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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the transactions of the Bureau of the City Chamberlain for the week ending February 13, 1897.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN, NEW YORK, February 19, 1897. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor :
Sir.—In pursuance of section 165 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to February 13, 1897, of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since February 6, 1897, and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on February 13, 1897. Very respectfully, ANSON G. McCOOK, Chamberlain.
Dr. THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with ANSON G. McCOOK, Chamberlain, during the week ending February 13, 1897. Cr.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, *in accordance with the*

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OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, February 17, 1897.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 189th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and chapter 106 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on Thursday, February 18, 1897, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

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INDORSED :
Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 17th day of February, 1897.
W. L. STRONG, Mayor; ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; JOHN JEROLOMAN, President of the Board of Aldermen; E. P. BARKER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counse

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

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the meetings held February 8, 11 and 15, 1897, was dispensed with.

The Comptroller presented the following:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES—COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NEW YORK, February 4, 1897. *To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*
GENTLEMEN—When the lease for the Gouverneur Hospital stables at a rental of \$1,200 per annum was authorized by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, to date from May 1, 1896, no provision was made for the payment of the increase over the previous rental from \$75 to \$100 per month. There is now due the lessee of the property \$200 (or \$25 per month) additional rent for eight months.

We would respectfully request that your Honorable Board authorize the transfer of \$200 from the account of "Supplies for Insane Asylums, 1896," to the account of "Rent for Gouverneur Hospital Stables."

Yours truly, S. C. CROFT, President.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities for the year 1896, entitled "Supplies for Insane Asylums," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purpose thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1896, entitled "Rent for Gouverneur Hospital Stables," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

JUDGES' CHAMBERS—COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS, NEW YORK, February 4, 1897. To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In the final estimate passed by your Honorable Board for the expenses of this Court during the fiscal year 1897, an appropriation of \$2,000 was made covering the salaries of two "Messengers." We appointed in December last to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of B. B. Murray, Mr. Frank L. Stevens, who entered upon his duties December 21st last. In our requisition to the State Civil Service Board we asked that a man to fill the vacancy referred to should be sent to us who had some knowledge of stenography. Mr. Stevens was accordingly sent to us and certified as a "Stenographer." As the position he now holds is to fill the vacancy before stated, we have entered him upon our pay-roll as an "Attendant." We would therefore respectfully ask your Honorable Board to pass such a resolution as will make the appropriation of \$2,000 referred to for "Messengers" to apply equally to "Messengers," "Attendants" or "Stenographers," but not of course to exceed two men at \$1,000 each.

Very respectfully yours, WILLIAM C. HOLBROOK,

Justice presiding in the Court of Special Sessions of the City and County of New York.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the item of the appropriation made in the Final Estimate for 1897, for the Court of Special Sessions entitled "Two Messengers at \$1,000 each, \$2,000," be and the same is hereby made applicable to the payment of the salaries of two employees at salaries of \$1,000 each, per annum, whether designated as "Messengers," "Attendants" or "Stenographers."

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

GREATER NEW YORK COMMISSION—SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NO. 44 PINE STREET, February 4, 1897. To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

DEAR SIRS—At a meeting of the Greater New York Commission held at the office of the Mayor of the City of New York on June 25, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Commission be and they hereby are authorized to make requisition upon the Boards of Estimate and Apportionment of the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, respectively, to raise in sums of \$5,000 at a time, and when and as requested by the President and Secretary of the Commission, the amount, to wit, \$25,000, provided for the expenses of the Commission by section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, and in the proportions mentioned in said section; and that the President and Secretary of the Commission be and they hereby are authorized at once to make requisition upon the said Boards of Estimate and Apportionment to raise their respective proportions of the sum of \$5,000, the same being part of the \$25,000 authorized to be raised by said section."

In conformity with the foregoing resolution there have already been raised by the Cities of New York and Brooklyn the first three installments of \$5,000 each, referred to in said resolution.

In conformity with the above resolution and to the end that the further sum of \$5,000 may be raised for the purpose of paying to that extent and in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, expenses incurred by the Commission, we hereby make requisition that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York raise in accordance with said resolution and as required by said section 4 of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, its proportion of the further sum of \$5,000, the same being part of the whole sum of \$25,000 directed to be raised for the expenses of the Commission by said section 4. Yours very truly.

B. F. TRACY, President; GEO. M. PINNEY, JR., Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 488 of the Laws of 1896, and a requisition of the Greater New York Commission, dated February 4, 1897, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell revenue bonds, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of three thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars and seven cents (\$3,830.07), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount necessary for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1898, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of so much of the expenses of said Greater New York Commission as may be or become a liability of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of said act.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, February 3, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held February 2, 1897, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535, Laws of 1893, the sum of seven hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty-five cents (\$763.65), the said amount being required to pay expenses incurred in proceedings for condemnation of rear tenement-houses as follows:

William G. Davies, Referee, \$500; Benn & Poulsen, taking testimony, etc., \$263.65—\$763.65.

A true copy.

Laid over.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, January 19, 1897. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held January 18, 1897, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to authorize the application of the balance, amounting to \$24,913.16, remaining unexpended of the amount provided under chapter 74, Laws of 1894, for the completion of the construction of Riverside Park by the erection of retaining-walls along the westerly side thereof, said balance not being required for that purpose, to the work of completing the construction of Riverside Park and Drive by grading and construction of drainage and walks now in progress under the law above cited, as amended by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1895.

Respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 4, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Department of Public Parks by resolution adopted by the Board January 18, 1897, requests the Board of Estimate and Apportionment "to authorize the application of the balance, amounting to \$24,913.16, remaining unexpended of the amount provided under chapter 74, Laws of 1894, for the completion of the construction of Riverside Park, by the erection of retaining-walls along the westerly side thereof, said balance not being required for that purpose, to the work of completing the construction of Riverside Park and Drive by grading and construction of drainage and walks now in progress under the law above cited, as amended by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1895."

Bonds were authorized for the construction of the retaining-wall April 4, 1895, to the amount of \$191,500.

There was expended on contracts for this work, \$159,847.41; and on pay-rolls, \$6,739.43—\$166,586.84; leaving the balance of \$24,913.16, which is the amount named in the resolution.

On June 28, 1895, and March 26, 1896, bonds were authorized to the amount of \$400,000, adding the above balance, \$24,913.16, gives the amount that may be made available, \$424,913.16.

The estimated cost on the contract now under way, is as follows:

Between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, \$108,107.30; between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, \$128,275.50; between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, \$119,089.75; surrounding Tomb, etc., \$33,843; laying water-pipe between Seventy-ninth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, \$10,168.48; contingencies paid to January 15, 1897, \$16,293.37—\$415,777.40; balance, \$9,135.76.

This balance of \$9,135.76 may be sufficient to pay the contingencies of these existing contracts, but not certainly.

There appears no reason why the transfer requested should not be made. The retaining-wall is completed.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby authorizes the application

of the balance remaining unexpended of the amount provided under chapter 74 of the Laws of 1894, for the completion of the construction of Riverside Park by the erection of retaining-walls along the westerly side thereof, amounting to twenty-four thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixteen cents (\$24,913.16), to the work of completing the construction of Riverside Park and Drive by grading and construction of drainage and walks, now in progress under the law above cited, as amended by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 2, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—Commissioner Robert J. Wright, Department of Correction, in communication to the Mayor January 25, 1897, on account of the workhouse at Blackwell's Island being overcrowded, suggests "as a means of relief that an appropriation of about \$20,000 be made for the purpose of erecting buildings (barracks) on Riker's Island, for the accommodation of from two to four hundred prisoners who might be transferred there and advantageously employed in quarrying stone, farming, building sea-wall, laying out grounds, etc."

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by resolution adopted October 3, 1895, gave the inclusive ownership, use and control of Riker's Island to the Department of Correction.

Chapter 626, Laws of 1896, in section 1, authorizes the Commissioner of Correction, with the consent and approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment "expressed as hereinafter provided," "to erect such and so many buildings, and such additions to, and extension of existing buildings, under the jurisdiction and control of the department of correction, as in the opinion of said commissioner of correction and of said board of estimate and apportionment shall be necessary," * * * including "the rebuilding or extension of the present city prison known as the 'Tombs,' and also an additional wing to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island."

Section 2 says: "Before proceeding to erect any building, or any addition to, or extension of an existing building, or to make any alterations or improvements, as authorized by the last preceding section, the said commissioner of correction may, from time to time, present to the said board * * * a statement of any work proposed to be done, with plans and specifications therefor, and an estimate of the approximate probable cost thereof, whereupon the said board * * * may, by resolution, authorize said work to be done, wholly or in part, and may approve the plans and specifications therefor." * * *

The limit of expenditure under this act is \$800,000.

I quote the law to show that certain preliminaries, in the way of plans, specifications and estimates are required, and they are not furnished in the Commissioner's letter.

The suggestion of the Commissioner to erect such a building appears to me judicious, but there is no reason why the requirements of the law should not be complied with.

