which it forms part. How much real brain work was put into the original planning of this group of buildings may be judged from the circumstance that when the Administration Building was completed it was found to be without an exterior door.

Although the Men's Prison is about twenty-three or twenty-five years old, the structural part of the shell of the building is in good condition. Discoloration of the walls would seem to indicate that the roofs or the gutters leak. This may be readily repaired. With the alterations made, which we shall propose, the building should be serviceable for from twenty-five to thirty years to come.

Within this external shell are two blocks of stone cells, 448 cells in all. Each block consists of two rows of cells placed back to back, without a utility corridor between, and may be characterized as being ill-arranged and out of date. Those in the middle of the building are as dark at midday as is an ordinary cellar. There is no artificial lighting. All have poor natural ventilation, and are without artificial ventilation.

The plumbing is an abomination and disgrace. Old-fashioned water closets of nearly a generation ago are still in use, and cannot be flushed by the occupants of the cells. Their contents must remain from the time of using until the whole system is imperfectly flushed by the prison attendants, five times a day during the winter months, and ten times a day during the summer. The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Offices has declared in a report to this body that the materials, arrangements and fixtures of this system are bad and beyond repair. Obstructions are frequent and difficult to reach, and the cost of tinkering has become enormous. Main traps are buried outside of the building, and the fresh-air inlets are too close to the windows. The main soil pipe is not carried up of cast-iron through the roof, as is required by law, but is of prohibited sheet-iron, and leaks, thus being a source of danger to the health of the occupants of the building.

In its general characteristics the system of water closets consists of the two ranges of cast-iron hopper closets in each row of each tier of cells, feeding into a 5 by 8 inch horizontal cast-iron soil pipe. This soil pipe has no pitch, but is absolutely level throughout a length of about 85 feet, from either end of the cell block to the vertical drain near the middle, and drains about fourteen untrapped closets in this distance. The soil pipe is flushed by allowing water to flow into it from a two-inch supply pipe, at the risk of contaminating the entire water supply of the jail, if not of the City. Owing to the peculiarities of the system, and to the small diameter of the supply pipe, the water thus let into the soil pipe becomes virtually still water, with little force to carry off deposits. It never reaches the inside of the bowls. The result is indescribable foulness. Originally the bowls were flushed by one-half inch supply pipes, but these pipes have long been out of order and cannot be made to work. On the day of our visit the air in the Men's Prison was fetid with excrement and sewer gas. Prisoners were seen and conversed with who had taken off their coats and placed them over the seats of the water closets to smother if possible the horrid stench.

Subsequent experience of members of the Grand Jury indicates that this condition may be mitigated by care on the part of the attendants, but it will require no argument to establish that the existing system menaces the health not only of the prisoners themselves, but of that part of the community that shall come in contact with them upon their discharge from custody. When it is reflected that many of these prisoners are still unconvicted of crime, and are possibly innocent persons, the enormity of permitting this condition to exist is the more manifest. It is imperative that the entire system of plumbing in the men's part of the jail shall be torn out, and that a modern and sanitary system of plumbing shall be installed forthwith. The only alternative should be the immediate closing of the jail and the removal of the prisoners to other places of confinement.

It has been estimated by the head of the department of the local government entrusted with that duty that to rearrange the plumbing and to install a proper heating and ventilating system will cost not less than from \$75,000 to \$85,000. The necessary cutting through the floors and walls of the present stone cells will, moreover, be found to be very costly, and owing to the faulty planning of the cell-blocks, the result after all the expenditure has been made would be unsatisfactory. The virtual throwing away of so large a sum cannot be justified.

The localization of the water-closets to be used during the hours of exercise only, and the employment of pails or buckets while the prisoners are confined to their cells would be scarcely less barbarous than the continuance of the present system.

The Grand Jury is convinced that half-way measures will not cure the present evil. We have consulted with an experienced builder of jails, and with an expert in sanitary plumbing, and have caused estimates of the probable cost of the necessary improvements to be made. We believe that there is but one real solution of the problem. We also believe that if it shall be adopted the jail will, from a sanitary point of view, be made equal to any in the land.

The present obsolete cell-blocks should be razed to the ground, and up-to-date steel cells, having a five feet wide utility corridor through the middle of each block, in which may be placed all the plumbing pipes, the heating and ventilating ducts and the electric light wires, should be substituted for them.

Water-closets for the cells may be placed in ventilated niches projecting into the utility corridors. Cells of this type have been approved by the United States Government and by the New York State Board of Prison Commissioners. We believe that the introduction of such corridors will permanently solve all problems of sanitation in the jail. The work can be undertaken, either a single block of cells at a time, or one-half of a block at a time; thus preserving the remaining old stone cells for occupation until a sufficient number of new cells shall be ready for use. It would be possible to add an additional tier, or tiers, to each cell-block whenever the occasion for doing so should arise.

Two plans commend themselves to our judgment, either to wreck both stone cell-blocks and to erect in their stead in the middle of the building two banks of

forty cells to each bank, or eighty cells to each tier, five tiers high, or four hundred cells in all, at an approximate cost of \$190,000.

Or, to wreck the two cell blocks now in use, and to erect in their place two blocks of three hundred and twenty steel cells each, or six hundred and forty cells in all, at an approximate cost of \$290,000.

These approximate estimates are inclusive of all plumbing and ventilating.

While the latter alternative will procure the greater number of cells, the former will guarantee better light, and we believe it to be the preferable. It is said that, under the present able administration of the Courts and of the District Attorney's office, there are seldom more than three hundred male prisoners in the Jail at one time. We therefore think that four hundred cells will be ample.

We accordingly recommend:

1. That after a reasonable period of probation all officials who shall have failed to exercise their full lawful powers for the betterment of the conditions at the Jail be indicted for neglect of duty.

2. That the Court and the District Attorney be respectfully requested to call this subject and these conclusions to the attention of each succeeding Grand Jury until satisfactory permanent results shall have been obtained.

3. That if in the opinion of the Court it be proper, this investigation and these conclusions, together with the reports of the several City officials on the condition of the Jail be given the utmost publicity by means of the press.

Great good may be accomplished by the organization of the members of the Grand Jury, upon the expiration of the term of the Court, as an Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Jail, which association all citizens should be invited to join, whose business it shall be to see to it that this matter shall be called to the attention of all succeeding Grand Juries, and to awaken the public conscience.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD S. TUTTLE, Foreman.

J. HARRY FISHER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
February 9, 1904. }

Inspection of the Kings County Jail shows same to be a three-story stone building, located on Raymond street, near Willoughby street. The male prison consists of four double tiers of cells, twenty-seven cells to a tier. Each cell is about 5 by 10 feet, and ventilated by the cell door and a 6 by 6 foot ventilator in the rear cell wall. Each cell contains a "Latrine" water closet. The interior of these closets is corroded, foul and offensive. They are flushed by a 2-inch direct supply line, which is insufficient to properly flush these closets. They are flushed but twice daily—morning and evening. As these water-closets are flushed direct from the supply, there is danger of contamination of the water. Over 400 of these closets in such an unsanitary condition are certainly detrimental to the health of the inmates. The vent connection with water-closet bowl is loose in first floor bath-room, main part of building; also the floor under and around urinal is saturated and offensive. In the second floor bath-room there is an offset water-closet, the interior of which is foul and offensive.

The female prison is a three-story brown stone building. On the first floor there is a water-closet apartment which has low partitions, and which is ventilated into a corridor, where cells are located. On the second floor, north end, there are two cyphon water-closets. On the third floor, three cyphon water-closets, not flushed. The walls and ceiling of this apartment are also in a dirty condition. On the third floor, north end, one water-closet, not flushed.

The rain leaders on exterior of building are defective.

The walls and ceiling of the kitchen building are discolored and dirty.

The iron covers to the steam kettles are corroded and in some places patched with wood.

In the male prison of this jail there are about 448 water-closets. The soil pipe of these closets is about 3,500 feet in length. The closets and the soil pipe being in a filthy condition, offensive odors fill the building. This number of water-closets is about fifteen times as many as would be found in any building except a jail used by the same number of people. Any system of water-closets which might be installed would require constant attention to keep it in working order. It seems to be necessary to provide accommodations in each cell, at least for the time during which the prisoners are confined.

We would recommend that all the Latrine water-closets be removed from the cells and be replaced by approved closets properly flushed. If by reason of the expense of this change, or the necessity for reconstruction of the cells, it is not practicable to carry it out, we believe that the same result would be accomplished by the complete removal of the water-closets and connections from the cells and the installation of a limited number of water-closets in the ratio of one to fifteen cells, to be used at times when the prisoners are permitted to leave their cells. During the time they are confined in their cells a bucket of suitable construction should be provided for each cell. Suitable arrangements for emptying and cleaning these buckets should be provided on each tier.

That vent connection to water-closet in first floor bathroom, main building, be repaired, and the floor and walls about urinal be covered with non-absorbent material.

That the offset water-closet in second floor bathroom be replaced by a washout water-closet properly set and flushed.

That the partitions of water-closet, first floor female prison, be extended to ceiling and the apartment be ventilated by window to external air.

That the wooden floors of water-closet apartments in female prison be covered with asphalt, cement or other non-absorbent material.

That the water-closet on north end of building on first floor be properly reset and flushed. That all cyphon water-closets now out of order be properly flushed. That walls and ceiling of third floor, south end, water-closet apartment be cleaned and painted.

That the defective rain leaders on male prison be cleaned and whitewashed.

That new covers be provided for steam kettles.

CHARLES H. CURRAN, M. D.

Sanitary Inspector.

HENRY V. WALKER, M. D.

Chief Inspector, Division of Inspection.

P. J. MURRAY, M. D., Assistant Sanitary Superintendent.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BROOKLYN, February 10, 1904.

To the Honorable Grand Jury, Kings County.

GENTLEMEN—After a careful personal inquiry yesterday, in company with one of your body and several public officials, I am impressed with the necessity for a thorough renovation of the interior arrangements of the Kings County Jail. This matter has been agitated time after time during the past dozen years, but the first steps towards its practical realization have not yet been taken, owing, perhaps, to the very expensive character of the project. I find by the records of this Bureau that a year or so ago, at the instance of President John Jaekel of the State Commission of Prisons, it was arranged that a New York engineering company should make a thorough examination of the conditions of the jail and report thereon. The recommendations reported by that concern at that time seem to me to cover the situation, and if they were carried out I believe would place the jail in a first-class sanitary condition. So far as I can learn, in order to carry out a perfect rearrangement of the plumbing system of the jail building, it would cost about \$35,000. A lesser improvement but one which might be found to answer the purpose could be undertaken for about \$25,000. To correct the heating and ventilating system of the building would cost, approximately, \$50,000 additional. It would, therefore, require, you will see, a total appropriation of between \$75,000 and \$80,000 to carry into execution this much-needed improvement.

The defects in the building are many. The main soil pipes for the prisons are not extended by cast-iron pipe to the roof, but by sheet metal pipes that are not tight and the danger to health therefore is apparent. The materials, arrangements and fixtures in the administration portion of the building are bad and beyond repair. The arrangement of the drainage system is such that obstructions are likely to be of frequent occurrence, and these pipes are difficult to reach. Many patches and light cleanouts on the drains have been found under the administration portion of the

building. The main traps are buried outside of the building and the fresh air inlet pipes are too close to the windows. The building is without any system of artificial ventilation and naturally ventilation is much impeded by the arrangement of the cells. These cells are of stone, with walls about one foot thick, arranged in two double rows and placed back to back four tiers high. They are dark and practically no air circulates through them.

The building is heated by a system of coils on the outer cells placed below the windows. These are badly arranged from a mechanical standpoint, and they frequently leak. This defect is inherent to their form and cannot be remedied. They act as direct radiators only and do not heat any fresh air.

I believe that the stone cells should be replaced by those of the cage type, constructed of steel bars, through which the air could circulate; that the plumbing system should be renewed throughout, and that the heating system should be replaced with new and a system of forced ventilation be installed. It is clear to my mind that unless the stone cells are abolished, the general condition in the building cannot be made good. In view of the difficulties in the way of running pipe through the stone construction of the cells it would be very expensive to renew the plumbing in the latter. If it should be deemed too expensive, however, to substitute steel cages for the stone cells, separate lines of pipe might be run through each four cells as they are arranged one over the other.

The present system of hoppers, which is now offensive, could be very much improved by providing new enamel iron flushing rim hoppers in each cell, connecting with a system of piping through which they could be automatically flushed at intervals or flushed frequently by the occupants of the cells. While it is possible to furnish a new heating and ventilating system under the present condition, such a system could not be developed fully and effectually until the stone cells are replaced by those of the cage type.

These facts are herewith submitted for your consideration and recommendation.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. C. WISE, Superintendent.

BUREAU OF BUILDINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BOROUGH HALL, BROOKLYN,
THE CITY OF NEW YORK, February 9, 1904.

Hon. PETER J. COLLINS, Superintendent:

SIR—As directed, we have made an examination of the Raymond Street Jail, and respectfully report as follows:

The men's jail has four tiers of cells, each tier having two double rows of 56 cells, a total of 448. The cells are about 5 feet 3 inches by 8 feet, interior measurement, the partition walls being 20 inches thick at sides and 24 inches at rear.

The cells are provided with range hopper water closets, flushed through a 5-inch by 8-inch cast iron pipe by a 1-8-inch supply pipe. This arrangement is, in our opinion, most unsanitary, and should not be permitted to exist in a building of this character.

We recommend that the side and rear walls of cells be taken down and replaced with steel walls; that an utility court, about 3 feet wide and covered with a ventilating skylight, be left between each two rows of cells, and that proper flush-out water closets be placed in each cell with proper ventilation through the utility court.

Owner: City of New York.