The only issue of bonds authorized under this law is as follows:

For erecting temporary quarters in the Tombs, November 5, 1896, \$12,000; for alterations and additions to Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, February 1, 1897, \$325,000—total, \$337,000.

No bonds have yet been issued.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

Debate was had thereon whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation moved the reconsideration of the vote taken upon the resolutions authorizing the issue of \$325,000 bonds for alterations and additions to the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, at a meeting of this Board held February 1, 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Counsel to the Corporation moved to amend the said resolutions by striking out the words "three hundred and twenty-five thousand" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty thousand."

The question being put upon said resolution as amended by the motion of the Counsel to the Corporation, it was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, NEW YORK, February 8, 1897. His Honor the Mayor, WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I have to request a transfer of \$1,600 from the appropriation of this Department for 1896, account of "Sweeping," to the appropriation for the same year, account of "Carting," and of \$900 from the appropriation account of "Sweeping," for 1896, to the account of "Rents and Contingencies," for the reason that the balances remaining in the accounts of "Carting" and "Rents and Contingencies" are not sufficient for the year's business.

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

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1896, entitled "Sweeping," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1896, entitled "Carting," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1896, entitled "Sweeping," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1896, entitled "Rents and Contingencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 10, 1897. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held February 8, 1897, there was referred to the Comptroller a communication of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning requesting that the Comptroller be directed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to release from the appropriation for "Final Disposition" for the year 1896, the sum of \$8,165, reserved for payment of work done under a contract for a pocket dump at East Seventeenth street, East river, entered into with the Owego Bridge Company.

I respectfully report that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has no jurisdiction over this matter. I have written to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning explaining what steps should be taken by him to accomplish his purpose.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

Ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following:

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, February 10, 1897. To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York:

GENTLEMEN—The following appointments in the Supreme Court have been duly made, viz.: Stephen A. Ferguson, Special Deputy to the Clerk of the City and County of New York, in charge of Trial Term, Part XII., and Henry Welsh and William N. Penny, Assistant Clerks in Part I. of the Trial Term of the First Judicial District, for the trial of criminal cases.

The appropriation in the Final Estimate for 1897, entitled "Salaries—Jury—Supreme Court—24 Justices' Clerks at \$2,500," is sufficient to provide for the payment of the salaries of these employees although the same were not specifically provided for in the said final estimate. You are therefore respectfully requested to make said appropriation applicable to the payment of the following salaries:

Stephen A. Ferguson, \$2,000 per annum; Henry Welsh, \$500 per annum; William N. Penny, \$500 per annum.

Respectfully, C. H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, First Department.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the appropriation in the Final Estimate for 1897, entitled "Salaries—Jury—Supreme Court—Justices' Clerks," be and the same is hereby made applicable to the payment of the following salaries:

Stephen A. Ferguson, Special Deputy, Part XII., \$2,000; Henry Welsh, Assistant Clerk, Part I., \$500; William N. Penny, Assistant Clerk, Part I., \$500.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, February 11, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, *Comptroller*:

SIR—I inclose herewith a bill of costs for \$1,500, on account of services rendered by Andrew L. Soulard in the Colonial Park Proceeding, which was this day duly taxed by a Justice of this Supreme Court. Respectfully, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 56 of the Laws of 1894, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York", as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, redeemable within such period as the Comptroller may determine, not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the bill of Andrew L. Soulard, for services rendered in examining and appraising the lands to be acquired by the City for a public park in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as provided by said chapter 56 of the Laws of 1894, and as taxed by Hon. Roger A. Pryor, a Justice of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District, on February 11, 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS, NEW YORK, February 8, 1897. *To the Board of Education*: The Committee on Sites, to whom was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, February 3, 1897. Hon. CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, *President Board of Education*: SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to lands on Orchard, Hester and Ludlow streets, in the Tenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 25th day of November, 1896, confirming said report, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 3d day of February, 1897.

The aggregate amount of the awards is \$298,103, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$4,581.35.

Very respectfully, WM. L. TURNER, Acting Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully report: That it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards and of the costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, as confirmed by the Court are as follows: Lands on Orchard, Hester and Ludlow streets, in the Tenth Ward (new site for Grammar School No. 42)—awards, \$298,103; costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, \$4,581.35—total, \$302,684.35.

Your Committee therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on Orchard, Hester and Ludlow streets, in the Tenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and two thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars and thirty-five cents (\$302,684.35), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on February 3, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of three hundred and two thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars and thirty-five cents (\$302,684.35), and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on Orchard, Hester and Ludlow streets, in the Tenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, amount for awards being two hundred and ninety-eight thousand one hundred and three dollars; for costs, charges and expenses, etc., four thousand five hundred and eighty-one dollars and thirty-five cents; as specified in the resolution relating thereto adopted by the Board of Education, February 3, 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS, NEW YORK, February 8, 1897. *To the Board of Education*: The Committee on Sites, to whom was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, January 30, 1897. Hon. CHARLES B. HUBBELL, *President Board of Education*: SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on the southerly side of Broome street, between Clinton and Suffolk streets, in the Thirteenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 18th day of January, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 25th day of January, 1897, confirming said report.

The amount of the award is \$14,100, and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding, other than the fees of expert witnesses, were taxed at the sum of \$1,002.75.

Respectfully yours, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

—respectfully report, that it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the award and of the costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, as confirmed by the Court, are as follows: Lands on the southerly side of Broome street, between Clinton and Suffolk streets, in the Thirteenth Ward (No. 189 Broome street, on west side of Primary School No. 20)—award, \$14,100; costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, \$1,002.75—total, \$15,102.75.

Your Committee therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he hereby is requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the southerly side of Broome street, between Clinton and Suffolk streets, in the Thirteenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, for the payment of the award, costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses, confirmed by the Court in the proceeding therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15,102.75), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on February 3, 1897.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of fifteen thousand one hundred and two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15,102.75); and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on the southerly side of Broome street, between Clinton and Suffolk streets, in the Thirteenth Ward, as a site for school purposes, being amount for awards, fourteen thousand one hundred dollars; for costs, charges and expenses, one thousand and two dollars and seventy-five cents, as specified in the resolution relating thereto adopted by the Board of Education February 3, 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 18, 1897. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, *Comptroller*:

SIR—The Department of Public Parks, in communication of February 9, 1897, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, incloses the following resolution adopted by the Board on the 8th of February, 1897:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to give its consent to the erection of such new bridge (bridge connecting Pelham Bay Park with City

Island) in accordance with plans and specifications which shall first be submitted to the said Board for its approval, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be also requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds to an amount not exceeding two hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars, from time to time, in such sums as may be required for the necessary expenses of engineering and construction as provided by the act cited.

The act cited is chapter 507, Laws of 1896, as follows:

Section 1. Amends section 1, chapter 638, Laws of 1894, as follows:

"Section 1. The mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, acting through the department of public parks, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect a new bridge on or near that part of the site of the old City Island Bridge, within the lines of and connecting Pelham Bay Park with City Island, and for that purpose to make plans, prepare specifications, and enter into contracts, after a public letting, and after the approval of said plans and specifications by the board of estimate and apportionment; and the board of estimate and apportionment is authorized to direct the comptroller of said city to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand to pay for the work and the necessary expenses of engineering and construction; such bonds to be in form and substance as said board of estimate and apportionment may direct."

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting February 5, 1895, authorized the issue of bonds to the amount of \$1,000 to be applied in making soundings, etc., for this bridge.

No elaboration of statement is necessary to show the necessity of building a new bridge at the point named, the old one, as stated in my report of January 31, 1895, having been "in a tumble-down condition for many years."

The Board requests, 1st, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to give its consent to the erection of the new bridge.

I think this should be given.

It requests, 2d, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorize and direct the issue of bonds to an amount not exceeding \$249,000, from time to time.

In my view of the law, quoted above, the plans and specifications should be submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its consideration before the bonds shall be issued or authorized for the work.

I think it would be proper now to authorize the issue of a certain amount, say \$15,000, for the purpose of surveys and the usual preliminaries, making plans, specifications, estimates, etc.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 638 of the Laws of 1894, as amended by chapter 507 of the Laws of 1896, the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby authorized and empowered to erect a new bridge on or near the site of the old City Island Bridge, as provided for in said acts, and that for the purpose of enabling the Department of Public Parks to prepare plans and specifications to be hereafter submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its approval, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to run for such period as the Comptroller may determine, but not longer than twenty years from the date of issue, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the engineering, draughting and other expenses necessary in the preparation of such plans and specifications.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, February 16, 1897. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, *Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment*:

DEAR SIR—The contract for repaving Fifth avenue with asphalt, from Ninth to Fifty-ninth street, made in pursuance of the resolution adopted by your Board on July 10, 1896, provides for the replacing of defective curbstones with new curb "of the quality, dimensions and workmanship of the contiguous stones." The estimated quantity of new curb named in the contract is 12,300 lineal feet, and the contract price 50 cents per foot.

On further consideration of the subject, and conference with the Water Purveyor and the Engineers connected with the work, the conclusion has been reached that it would greatly mar the appearance and harmony of the whole improvement to place new curb of the conglomerate and varying descriptions, dimensions and qualities of the contiguous stones which happen to be in place, and that it would add very much to the uniformity and harmony of the whole improvement, the appearance of the thoroughfare and the stability of the new pavement, to have new curbstones along the whole line of better and uniform quality and dimensions, properly and neatly dressed. It is also considered that this would induce the owners of property on the avenue to lay sidewalks of corresponding quality and appearance in place of the ordinary and inferior flag-stones.

To effect this improvement, I have the honor to request that your Board authorize me to make a contract, after advertisement and public letting, for 22,000 lineal feet of curbstones of the best quality of North river bluestone, the stones to be in lengths of not less than five feet each, twelve inches in depth and eight inches in thickness throughout; the top to be hammered, dressed and rubbed, or sawed and planed, with sharp and perfect edges and ends; the front or side facing the roadway to be cut and dressed on a true line to a depth of six inches, and the back to be dressed in like manner to a depth of five inches. The estimated cost of this quality of stone, delivered on the work, is \$1.40 per lineal foot. The Barber Asphalt Paving Company is under contract to furnish and set five-inch curbs at 50 cents per foot. If this Department is authorized to make this improvement, they will lay the curb at 15 cents per foot (which is very cheap) and surrender their contract to supply the material. The entire cost for the whole avenue would amount to \$34,100.

As the setting of curbstones must precede the laying of the pavement, and it is desirable that no delay shall occur in the prosecution of the work, the early and favorable action of your Board in this matter is earnestly requested.

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

Referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Friday, February 26, 1897, 10:30 o'clock A.M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, February 23, 1897. In pursuance of the authority contained in the 186th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and chapter 106 of the Laws of 1892, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on Friday, February 26, 1897, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 23d day of February, 1897.

W. L. STRONG, Mayor; ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; JOHN JEROLMAN, President of the Board of Aldermen; E. P. BARKER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

Present—William L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jerolman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; W. L. Turner, the Acting Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the meetings held February 8, 11, 15 and 18, 1897, was dispensed with.

The Mayor stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of considering the subject of a southern approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue, and that an opportunity would now be afforded those interested to be heard relative to the several proposed plans therefor.

Whereupon, Charles H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works, appeared before the Board and presented the following, in obedience to a resolution of this Board adopted February 11, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—NEW YORK, February 18, 1897.

In the matter of the change of plan of the southern approach to the Third Avenue Bridge across the Harlem river.

Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, *Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment*:

SIR—In obedience to the resolution passed at the last meeting of your Board, I have the honor to submit the following estimate of values of properties which would have to be condemned if either of the plans submitted to you were approved:

Route No. 1 contemplates the taking of 110 feet of the property on the west side of Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets. The taxable value of this property is \$391,666. The estimated market value is \$651,666.

In addition to this, a proper allowance should be made for incidental damages, as follows:

Damage to cable railway, such as rebuilding road, reconstructing roadbed, changing location of tracks, etc., \$25,000; damages for change of grade, etc., \$6,750; regulating and grading the newly acquired property so as to conform to the new grade of Third avenue, \$9,752—total estimated cost, \$693,168.

Route No. 2 (familiarly called the horse-shoe route) contemplates taking 80 feet of roadway, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to a point on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, between Third and Second avenues, and then southerly to the northerly side of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street at its junction with Third avenue. The taxable value of the property required for the roadway is \$185,100.

The estimated market value is \$308,500; if the land in the centre of the horse-shoe is taken, the tax value thereof is \$162,400 and the estimated market value is \$270,666—total estimated cost, \$579,166.

In either case, whichever plan is adopted, the estimated cost of the superstructure will be \$185,000.

The estimated saving by abandonment of the present plan would be \$60,000.

If route No. 1 is adopted, it is my opinion that the existing plan would have to be carried out also, whereas if route No. 2 is approved, this can be dispensed with.

Personally, I recommend route No. 2 as being the most convenient and comprehensive—

1st. Because the cost, even taking all the property, including that lying within the horse-shoe, between One Hundred and Thirtieth street and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, is less than the cost of the west side approach.

2d. Because the horse-shoe approach does not close any street.

3d. Because the traffic on Third avenue will not be diverted in any way and traffic on Second avenue will hold the same relation as it does now; consequently this approach will not in any way divert it.

4th. Because the entrance to the mouth of the horse-shoe approach is free and unencumbered by any line of cars passing across it.

5th. Because the widening of Third avenue, by taking property on the west side, would provide only a street encumbered in several places by a cable railway running on a 45-second headway, which means that cars would enter and leave the depot every 22½ seconds.

6th. Because, notwithstanding the widening of Third avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, when the traffic from the bridge reached One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street it would be blocked by the buildings at the southwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue.

7th. Because I think the adoption of the horse-shoe approach will give the most general satisfaction.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner.

After hearing Messrs. Blandy, Mott, Martin, Dayton, Lauterbach, Maher, Payne, Steers, Post, Davies, Messereau and others, the subject was laid over for further consideration by the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, March 1, 1897, at 11:30 o'clock A.M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

NEW YORK CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Report for 1896.

NEW YORK, January 1, 1897.

Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor of New York:

SIR—It is now thirteen years since the first regulations for the admission of persons into the Civil Service of the City of New York took effect. Under the Act of 1883 the power of the Mayor of this city to prescribe such regulations did not extend to the Police, Health, Fire, Educational or Law Departments.

Chapter 410 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed May 29, 1884, extended the power of the Mayor, and authorized him to prescribe such regulations for the admission of persons into the Civil Service of the city as might best promote the efficiency thereof and ascertain the fitness of candidates in respect to character, knowledge and ability, for the branch of the service into which they seek to enter. The Mayor was authorized, for this purpose, from time to time to employ suitable persons to conduct such inquiries and make examinations, and to prescribe their duties and establish regulations for the conduct of persons who might receive appointment in said service. The Educational Department of the city alone was exempted from the provisions of this section. Pursuant to its requirements, Everett P. Wheeler, E. L. Godkin and E. Randolph Robinson were requested by Mayor Edson to prepare and submit to him regulations to enforce the provisions of the statute. These regulations were considered and approved by him August 22, 1884, and took effect August 29, 1884.

Amendments giving a preference to veterans of the late war were afterwards adopted by the Legislature, but no very important change was made in the Civil Service Act so far as it relates to the City of New York until the adoption of the Constitution of 1894. This contained the following provision:

"Section 9, Article v. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the State, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the army and navy of the United States in the late civil war, who are citizens and residents of this State, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion, without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made. Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section."

It has been our aim during the year 1896 to conform in all respects to the provisions of the Civil Service Act, as modified by the Constitutional Amendment. It seems clear that any provision in the Act of 1884 which is inconsistent with the Constitution is thereby repealed. For this reason we have held that the clause in the Act of 1884 which exempts from the effect of the rules "any subordinate officer who, by virtue of his office, has personal custody of public moneys or public securities for the safe keeping of which the head of an office is under official bonds" is repealed by the Constitution, and that in all such cases, as in all others, the question to be determined is whether it is practicable to ascertain the merit and fitness of candidates for appointment and promotion by examination, and, if so, whether it is practicable to ascertain such merit and fitness by competitive examination. Our observation and experience have convinced us that, in almost all cases, the ascertainment of merit and fitness by competitive examination is practicable, and in the conduct of this office competitive examinations are the rule. There are, however, certain positions involving the element either of personal confidence, or of especial efficiency in the direction and management of an office, or the exercise of judicial qualities, in which the ascertainment of such merit and fitness by competitive examination is more difficult. Many such positions, not only in this State, but in the Federal service, have, until recently, been exempt from examination. The opinion of some persons who have given the subject careful study has been, that where a competitive examination was not deemed to be practicable, it would be preferable to throw the whole responsibility of appointment upon the appointing power. We have, however, felt that, in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution, we ought, in such cases, to recommend that a non-competitive examination be required, whenever it might be impracticable to ascertain the merit and fitness of candidates for such positions by competitive examination. We have aimed to restrict such non-competitive examinations within the narrowest limits. The annexed statistics will show that, with the exception of cases of promotion, where but one person was eligible, and with the exception also of Attendants and Orderlies in the Department of Public Charities and Department of Correction (whose compensation is so small that competition has never been found practicable), but fourteen persons have been examined non-competitively during the year as against four thousand and sixty-eight who have taken competitive examinations. We are of the opinion that with greater experience, Examiners will be able to determine by competitive examination the merit and fitness of candidates for many positions in reference to which until recently such an examination has been deemed impracticable. Our own experience in the conduct of our office confirms us in this conclusion. Before 1896 the Secretary of the Board and the Examiners (under whose immediate care the examinations had been conducted) had always been appointed without previous examination. We determined to throw open the position of Examiner to competitive examination. We conducted the examination ourselves. The results have been entirely satisfactory. In like manner, when a vacancy occurred in the office of Secretary, the place was filled by promotion. The important office of Labor Clerk had been twice filled as the result of competitive examination. The results of these examinations have been satisfactory.