P. A. FARIBAULT, Engineer.

WILLIAM J. ALLEN, Chief Inspector of Plumbing.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Board of Education requesting the Board to ratify and confirm its action in fixing the salaries of certain employees:

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 16, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—Inclosed please find certified copies of reports and resolutions (as per schedule also inclosed) adopted by the Board of Education on sundry dates in reference to changes in salaries. These are forwarded in accordance with a communication received from the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under date of February 8, 1904, in which he states that matters passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and not acted upon by the Board of Aldermen should be again presented for action by the present Board of Estimate and Apportionment and transmission to the Board of Aldermen for its action, and advises that this course be pursued with all matters that have not been acted upon by either the Board of Estimate and Apportionment or the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Resolved, That the title of H. M. Devoe, Assistant Chief Inspector of Repairs, be changed to that of Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of H. M. Devoe, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, be fixed at the rate of \$2,550 per annum, to take effect October 1, 1902.

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings on October 1, 1902, in assigning H. M. Devoe, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, to duty as Supervisor of Janitors, be and the same is hereby approved.

A true copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Education on October 22, 1902.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, relative to the rent allowance of the Janitor of Public School 186, Borough of Manhattan, and finds that, owing to the high rentals demanded for houses within five hundred yards of the school building (the Janitor being required by the bylaws of the Board of Education to reside within the above mentioned limit), the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$130 per annum from September 1, 1903.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 186, Borough of Manhattan, from \$4,721.28 to \$4,860.28 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, to take effect from and after September 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 186, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$4,721.28 to \$4,860.28 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from September 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on August 10, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Supplies respectfully reports that provision has been made in the Departmental Estimate of the Board of Education for 1904 for the appointment of a Trial Stenographer at a salary of \$2,000 per annum; and if this item is allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment it is the intention to appoint such a Stenographer as soon as possible after the first of January next. There is great need for the employment of an expert Stenographer to take testimony in trials conducted by the Committees of the Board of Education. Owing to the provisions of the Charter that employees of this Board may only be removed for cause, it is necessary that the testimony in all trials be taken with absolute accuracy, the same as in the case of trials in court or in other City Departments where similar conditions prevail. It was ascertained that in the Police Department two Trial Stenographers are employed, one at a salary of \$2,500 per annum and one at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

In order that the proposed appointment be made, it will be necessary for the

salary of the position to be fixed, as provided in section 56 of the Charter. The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the position of Trial Stenographer in the Department of Education be fixed at \$2,000 per annum.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on September 23, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on the additional paved yard space in Public School 36, Borough of The Bronx, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$424.40 per annum, from October 1, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said paved yard.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 36, Borough of The Bronx, from \$2,431 to \$2,855.40 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after October 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 36, Borough of The Bronx, be increased from \$2,431 to \$2,855.40 per annum for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from October 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on the new annex to Public School 73, Borough of Manhattan, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$67.32 per annum, from September 15, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said annex, containing two classrooms.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 73, Borough of Manhattan, from \$1,833 to \$1,900.32 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after September 15, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 73, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$1,833 to \$1,900.32 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from September 15, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on an additional staircase in Public School 35, Borough of Brooklyn, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$57.60 per annum from September 1, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said staircase.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 35, Borough of Brooklyn, from \$2,400 to \$2,457.60 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after September 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 35, Borough of Brooklyn, be increased from \$2,400 to \$2,457.60 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from September 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

Resolved, That the salaries of the following named Draughtsmen be and they are hereby increased to the amounts set opposite their names, subject to the rules and regulations of the Municipal Service Commission and the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen:

Franklin A. Green, Draughtsman; present salary, per week, \$45; salary recommended, per week, \$50.

Maurice Bause, Draughtsman; present salary, per week, \$37.50; salary recommended, per week, \$42.50.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salaries of the following named positions in the Department of Education be fixed as follows:

Draughtsman, \$50 per week;

Draughtsman, \$42.50 per week;

—and to ratify and confirm the action indicated in the preceding resolution in fixing the salary of Franklin A. Green, Draughtsman, at \$50 per week, and Maurice Bause, Draughtsman, at \$42.50 per week, to take effect October 21, 1903.

A true copy of resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Supplies respectfully reports that it has caused the transfer to this Department of Mr. George G. Brown, Jr., Examiner in the Department of Finance, said transfer having been approved by the Municipal Civil Service Commission, with the purpose of assigning him to duty in the Bureau of Supplies. Mr. Brown entered upon his duties in this Department on October 3, 1903.

Mr. Brown was formerly employed in this Department as an Examiner of Claims, and received a salary of \$1,550 per annum. His salary in the Department of Finance was \$1,200. Your Committee recommends, in view of the responsible duties to which he has been assigned, that his salary be at the rate of \$1,500 per annum.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Supplies in causing the transfer of Mr. George G. Brown, Jr., from the Department of Finance to the Department of Education, said transfer taking effect on October 3, 1903, and in assigning him to duty in the Bureau of Supplies at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the position of Examiner in the Department of Education be fixed at \$1,500 per annum, and to ratify and confirm the action of the Board of Education in fixing the salary of Mr. George G. Brown, Jr., Examiner, at \$1,500 per annum, to date from October 3, 1903.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors relative to the rent allowance of the Janitor of Public School 69, Borough of Manhattan, and finds

that, owing to the high rentals demanded for houses within 500 yards of the school building (the Janitor being required by the By-Laws of the Board of Education to reside within the above-named limit), the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$24 per annum from October 1, 1903.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 69, Borough of Manhattan, from \$2,548 to \$2,572 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, to take effect from and after October 1, 1903, be, and the same is hereby, approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and it is hereby, requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 69, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$2,548 to \$2,572 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from October 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on October 21, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on the additional paved yard space in Public School 50, Borough of Manhattan, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$47.76 per annum from September 1, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said paved yard.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 50, Borough of Manhattan, from \$1,677 to \$1,724.76 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after September 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and it is hereby, requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 50, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$1,677 to \$1,724.76 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from September 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on November 11, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on the additional playground in Public School 105, Borough of Brooklyn, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$72 per annum, from November 1, 1903, the date on which the Janitor will begin to care for said playground.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 105, Borough of Brooklyn, from \$816 to \$888 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after November 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 105, Borough of Brooklyn, be increased from \$816 to \$888 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from November 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on November 11, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on a new electric motor and belt-driven pump installed in Public School 714, Borough of Manhattan, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$216 per annum, from November 1, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said electric motor and belt-driven pump.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 714, Borough of Manhattan, from \$2,977 to \$3,193 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after November 1, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 714, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$2,977 to \$3,193 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from November 1, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on November 18, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Care of Buildings respectfully reports that it has had under consideration a communication from the Supervisor of Janitors, submitting a report on an additional playground in Public School 70, Borough of Manhattan, and finds that the Janitor is entitled to additional compensation to the amount of \$265.84 per annum, from September 14, 1903, the date on which the Janitor began to care for said playground.

The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Care of Buildings in increasing the salary attached to the position of Janitor of Public School 70, Borough of Manhattan, from \$2,015 to \$2,280.84 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, taking effect from and after September 14, 1903, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salary of the Janitor of Public School 70, Borough of Manhattan, be increased from \$2,015 to \$2,280.84 per annum, for the reason above set forth, said increase to date from September 14, 1903, as above stated.

A true copy of report and resolutions adopted by the Board of Education on November 25, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Resolved, That, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission and the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen, the salaries of the following-named Inspectors be and they are hereby increased to the amounts set opposite their names, to take effect January 1, 1904, said salaries having been provided for in the Budget for 1904 (see Journal, page 2445):

David Donalds, Inspector of Heating and Ventilating, present salary per week, \$36; proposed salary per week, \$40.

Stephen A. Thomas, Electric Inspector, present salary per week, \$35; proposed salary per week, \$40.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the salaries of the following-named positions in the Department of Education be fixed as follows:

Inspector of Heating and Ventilating, per week..... \$40.00

Electric Inspector, per week..... \$40.00

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

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Whereas, The Executive Committee, on March 5, 1902 (See Journal, pages 418-419), took action as follows:

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Care of Buildings, to which were referred reports and resolutions adopted by the former School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, recommending the increase of the salaries of sundry Janitors of public schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, on account of additional annexes to care for, submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx in allowing the following named Janitors the sum set opposite their respective names on account of additional annexes to care for, said increase to take effect January 31, 1902, subject to financial ability and the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, be and the same is hereby approved:

School and Janitor.	Amount.
Public School 145, Frank Lounsbury	\$264.00
Public School 91, Thomas F. Hughes	96.00
Public School 46, Hermann Hammer	137.00
Public School 133, John Turner	1,430.00
Public School 61, Patrick Barry	1,196.00

CHARLES L. GUY,

Acting Chairman, Committee on Care of Buildings.

Adopted at a meeting of the Committee on Care of Buildings, held February 21, 1902, at which a majority of the members were present.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary.

Mr. Loomis moved to strike out the clause in the resolution making the increases in salary subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

Adopted. The Chairman put the question whether the Executive Committee would adopt the resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Care of Buildings, as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative by a unanimous vote; and

Whereas, The above-mentioned increases in salaries have not been paid for the reason that action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen was necessary; therefore be it

Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee on March 5, 1902, in striking out the clause in the above-quoted resolution making the increases in salary subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen be and the same is hereby rescinded and stricken out.

Resolved, further, That the above-mentioned increases in salary take effect January 31, 1902, and continue in effect until May 1, 1902.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the Board of Education in fixing the salaries of the following Janitors of public schools in The City of New York, as follows:

	Action Taken.	As of Date.	Per Annum.
Public School 186, Borough of Manhattan	Aug. 19, 1903..	Sept. 1, 1903..	\$4,860.28
Public School 36, Borough of The Bronx	Oct. 21, 1903..	Oct. 1, 1903..	2,855.40
Public School 73, Borough of Manhattan	Oct. 21, 1903..	Sept. 15, 1903..	1,900.32
Public School 35, Borough of Brooklyn	Oct. 21, 1903..	Sept. 1, 1903..	2,457.60
Public School 69, Borough of Manhattan	Oct. 21, 1903..	Oct. 1, 1903..	2,572.00
Public School 50, Borough of Manhattan	Nov. 11, 1903..	Sept. 1, 1903..	1,724.76
Public School 105, Borough of Brooklyn	Nov. 11, 1903..	Nov. 1, 1903..	888.00
Public School 174, Borough of Manhattan	Nov. 18, 1903..	Nov. 1, 1903..	3,193.00
Public School 70, Borough of Manhattan	Nov. 25, 1903..	Sept. 14, 1903..	2,280.84

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The other requests were referred to the Secretary for information as to what action was taken by the former Board of Aldermen relative thereto.

The Comptroller presented the following communication requesting the Board to rescind the resolution adopted December 18, 1903, designating certain space in the new Hall of Records for the use of the Department of Finance:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 18, 1904.

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

GENTLEMEN—On December 18 last your Board adopted the following resolution, offered by the President of the Board of Aldermen:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 793 of the Laws of 1897, hereby designates for the use and purposes of the Finance Department, the first, second and third floors of the new Hall of Records, and so much of the basement thereof as may be necessary.

Since the adoption of the foregoing resolution, the officials of this Department have studiously applied themselves to the problem of apportioning among the several Bureaus and Divisions the space allotted thereunder to the Department of Finance.

The original tentative plan of arrangement considered by the Committee of your Board, having in charge the apportionment of space in the new Hall of Records, contemplated the establishment of the Department of Taxes and Assessments upon the fourth floor of said building, and the Department of Finance on the first three floors with so much of the basement as was necessary for its purposes. This division of space gave to this Department about twenty per cent. less surface area than it now uses, yet made it possible to establish the several Bureaus and Divisions in some manner, and it was hoped thereby to accomplish certain economies which would make possible the present housing of a rapidly growing Department in quarters fully one-fifth less in floor space than that now occupied. It gave absolutely no space for growth, unless an additional floor, the fourth, could be added to the assignment.

The plans of this Department are impeded, however, by the position taken by the Department of Taxes and Assessments, that one of the floors assigned to this Department, the main or ground floor of the building, which in the opinion of the Commissioners is utterly inadequate for their purposes, is nevertheless the only place in the building where their Department could be located. The reasons of that Department for assuming this position are strong and entitled to consideration; but the assignment to the Department of Taxes and Assessments of the first floor of the Hall of Records would not only divide the Department of Finance, and thus seriously interfere with its operations, but would make it impossible to provide sufficient storage room for records, or to locate in the basement or next lower floor the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, the Bureau of the City Paymaster, the

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears, which are all Bureaus of the Department of Finance and which, because of the fact that they are daily visited by a large number of people, and in their transaction of business have much in common, should be located in the lower part of the building.

It has always been my hope that the division of the new Hall of Records among the Departments entitled by law to occupy the building would admit of bringing together in close proximity all Departments and Bureaus having to do with the collection of public moneys; that is to say, the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, Bureau of the Water Registrar, Bureau for the Collection of Arrears, Bureau of City Revenue, and the like, to all of which the public should have easy access. I am convinced that no such arrangement of Bureaus and Departments is possible in any building constructed upon the lines of the new Hall of Records. This building belongs to a class which might properly be denominated show buildings, in which the ornamental idea predominates, and is utterly lacking in many features which should necessarily be included in any utility or working building in which it is expected to accommodate the great clerical departments of the City Government.

From the progress which is now being made in the construction of the building I am also satisfied that it will not be ready for occupancy by the first of May, and I submit therefore for your consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board, bearing date December 18, 1903, which apportioned certain space in the new Hall of Records for the use and purposes of the Department of Finance, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the meeting held December 18, 1903, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 703. of the Laws of 1897, hereby designates for the use and purposes of the Finance Department, the first, second and third floors of the new Hall of Records, and so much of the basement thereof as may be necessary,"

—be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Comptroller presented the following communication, relative to City offices:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 18, 1904.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—The problem of properly housing the City's offices, naturally grouped in lower Manhattan Island, is generally recognized as important, not only from an economic point of view, but on account also, of convenience to taxpayers and the better administration of affairs resulting from the closer association of the officials and employees of the various departments. It is undoubtedly desirable that a large municipal building be constructed. Such a building would cost at least \$10,000,000, probably much more, and would not be completed in less than from eight to ten years. With the necessary rapid transit extensions, a proper development of water supply and the building of docks and school buildings, which are absolutely necessary, it may be thought financially wise to defer the construction of a municipal building. As an alternative, allow me to suggest that an office building adequate to house all, or practically all, municipal offices south of Twenty-third street be acquired by private purchase, if possible otherwise by condemnation proceedings. I make this suggestion without having any particular building in mind, and assuming that such a building is obtainable. I make the suggestion with the reservation also that I am not committed to it finally, but submit it only for consideration.

There are two strong arguments for acquiring an existing office building:

First, when the City constructs a suitable municipal building, such an office building can readily be disposed of and probably at a good profit.

Second, the purchase of an existing office building can be accomplished quickly, while the construction of a new one under municipal direction would involve delay of several years and the added expense which experience has shown results always in the construction of public buildings.

Aside from these arguments of a general character for the acquisition of an existing building, I find from data prepared by this Department something over a year ago that the City then rented 214,166 square feet at an annual expense of \$337,807.41, for various buildings for offices in the City Hall neighborhood, that could be advantageously located in a central building. These figures have probably been increased rather than reduced since then.

Considering only this rental question, it appears that each square foot of space thus rented costs the City \$1.38 per annum. Therefore a building having 250,000 square feet of office space would cost the City \$345,000 per annum in rentals. This amount applied as follows:

	Per cent.	
Interest on bonds.....	3 1/2	
Loss of taxes.....	1 1/2	
Installment annually to redeem 50 year bonds at maturity.....	1	
Total.....	6	

would provide interest on bonds, supply loss of taxes, and redeem bonds at maturity on \$5,750,000 of capital. And at the end of fifty years (the principal being liquidated) the city would have nothing to bear except loss of taxes and would own property which at that time would have probably increased materially in value. There is also to be considered the saving in time in the administrative conduct of city affairs from the close association of officials and employees. It is apparent, too, that a considerable saving would result in the cost of maintaining telephones if a number of departments were centralized in one building so that a private telephone system independent of the telephone company could be maintained for the use of such departments in communicating with each other.

The cost of a suitable office building can be ascertained only by investigation. If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment thinks the subject is worth tentative consideration, I suggest that the owners of buildings suitable for municipal purposes be invited to make offers of sale to the city.

I have made the foregoing suggestion with full realization that there is a sentimental feeling in New York that the city should have a municipal building that would be ornamental as well as useful—a monument to the municipality's progress. This view should be considered carefully. The purely administrative offices of the city are as clearly business offices as its banks and mercantile houses; and such departments are not a subject of interest to those not having business with them. This board might well therefore, consider the advisability of devoting the city's money where artistic effect is desired, to the city's libraries and similar buildings, rather than to a building for the city offices other than the offices of the Mayor and the legislative branches. What is wanted for purely administrative offices is working room and accommodation for taxpayers. The present City Hall, which is as interesting a public building as any in this country, outside of Washington, is adequate for the Mayor's office and the meeting rooms for the various Boards of the city. Buildings of the type of the new Hall of Records serve more the purpose of monument than of utility, and to house all the administrative departments in a building or buildings of that type would cost many times as much as to obtain equivalent space in buildings of the ordinary business or office style.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

Which was laid over.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Deputy Chamberlain, requesting the Board to ratify and confirm the action of the Chamberlain in fixing the

salary of the position of Chief Warrant Clerk at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, from February 1, 1904.

Referred back to the Chamberlain for a statement as to the necessity of the position.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Supervisor of the City Record, requesting various transfers:

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD, No. 2 CITY HALL, }
NEW YORK, January 20, 1904. }

The Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of City Record held January 19, 1904, the following resolutions were adopted by the concurrent action of said Board:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from some unexpended balance of appropriations made for the year 1903, to the following:

To appropriation "Board of City Record, New York County, Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for County Offices and Courts, other than Supreme Court, 1902".....	\$300 00
To appropriation "Board of City Record, Kings County, Arrearages for Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for County Offices, 1902".....	200 00

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer some unexpended balance of appropriation made for the year 1903, to the following:

To appropriation "Board of City Record, Supplies and Contingencies, 1903".....	500 00
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Yours respectfully,
CHARLES S. HERVEY, Supervisor City Record.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations made to the Board of City Record for the year 1902, entitled and as follows:

"Board of City Record, New York County; Arrearages of Printing, Stationery and Blank Books".....	\$300 00
"Board of City Records, Kings County; Arrearages of Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for County Offices and Courts other than Supreme Court".....	200 00

Total	\$500 00
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—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the following appropriations made to said Board of City Record, entitled and as follows:

"Board of City Record, New York County; Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for County Offices and Courts other than Supreme Court".....	\$300 00
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"Board of City Record, Kings County; Arrearages for Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for County Offices".....	200 00
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Total	\$500 00
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation made to the Board of City Record for the year 1903, entitled "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books for City Departments and Offices and Arrearages," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Board of City Record entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," 1903, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of Bridges, submitting general plan and specifications for the reconstruction and enlargement of the westerly or Manhattan terminal of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, which was referred to the Engineer of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for report, and a public hearing was ordered for March 4, 1904.

The President of the Borough of Richmond appeared and took his place in the Board.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, which, as a matter of privilege, was ordered printed in the minutes:

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CROTONA PARK,
February 18, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—My attention having been directed to the acquirement by The City of New York, of a plot of land on the Eastchester road, Borough of The Bronx, as a site for a hospital for contagious diseases and a vaccine stable, I have the honor to call your attention to the action of the Board of Aldermen on December 15, 1903, when the resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$34,000 for the purchase of the said site came before that body for its approval.

An examination of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen of December 15, 1903, as printed on page 10413 of the "City Record" of December 17, 1903, and page 830 of the minutes as printed in pamphlet form, No. 2624, discloses the fact that the Board of Aldermen on the said date, by an affirmative vote of 42, rejected the resolution passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 8, 1903, authorizing the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring a site for this contagious hospital. The resolution of the Board of Estimate was referred to the Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen on November 10, 1903 (Minutes, page 317), and after giving the matter due consideration the Finance Committee decided not to approve of the resolution, and at the meeting of the Board on December 15, the action of the committee was concurred in by the Board.

In examining the records of the Board of Aldermen on this resolution, I also made an examination of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of October 8, 1903, when the question of a site for this hospital was under discussion. I was informed that the resolution calling for the issue

of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$34,000 referred merely to a site for a vaccine stable and did not include a site for a contagious disease hospital. I now find that the resolution also included the hospital.

On innumerable occasions I have publicly voiced the opposition of the people of The Bronx to the building of a hospital for contagious diseases in any populated section of the borough. In casting my vote in the Board of Estimate, I supposed I was voting to appropriate money for a site for a vaccine stable, and until my attention was called to-day to the wording of the resolution, I had no idea it in any way referred to the locating of a contagious hospital in this borough.

The people living in the territory east of the Bronx river are a unit in opposition to the building of this hospital in their section. They believe it should be built in some section not so populated as the site chosen by the City authorities. The members of the Board of Aldermen from this district and myself earnestly believe that this opposition is just and reasonable, and are convinced that a hospital of this character should be located in some unpopulated portion of the City.

In view of my consistent attitude on this question, and in view of the fact that the resolution as I understand it, when it passed the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, merely referred to the building of a vaccine stable, I would respectfully ask that the record of the said meeting be so amended that I be recorded in opposition to the resolution and not as favoring it, as the minutes now stand.

Hoping that some action may be taken in this matter, and expressing the firm conviction that due consideration should be extended to the wishes of the people who disapprove of this site for a contagious hospital, I am

Very respectfully yours,
LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
President of the Borough of The Bronx.

The Secretary presented the following resolution of the Board of Aldermen, requesting an issue of \$600 Special Revenue Bonds, to provide for the decorations and music in the City Hall on January 1, 1904:

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested, in pursuance of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the amended Charter of Greater New York, to authorize the Comptroller to issue Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600), to provide for decorations and music for the City Hall, on January 1, 1904, under the direction of the President of the Borough of Manhattan; the said request having been made by resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 22, 1903, and approved by the Mayor, December 29, 1903, but failed of consideration by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen January 26, 1904, four-fifths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor February 3, 1904.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of and concurs in the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted January 26, 1904, and approved by the Mayor February 3, 1904, in relation to the expenditure of six hundred dollars (\$600) to provide for decorations and music for the City Hall on January 1, 1904, under the direction of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, and that for the purpose of providing means therefor the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to issue Special Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—16.

The Secretary presented the following resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting an issue of \$800 Special Revenue Bonds to defray the expenses of the Andrew H. Green memorial services:

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested, in pursuance of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the amended Charter of the Greater New York, to authorize the Comptroller to issue Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Andrew H. Green memorial services, the said request having been made by resolution of the Board of Aldermen adopted December 22, 1903, and approved by the Mayor December 29, 1903, but failed of consideration by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen February 2, 1904, four-fifths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 1904.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of and concurs in the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted February 2, 1904, and approved by the Mayor February 10, 1904, in relation to the expenditure of eight hundred dollars (\$800), for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Andrew H. Green memorial services, and that for the purpose of providing means therefor, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to issue Special Revenue Bonds of The City of New York, to the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—16.

The matter of the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was again discussed, the Commissioner's Secretary being present; and the Secretary was directed to request the Commissioner to prepare an itemized statement.

Laid over for one week.

The Secretary presented the following resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting an issue of Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$2,650 to defray the cost of painting the portrait of the late Andrew H. Green.

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That, pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 188 of the amended Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby requested to authorize the Comptroller to issue Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,650) for the purpose of defraying the cost of painting the portrait of the late Hon. Andrew H. Green, the said request having been made by resolution of the Board of Aldermen adopted December 22, 1903, and approved by the Mayor December 29, 1903, but failed of consideration by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen February 2, 1904, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor February 10, 1904.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of and concurs in the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted February 2, 1904, and approved by the Mayor February 10, 1904, in relation to the expenditure of two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,650) for the purpose of defraying the cost of painting the portrait of the late Hon. Andrew H. Green, and that for the purpose of providing means therefor the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, to issue Special Revenue Bonds of The City of New York to the amount of two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,650), redeemable from the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—16.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Board of Aldermen relative to the salary of John J. Duffy, First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 18, 1904.

Hon. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen bearing date January 4, 1904, fixing the salary of John Duffy, First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at \$1,200, and which resolution was referred by your Honorable Board to me to report thereon, I beg to report that inasmuch as Mr. Duffy has been elected the First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, the duties and responsibilities of the Sergeant-at-Arms will at times, in the absence of the latter, devolve upon him. It seems to me therefore that in view of these responsibilities the proposed distinction of \$200 in salary between the First Assistant and the other Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, would be justified. I therefore beg leave to report in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

Very sincerely yours,
C. V. FORNES, President, Board of Aldermen.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 2, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On January 4, 1904, the Board of Aldermen for the years 1904-1905, holding their first meeting, elected as First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms one John Duffy, at an annual salary of \$1,200. Provision was made in the estimate approved by your Honorable Body for the year 1904 for \$1,000 per annum for the salary of the position of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and this man cannot be paid at the rate of \$1,200 per annum unless some arrangement is made by your Board. I therefore respectfully request that the salary of John Duffy, as First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Board of Aldermen, be fixed at \$1,200 per annum.

Yours respectfully,
P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby ratifies and confirms the action of the President of the Board of Aldermen in fixing the salary of the position of First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the Board of Aldermen at twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, as of date January 4, 1904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—16.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary to the President of the Borough of Queens, requesting a transfer of \$660.87 to various appropriations:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, February 17, 1904.

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

DEAR SIR—Herewith I forward you resolution requesting the transfer of money in the office of the President of the Borough of Queens, which kindly have placed on the calendar for the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,
GEO. S. JERVIS, Secretary to the President.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$660.87) be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the President of the Borough of Queens for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

"Bureau of Highways—Labor, Maintenance and Supplies".....	\$401 26
"Bureau of Highways—Maintenance of Viaducts and Bridges".....	69 67
"Bureau of Highways—Preliminary Surveys".....	63 62
"Bureau of Sewers—Labor, Maintenance and Supplies".....	12 12
"Bureau of Sewers—Jamaica Disposal Works".....	6 94
"Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices—Supplies and Repairs, Including Wages of Mechanics, Laborers, Cleaners, etc.".....	5 88
"Bureau of Buildings—Salaries".....	31 87
"Topographical Bureau—Salaries".....	67 23
"Bureau of Street Cleaning—Sweeping, Carting and Final Disposition of Material, Including Cremation or Utilization".....	2 28
Total.....	660 87

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said President of the Borough of Queens for 1903, entitled "General Administration—Supplies and Contingencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—16.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Appraiser of Real Estate, Department of Finance, relative to the acquisition of property on the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Eighty-fifth street, Borough of Brooklyn, as a site for the Seventy-first Police Precinct Station House.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 17, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Commissioner of the Police Department of The City of New York, in a communication under date of October 8, 1903, requests the purchase of a parcel of land located on Fifth avenue between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, as a site for a Police Precinct station house and stable, for the Seventy-first Precinct.

The present stationhouse is located on Eighty-sixth street and Fort Hamilton avenue, and the first request of the Commissioner was for the purchase of property adjacent to the present property, in order to increase the area, but an investigation showed that the price asked was too high, and that there was a lease upon the property which made it impossible to acquire the same without condemnation proceedings.

The original proposition of the Police Department as regards the Eighty-sixth street site was for a plot of ground 100 by 160 feet, and for which \$11,100 was asked. The second proposition of the owner, which has been accepted by the Police Department, subject to your approval, is a plot of ground extending from Eighty-fifth to Eighty-sixth street along the easterly side of Fifth avenue, being 200 feet on Fifth avenue, 118 feet $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches on Eighty-fifth street and 100 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches on Eighty-sixth street, containing about 11 lots, which he now offers to the City for the sum of \$12,500.