In the conduct of the examinations it has been our constant endeavor to insure that, as required by the statute before quoted, they shall be adapted to ascertain the fitness of candidates with reference to character, knowledge and ability for the branch of the service into which they seek to enter. This language was carefully studied by the leaders in the Civil Service Reform movement. It expresses clearly the thought that one leading object of Civil Service regulations is to promote the efficiency of the municipal service and secure competent candidates for appointment.

A revised Civil Service law has recently been introduced in the Legislature by the Hon. William Cary Sanger. This contains a clause in reference to examinations which substantially expresses the character of those which have been held under the direction of the New York City Civil Service Commission during the past year, and we quote it as the best answer to some of the criticisms that are made by those who have not examined the character of the examinations and speak from hearsay, and not from observation, as to how they are held:

"Such examinations shall be practical in their character, and shall relate only to those matters which will fairly test the relative capacity and fitness of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the position to which they seek to be appointed. In all examinations other than those for purely clerical positions, the Commission shall secure the services of some person or persons practically versed in the duties which the applicants would be required to perform if appointed, who shall be consulted in the framing of the questions, and the conduct of the examinations, and whenever possible such person or persons so consulted shall be actively engaged in the profession, trade or occupation which he is selected to represent, and whenever in the judgment of the Commiss-

sion it is practicable, and the funds at the Commission's disposition permit, such examinations shall consist of an actual performance by the applicants of the kind of work they would, if appointed, be called on to perform."

"The examination of applicants for employment as Laborers shall relate to their capacity for labor and their habits as to industry and sobriety, and may be accompanied by such physical examination and tests, competitive or otherwise, as the Commission, in its discretion, may determine."

It has been our endeavor so to organize the Examining Board that it shall be largely composed of experts in the varied subjects with which the city government is concerned. At the end of the year the Board was composed of two physicians, one of whom has probably no superior in this country as an expert in physical examinations, two civil engineers, an architect, a practical builder and three lawyers. There are in the employ of the City:

1. Cashiers, Bookkeepers, Accountants and Clerks who discharge its ordinary business.

2. Physicians, Medical Inspectors, Attendants and Nurses who may be said to come under the general supervision of the medical profession.

3. Engineers, Surveyors, Inspectors of Buildings, Masonry and Sewers who come under the supervision of the engineering profession.

4. Law Clerks, and those holding positions in the Law Department, requiring legal knowledge.

5. Pilots and others connected with the various steamers belonging to or used by the city.

6. Persons engaged in the mere business of taking care of those who may properly be called the "wards" of the city—the sick, the poor, those accused of crime and those convicted of minor offenses.

When the variety of these occupations is considered it will at once be clear, even to the most unreflecting, that it is of the first importance to the city that the merit and fitness of those who are to fill these diverse places should be ascertained by competent and impartial examiners.

In all cases where the position to be filled was of such a professional or technical character that expert assistance seemed to us to be required, we have not hesitated to employ it. We have also a Character Examiner whose duty it is to investigate the integrity, sobriety and honesty of each candidate before he is placed upon the eligible list.

In the conduct of these examinations, moreover, we have taken the utmost pains that not only all possibility of fraud, but all suspicion of it, should be removed, and we feel justified in stating, as the result of very careful observation, that the Civil Service examinations of the City of New York are effective to supply the various Departments with persons "competent in respect to character, knowledge and ability for the branch of the service into which they seek to enter."

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the arguments in favor of the Civil Service system. The clause referred to in the Constitution, which was adopted by a great majority of the voters of the State of New York, was embodied in that instrument as the result of over twenty years' discussion and of eleven years' practical experience of the workings of the system in this State. When the voice of the people has been expressed so emphatically, it would be a waste of time to enter into a discussion of the merits of the general question.

The change in the conduct of the office which was made at the beginning of the year has been entirely satisfactory. The number of persons subject to the Civil Service regulations of this City had increased so greatly, that it had become impossible for one person to discharge the duties of Secretary and Chief Examiner. These offices were, therefore, separated, and the performance of the duties of each has tasked to the utmost the energy and skill of the incumbents. We cannot fail to commend most highly the fidelity and ability with which they have discharged their difficult and responsible duties.

A statement of the transactions of the Commission and a report of the Secretary have been forwarded to the Mayor monthly, and been published in the CITY RECORD.

Amendments to the regulations have been recommended to the Mayor, approved by him and by the New York Civil Service Commission, which have, we think, distinctly improved the administration of the system. We mention some of the principal changes:

1. The regulation that eligible lists shall be in force for but one year from the date of examination has been changed so that "in the interest of the public service, the Commission may extend the time during which the eligible list upon which his name appears shall be in force." This was intended to guard against the abuse of sending in a requisition to fill a vacancy immediately after the expiration of one list and before the preparation of another.

2. There are many cases in which similar positions in the different departments have different names. A regulation has been adopted authorizing certification for one position to be made from the eligible list for another similar position, which requires substantially the same examination and the performance of the same duties. This not only avoids the expense of frequent examinations for like positions, but the abuse of creating an office with a new name, yet requiring substantially the performance of the same duties as another for which an eligible list exists.

3. There has always been difficulty in making the examinations of skilled mechanics practical and adapted to test the fitness of applicants. By the courtesy of Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting the use of the New York City Trade School shops has been obtained for conducting the examinations of skilled mechanics. These candidates are given materials and tools, and are required to prove their skill by the actual performance of work of the character which, in the employ of the city, they will be required to do. The expert mechanics of the Trade School conduct these examinations and determine the fitness of candidates.

4. After conference with the Park and Fire Departments we have raised the standard of admission to the position of Fireman and of Park Policeman.

5. On the recommendation of the Commission, the Mayor has classified about one hundred and seventy positions in the competitive schedules which had previously been exempt from examination.

6. We have also rearranged the order of the regulations, placing each subject under its proper head, and presenting a much clearer and more logical body of rules.

In order to enable the Examiners to put suitable questions it is obviously essential that they should be informed in regard to the duties of the position which is to be filled. We have, therefore, consulted the heads of the city departments as to the duties of each office for which an examination is held, and have invited suggestions from them as to the subject matter and scope of examinations. Especial attention has been given to the difficult matter of promotions. We have prepared questions to be answered by the departments which shall state the result of the observation of the conduct and efficiency of each candidate by his superior officer. It has not seemed to us expedient to make these returns absolutely controlling. In the matter of promotion it is especially important to avoid, not only favoritism, but the suspicion of it. At the same time we do give much weight to the report of the official chiefs.

One of the most dangerous evasions of the requirements of law is the holding of examinations without sufficient notice to candidates. We have taken the utmost pains to furnish notice of examinations to the daily press, and wherever the position to be filled has been of a technical nature, have furnished notices to the appropriate technical journals.

Experience has shown that the actual conduct and superintendence of the examinations need not be depoted to those whose duty it is to rate the papers. We have, therefore, employed two Assistant Examiners whose especial duty is to supervise the actual conduct of examinations held, rate many of the papers of a clerical character, and perform such other duties as assigned to them by the Chief Examiner.

During the last year this Commission has made an important advance in administration, by adopting a system which provides an effective check upon appointments made in violation of the Civil Service law.

By chapter 681 of the Laws of 1894, the Comptroller of the City is prohibited from drawing a warrant "for the payment of salary to any person in the service whose appointment has not been made in pursuance of the Civil Service Act, and the rules in force thereunder."

For the purpose of providing a method by which this law might be adequately enforced we, on June 10, 1896, requested the Comptroller to notify the several departments of the City Government, and all Boards and Commissions subject to the Civil Service regulations that they were required to transmit all pay-rolls to the Civil Service Commission, for the attachment of the certificate of its Secretary before final transmission to the Comptroller. By means of a system of cards alphabetically arranged, and containing the name, address, application number, dates of examination, certification, appointment and position of every employee in the service of the City who is subject to the Civil Service regulations, the pay-rolls are now quickly checked, and the observance of the Civil Service regulations in appointments effectively assured. Much credit is due to the Secretary of the Commission for the invention of a system so complete and adequate.

This system does not yet extend to the Educational Department, nor to the uniformed force of the Street Cleaning Department. The pay-rolls of the other departments represent 8,693 employees, 4,687 of which are verified weekly, and 233 semi-monthly. There are about 23,000 verifications made every month, and in this way an absolute check is kept on all appointments in the departments of the City Government to which the system extends. The adoption of the card system has so simplified this work that the Commission is able to send the pay-rolls to the Finance Department, in almost every instance, within an hour after their reception. The adoption of this system has also avoided delay in the Finance Department, and has become a matter of great public convenience.

A very complete system of cards for record has also been adopted. These cards give, in addition to the information already mentioned, an account of the ratings on each subject of examination, the date and particulars of certification, notification, appointment, promotion, transfer, suspension, retirement, resignation or death, the salary and general remarks applicable to the

* We have, since January 1, 1897, recommended to the Mayor the classification of persons in the employ of the Educational Department, and this recommendation, with one exception (now under advisement), has been adopted. The Corporation Counsel has given an opinion that the Act of 1896, reconstructing the Department of Education, has provided a system of examinations of Teachers by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents of Public Schools. We are in conference with the Board of Education, with a view to providing suitable eligible lists for the selection of other persons in the employ of that Department.

particular case. By means of this system the Commission now maintains complete rosters of all employees in the City Service subject to its regulations.

Several changes have taken place during the year in the composition of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. E. L. Godkin resigned in May. His long experience as Civil Service Commissioner, and his thorough familiarity with the system were of great value to the Commission. Mr. Thomas Sturgis succeeded him, and it was with regret that we received his resignation in September, although we are glad that the city still has the benefit of his services in the office of Fire Commissioner. Mr. William Jay Schieffelin was appointed to fill his place.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. E. Randolph Robinson in July. He was one of the first Municipal Civil Service Commissioners. He served the city with signal ability and fidelity. His legal skill and experience were especially valuable in the discharge of that very important function of the Commission, the hearing of appeals from the decisions of the Examiners. Mr. William Bayard Cutting was appointed to fill Mr. Robinson's place.

It has frequently happened during the year that an application has been made to this Commission to recommend to the Mayor the exemption of particular positions from Civil Service examination. In most instances we have advised that these applications be denied. In many such instances no appointment has been made.

A careful record has been kept in the Labor Bureau of special requisitions, apparently made for the purpose of securing the appointment of particular persons. We find that the salaries which would have been paid to the persons appointed in pursuance of such requisitions would amount to more than \$30,000. It is an interesting fact that this sum is more than the entire expense of the administration of the system. Not only, therefore, did the City derive benefit from the increased skill and efficiency of persons appointed to office after their merit and fitness had been tested by examination, but the saving in salaries has been more than the cost of administration.

To meet the objection which is sometimes made in good faith by those unacquainted with the practical working of the system, that merit and fitness cannot be always determined by a competitive examination, we desire to draw special attention to the system of probation provided by the Civil Service regulations.

The regulations provide that "all employment in positions under any of the schedules, except Schedule G (the labor schedule), shall be provisional, and such provisional service shall continue six months, except in Schedule C (the uniformed force of the Fire and Park Departments), when it shall be for one month, during which period the person so employed may at any time be permanently discharged from service. If during that period the conduct and character of the appointed are found satisfactory to the appointing officer, he shall, at the close thereof, receive an appointment, but otherwise his employment shall cease."

We submit herewith a statistical report of the year's work, containing a summary and a detailed statement of what has been done in the office of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, and we beg to express our sense of the entire confidence which has always been manifested toward this Board by yourself.

Notwithstanding the fact that, by the operation of statutes passed in 1895, a separate Civil Service Board for the Police Department was created, and the care of the insane was transferred from the City to the State, the number of persons examined by the Civil Service Commission and the number of appointments from the eligible lists have been greater in 1896 than in 1895. The considerable decrease in the number of those who have passed these examinations is due to raising the standard for admission, as above referred to.

	NO. APPLICATIONS.	NO. EXAMINED.	NO. PASSED.	NO. APPOINTED.
1895.....	7,655	4,909	2,600	713
1896.....	6,553	5,283	2,018	894

(Attendants in the Department of Public Charities are not included in the above table.)

The Commission is indebted for services gratuitously rendered by the following gentlemen in furnishing assistance to the Examining Board, which greatly aided in making examinations practicable.

Mr. J. F. Tapley, bookbinder, Mr. Edward Elliott, coal merchant, Captain Wesley Jones, President, Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

The Commission is also indebted to the officials of the various City Departments, and others, for their kind assistance to the Examining Board.

One very important object of the provisions of section 8 of the Civil Service Act was to give the Mayor power and control over the various Departments which he had never possessed before, and thus enable him to bring them into more harmonious action and make them united parts of one municipal government. We believe that the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Mayor by this act has been in the past most beneficial, and we will endeavor to co-operate with the Mayor as experience shall dictate, in maintaining an even higher standard of efficiency in the future than we have been able to maintain in the past. Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT P. WHEELER, Chairman, CHARLES W. WATSON, J. VAN VECHTEN, OLCOTT, W. BAYARD CUTTING, WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN.

STATISTICAL TABLES APPENDED TO REPORT.

I.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1896.

Amount of appropriation.....	\$27,500 00	Messenger services.....	\$86 17
Salaries of employees, Clerks and Examiners.....	\$25,275 68	Telephone service.....	231 70
Experts' services.....	346 20	Total expenditure.....	\$27,496 51
Incidental expenses, postage, etc.....	1,536 76	Unexpended balance.....	\$3 49

II.—CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Positions exempt from examination (Schedule A).....	21
Positions subject to competitive examination (Schedules B to F).....	266
Positions subject to registration (Labor Bureau, Schedule G).....	78
(Thirty-two of the positions classified in Schedule G are subject to trade examination.)	365

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT OR SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENTS.	Exempt from Classification.	Schedule A.	Schedules B. to F.	Commissioner of Jurors.....	1	1	25
Army Commission.....	4	1	2	Department of Correction.....	1	2	242
Aqueduct Commission.....	3	3	61	Department of Docks.....	3	3	162
Board of Aldermen.....	31	..	16	Finance Department.....	..	12	140
Board of Electrical Control.....	3	..	17	Fire Department.....	3	2	1,268
Board of Estimate and Apportionment.....	..	..	1	Health Department.....	2	..	143
Building Department.....	1	..	1	Law Department.....	1	6	106
Department of Public Charities.....	3	5	204	Mayor's Office.....	1	3	13
Civil Service Commission.....	5	..	22	Office of the Public Administrator.....	1	1	6
CITY RECORD.....	..	..	11	Department of Public Parks.....	4	3	646
Commissioners of Accounts.....	2	..	27	Department of Public Works.....	1	11	415
				Department of Street Cleaning.....	1	3	178
				Department of Street Improvements.....	1	4	362
				Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	3	1	78
				Total.....	75	75	4,762

Pupil nurses compensated at the rate of \$180 per annum or less, are exempt from examination.

All persons compensated at the rate of \$150 per annum or less, and employed in the Department of Public Charities or Correction, and all persons employed in the contagious disease hospitals, Health Department, are exempt from examination.

III.—EXAMINATIONS.

Number of applications filed.....

6,553

Number of persons notified for examination.....

4,775

Number of persons failed to appear for examination.....

384

Number of persons examined competitively.....

4,068

(Three hundred and thirty-nine examinations were held, which represent 123 different kinds of employments. Of the examinations held, 61 were of a technical or professional nature, and experts upon each subject were employed in every instance.)

(Number of persons examined physically, as well as mentally, for positions as Park Policeman, Fireman and Keepers, 892.)

Number of persons examined non-competitively for the position of Orderly and Attendants in the Department of Public Charities and Department of Correction, owing to lack of competition at the salary paid.....

262

Number of persons examined for promotion (non-competitive).....

47

(These non-competitive examinations for promotion were due to the fact that the persons appearing for examination for promotion were the only ones eligible in the next lower grade.)

Number of persons examined non-competitively (miscellaneous).....

14

Total number of persons examined.....

4,391

Number of persons passed.....

2,388

Number of persons failed.....

2,003

IV.—APPOINTMENTS.

Number of persons appointed from competitive lists.....

646

Number of persons appointed, non-competitive list (mainly Attendants and Orderlies).....

323

Relative standing upon eligible list of all persons appointed during 1896 was as follows:

First on eligible list.....

343

Second on eligible list.....

122

Third on eligible list.....

186

(Average age of persons appointed, 34).

Number of veterans appointed.....

47

The comparison as to education of persons appointed is as follows:

Common school.....

919

Business school.....

20

College education.....

169

(Of those who received college education 49 of the appointments were to positions of a professional or technical nature).

Total number of appointments made during the year (Schedules B to F).....

1,314

The above appointments may be divided as follows:

Competitive examination.....

646

Non-competitive examination.....

14

Attendants and Orderlies.....

262

Promotion.....

47

Reinstatement, Pupil Nurses receiving \$180 per annum or less, and all persons receiving

not more than \$150 per annum, or less.....

345

V.—COMPARISON AS TO PERSONS DISMISSED, WHO WERE APPOINTED FROM THE ELIGIBLE LIST

AND THOSE APPOINTED THROUGH THE CHOICE OF THE APPOINTING POWER.

Insubordination, appointment from eligible list after examination.....

36

Insubordination, appointment without examination.....

59

Intoxication, appointment from eligible list after examination.....

2

Intoxication, appointment without examination.....

108

Number of persons resigned.....

298

Number of deaths.....

14

VI.—LABOR BUREAU.

Number of applications on file (1895, 1896).....

11,248

Number of applications filed during the year.....

4,647

Number failing to appear for examination.....

284

Number of applicants rejected.....