I consider that this price is reasonable and just, and I would respectfully recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of the property on Fifth avenue between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets as a site for the Seventy-first Police Precinct stationhouse and stable, for the Police Department of The City of New York.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

MORTIMER J. BROWN,
Appraiser of Real Estate in Charge of Bureau.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, October 18, 1903.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of communication dated October 8, 1903, to Hon. J. W. Stevenson, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and are hereby respectfully requested to authorize the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, the amount not exceeding \$13,000 for the purchase of land on Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, Borough of Brooklyn, being 200 feet on Fifth avenue, with a depth of 104 feet on Eighty-sixth street and 118 feet on Eighty-fifth street, for the purposes of a stationhouse, prison and stable for the Seventy-first Precinct, and that the portion of said land on the corner of Eighty-sixth street and Fifth avenue be designated for the location of the station house, and the portion of such land not used for such purposes be assigned to the Department for the erection thereon of a stable for infirm sick horses, storehouse and other similar purposes.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
October 8, 1903.

Hon. J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary, Board of Estimate, New York City:

SIR—In the matter of ground for a station house in the Seventy-first Precinct, Fort Hamilton, I have to say that sufficient ground alongside of the present town hall cannot be obtained at any reasonable price. There is in the vicinity a very suitable location fronting on Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets. I have already recommended the purchase of the corner of Eighty-sixth street, the plot being about 102 feet by 160 feet. I am now advised that this plot would cost \$9,500, but that the entire frontage of 200 feet on Fifth avenue between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, with a depth of 104 feet on Eighty-sixth street and 118 feet on Eighty-fifth street, can be purchased for \$12,500. I recommend the purchase of this last-described plot. It contains more land than is absolutely necessary or will be used for the construction of a station house and stable, but the additional land can be used to great advantage in providing an infirmary for sick horses and a storehouse and other similar purposes, which are greatly needed in that section of the city.

In order to cover the expense of searching the title, surveyor's charges, and other charges, I recommend the issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of not exceeding \$13,000 for the purchase of this land.

Respectfully,
F. V. GREENE, Police Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the selection of a site in the Borough of Brooklyn for the Seventy-first Police Precinct Station House and Stable, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly corner of Fifth avenue and Eighty-sixth street; running thence northerly along the easterly side of Fifth avenue two hundred (200) feet to the southeasterly corner of Eighty-fifth street; running thence easterly along the southerly side of Eighty-fifth street one hundred and eighteen (118) feet five and one-half ($5\frac{1}{2}$) inches; running thence southerly at right angles to Eighty-fifth street two hundred (200) feet to the northerly side of Eighty-sixth street; running thence westerly along the northerly side of Eighty-sixth street one hundred (100) feet four and one-quarter ($4\frac{1}{4}$) inches to the point or place of beginning, together with all the right, title and interest of the owners of said premises, of, in and to the streets and avenues in front thereof to the centre thereof, —and the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the same at a price not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), said agreement to be subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form, and that for the purpose of providing means for the acquisition of said site, the Comptroller, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, to issue Corporate Stock to an amount not exceeding thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—16.

The Board adjourned to meet Friday, February 26, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.
J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

MINUTES, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, NEW YORK CITY, ROOM 16, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1904.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—George B. McClellan, Mayor; Edward M. Grout, Comptroller; Timothy P. Sullivan, Acting President, Board of Aldermen; John F. Ahearn, President, Borough of Manhattan; Martin W. Littleton, President, Borough of Brooklyn; Joseph Cassidy, President, Borough of Queens; George Cromwell, President, Borough of Richmond.

After disposing of the Public Improvements Calendar the following financial matters were taken up:

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance and communications from Dr. John Brannan, President of the Board of Trustees of the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, relative to an appropriation of \$50,000 for additional means for the completion of the Gouverneur Hospital, in the Borough of Manhattan:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 24, 1904.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—In communication under date of February 10, 1904, Dr. John W. Brannan, President, Board of Trustees, Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, requests the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$50,000 for completing the construction of Gouverneur Hospital.

I would report that the following amounts have been authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the construction of Gouverneur Hospital:

March 27, 1903.....	\$3,500 00
July 15, 1903.....	4,000 00
October 24, 1903.....	292,500 00
Total.....	\$300,000 00

On January 26, 1904, after due advertisement, the following bids were received:

	Entire Work without Extras.	Alternatives.	Extra Foundation.	Total.
T. Leahy.....	\$287,973 00	\$19,450 00	\$7,540 00	\$314,963 00
J. R. Sheehan & Co....	291,500 00	15,790 00	19,080 00	326,370 00
P. J. Brennan.....	297,000 00	18,100 00	14,640 00	329,740 00
Sandberg & Feek.....	298,000 00	18,200 00	13,100 00	329,490 00
Chur. Construction Co.	329,597 00	20,682 00	29,140 00	379,419 00
V. J. Hedden & Sons.	329,981 00	17,585 00	27,957 50	375,523 50
George Hilderbrand....	334,600 00	17,400 00	33,815 00	385,815 00
L. W. Seaman, Jr.	356,985 00	20,603 00	24,730 00	404,318 00
Wm. Henderson.....	339,000 00	17,451 00	26,045 00	382,496 00
F. J. Kelly & Son.....	372,576 00	20,769 00	32,450 00	425,795 00
G. Vassar Sons.....	.....	20,202 00	24,665 00	.....

It will be noted that the bid of \$314,963 of T. Leahy is the lowest, but on account of the irregularities of his bid the Corporation Counsel, by opinion dated February 5, 1904, states:

"It is impossible to award the contract to the lowest bidder who has estimated on said items in the manner that Mr. Leahy has.

"I therefore advise that said bids should be rejected."

Assuming that the contract is to be awarded to the next lowest bid, J. R. Sheehan & Co., for \$326,370, the total appropriation of \$300,000 will be insufficient to certify to the contract and pay the architect's fees. The deficit will amount to \$49,938.50, calculated as follows:

Bid of J. R. Sheehan & Co., lowest regular bid..... \$326,370 00

Architect's fees—	
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on \$166,000, alterations.....	\$12,010 00
5 per cent. on \$166,370, general construction.....	8,318 50
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on \$130,000, expert work.....	3,250 00
Total amount necessary.....	\$349,938 50
Total amount appropriated.....	300,000 00

Deficit \$49,938 50

By reference to my report of September 29, 1903, it will be noted that the estimate then furnished me by the architect was \$317,075, including architect's fees; to this should be added \$19,080, the item for extra foundations. This item was put in as a precaution, but the architect informs me that, in his opinion, a small portion of this amount will only be needed, as he expects to find a fair bottom for this foundation.

Of the total amount, \$15,790, for alternatives, the architects have only recommended items (d), (g), (h) and (i), or \$9,740. Adding the amount for extra foundation (if necessary), the sum of \$6,740 for alternatives, to the architect's original estimate, \$317,075, makes a total of \$345,900, or within \$5,000 of the total cost as shown by the bids.

As stated in my former report, after careful study and examination of the work, I am of the opinion that the work proposed to be done will secure to the City one of the best equipped and most thoroughly complete hospitals; therefore, I do not think it advisable to recommend that the plans and specifications be returned for revision in order to come within the appropriation of \$300,000, but think the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, may properly authorize an additional \$50,000 to provide for the completion of Gouverneur Hospital.

Respectfully,
EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS.
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,
NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

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

SIR—On January 26 bids for completing the construction of Gouverneur Hospital were opened by the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals. The two lowest bids were those of Mr. Thomas B. Leahy and Messrs. John R. Sheehan & Co. Inasmuch as the bid of Mr. Leahy appeared to be irregular, it was submitted to the Corporation Counsel, who replied as follows under date of February 5:

"It is impossible to award the contract to the lowest bidder who has estimated on said items in the manner that Mr. Leahy has. I therefore advise that said bid should be rejected."

As stated in the inclosed copy of a letter from the architect, Mr. R. F. Almirall, under date of February 3, the original bid of Messrs. John R. Sheehan & Co. amounted to \$291,500. Adding to this the net sum of alternate items, \$15,790, and the total of sums of unit prices as carried out for estimated quantities, \$19,080, the total certification required for building contract amounts to \$326,370. To this sum should be added \$25,568.50, Architect's and Engineer's fees, as specified in Mr. Almirall's letter, making the total amount of possible cost \$349,938.50. It is not believed that any expenditure will be necessary on the basis of the unit prices, but the Trustees ask to have this included because it is the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that it should be provided for in the appropriation. The amount already appropriated is \$300,000, leaving a balance of \$49,938.50 to be provided by the City.

In accordance with these facts, the Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals respectfully request that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorize the issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$50,000, for completing the construction of Gouverneur Hospital.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN W. BRANNAN, President, Board of Trustees.

RAYMOND F. ALMIRALL, ARCHITECT,
No. 51 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK CITY,
NEW YORK, February 3, 1904.

Dr. J. W. BRANNAN, President, Board of Trustees, Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City:

DEAR SIR—The estimated amounts on which sums were bid in the "Bid or Estimate" on Gouverneur Hospital, under Clause 6 (j) to 6 (p-d), were included at the request of the Finance Department, as approved by Mr. J. L. O'Brien, Assistant Corporation

Counsel, to enable the Finance Department to have a record of the approximate extra possible expense involved in the foundation work. They do not form a binding feature of the contract, and I anticipate little if any additional expense. However, the Finance Department wishes to have an amount appropriated sufficient to cover as nearly as possible all extra work, and the estimated quantities were given to obtain the total sums which the Department requires as a basis of computing such additional appropriation. The following is a condensed statement of the total amount (\$349,938.50) of possible cost, and the net amount (\$49,938.50) yet to be appropriated.

Bid of J. R. Sheehan & Co.—

Original bid.....	\$291,500 00
Net sum of alternate items 5 (d) to 5 (i) of bid.....	15,790 00
Total of sums of unit prices as carried out for estimated quantities 6 (j) to 6 (p-d) of bid.....	19,080 00
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Total certification required for building contract.....	\$326,370 00
Architect's fees Contract Clause 13 (a)—7½ per cent. on approximately \$160,000.....	\$12,000 00
Contract Clause 13 (b)—5 per cent. on balance of \$166,370.....	8,318 50
Architect's fees, payable to Engineer Contract Clause 13 (b) —2½ per cent. on approximately \$130,000.....	3,250 00
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Total amount of possible cost.....	\$349,938 50
Amount already appropriated.....	300,000 00
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Balance to be appropriated.....	\$49,938 50

Respectfully yours,
RAYMOND F. ALMIRALL.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), in addition to the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) heretofore authorized, to provide additional means for the completion of Gouverneur Hospital, in the Borough of Manhattan, and that when authority therefor shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller is authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the proceeds whereof to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Comptroller, relative to the transfer of \$100,000 from the appropriation made to the Department of Finance, entitled "Interest on Revenue Bonds for 1902":

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 24, 1904.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—To meet the interest on Revenue Bonds of 1902, falling due during the year 1904, it becomes necessary to replenish the appropriation of 1902 for "Interest on Revenue Bonds of 1902," that appropriation having become exhausted. I, therefore, recommend that said appropriation be replenished by transfer of \$100,000 from the unexpended and unrequired balance of the appropriation made in said year for "Interest on Bonds and Stocks to be issued in 1901 after October 10, and in 1902," and present herewith a resolution to effect such transfer.

Respectfully yours,
EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Finance for the year 1902, entitled "Interest on Bonds and Stock to be Issued in 1901, after October 10, and in 1902," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1902, entitled "Interest on Revenue Bonds of 1902," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The matter of an appropriation of \$25,000 for a suitable exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was laid over for a unanimous vote.

The Commissioner to the said Exposition appeared and stated that he would require an additional appropriation to properly carry out the plans for the exhibit at said Exposition, and it was suggested to the Commissioner that he make his application through the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller suggested that the members of the Board be notified that this request for an issue of Revenue Bonds will be on the Calendar for the next meeting and that it is necessary to have a unanimous vote of the Board to pass such a resolution.

The Board adjourned to meet Friday, March 4, 1904, at 10.30 a. m.
J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, February 27, 1904.

The following list of appointments, etc., in the Police Department, from February 23 to February 27, 1904, is forwarded for publication, pursuant to resolution of the Police Board, adopted January 10, 1898:

February 23, 1904.

Appointed.

Richard G. Neighbors, as Stenographer to Third Deputy Commissioner, at \$1,200 per annum.

William F. Guerin, as Patrolman.

Death Reported.

Patrolman Joseph Sawyer, Twenty-sixth Precinct, at 7.30 P. M., February 20, 1904.

February 24, 1904.

Appointed.

Andrew J. Riordan, as Patrolman on probation.

Adolph Zankl and William J. Quinn, as Patrolmen.

Loretta M. Hayes, as Police Matron.

February 26, 1904.

Reinstated.

Christian W. P. Koch, as Patrolman, by order of the Court.

February 27, 1904.

Death Reported.

Hostler Edward McCabe.

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF RAPID TRANSIT RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN NO. 320 BROADWAY, ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1904,

There were present—Alexander E. Orr, President, presiding; Mayor George B. McClellan, Comptroller Edward M. Grout and Commissioners Woodbury Langdon, Charles Stewart Smith and Morris K. Jesup.

Albert B. Boardman, of counsel; Wm. Barclay Parsons, Chief Engineer, and George S. Rice, Deputy Chief Engineer, also were present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting, that of January 28, were read, and it was moved that they be approved.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

The following letter was read:

February 4, 1904.

Hon. ALEXANDER E. ORR, Esq., President, Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners.

DEAR SIR—Owing to misinformation as to the ownership of the bonds on deposit with the Comptroller in lieu of the continuing bond under the contract between John B. McDonald and the City, dated February 21, 1900, a resolution was adopted by your Board at the last meeting authorizing the Comptroller, upon receiving the new continuing bond, to transfer and deliver said securities unto John B. McDonald and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

The securities are the property of the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, and were deposited by it with the Comptroller. May we therefore ask that you will rescind the resolution referred to and adopt a new resolution authorizing and requesting the Comptroller to transfer and deliver said securities to Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company?

We append a list of the securities referred to.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) INTERBOROUGH RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY,
By AUGUST BELMONT, President.

JOHN B. McDONALD.

Securities Received From the Comptroller of The City of New York.

Illinois Central Railroad Company, St. Louis Division and Terminal First Mortgage Three Per Cent. Gold Bonds, due 1951, interest January and July	\$270,000 00
Three Per Cent. School House Bonds of The City of New York, due 1908, interest May and November	100,000 00
Three Per Cent. Dock Bonds of The City of New York, due 1924, interest May and November	200,000 00
Three Per Cent. Additional Water Stock of The City of New York, due 1907, interest April and October	100,000 00
Three Per Cent. Dock Bonds of The City of New York, due 1914, interest May and November	100,000 00
Three and One-half Per Cent. Corporate Stock of The City of New York for the New Aqueduct, due 1919, interest April and October	250,000 00
Three and One-half Per Cent. Corporate Stock of The City of New York, for the repaving of streets, due 1940, interest May and November	5,000 00
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Total	\$1,025,000 00

The following resolution was moved:

Resolved, That the resolution of January 14, at page 2504 of the minutes, as follows: "Whereas, The City acting by the Board has, as provided in the contract, dated November 24, 1903, modifying the contract for construction, received from the contractor and the Interborough Company the continuing bond of John B. McDonald, the contractor, and Interborough Rapid Transit Company, principals, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, as sureties, in the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), in form approved by the Board;

"Resolved, That with the written consent of the Comptroller the continuing bond, upon which the contractor is principal and Perry Belmont is surety, given to the City in accordance with the contract for construction and operation, dated February 21, 1900, be canceled and surrendered and returned to the said McDonald, and that with the same consent the securities, of the value of more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), deposited with the City at the same time as the delivery of the bond, as additional security therefor, be surrendered to the contractor and to the Interborough Company,"

—be and it hereby is rescinded; and

Whereas, The City acting by the Board has, as provided in the contract, dated November 24, 1903, modifying the contract for construction, received from the contractor and the Interborough Company the continuing bond of John B. McDonald, the contractor, and Interborough Rapid Transit Company, principals, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, as sureties, in the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), in form approved by this Board; further

Resolved, That with the written consent of the Comptroller the continuing bond, upon which the contractor is principal and Perry Belmont is surety, given to the City in accordance with the contract for construction and operation, dated February 21, 1900, be canceled and surrendered and returned to the said McDonald, and that with the same consent the securities, of the value of more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), deposited with the City at the same time as the delivery of the bond, as additional security therefor, be surrendered to the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

Requisition No. 42 of the contractor on Contract No. 1 was presented, as follows:

RAPID TRANSIT SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR, Nos. 13-21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

Requisition No. 42—For work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, to 31st day of January, 1904, as follows:

Total to date	\$30,694,000 00
Less previous requisitions	30,394,000 00
Balance due	\$300,000 00

(Signed) JOHN B. McDONALD, Contractor.

Certificate No. 42—I hereby certify that the work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, for which Requisition No. 42, of date February 10, 1904, is made by John B. McDonald, the contractor, has been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the contract to the value of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), that such value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been made for such work and materials.

(Signed) WM. BARCLAY PARSONS,
Chief Engineer of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners.

The following resolution was moved:

Whereas, John B. McDonald, the contractor, has made requisition on this Board, dated February 10, 1904, and numbered Requisition No. 42, for work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, to 31st day of January, 1904, and amounting to the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); and

Whereas, Wm. Barclay Parsons, Chief Engineer, has certified that the work done and materials furnished under the said contract have been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the said contract, that the value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been issued for such work and materials;

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves the said requisition and directs that a voucher be drawn in due form upon the Comptroller for the said amount.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

Requisition No. 28, Extra Work on Contract No. 1, was presented, as follows:

RAPID TRANSIT SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

Requisition No. 28, Extra Work—For work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York to 31st day of January, 1904, as follows:

Total to date	\$2,229,562 00
Less previous requisitions	2,106,647 50
Balance due	\$122,914 50

(Signed) JOHN B. McDONALD, Contractor.

Certificate No. 28—I hereby certify that the work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, for which Requisition No. 28, of date February 10, 1904, is made by John B. McDonald, the contractor, has been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the contract to the value of one hundred and twenty-two thousand nine hundred and fourteen and fifty one-hundredths dollars (\$122,914.50), that such value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been made for such work and materials.

(Signed) WM. BARCLAY PARSONS,

Chief Engineer of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners.

The following resolution was moved:

Whereas, John B. McDonald, the contractor, has made requisition on this Board dated February 10, 1904, and numbered Requisition No. 28, Extra Work, for extra work done and materials furnished under contract dated February 21, 1900, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York to the 31st day of January, 1904, and also in accordance with resolutions adopted by this Board on July 12, 1900, and May 2, 1901, for the construction of a third track from One Hundred and Third to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, etc., and amounting to the sum of one hundred and twenty-two thousand nine hundred and fourteen and fifty one-hundredths dollars (\$122,914.50); and

Whereas, Wm. Barclay Parsons, Chief Engineer, has certified that the said extra work has been done and materials furnished in accordance with the terms of the said contract, that such value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been issued for such work and materials;

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves the said requisition and directs that a voucher be drawn in due form on the Comptroller for the said amount.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

Requisition No. 4 of the contractor on Contract No. 2 was presented as follows:

RAPID TRANSIT SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, NO. 23 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, February 9, 1904.

Requisition No. 4—For work done and materials furnished under contract dated July 21, 1902, Principal Contract No. 2, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, to 31st day of January, 1904, as follows:

Total to date, relative to the contract value of the whole work	\$233,134 90
Less previous requisitions	202,457 06

Balance due, relative to the contract value of the whole work

\$30,677 84

(Signed) RAPID TRANSIT SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
By AUGUST BELMONT, President.

Certificate No. 4—I hereby certify that the work done and materials furnished under contract dated July 21, 1902, Principal Contract No. 2, for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Railroad of The City of New York, for which Requisition No. 4, of date February 9, 1904, is made by Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, the contractor, has been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the contract to the value of thirty thousand six hundred and seventy-seven and eighty-four one-hundredths dollars (\$30,677.84), that such value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been made for such work and materials.

(Signed) WM. BARCLAY PARSONS,

Chief Engineer of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners.

The following resolution was moved:

Whereas, Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, the contractor, has made requisition on this Board, dated February 9, 1904, and numbered Requisition No. 4, for work and materials under contract dated July 21, 1902, for the construction and operation of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Rapid Transit Railroad to the 31st day of January, 1904, and amounting to the sum of thirty thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$30,677.84); and

Whereas, William Barclay Parsons, Chief Engineer, has certified that the said work done and materials furnished has been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the said contract, that such value has been ascertained relatively to the contract value of the whole work, and that no certificate has previously been issued for such work and materials;

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves said requisition and directs that a voucher be drawn in due form on the Comptroller for the said amount.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

The following correspondence was presented as to Architectural Advisers:

NEW YORK, February 2, 1904.

Hon. A. E. ORR, President, Rapid Transit Board:

MY DEAR SIR—I hand you herewith a letter which I have received from Messrs. Heins and La Farge, Architects of the Commission, pointing out that the term of their appointment expires by limitation on March 7, and asking whether the Commission desires to retain their services after that date.

The work that these gentlemen have done for the Commission is already well known to you. When the work was begun it was supposed that they would be called upon to make a few different designs for stations, to be repeated many times. In the actual prosecution of the work this was found to be impracticable, so that they

have been obliged to make a new design for each particular station. For the work that they have done the compensation they have received has been entirely inadequate, and it would have been impossible to have duplicated their work by other architects except at a vastly increased expense. In this matter they have never made any complaint, but have met my demands for work to be performed cheerfully and without hesitation.

I should be glad to have the Commission reappoint these gentlemen either for a fixed time or at the pleasure of the Board, and on such terms as will be agreeable to the Commission and the Architects.

(Signed) WM. BARCLAY PARSONS, Chief Engineer.

HEINS & LA FARGE, ARCHITECTS,
NOS. 30-32 EAST TWENTY-FIRST STREET,
NEW YORK, February 1, 1904.

WM. BARCLAY PARSONS, Esq., Chief Engineer, No. 320 Broadway:

DEAR SIR—Our appointment as Consulting Architects to the Rapid Transit Commission will expire by limitation on the 7th of March next, and we therefore think this a proper time to inquire whether the Commission will desire to continue our services. There still remains a considerable amount of work to be done to complete the stations that we have under way. Besides this, we suppose that architectural services will be needed for the stations on the Brooklyn extensions now building and the various other lines in contemplation.

Should it be considered desirable to continue relations with us, we beg to point out to you that when we undertook this work three years ago we did not anticipate the great amount of detail that it would involve. It seemed probable that the general scheme once fairly well determined the repetitions would be so constant as to make much of the work to a large extent mechanical. Our experience, however, has been that practically every station is a separate problem, requiring to be worked out as such, and that there is considerable complexity of both arrangement and detail, varying in each instance, notwithstanding that everything possible has been done, consistent with careful design, to standardize all the various elements. The demand therefore made upon our time has been so great that we think it only proper to say that we believe we should receive a higher rate of payment in the future. Pray understand that we make no complaint as to the past, nor have we felt at any time otherwise than that we were entirely bound by the agreement we originally entered into. We should be glad to go on for such a period as the Commission may deem proper upon the basis of an annual salary of \$5,000 and our expenses, paid as they now are.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) HEINS & LA FARGE.

The following resolution was moved by the Comptroller:

Resolved, That the compensation of Heins & LaFarge, architectural advisers, be fixed at the terms recommended, to wit: \$5,000 per annum, beginning March 7, 1904, and to continue at the pleasure of the Board, and their expenses on the same basis as heretofore allowed.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

The following resolution was moved:

Resolved, That the Counsel of this Board be and they hereby are instructed to make due application to the Appellate Division in the First Judicial Department, for the appointment of three Commissioners to determine and report whether the extension of the Manhattan-Bronx railroad along Westchester avenue ought to be constructed and operated, and that the officers of this Board be and they hereby are authorized to sign and execute in the name and under the seal of this Board any and all petitions and other communications and papers, and to take any and all proceedings which may be necessary in the premises.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

The following resolution of the Board of Aldermen was read and referred to the Committee on Plans:

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Whereas, There is a widespread and growing demand for an East Side branch of the Rapid Transit Subway, a demand naturally created by the needs of the thickly populated East Side section of the City and the rapidly growing districts of Harlem and The Bronx; and

Whereas, With the West Side route nearing completion and with the Brooklyn extension assured, the present is the opportune time to consider and act upon this important matter, in order that the actual work on such an East Side subway may begin without unnecessary and consequently dangerous delay; and

Whereas, Both prudence and economy demand early action for the reasons set forth; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners be and it is hereby earnestly requested and urged to heed the appeal of the many thousands who are demanding the same transit facilities on the East Side that are being accorded to the residents of the West Side of Manhattan and to Brooklyn;

Resolved, further, That our Committee on Railroads be and it is hereby instructed to hold public hearings to obtain a consensus of opinion of all interested persons and taxpayers, and to recommend to this Board such local or State legislation as may be necessary to aid in the furtherance of this much desired branch of the rapid transit system.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen February 2, 1904, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

(Signed) P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Letter of W. M. K. Olcott, dated February 1, 1904, on behalf of West Side Rapid Transit Association, advocating another west side rapid transit route, was read, and referred to the Committee on Plans.

Report of the Comptroller as to double-front window at northeast corner Broadway and Forty-second street, was read as follows, and correspondence ordered on file:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,

February 6, 1904.

Hon. ALEXANDER E. ORR, President, Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners:

SIR—The application of William Wilson to remodel the window front of No. 1774 Broadway (building northeast corner Forty-second street and Broadway), being referred to me by the Board with power.

I would report that I have had the application fully examined and see no objection to the changing of the single front to a double front. I have given my consent to Mr. Wilson to make the alterations as requested. Attached find papers in relation to same for filing with the Board.

Respectfully,

(Signed) EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

The following report of Counsel on matters necessary to be brought before the Legislature, was read:

NEW YORK, February 10, 1904.

Hon. ALEXANDER E. ORR, President, Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, No. 320 Broadway, City:

SIR—The counsel have considered the question of amendments of the Rapid Transit Act and now submit a schedule of the proposed changes with the respectful request that the Board will instruct us as to what amendments should be adopted.

1. Amendment to section 37, providing that hereafter the consent of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall be sufficient without the consent of the Legislature, to the issue of bonds for rapid transit in excess of the sum of \$55,000,000, that amount being the limit now prescribed.

2. Amendment to section 39, enabling the Rapid Transit Board, with the consent of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and, of course, of the operating

contractor, to sell any terminal property of the railroad, provided that the proceeds of sale be applied to the purchase of other terminals or otherwise to the purposes of the railroad.

3. Amendment to section 38, providing for modifications of the contract after operations shall begin. It is almost certain that from time to time some modifications of details will be required, and it is now doubtful whether the power which the Board has to make such a modification will be applicable to the contract after the operation shall begin. Of course, any such alteration would be subject to the provision that in no event should the annual rental be reduced, and, perhaps, to other limitations.

4. Amendment to section 33, with respect to the removal from any street, highway, park or public place of subways or conduits for the reception of electrical conductors. As this section now stands there is an absolute prohibition of such removal, even with the consent of the owner. In one case it would have been most advantageous and convenient to the City and every other interest if the permanent removal from one street to another of such a conduit could have been made; but this prohibition prevented. The suggestion now is to make the prohibition apply only when there is no consent of the owner.

5. An amendment to make it clear that the highways over which the Rapid Transit Board may lay out a rapid transit route includes the bridges. Both the Corporation Counsel and ourselves have already decided that the present act gives this power; but as the power is not very clearly stated, and in view of the great importance of the provision, we have thought that if the Board desired the power to exist the expression of it should be clear.

6. Amendment to section 39, validating any agreement heretofore made by the Rapid Transit Board where, in part consideration for the grant of an easement of right of way, a right of lateral support has been given to the grantor of the easement. This amendment is presented by Messrs. Wallach & Cook, representing the New York Times Building Company, and is understood to have relation to the property of that company at Forty-second street and Broadway. As Mr. Shepard has some possible interest in the property affected, he expresses no opinion upon this amendment. It has the approval of Mr. Wickersham, counsel for the contractor.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) BOARDMAN, PLATT & SOLEY.
EDWARD M. SHEPARD.