12

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Office Boy.....	35	35	..	27	8	8
Pathologist.....	1	1	..	1	..	1
Patrolman on Aqueduct.....	23	23	..	8	15	..
Park Police.....	72	72	..	33	39	4
Permanent Visitor.....	7	7	..	5	2	1
Pipe Caulker.....	6	6	..	5	1	2
Pilot.....	16	12	4	7	5	3
Purchasing Agent.....	12	11	1	11	..	1
Plumbing Inspector.....	59	54	5	29	25	9
Plasterer.....	6	6	..	5	1	1
Rockman and Blaster.....	3	3	..	3	..	1
Rodman.....	30	30	..	22	8	8
Stenographer and Typewriter, Male.....	24	20	4	17	3	15
Stenographer and Typewriter, Female.....	37	33	4	28	5	19
Superintendent Repairs and Supplies, Park Department.....	1	1	..	1	..	1
Sanitary Inspector, Physician.....	63	63	..	36	27	4
Sewer Inspector.....	34	34	..	13	21	6
Supervising Engineer.....	2	2	..	2	..	2
Superintendent Lodging-house.....	14	14	..	6	8	4
Timekeeper.....	83	57	26	23	34	7
Timekeeper, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	50	42	8	9	33	7
Topographical Draughtsmen.....	33	28	5	17	11	7
Transitman or Computer.....	69	49	20	40	9	2
Typewriter, Male.....	4	3	1	2	1	..
Female.....	25	24	1	19	5	4
Telegraph Operator.....	12	12	..	6	6	2
Visiting Physicians.....	9	9	..	9	..	4
Warden.....	13	10	3	9	1	..
Wheelwright.....	14	14	..	13	1	1

Summary.

EXAMINATIONS.	Number Notified.	Number Examined.	Number Absent.	Number Passed.	Number Failed.	Number Appointed.
Total Competitive.....	4,452	4,068	384	2,109	1,959	646
Non Competitive Examinations—						
Attendants and Orderlies.....	262	262	..	262	..	262
Promotions.....	47	47	..	47	..	47
Miscellaneous.....	14	14	..	14	..	14
Grand Total.....	4,775	4,391	384	2,432	1,959	969

VIII.—LABOR BUREAU.

Appointments for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Axeman.....	25	Coxswain.....	1	Hostler.....	1	Sounder.....	16
Baker.....	2	Cutter.....	2	Housesmith.....	1	Stableman.....	4
Batteryman.....	1	Deckhand.....	3	Janitor.....	3	Stoker.....	37
Blacksmith.....	3	Elevator Man.....	1	Laborer.....	512	Stone-cutter.....	1
Blacksmith's Helper.....	7	Feedman.....	6	Lampman.....	1	Sweeper.....	3
Boat-builder.....	2	Flagger.....	3	Laundress.....	1	Tailor.....	7
Boardman.....	1	Flagman.....	2	Lineman.....	2	Tapper's Assistant.....	1
Bridge-tender.....	3	Foreman.....	32	Machinist's Helper.....	2	Teamster, with team.....	1
Butcher.....	2	Foreman's Assistant.....	3	Mason.....	3	Teamster, with team.....	1
Carpenter.....	9	Horsehoeer.....	9	Mower.....	17	Toolman.....	14
Cellarman.....	1	Hose Repairer's Helper.....	1	Office Boy.....	6	Truckman.....	8
Cement Worker.....	1	Painter.....	12	Oiler.....	4	Varnisher.....	3
Cleaner, male.....	4	Hospital Helper, male.....	12	Paver.....	13	Waitress.....	1
Cleaner, female.....	2	Hospital Helper, female.....	12	Pipe-fitter.....	5	Watchman.....	1
Cook, male.....	9	Hospital Helper, female.....	3	Rammer.....	5	Ship-caulk.....	1
Cook, female.....	3						
						Total.....	836

Of which number 255 were veterans.

TRADE EXAMINATIONS.

	No. Examined.	No. Passed.	
Blacksmith.....	12	9	
Bricklayer.....	8	6	
Carpenter.....	24	21	
Horsehoeer.....	8	8	
Housesmith.....	4	4	
			Totals.....
			135 101

IX.—NEW YORK CITY CIVIL LIST.

Table Showing the Number of Names Appearing upon the Pay-rolls of the Several Departments which are Verified as to Compliance with the Civil Service Laws.

DEPARTMENT.	NO. OF NAMES.	BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL.....	24
Board of Aldermen.....	17	Fire Department.....	1,427
Army Board.....	2	Health Department.....	378
Aqueduct Commission.....	129	Finance Department.....	163
Building Department.....	224	Law Department.....	100
Board of Estimate and Apportionment.....	1	Mayor's Office.....	20
Department of Public Charities.....	857	Department of Public Works.....	1,869
Department of Correction.....	301	Department of Public Parks.....	1,220
Civil Service Commission.....	22	Office of the Public Administrator.....	8
City Record.....	12	Department of Street Cleaning.....	36
Commissioner of Jurors.....	29	Department of Street Improvements.....	1,185
Commissioners of Accounts.....	40	Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	97
Department of Docks.....	532	Total.....	8,693

Verified weekly, 4,687 x 4 = 18,748; verified semi-monthly, 233 x 2 = 466; verified monthly, 3,773 x 1 = 3,773—number of names verified monthly, 22,987.

Approximate number of names verified (as shown by pay-rolls), as to compliance with Civil Service laws, 276,000 yearly.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NEW YORK, March 8, 1897.

Operations for the week ending March 6, 1897:

Plans filed for new buildings, 78; estimated cost, \$2,503,500; plans filed for alterations, 48; estimated cost, \$420,750; buildings reported as unsafe, 87; buildings reported for additional means of escape, 16; other violations of law reported, 130; unsafe buildings notices issued, 128; fire-escape notices issued, 26; violation notices issued, 371; fire-escape cases forwarded for prosecution, 2; violation cases forwarded for prosecution, 115; complaints lodged with the Department, 64; iron and steel inspections made, 4,632.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

REPORT OF TRANSACTIONS, FEBRUARY 15 TO 20, 1897.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending February 13, 1897: Males, 22; females, 0; on file. List of 24 prisoners to be discharged from February 21 to 27, 1897; transmitted to Prison Association. Transmitting a report of 22 convicts, for use of the Governor, in commuting their sentences; Secretary to forward.

From Heads of Institutions—Reporting meats, milk, fish, etc., received during week ending February 13, 1897, of good quality and up to the standard. On file.

From General Drug Department—Forwarding Medical Requisition No. 4 of the Workhouse, with the recommendation that it be granted. Granted.

From City Cemetery—List of burials during week ending February 13, 1897. On file.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Transmitting contract and specifications for additions, etc., to the Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, received from Counsel to the Corporation, with statement that after printing he will approve, and suggesting that printed proof be submitted to him before printing. File for the present.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending February 13, 1897, \$50. On file.

From District Prisons—Amount of fines received during week ending February 13, 1897, \$601. On file.

From General Storekeeper—Rejecting 75 boxes polishing paste furnished under contract, it being of inferior quality. Approved.

Appointed.

February 15. Ellen L. Sullivan, Orderly, Penitentiary, salary, \$300 per annum; Robert F. Christie, Orderly, Workhouse, salary, \$300 per annum; James Burnham, Laborer, Workhouse, salary, \$60 per annum. February 16—Daniel Keeler, Cutter, Penitentiary, salary, \$700 per

annum. February 20—John J. Mullaney, Keeper, Penitentiary, salary, \$700 per annum; Jeremiah F. Cotter, Keeper, Penitentiary, salary, \$700 per annum.

Resigned.

February 17. Courtenay Gleason, Assistant Matron, Penitentiary.

Dismissed.

February 20. William F. Hollahan, Keeper, Penitentiary; Robert McDonald, Keeper, Penitentiary. ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, February 6, 1897.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending January 30, 1897:

Public Moneys Received during the Week.—For Croton water rents, \$56,724.77; for penalties, water rents, \$152.10; for tapping Croton pipes, \$54; for sewer permits, \$294.60; for restoring and repaving Special Fund, \$1,700.50; for redemption of obstructions seized, \$5; for vault permits, \$600; for shed permits over sidewalks, \$5—total, \$59,535.97.

Public Lamps.—2 lamps removed, 2 lamp-posts reset, 1 lamp-post straightened, 2 columns reloaded, 1 service pipe refitted, 1 stand pipe refitted.

Permits Issued.—21 permits to tap Croton pipes, 21 permits to open streets, 6 permits to make sewer connections, 10 permits to repair sewer connections, 39 permits to place building material on streets, 17 permits—special, 1 permit to construct street vault, 1 permit to construct shed over sidewalk, 10 permits for use of water for building purposes.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.—121 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned, 1,005 lineal feet of sewer cleaned, 1,600 lineal feet of sewer relieved, 24,403 lineal feet of sewer examined, 1 new manhole head and cover put on, 1 new basin cover put on, 10 new manhole covers put on, 1 new basin grate put in, 53 cubic feet of brickwork built, 19 square yards of pavement relaid, 15 cubic feet of earth excavated and refilled, 1 cart load of earth filling, 9 cart loads of earth removed.

Obstructions Removed.—8 obstructions removed from various streets and avenues.

Repairs to Pavement.—22 square yards of pavement repaired.

Contracts Entered Into.

street. Court opens 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Eighth District—Northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens 9 A.M. Trial days: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Return days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Ninth District—No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Tenth District—Corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Eleventh District—No. 978 Eighth avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Twelfth District—Westchester, New York City. Open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Thirteenth District—Corner Columbus avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

City Magistrates' Courts—Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue. First District—Tomb, Centre street, Second District—Jefferson Market, Third District—No. 66 Essex street. Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue. Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place. Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMM.

NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, March 2, 1897.

EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, March 9, 10 A.M., WEIGHMASTER.

Wednesday, March 10, 10 A.M., TELEPHONE OPERATOR.

Thursday, March 11, 10 A.M., WARDEN, LUDLOW STREET JAIL. The salary will be \$3,000 per annum, and the successful candidate will be required to furnish bonds in the amount of \$25,000. The examination will consist of experience, record, knowledge of the duties of the office, letter writing and knowledge of city localities.

Monday, March 15, 10 A.M., JANITOR, BOARD OF EDUCATION. Applicants must be licensed engineers (steam) and present certificates as such before filing applications.

Tuesday, March 16, 10 A.M., CLERK, FIRST GRADE, COPYING FROM MANUSCRIPT AND INDEXING. Examination will consist of handwriting, writing from dictation, English spelling, arithmetic, summary or letter writing, and copying from manuscript and indexing.

Thursday, March 18, 10 A.M., SUPERINTENDENT OF MAINTENANCE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF MAINTENANCE, DEPARTMENT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT. Candidates must be qualified to direct maintenance and repairs of streets, roads and avenues; of sewers and appurtenances, drains, culverts and bridges in the jurisdiction of the Department, and must be able to examine all requisitions and bills for supplies and make investigations and reports on all matters connected with the office.

Friday, March 19, 10 A.M., GENERAL INSPECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT. Candidates must be able to supervise all section gangs, doing repairs, etc., acting under instructions of General Superintendent; and make reports on complaints respecting streets, etc., on the conduct of work, and violations of permits and ordinances.

Monday, March 22, 10 A.M., ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN, BOARD OF EDUCATION. Tuesday, March 23, 10 A.M., BUILDING INSPECTORS OF IRON AND STEEL CONSTRUCTION. This examination will be oral and will consist of reading plans and other practical matter. Candidates passing this oral examination successfully will be notified to appear for a written technical examination later.

Thursday, March 25, 10 A.M., FEMALE JUNIOR CLERK.

Tuesday, March 30, 10 A.M., DRIVER AND TRAINER OF GREEN HORSES.

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

Applications are also desired for the positions of Building Inspectors of Masonry and Building Inspectors of Iron and Steel Construction. Applicants must have at least ten years' experience in their respective lines and be able to read building plans. The salary for Building Inspectors \$1,100 to \$1,800 per annum, and the Inspectors are eligible to advancement to Chief Inspectors of the several branches, the salary of which is from \$1,800 to \$2,500 per annum.

Notice is also given that applications are desired for the position of Inspector of Light, Plumbing and Ventilation in the Building Department.

Applications are desired for the position of Instrument Maker. Applicants must understand the construction, etc., of electrical apparatus, and be able to read plans of such and furnish letters of recommendation.

Applications are desired for position of Dairyman. Candidates must have full knowledge of dairy work and the cultivation of food products for cattle.

Resolved, That the Labor Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the name of any person registered on the list for Laborer who is willing to accept temporary employment during the winter months for the removal of snow and ice.

Further, application for this service must be made at the Labor Bureau.

Certification shall be made in order of application.

Further, that such appointment shall not be made permanent, and shall last only during such period as the emergency requires.

NOTE—All laborers now registered in the Labor Bureau are requested to report their willingness to accept temporary employment for removing snow and ice.

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

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

NEW YORK, March 1, 1897.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION days in the Labor Bureau will be Wednesday and Friday, and that examinations will take place on those days at 1 P.M.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, March 1, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING

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articles below enumerated to this Department will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, March 17, 1897, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

136 Hair Mattresses, 137 Hair Bolsters, 149 Feather Pillows.

Proposals shall state the price of each article and the total cost.

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

For information as to the description of the articles to be furnished, bidders are referred to the specifications which form part of these proposals.

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

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

The articles are to be delivered within thirty (30) days after the execution of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractors for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired are fixed and liquidated at the sum specified in the several forms of contracts.

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

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of John W. Marshall, architect, Room 105 Bible House, Astor place, New York City, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of their provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon their absolute enforcement in every particular.

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

engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DOLLARS.

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

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before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

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

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

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent of the bid for each article.

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No. 15. FOR FENCE FOR SEWER IN FIFTH AVENUE, between Fourteenth and Forty-third streets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, March 4, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock m. on Thursday, March 18, 1897. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above-mentioned.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING EDGE-COMBE AVENUE, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to a point on the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue, opposite One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, AND SETTING CURB-STONES AND FLAGGING SIDEWALKS THEREIN.

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on the 15th day of March, 1897, at which time a public hearing will be given to all parties whose property may be affected by the aforesaid improvements.

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

NEW YORK, March 4, 1897.

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

List 5351, No. 1. Paving Twenty-second street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5354, No. 2. Paving Twenty-second street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5361, No. 3. Paving Twenty-fourth street, from Tenth to Hudson river, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5362, No. 4. Paving Twenty-first street, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5363, No. 5. Paving Twenty-fifth street, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue, with asphalt (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water).

List 5365, No. 6. Paving One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from the Boulevard to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks, with granite blocks, and laying crosswalks.

List 5371, No. 7. Paving One Hundred and Eleventh street, between Seventh and Manhattan avenues, with asphalt block pavement.

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

No. 1. Both sides of Twenty-second street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Twenty-second street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of Twenty-fourth street, from Tenth avenue to the Hudson river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

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

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, for confirmation on the 30th day of March, 1897.

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

NEW YORK, February 27, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 573.)
PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING
ON THE NORTH RIVER, BETWEEN THE
BATTERY AND WEST THIRTY-FOURTH
STREET.

ESTIMATES FOR DREDGING ON THE NORTH
River will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1897,

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

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

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

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities of material necessary to be dredged is as follows:

Mud dredging, not to exceed 200,000 cubic yards.

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

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

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

The work to be done under this contract is to be commenced within five days after receiving a notification from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks that any part or portion of the dredging herein mentioned is required. The dredging to be done under this contract will be in slips or portions of slips between the Battery and West Thirty-fourth street, on the North river, and is to be done from time to time, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed by the Engineer, and all the work under this contract is to be fully completed on or before the 31st day of December, 1897.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof that may be ordered or directed by the Engineer, may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, determined, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

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

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

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do

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WAY OF, AND LAYING CROSWALKS IN PARK AVENUE, from the Twenty-third Ward line to One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.

No. 5. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH STREET, from existing sewer in Intervale avenue to Prospect avenue.

No. 6. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH STREET (Samuel street), from existing sewer in Park avenue (Vanderbilt avenue, East), to Bathgate avenue.

No. 7. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN SHERIDAN AVENUE, from existing sewer in East One Hundred and Sixty-first to East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

No. 8. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN SEDGWICK AVENUE, from Perot street to Giles place, AND IN GILES PLACE, from Boston avenue to Sedgwick avenue.

No. 9. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET, between Third avenue and Lafontaine avenue, AND IN LAFONTAINE AVENUE, between East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street (Tremont avenue) and East One Hundred and Eightieth street (Samuel street).

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

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

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

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

The Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reserves the right to reject all bids received for any particular work if he deems it for the best interests of the City.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at this office.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONM'T.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Estimate and Apportionment, held March 1, 1897, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special meeting of this Board be held on Monday, March 15, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the distribution of the Theatrical and Concert License Fund among various charitable institutions, and that an opportunity be afforded those interested to be heard relative thereto, and that public notice be given in the CITY RECORD of the day and purpose of the meeting.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Hall of the Board, No. 146 Grand street, until 3:30 o'clock P. M., on Monday, March 15, 1897, for Erecting a New School Building on the southerly side of Rivington street, between Forsyth and Eldridge streets, New York City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, ROBERT MACLAY, DANIEL E. MCSWEENEY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, Committee on Buildings.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Hall of the Board, No. 146 Grand street, until 3:30 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, March 9, 1897, for Supplying New Furniture for old school buildings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED NEW YORK, October 30, 1896.

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

LAMONT MCLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, JUNE 22, 1896.

NOTICE TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.

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

STEVENS CONSTABLE, Superintendent Buildings.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 4, 1897.

their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, ROBERT MACLAY, DANIEL E. MCSWEENEY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, Committee on Buildings.

Dated NEW YORK, March 4, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Hall of the Board, No. 146 Grand street, until 3:30 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, March 9, 1897, for supplying Work and Material for Erecting an Addition to Grammar School Building No. 13, on southeast corner of Houston and Essex streets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED NEW YORK, March 4, 1897.

ARTHUR McMILLIN, Secretary.

Dated NEW YORK, March 9, 1897.

NORMAL COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

STATE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the Normal College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, on Tuesday, March 16, 1897, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMILLIN, Secretary.

Dated NEW YORK, March 9, 1897.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY.

STATE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, on Tuesday, March 16, 1897, at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

ARTHUR McMILLIN, Secretary.

Dated NEW YORK, March 9, 1897.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR PATROLMAN.