The Board favored, with minor amendments, all the suggestions except that contained in section 3 of the letter, which was dropped.

The following resolution was moved:

Resolved, That this Board hereby dismisses the following Inspectors of Masonry, owing to lack of work, makes the following promotions, and consents to the following transfer to the Aqueduct Commission:

Dismissals for Lack of Work.

Name.	Title.	Salary.	To Take Effect.
William Brooks	Inspector of Masonry	.....	1st February
Charles P. Sample	Inspector of Masonry	.....	1st February
William F. Stone	Inspector of Masonry	.....	1st February

Promotions.

Albert J. Mayell	Assistant Engineer	\$1,500 00	1st March
J. Whitford Bennett	Assistant Engineer	1,500 00	1st March
Richard A. Berry	Assistant Engineer	1,500 00	1st March

Transfer to Aqueduct Department.

J. L. Davis	Inspector of Steel
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Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.
Nays—None.
Carried.

The following letter was read:

NEW YORK, January 27, 1904.

Hon. ALEXANDER E. ORR, President, Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners:

SIR—It is with extreme regret that, in accordance with my informal notice to yourself and the Comptroller given several weeks ago, I now tender my resignation as Counsel for the Rapid Transit Board. My resignation is due to other professional engagements, and especially to a general retainer now tendered me and which I expect to accept at the end of February, to represent railroad companies which have interests in and near the City. Such a representation would, or at least might, disable me hereafter from rendering to the Board the complete and confidential service which it has hitherto had from me. If the Board approve, I suggest that my resignation take effect on 1st of March next. By that time I hope to be able to finish some of the matters particularly in my charge.

I beg to express to you and through you to all the members of the Board my very grateful appreciation of the trust which I have continuously enjoyed from you and them. It has been a great honor to me to have had under your and their wise and patriotic auspices some share in a work so monumental and noble as the municipal rapid transit construction in the Greater New York. You and the Board have my earnest wishes for the future success of your work. It is fortunate, I believe, for our City and for the other cities of our land that this great experiment in municipal ownership and control is in your charge.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) EDWARD M. SHEPARD.

The following resolution was moved:

Resolved That the resignation of Edward M. Shepard, counsel of this Board, be and the same hereby is accepted, to take effect March 1, 1904; further

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he hereby is authorized to retain the professional service of Edward M. Shepard, as counsel to the Board, in the various suits and proceedings relating to Park avenue, which have already been in his charge alone or in conjunction with Mr. Boardman, and to request Mr. Shepard to act as special counsel therein for the Board from and after the 1st day of March, 1904.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.
Carried.

The President said he would like to have upon the record of the Board some recognition of Mr. Shepard's services to the Board and to the City.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the Comptroller and Commissioner Smith, to draft such a recognition.

President Orr then stated that he would like to nominate to the Board a successor to Mr. Shepard. In doing so, he said he had consulted all the members of the Board, including Vice-President Starin and Commissioner Clafin, who were absent, and that he had obtained from all of them an appreciation of the nomination he was about to make. He then nominated as Counsel of the Board, to succeed Mr. Shepard, George L. Rives. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

The resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That this Board hereby appoints George L. Rives as Counsel in the place and stead of Edward M. Shepard, resigned, at the annual compensation of \$10,000.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.
Carried.

The following resolution was moved:

Whereas, The Chief Engineer of this Board has certified that certain additional work, not provided for in the contract with the Degnon Contracting Company, for the reconstruction of the building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Forty-

second street, has been necessary in order to fit that building for reoccupation, in accordance with contract with Wm. Wilson and the Meyer Manufacturing Company, such work being principally for plumbing, heating plant and electric work, in amounts as follows:

The James Murtaugh Company, sidewalk elevator installed	\$250 00
P. J. Keoghan—	
Electric work	246 00
Electric construction	434 00
Thomas J. Tuomey, plumbing and gasfitting	1,376 99
Daniel Cary, heating plant installed	987 00
Reiley & Son, painting	2 50
Total	\$3,296 49

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves the said bills and directs that vouchers be drawn in due form on the Comptroller for the said amounts.

Ayes—The President, Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioners Langdon, Smith and Jesup.

Nays—None.

Carried.

The Secretary reported that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had honored the requisition of this Board for \$2,750,000 for an appropriation for extra work, ducts, real estate and terminals under Manhattan-Bronx contract.

The Secretary reported the delivery to the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on the 2d inst., of communication as to Fort Lee ferry connection.

Miscellaneous correspondence as to proposed extensions was presented, and referred to Committee on Plans.

The Board then adjourned.

BION L. BURROWS, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FEBRUARY 16, 1904.

Present—William J. Fryer, Warren A. Conover, Charles Buek, William C. Smith, Charles G. Smith, Edward F. Croker and Walter Cook, Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M.

On motion, minutes approved as read.

Appeal 21—F. C. S. 12 of 1904, premises Nos. 51 and 53 Maiden lane, Manhattan, Boehm & Coon, appellants.

On motion, referred to Chief Croker for examination and report with recommendation.

Appeal 22 of 1904—New Building 509 of 1904, block bounded by Broadway, Forty-second street, Forty-third street and Seventh avenue, Manhattan, A. C. McKenzie, appellant.

The use of 4-inch by 4-inch tee Y's on waste lines indicates additional fixtures would be added later.

Approval is requested as to the mode and manner of construction of the connection of present fixtures to the waste lines, as 4-inch by 4-inch tee Y's are not less than required by regulations for wastes.

Use of 4-inch by 4-inch tee Y's on 4-inch waste lines instead of 4-inch by 2-inch tee Y's.

The building is for office purposes and some tenant may desire to fit up a bath with water-closet in connection with his private office.

The owner agreed in writing not to connect water-closets on these lines on more than five stories at any one time, and they may never be installed at all.

It is impracticable to designate on which stories these should be placed, as it depends entirely on the requirements of future tenants.

Mr. W. B. Bamford appeared before the Board and filed explanatory plan.

On motion, denied; the Chairman and Mr. Buek recorded as voting no.

Appeal 23—F. C. S. 13 of 1904, Nos. 82 to 88 Wall street, Manhattan, John F. Harrington, attorney and appellant.

On motion, referred to Chief Croker for examination and report with recommendation.

Chief Croker stated, by advice of counsel, that he desired to formally enter a claim for back salary, having been illegally excluded from attendance upon the meetings of this Board from December, 1902; whereupon,

On motion, duly made and seconded,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board of Examiners of The City of New York that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a supplementary pay-roll for Edward F. Croker to cover the period from December 23, 1902, to February 2, 1904, both dates inclusive; and further, that said supplementary pay-roll be forwarded forthwith to the Comptroller of The City of New York, accompanied by a copy of this resolution.

Adjourned.

THOMAS F. DONOHUE, Clerk.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NEW YORK, February 24, 1904.

In accordance with the provisions of section 1546, chapter 466, Laws of 1901, I herewith transmit for publication in the CITY RECORD the following report of the transactions of this office for the week ending October 3, 1903.

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

LOUIS L. TRIBUS, Commissioner of Public Works.

Public Moneys Received during Week.

	BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS.	BUREAU OF SEWERS.	TOTAL.
For restoring and repaving pavement (water connections, opening)	\$63 20	.....	.....
For restoring and repaving pavement (sewer connections, openings)	57 00	.....	.....
2 bay windows, No. 6	80	.....	.....
For sewer permits	.....	\$24 00	.....
Total	\$127 00	\$24 00	\$145 00

Permits Issued.

	BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS.	BUREAU OF SEWERS.	TOTAL.
Permits to open streets to tap water pipes	7	..	..
Permits to open streets to repair water pipes	8	..	..
Permits to open streets to make sewer connections	1	..	..
Permit to open streets to repair sewer connections	1	..	..
Permit to place building materials on streets	1	..	..
Permits—Special	11	8	..
Permits for new sewer connections	..	..	..
Total	38	8	46

Requisitions Drawn on Comptroller.

General Administration	\$73 00
Bureau of Highways	24,144 45
Bureau of Sewers	1,021 85
Bureau of Street Cleaning	4,894 43
Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices	72 40
Topographical Bureau	229 88
Total	<u>\$30,436 01</u>

Work Done.

Bureau of Sewers—	
Linear feet of sewer built	335
Linear feet of sewer cleaned	5,000
Number of basins cleaned	84
Number of basins repaired	1
Linear feet of culverts repaired	100
Number of manholes examined	206
Number of manholes cleaned	9
Linear feet of culverts and drains cleaned	<u>1,730</u>
Bureau of Street Cleaning—	
Number of loads of garbage collected	255 1/4
Number of loads of ashes collected	530
Number of loads of light refuse collected	89
Number of loads of street sweepings collected	<u>591 1/2</u>

Statement of Laboring Force Employed Week ending October 3, 1903.

EIGHT HOURS CONSTITUTE ONE WORKING DAY.	BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS.		BUREAU OF SEWERS.		BUREAU OF STREET CLEAN- ING.		BUREAU OF PUB- LIC BUILDINGS AND OFFICES.		TOTAL.	
	No.	Time.	No.	Time.	No.	Time.	No.	Time.	No.	Time.
Laborers	126	759 3/8	18	108 1/2	98	557 3/8	1	6	343	1,431 3/8
Laborers (Crematory)					3	21	3	22		
Carts	23	131	1	6 1/4	10	60 3/4	34	198		
Carts (garbage, etc.)					36	208	36	208		
Sweepers					2	14	2	14		
Sprinkling carts	3	10 1/4							3	10 1/4
Teams	21	122 1/8			4	12 1/8	25	135		
Assistant Foremen					3	19 1/4	3	19 1/4		
Foreman (Section)	18	106 1/2	2	12	7	47 1/2	27	165 1/2		
Foremen (Asst. Section)					1	7	1	7		
Drivers	3	19 1/4	1	6	2	6			5	31 1/4
Janitors							2	14	2	14
Janitress							1	7	1	7
Female Cleaners							2	14	2	14
Mechanics	5	24 1/2	1	6			2	12	5	42 1/2
Mechanic's Helper	2	13					1	7	3	20
Mason's Helper							1	6	1	6
Engineman	1	6							1	6
Lab. Acting Foreman					2	12 1/2			2	12 1/2
Total	202	1,192 1/8	23	139 1/8	167	966 1/8	10	66	402	2,363 3/8

Appointments, Removals, etc.

Joseph W. Ennis, No. 22 Fifth avenue, New Brighton, Messenger and Helper, \$2 per day, appointed October 2.

David B. Treundlich, No. 15 East One Hundred and Thirteenth street, Clerk, \$1,200 per year, resigned October 1.

1 Laborer, \$2 per day, transferred from Street Cleaning to Engineer Corps, effect October 8, 1903.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

New York, January 21, 1904

Meeting of the Board of Assessors held this 21st day of January, 1904. Present—Robert Muh, President; Antonio Zucca, Charles A. O'Malley. The following assessments were confirmed without objection:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

List 7674. Laying cement sidewalks on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Atkins and Montauk avenues.

List 7675. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Berriman street and Atkins avenue.

List 7676. Laying cement sidewalks on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Berriman street and Atkins avenue.

List 7677. Laying cement sidewalks on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Elton and Linwood streets.

List 7678. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Essex street and Shepherd avenue.

List 7679. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Fountain avenue and Crystal street.

List 7680. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Grant avenue and Enfield street (Elder's lane).

List 7681. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Hemlock street and Railroad avenue.

List 7682. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Logan street and Fountain avenue.

List 7683. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Lincoln and Sheridan avenues.

List 7684. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Linwood and Essex streets.

List 7685. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Milford and Logan streets.

List 7686. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Powell and Junius streets.

List 7687. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Railroad and Lincoln avenues.

List 7688. Laying cement sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Sheridan and Grant avenues.

List 7689. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Snediker avenue and Hinsdale street.

List 7690. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Stone avenue and Christopher street.

List 7691. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Vermont and Wyona streets.

List 7692. Laying cement sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Van Sinderen and Snediker avenues.

List 7693. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Vermont street, between Atlantic and Liberty avenues.

List 7694. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Atlantic and Liberty avenues.

List 7695. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Fulton street and Atlantic avenue.

List 7696. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Glenmore and Pitkin avenues.

List 7697. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Vermont street, between Glenmore and Pitkin avenues.

List 7698. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Jamaica avenue and Fulton street.

List 7699. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Liberty and Glenmore avenues.

List 7700. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Vermont street, between Liberty and Glenmore avenues.

List 7701. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Vermont street, between Pitkin and Belmont avenues.

List 7702. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Vermont street, between Pitkin and Belmont avenues.

The assessment for paving Broadway from 688 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street to Dyckman street, was transmitted to the Board of Revision.

In the matter of the regulating, etc., of Washington avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to Felham avenue, the award of \$125 heretofore made to Fannie Schneider for damages to Block 2901, Lot 82, was increased to \$250.

In the same matter it was decided that no claims for damages filed after September 10, 1904, should be considered, and that the awards as heretofore made should stand as made.

All objections to the following assessments were overruled, and the lists transmitted to the Board of Revision:

List 6662. Regulating, grading, etc., Napier avenue and other streets in Woodlawn Heights, Borough of The Bronx.

List 7353. Regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from Park avenue to Southern Boulevard.

List 7553. Sewer in Mohegan avenue, from One Hundred and Eightieth to One Hundred and Eighty-second street, and in One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Honeywell avenue to Southern Boulevard.

Sewer in Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Field place, and in One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Jerome to Morris avenue.

Sewer in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Morris avenue to Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and in Creston avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-first street to Field place.

The Secretary was directed to return to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn assessment list for sewer in Gardner avenue, between Johnson and Flushing avenues, to be held until he is able to include the whole territory to be drained by the sewer.

The Board adjourned.

WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

BUREAU OF BUILDINGS.

NEW YORK, February 23, 1904.

OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1904.	22
Plans filed for new buildings; estimated cost, \$761,300.	
Plans filed for alterations; estimated cost, \$111,025.	32
Buildings reported as unsafe.	51
Buildings reported for additional means of escape.	24
Other violations of law reported.	75
Unsafe building notices issued.	116
Fire-escape notices issued.	27
Violation notices issued.	97
Violation cases forwarded for prosecution.	28
Iron and steel inspections made.	3,031
Complaints lodged with the Bureau.	4

BERNARD J. GORMAN,

Chief Inspector and Acting Superintendent of Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

WILLIAM H. CLASS, Chief Clerk.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an Act has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled

An Act to amend chapter five hundred and eighty of the laws of nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An act in relation to the municipal court of the city of New York, its officers and marshals," relative to actions on assigned claims.

Further notice is hereby given that a public hearing upon such bill will be held at the Mayor's Office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, March 3, 1904, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Dated City Hall, New York, February 27, 1904.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,
Mayor.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an Act has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled

An Act to authorize the commissioners of the sinking fund of the city of New York to cancel and annul certain assessments and sales to the city of New York for assessments affecting property in the city of New York, and directing the comptroller to mark such assessments accordingly.

Further notice is hereby given that a public hearing upon such bill will be held at the Mayor's Office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, March 3, 1904, at 11:15 o'clock A. M.

Dated City Hall, New York, February 27, 1904.

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Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an Act has been passed by both branches of the

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Office at Jamaica.

Except on Sundays, holidays and half holidays the office is open between March 31 and October 1 from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.; on Saturdays from 8 A. M. to 12 M.; between September 30 and April 1, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Surrogate's Court sits on Thursday and Friday of each week, except during the month of August, when no court is held. Calendar called at 10 A. M.

COUNTY COURT.

County Court-house, Long Island City.

Court opens at 9.30 A. M.; adjourns at 5 P. M.

County Judge's office always open at Flushing, N. Y.

BURT J. HUMPHREY, County Judge.

SHERIFF.

County Court-house, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

JOSEPH MEVERROSE, Sheriff; JOSIAH C. BENNETT, Under Sheriff.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Office, Queens County Court-house, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

GEORGE A. GREGG, District Attorney.

COUNTY CLERK.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Court-room, northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. daily, and continues open until close of business.

DANIEL F. MARTIN, Justice. ABRAM BERNARD, Clerk.

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

HERMAN JOSEPH, Justice. PATRICK McDAVITT, Clerk.

Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues open until close of business. Summary proceedings to return causes called 9:30 A. M. Calendar trial causes, 10 A. M. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Saturdays until 12 M.

Trial days and Return days, each Court day.

JAMES W. MC LAUGHLIN, Justice.

HENRY MERZBACH, Clerk.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, except that portion thereof which lies west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue, and of the Harlem river north of the terminus of Lenox avenue. Court-room, No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeast corner of Sylvan place. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.

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

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

Tenth District—The Tenth District embraces that portion of the Twenty-second Ward south of Seventieth street. Court-room, No. 314 West Fifty-fourth street. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

THOMAS E. MURRAY, Justice. HUGH GRANT, Clerk.

Eleventh District—The Eleventh District embraces that portion of the Twelfth Ward which lies north of the centre line of West One Hundred and Tenth street, between Lenox avenue and Seventh avenue; north of the centre line of One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Seventh avenue and Broadway; north of the centre line of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between Broadway and the North or Hudson river, and west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue and of the Harlem river; north of the terminus of Lenox or Sixth avenue. Court-room, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court convenes daily at 9:45 A. M.

FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, Justice. HERMAN B. WILSON, Clerk.

Twelfth District—The Twelfth District embraces that portion of the Twenty-second Ward north of Seventieth street, and that portion of the Twelfth Ward which lies north of the centre line of Eighty-sixth street and west of the centre line of Seventh avenue and south of the centre line of One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Seventh avenue and Broadway, and south of the centre line of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between Broadway and the North or Hudson river. Court-room, No. 2630 Broadway.

ALFRED P. W. SEAMON, Justice. JAMES V. GILLOON, Clerk.

Thirteenth District—South side of Delancey street, from East river to Pitt street; east side of Pitt street, Grand street, south side of Grand street to Norfolk street; east side of Norfolk street to Division street, south side of Division street to Catharine street, east side of Catharine street to East river. Clerk's Office open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

LEON SONDRIS, Justice; JAMES J. DEVLIN, Clerk.

Court-room, No. 200 East Broadway.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

First District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by chapter 1034 of the Laws of 1895, comprising all of the late Town of Westchester, and part of the Towns of Eastchester and Pelham, including the Villages of Wakefield and Williamsbridge. Court-room, Town Hall, Main street, Westchester Village. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Trial of causes are Tuesday and Friday of each week.

WILLIAM W. PENFIELD, Justice. THOMAS F. DELEHANTY, Clerk.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, closing at 12 M.

Second District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, except the territory described in chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895. Court-room, corner Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 10 A. M.

JOHN M. TIERNEY, Justice. THOMAS A. MAHER, Clerk.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

First District—Comprising First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth Wards of the Borough of Brooklyn. Court-house, northwest corner State and Court streets.

JOHN J. WALSH, Justice. EDWARD MORAN, Clerk.

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

Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Second District—Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Wards. Court-room located at No. 1217 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. Calendar called at 10 o'clock A. M.

GERARD B. VAN WART, Justice. WILLIAM H. ALLEN, Clerk.

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

Third District—Includes the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards. Court-house, Nos. 6 and 8 Lee avenue, Brooklyn.

WILLIAM J. LYNCH, Justice. JOHN W. CARPENTER, Clerk.

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

Court opens at 10 o'clock.

Fourth District—Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards. Court-room, No. 14 Howard avenue.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Justice. HERMAN GOHLENGHORST, Clerk; JAMES P. SINNOTT, Assistant Clerk.

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

Fifth District—Eighth, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second Wards. Court-house, Bay Twenty-second street and Bath avenue, Bath Beach. Telephone, 83 Bath.

CORNELIUS FURGUSON, Justice. JEREMIAH J. O'LEARY, Clerk.

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

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

First District—First Ward (all of Long Island City, formerly composing five wards). Court-room, No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each day, excepting Saturdays, closing at 12 M. Trial days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All other business transacted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

THOMAS C. KADEN, Justice. THOMAS F. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Second District—Second and Third Wards, which includes the territory of the late Towns of Newtown and Flushing. Court-room, in Courthouse of the late Town of Newtown, corner of Broadway and Court street, Elmhurst, New York. P. O. Address, Elmhurst, New York.

WILLIAM RASQUIN, JR., Justice. HENRY WALTER, Jr., Clerk.

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

Third District—JAMES F. MC LAUGHLIN, Justice. GEORGE W. DAMON, Clerk.

Court-house, Town Hall, Jamaica.

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

Court held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to 10 A. M.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

First District—First and Third Wards (Towns of Castleton and Northfield). Court-room, former Village Hall, Lafayette avenue and Second street, New Brighton.

JOHN J. KENNY, Justice. FRANCIS F. LEMAN, Clerk.

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

Court held each day, except Saturdays, from 10 A. M.

Second District—Second, Fourth and Fifth Wards (Towns of Middletown, Southfield and Westfield). Court-room, former Edgewater Village Hall, Stapleton.

GEORGE W. STAKE, Justice. PETER TIERNAN, Clerk.

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

Court held each day from 10 A. M., and continues until close of business.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS OR ESTIMATES. SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Department of Public Charities at the above office until 12 o'clock M., on

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CORDAGE, AND FOR OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES.

The time for the performance of the contract is during the year 1904.

The amount of security required is fifty (50) per cent. of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price per pound, per dozen, yard, etc., by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder on each class, line or item, as stated in the specifications.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department, foot of East Twenty-sixth street, Borough of Manhattan.

JAMES H. TULLY, Commissioner.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, February 29, 1904.

MR. 14

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1904.

Borough of Queens.

NO. 1. FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS, DRIVING WELLS AND INSTALLING AN AIR LIFT SYSTEM AT THE FLUSHING PUMPING STATION.

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be one hundred (100) working days.

The amount of security will be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

NO. 2 FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS AND BUILDING A BRICK CHIMNEY AT FLUSHING PUMPING STATION AND AT EAYSIDE PUMPING STATION.

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be sixty (60) working days.

The amount of security will be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules therein contained or thereto annexed, per ton or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested.

Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, Commissioner.

Dated FEBRUARY 29, 1904.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1904.

Borough of Queens.

FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND STORING 2,850 GROSS TONS (2,240 POUNDS TO THE TON) OF EGG SIZE WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL.

The time allowed for completing the delivery of the coal and the performance of the contract is three hundred and sixty calendar days.

The amount of security required will be Four Thousand Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per ton or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13-21 Park row.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, Commissioner.

Dated FEBRUARY 29, 1904.

MR. 16

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SOUTHWEST CORNER FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Board of Health until 10 o'clock A. M., on

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND FURNISHING ALL THE MATERIALS NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE REMOVAL OF NIGHT SOIL, OFFAL AND DEAD ANIMALS FROM THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is during the year 1904, with optional renewals for four years.

The amount of security required is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000).

Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department of Health, southwest corner of Fifty-fifth street and Sixth avenue, Borough of Manhattan.

THOMAS DARLINGTON, M. D., President; ALVAH H. D'LY, M. D., WILLIAM MCADOO,

Board of Health.

Dated FEBRUARY 29, 1904.

MR. 14

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 11th day of March, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

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nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change and the location of the immediate adjacent or of intersecting open or established streets, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 11th day of March, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby that the proposed change will be considered at a meeting of the Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of March, 1904.

JOHN H. MOONEY,
Assistant Secretary.

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HAD AT A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held on Friday, March 4, 1904, at 10:30 A.M., at Room 16, City Hall, for the purpose of considering the plan submitted by the Bridge Commissioner to relieve the congestion and facilitate traffic of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge at the westerly or Manhattan terminal thereof.

J. W. STEVENSON,
Secretary.
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Secretary.
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

List 7255, No. 1. Sewers in Huron street, from East river to Provost street; in Provost street, between Huron street and Greenpoint avenue; in Greenpoint avenue, between Provost street and Jewel street; in Jewel street, between Greenpoint avenue and Norman avenue; in Norman avenue, between Jewel street and 100 feet east of Humboldt street; and in Meserole avenue, between Jewel street and Diamond street, with connections.

List 7597, No. 2. Regulating, grading, setting and resetting cement curb, and paving the sidewalk with cement, Hinsdale street, between Atlantic and Sutter avenues.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

List 7786, No. 3. Fencing vacant lots at Nos. 1 and 3 Front street.

List 7789, No. 4. Fencing vacant lot at No. 59 Pearl street.

List 7790, No. 5. Fencing vacant lots at Nos. 24 and 26 Stone street.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Huron street, from Kingsland avenue to the East river; both sides of India street, from Kingsland avenue to West street; both sides of Padeig street, from Pequod street to Sutton street; both sides of Emery street, from Sutton street to Newtown creek; both sides of Dupont street, from a point distant about 400 feet west of Provost street to Padeig street; both sides of Eagle street, from a point distant about 375 feet west of Provost street to Padeig street; both sides of Freeman street, from a point distant about 400 feet west of Provost street to Padeig street; both sides of Greene street, from a point distant about 400 feet west of Provost street to Padeig street; both sides of Java street, from Manhattan avenue to Greenpoint avenue; both sides of Greenpoint avenue, from Manhattan avenue to Newtown creek; both sides of Calyer street, from Leonard street to Sutton street; both sides of Vail street, from Front street to Newtown creek; both sides of Wright street, Charlton street, Webster street and Pollock street, from Front street to Newtown creek; both sides of Varick street, Morse street and Lake street, from Bridgewater street to Newtown creek; both sides of Meserole avenue, from Leonard street to Front street; both sides of Norman avenue, from Leonard street to Front street; both sides of Nassau avenue, from Eckford street to Varick avenue; both sides of Driggs avenue, from Newell street to Meeker avenue; both sides of Meeker avenue, from Monitor street to Newtown creek; both sides of Anthony street, from Morgan avenue to Vandervoort avenue; both sides of Lombardy street, from Kingsland avenue to Vandervoort avenue; both sides of Townsend street, from Stewart avenue to Gardner avenue; both sides of Sutton street, from Padeig avenue to Calyer street; both sides of Front street, from Calyer street to Norman avenue; both sides of Bridgewater street, from Norman avenue to Meeker avenue; both sides of Stewart avenue, from Meeker avenue to Thomas street; both sides of Varick avenue, from Bridgewater street to Thomas street; both sides of Vandam street, from Newtown creek to Meeker avenue; both sides of Housman street, from Front street to Meeker avenue; both sides of Morgan avenue, from Front street to Beadel street; both sides of Sutton street, from Calyer street to Meeker avenue; both sides of Kingsland avenue, from Padeig avenue to Lombardy street; both sides of Monitor street, from Greenpoint avenue to Engert avenue; both sides of Engert avenue, from Monitor street to Kingsland avenue; both sides of North Henry street, from Padeig avenue to Engert avenue; both sides of Russell street, from Greenpoint avenue to Engert avenue; both sides of Humboldt street, from Greenpoint avenue to Engert avenue; both sides of Whale creek canal, from Greenpoint avenue to Newtown creek; both sides of Wollock street, Leyden street, Henry place, Holland street, Duck street, Brant street, Setauket street and Ranton street, from Padeig avenue to Newtown creek; both sides of Moultrie street, from Greenpoint avenue to Humboldt street; both sides of Jewel street, from Greenpoint avenue to Nassau avenue; both sides of Diamond street, from Greenpoint avenue to Driggs avenue; both sides of Newell street, from Greenpoint avenue to Driggs avenue; both sides of Oakland street, from Huron street to Driggs avenue; both sides of Eckford street, from Greenpoint avenue to Nassau avenue; both sides

of Leonard street, from Greenpoint avenue to Calyer street, both sides of Kent street, from Manhattan avenue to Greenpoint avenue.

No. 2. Both sides of Hinsdale street, from Atlantic avenue to Sutter avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

No. 3. Block 4, Lots Nos. 14 and 16, street Nos. 1 and 3 Front street.

No. 4. Block 29, Lot No. 3, street No. 59 Pearl street.

No. 5. Block 29, Lots Nos. 3 and 13, street Nos. 24 and 26 Stone street.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before March 29, 1904, at 1 P.M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

ROBERT MUH,
ANTONIO ZUCCA,
CHARLES A. O'MALLEY,
Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER,
Secretary,
No. 320 Broadway.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
February 26, 1904. }
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following proposed assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

List 7580, No. 1. Regulating, grading, curbing, recuring, flagging and relaying Glen street, between Railroad avenue and Euclid avenue.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

List 7843, No. 2. Sewers in One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, between Broadway and Amsterdam avenue.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

List 7629, No. 3. Constructing a temporary storm water sewer from Richmond terrace to tidewater, between Water and Taylor streets, in the First Ward.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Glen street, from Railroad avenue to Euclid avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating streets.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Broadway to Amsterdam avenue; east side of Broadway, from One Hundred and Eighty-third to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street; east side of St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-fourth to One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street; south side of One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Audubon avenue; both sides of Audubon avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-fourth to One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street.

No. 3. South side of Richmond terrace, from Van street to Taylor street; north side of Richmond terrace, from Van street to a point distant about 200 feet west of Taylor street; both sides of Taylor street, from Richmond terrace to Cedar street; west side of Van street, extending about 630 feet south of Richmond terrace; both sides of Tompkins court, extending southerly and thence easterly from Richmond terrace to Van street; both sides of Water street, from Richmond terrace to a point about 100 feet south of Woodruff lane; both sides of Barker street, extending about 200 feet south of Trinity place; both sides of Woodruff lane and Trinity place, from Water street to Taylor street; and including all the area within the extreme limits as above described.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before March 29, 1904, at 1 P.M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

ROBERT MUH,
ANTONIO ZUCCA,
CHARLES A. O'MALLEY,
Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER,
Secretary,
No. 320 Broadway.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
February 19, 1904. }
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following proposed assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

List 7770, No. 1. Paving St. Paul's court, between St. Paul's place and Ocean avenue, with asphalt pavement.

List 7791, No. 2. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Forty-eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

List 7792, No. 3. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Ashford and Cleveland streets.

List 7793, No. 4. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Elton and Linwood streets.

List 7794, No. 5. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Cleveland and Elton streets.

List 7795, No. 6. Flagging sidewalks on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Jerome and Warwick streets.

List 7796, No. 7. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Linwood and Essex streets.

List 7797, No. 8. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Milford and Logan streets.

List 7798, No. 9. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Glenmore avenue, between Montauk and Milford street.

List 7799, No. 10. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Powell and Junius streets.

List 7800, No. 11. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Sackman and Franklin streets.

List 7801, No. 12. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Wyona and Bradford streets.

List 7802, No. 13. Flagging sidewalks on the northwest side of Linden street, between Evergreen and Central avenues.

List 7803, No. 14. Flagging sidewalk on the northeast side of St. Nicholas avenue, between Bleeker and Ralph streets.

List 7804, No. 15. Flagging sidewalk on the

south side of Twenty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

List 7805, No. 16. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Twenty-eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

List 7806, No. 17. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Twenty-ninth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

List 7807, No. 18. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Twenty-ninth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

List 7808, No. 19. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Twenty-ninth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

List 7809, No. 20. Flagging sidewalk on the south side of Thirty-ninth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 7947, No. 21. Flagging sidewalk on the north side of Glenmore avenue, between Hinsdale street and Williams avenue.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

List 7031, No. 22. Paving One Hundred and Eighth street, from First to Second avenue, with asphalt pavement.

List 7632, No. 23. Paving One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Lenox and Seventh avenues, with asphalt pavement.

List 7633, No. 24. Paving One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Hamilton terrace and Convent avenue, with asphalt pavement.

List 7772, No. 25. Paving One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from St. Nicholas to Amsterdam avenue, with asphalt pavement.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of St. Paul's court, from St. Paul's place to Ocean avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating streets.

No. 2. North side of Forty-eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, on Block 765, Lot No. 53.

No. 3. North side of Glenmore avenue, between Ashford and Cleveland streets, on Block 359, Lot No. 19.

No. 4. North side of Glenmore avenue, between Elton and Linwood streets, on Block 361, Lots Nos. 20, 21 and 22.

No. 5. Northwest corner of Glenmore avenue and Elton street, on Block 360, Lot No. 38.

No. 6. South side of Glenmore avenue, between Jerome and Warwick streets, on Block 393, Lots Nos. 1 and 2.

No. 7. Northeast corner of Glenmore avenue and Linwood street, on Block 365, Lot No. 24.

No. 8. South side of Glenmore avenue, between Milford and Logan streets, on Block 637, Lots Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

No. 9. South side of Glenmore avenue, between Montauk and Milford street, on Block 633, Lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

No. 10. North side of Glenmore avenue, between Powell and Junius streets, on Block 92, Lot No. 21.

No. 11. North side of Glenmore avenue, between Sackman and Powell streets, on Block 79, Lot No. 41.

No. 12. North side of Glenmore avenue, between Wyona and Bradford streets, on Block 341, Lot No. 24.

No. 13. Northwest side of Linden street, between Evergreen and Central avenues, on Block 33, Lots Nos. 48, 49, 51 and 52.

No. 14. Northeast side of St. Nicholas avenue, between Bleeker and Ralph streets, on Block 121, Lots Nos. 7 and 8.

No. 15. South side of Twenty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues, on Block 660, Lots Nos. 17 and 36.

No. 16. South side of Twenty-eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, on Block 665, Lots Nos. 26, 28, 29, 31 and 32.

No. 17. South side of Twenty-ninth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, on Block 913, Lots Nos. 3, 14, 15, 17, 20 to 26, inclusive; 28, 29 and 30.

No. 21. Northeast corner of Glenmore avenue and Hinsdale street, on Block 111, Lot No. 25.

No. 22. Both sides of One Hundred and Eighth street, from First to Second avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

No. 23. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Lenox to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

No. 24. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Hamilton terrace to Convent avenue, and both sides of Hamilton terrace extending half way from One Hundred and Forty-fourth to One Hundred and Forty-first street, to the extent of half the block at the intersection of Convent avenue.

No. 25. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from St. Nicholas to Amsterdam avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 320 Broadway, New York, on or before March 5, 1904, at 1 P.M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

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Court, at Special Term, Part III., to be held at the County Court-house, in the Borough of Manhattan, on the 10th day of March, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day, for the appointment of three disinterested citizens, residents of the Borough of Manhattan, as Commissioners of Estimate and Appraisal to ascertain and appraise the compensation to be made to the owners and all persons interested in the real property situated in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of East Fiftieth street, distant 24 feet 2 inches easterly from the southeasterly corner of Lexington avenue and East Fiftieth street; running thence southerly, parallel with Lexington avenue 100 feet 5 inches; thence easterly 16 feet 4½ inches; thence northerly, 100 feet 5 inches to the southerly side of East Fiftieth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of East Fiftieth street 22 feet 2 inches to the point of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1904.

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
No. 2 Tryon Row,
Borough of Manhattan,
New York City.
f27, m19

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of acquiring title by The City of New York to certain lands and premises situated on the easterly side of MANOR ROAD, in the Second Ward of the Borough of Richmond, in the City of New York, duly selected as a site for an almshouse according to law.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Appraisal in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, lessee or lessee's 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 respectively entitled to or interested in the lands and 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 Commissioner of Public Charities, the head of the Department of Public Charities of The City of New York, for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern.

Second.—That all parties or persons whose rights may be affected by the said estimate, or who may object to the same, or any part thereof, may within ten days after the first publication of this notice, February 27, 1904, present their objections to such estimate, in writing, with us, at our office, Room No. 401, No. 258 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the said City, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, at our office, on the 10th day of March, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and upon such subsequent days as may be found necessary.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1904.

H. A. GUYON,
CHARLES E. GRIFFITH,
T. A. BRANIFF,
Commissioners.
JOSEPH M. SCHENCK,
Clerk.
f27, m19

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

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 CAMBRELING AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Grotto street to St. John's College, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of The City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court-house, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 9th day of March, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1902.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, February 26, 1904.

THEODORE E. SMITH,
MYER J. STEIN,
FRANCIS V. S. OLIVER,
Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
f26, m17

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of PALMER AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Richmond avenue to Heber-ton avenue, in the Third Ward, Borough of Richmond, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof, to be held for the hearing of motions, at the County Court-house, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 10th day of March, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of Richmond, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1902.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, February 26, 1904.

SIDNEY F. RAWSON,
Chairman;
WILLIAM A. SHORT,
AUGUSTUS ACKER,
Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
f26, m17

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of WEST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet

named by proper authority), from Broadway to Riverside Drive Extension, in the Twelfth Ward Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held at the County Court-house, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 9th day of March, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1902.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, February 26, 1904.

SAMPSON H. WEINHANDLER,
MONTE HUTZLER,
SUMNER GERARD,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
f26, m17

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to GRACE CHURCH PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Simonson place westerly about 130 feet, in the Third Ward, Borough of Richmond, City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 18th day of March, 1904.

Second.—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said city, there to remain until the 26th day of March, 1904.

Third.—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situated, lying and being in the Borough of Richmond in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly side of Mersereau avenue with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side of Heberton avenue; running thence northerly along the last-mentioned parallel line to its intersection with the westerly prolongation of the southerly side of Bond street; thence easterly along the said westerly prolongation and southerly side of Bond street to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side of Simonson place; thence southerly along the last-mentioned parallel line to its intersection with the easterly prolongation of the northerly side of Anderson avenue; thence westerly along the last-mentioned easterly prolongation and northerly side of Anderson avenue and Mersereau avenue to the point or place of beginning, excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened as such area is shown upon our benefit maps deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof for the hearing of motions, to be held in the County Court-house, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 14th day of June, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, February 5, 1904.

W. M. MULLEN, Chairman,
JOHN S. DAVENPORT,
AUGUSTUS ACKER,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
f26, m15

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

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 WALTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to Tremont avenue, 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. In re petition of Louis Brass et al. relative to damage caused by the closing and discontinuance of Fourth avenue, Fifth avenue, Sixth avenue, Seventh avenue, Eighth avenue and Walnut street, as laid out on map of Village of Mount Eden, filed February 14, 1854, and Punnett street and Walton avenue between Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and East One Hundred and Seventieth street.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 18th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Second.—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said city, there to remain until the 26th day of March, 1904.

Third.—That we have assessed for benefit all those pieces or parcels of land shown on our benefit map which are designated on the tax map of the Twenty-

third and Twenty-fourth Wards, of The City of New York, as follows, viz:

Block 2844, Lots Nos. 21, 46, 57, 86.
Block 2846, Lots Nos. 3, 39, 55.
Block 2845, Lot No. 13.
Block 2835, Lots Nos. 10, 23.
Blocks 2836 and 2837, Lots Nos. 2, 6, 11, 14.
Block 2847, Lot No. 69.
Block 2838, Lot No. 30.
Block 2841, Lots Nos. 61, 78 and part of 79.
Block 2853, Lot No. 48.

Block 2844, bounded by East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, Jerome avenue and the Concourse, Lots Nos. 46 and 21 being bed of old Eighth avenue, Lots Nos. 57 and 86 being bed of old Seventh avenue.

Block 2846, bounded by Belmont street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, Jerome avenue and Townsend avenue, Lot No. 3 being bed of old Eighth avenue and Walnut street, Lot No. 7 being bed of old Seventh avenue and Lot No. 39 being bed of old Sixth avenue.

Block 2845, bounded by Belmont street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, Walton avenue and Townsend avenue, Lot No. 13 being bed of old Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue, Walton street and Sixth avenue.

Block 2835, bounded by Rockwood street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, Walton avenue and the Concourse, Lot No. 10 being bed of old Sixth avenue and Lot No. 3 being bed of old Fifth avenue.

Blocks 2836 and 2837, bounded by Belmont street, Rockwood street, Walton avenue and the Concourse, Lot No. 2 being bed of old Sixth avenue, Lots Nos. 14, 6 and 11 being beds of old Walnut street and Fifth avenue.

Block 2847, bounded by East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, Belmont street, Walton avenue and the Concourse, Lot No. 30 being bed of old Fourth avenue.

Block 2848, bounded by Elliot place, Marcy place, Walton avenue and the Concourse, Lots Nos. 61, 78 and 79 being bed of old Walton avenue.

Block 2853, bounded by Tremont avenue, East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, Jerome avenue and Townsend avenue, Lot No. 48 being bed of old Punnett street.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., to be held in the County Court-house, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 14th day of June, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, February 5, 1904.

EDWARD S. KAUFMAN,
Chairman;
WILBUR LARREMORE,
WILLIAM J. BROWNE,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
f26, m15

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of acquiring title by The City of New York to certain lands and premises situated on the easterly side of STUYVESANT STREET, and the westerly side of JAY STREET, b-wteen DeKalb street and South street, in the First Ward of the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, duly selected as a site for a public building according to law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REPORT of Charles L. Hubbell, Frank H. Moffatt and Lewis J. Rabbage, the Commissioners of Estimate and Appraisal duly appointed in the above-entitled proceeding, which report bears date the 15th day of February, 1904, was filed in the office of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York, at their office in the City Hall, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 23rd day of February, 1904, and a duplicate of said report was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Richmond on the same day.

Notice is further given that said report will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof for the hearing of motions, at the County Court-house, Borough of Brooklyn, on the 10th day of March, 1904, 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, February 23, 1904.

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
No. 2 Tryon Row,
Borough of Manhattan,
New York City.

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SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to the acquiring of title for the use of the public to lands and premises bounded by VERNON AVENUE AND EAST RIVER AND PIERCE AVENUE AND SANFORD STREET, First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, required for the opening of a public park.

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 that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, to present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Room 401, No. 258 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March, 1904, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 18th day of March, 1904, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

Second.—That the abstract of our said estimate, together with our damage map, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, at the office of said Bureau, Nos. 90-92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said city, there to remain until the 25th day of March, 1904.

Third.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof, for the hearing of motions, to be held in the County Court-house in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 5th day of April, 1904, 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 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK, February 23, 1904.

LUCIUS N. MANLEY, Chairman,
JOHN A. LEACH,
HERMAN WIENCKE,
Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK,
Clerk.
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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

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