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF Police of the City of New York, notice is hereby given that after March 15, 1897, no applications will be received by the Police Civil Service Board for the position of Patrolman. All applications which are on file in correct form before the hour of closing business on that date will entitle those who file them to be notified for the current examinations.

WM. H. BELL, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1896. OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR OPENING STREETS AND AVENUES.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," as amended, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice of the confirmation by the Supreme Court of the assessments for OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE to the following-named streets in the respective Wards herein designated:

TWELFTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST STREET from Eleventh avenue to the Boulevard; confirmed January 29, 1897; entered February 23, 1897. Area of assessment:

All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City and County of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: North by a straight line drawn from a point on the easterly line of the Boulevard, distant 2,098 feet 2½ inches northerly from the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-first street with the easterly line of the Boulevard, to a point on the westerly line of Kingsbridge road, distant 2,022 feet 10½ inches northerly from the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-first street with the westerly line of Kingsbridge road, measured along the westerly line of Kingsbridge road, and by the centre line of the blocks between One Hundred and Eighty-first street and One Hundred and Eighty-second street, extending from the Kingsbridge road to Eleventh avenue; easterly by the westerly line of Kingsbridge road and the westerly line of Eleventh avenue; southerly by the centre line of the blocks between One Hundred and Eighty-first street and One Hundred and Eighty-second street, extending from Eleventh avenue to Kingsbridge road, and by the centre line of the blocks between One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Fort Washington Depot road, extending from Kingsbridge road to the Boulevard; and westerly by the easterly line of the Boulevard; except

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

EAST ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD STREET, from Webster avenue to Third avenue; confirmed December 24, 1896; entered February 23, 1897. Area of assessment:

All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the southerly side of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from the easterly side of Bainbridge avenue to the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West; thence southerly along the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West, to the prolongation of the middle line of the block between East One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street; thence by the middle line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street and said middle line produced to Bassford avenue, and thence by a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant easterly 100 feet from the easterly side thereof to the northerly side of Hoffman street; on the south by the northerly side of Samuel street, produced, from the easterly side of Tiebout avenue to the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West; thence northerly along the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West, to the prolongation of a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Eighty-third street and distant about 700 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof, and thence by a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Eighty-third street and distant about 700 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof, and on the west by the easterly side of Tiebout avenue and Bainbridge avenue.

The above-entitled assessments were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," on the respective dates herein above given, and unless the amount assessed for benefit of any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the said respective dates of entry of the assessments interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 917 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

Section 917 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Creston avenue to Ryer avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, from Creston avenue to Ryer avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse distant 633.28 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse with the southern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Burnside avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 52.24 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 73 degrees 9 minutes 20 seconds to the right for 288.13 feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 109 degrees 57 minutes 43 seconds to the right for 53.20 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 285.11 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse distant 675.54 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the eastern line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse with the southern line of the eastern approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Burnside avenue.

1st. Thence southwesterly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 52.24 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 106 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 873.99 feet.

3d. Thence northerly deflecting 88 degrees 3 minutes 45 seconds to the left for 50.03 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 800.55 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street is designated as a street of the first-class and is shown on sections 14 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on December 16, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on December 17, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 17, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, March 5, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to WALTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street (Arcularius place) distant 334.61 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street (Arcularius place) with the eastern line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street for 60.15 feet.

2d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 94 degrees 5 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 768.50 feet to the northern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

3d. Thence northwesterly along the northern line of said approach for 60.62 feet.

4th. Thence northeasterly for 772.09 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street (Arcularius place) distant 372.91 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street (Arcularius place) with the eastern line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street for 60.15 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 85 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds to the left for 942.65 feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 0 degrees 19 minutes 24 seconds to the left for 80.17 feet.

4th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 2 degrees 8 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 1,390.82 feet to the southern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Belmont street.

5th. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of said approach for 60.43 feet.

6th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 107 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 1,505.25 feet.

7th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 2 degrees 14 minutes 11 seconds to the right for 80.18 feet.

8th. Thence southwesterly for 942.65 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, at Belmont street, distant 205.63 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the northern line of said approach with the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

1st. Thence northwesterly along the northern line of said approach for 60.43 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 107 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds to the right for 1,819.42 feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 6 degrees 48 minutes 8 seconds to the left for 60.45 feet.

4th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 7 degrees 1 minute 7 seconds to the left for 944.45 feet.

5th. Thence northeasterly deflecting 19 degrees 57 minutes 43 seconds to the right for 185.63 feet to the southern line of Tremont avenue.

6th. Thence southeasterly along the southern line of Tremont avenue for 60.16 feet.

7th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 85 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 170.64 feet.

8th. Thence southerly deflecting 19 degrees 57 minutes 43 seconds to the left for 933.89 feet.

9th. Thence southwesterly deflecting 5 degrees 19 minutes 49 seconds to the right for 60.26 feet.

10th. Thence southwesterly for 1,831.45 feet to the point of beginning.

Walton avenue is designated as a street of the first-class, and is shown on sections 9 and 14 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, section 9 on October 31, 1895, and section 14 on December 16, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, section 9 on November 2, 1895, and section 14 on December 17, 1895.

DATED NEW YORK, March 5, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from St. Ann's avenue to East One Hundred and Thirty-first street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 18th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, from Creston avenue to Ryer avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse distant 633.28 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse with the southern line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Burnside avenue.

1st. Thence southeasterly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 52.24 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 73 degrees 9 minutes 20 seconds to the right for 288.13 feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 109 degrees 57 minutes 43 seconds to the right for 53.20 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 285.11 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse distant 675.54 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the eastern line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse with the southern line of the eastern approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Burnside avenue.

1st. Thence southwesterly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 52.24 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 106 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 873.99 feet.

3d. Thence northerly deflecting 88 degrees 3 minutes 45 seconds to the left for 50.03 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 800.55 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Cypress avenue distant 545.73 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Cypress avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Cypress avenue for 60.65 feet.

2d. Thence westerly curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the southern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 8 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds to the west with said course and whose radius is 1,050 feet for 697.12 feet.

3d. Thence northerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 205.62 feet to the eastern line of St. Ann's avenue.

4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of St. Ann's avenue for 60.14 feet.

5th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 110 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds to the right for 230.97 feet.

6th. Thence easterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 990 feet for 665.92 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Cypress avenue distant 530.12 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Cypress avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Cypress avenue for 60.65 feet.

2d. Thence westerly curving to the left on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the southern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 8 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds to the west with said course and whose radius is 1,050 feet for 697.12 feet.

3d. Thence northerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 205.62 feet to the eastern line of St. Ann's avenue.

4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of St. Ann's avenue for 60.14 feet.

5th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 110 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds to the right for 230.97 feet.

6th. Thence easterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the southern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 8 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds to the west with said course and whose radius is 990 feet for 665.92 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Gun Hill road distant 857.91 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of Gun Hill road with the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of Gun Hill road for 84.12 feet.

2d. Thence northerly deflecting 108 degrees 0 minutes 40 seconds to the left for 612.94 feet.

3d. Thence northerly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 2,800 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 992.59 feet.

4th. Thence northerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 60.37 feet.

5th. Thence northerly deflecting 3 degrees 0 minutes 45 seconds to the left for 35.60 feet to the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

6th. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 233.60 feet.

7th. Thence easterly deflecting 107 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds to the left for 40 feet.

8th. Thence southerly deflecting 72 degrees 17 minutes 8 seconds to the right for 422.17 feet.

9th. Thence southerly curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 2,720 feet radius tangent to the preceding course for 964.23 feet.

10th. Thence southerly for 586.93 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Webster avenue distant 896.16 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the western line of Webster avenue with the eastern line of Mosholu parkway.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Webster avenue for 81.77 feet.

2d. Thence northwesterly deflecting 80 degrees 16 minutes 6 seconds to the left for 1,051.34 feet.

3d. Thence northwesterly deflecting 5 degrees 10 minutes 37 seconds to the right for 64.83 feet.

4th. Thence northerly deflecting 24 degrees 1 minute 27 seconds to the right for 1,225.21 feet.

5th. Thence northerly deflecting 16 degrees 7 minutes 45 seconds to the right for 118.24 feet.

6th. Thence northerly deflecting 4 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds to the right for 1,274.42 feet to the southern line of Gun Hill road.

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 WALTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street distant 225.75 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street with the eastern line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street for 66 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees 9 minutes 20 seconds to the right for 1,202.93 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 67.30 feet.

4th. Thence northerly for 1,190.19 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street distant 217.04 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street with the eastern line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street for 60.24 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 84 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds to the right for 441.73 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 4 degrees 9 minutes 19 seconds to the right for 60.01 feet.

4th. Thence southerly deflecting 1 degree 21 minutes 49 seconds to the right for 100.13 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.

5th. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street for 60 feet.

6th. Thence northerly deflecting 90 degrees 9 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 108.05 feet.

7th. Thence northerly deflecting 1 degree 35 minutes 55 seconds to the left for 60.01 feet.

8th. Thence northerly for 441.66 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street distant 211.43 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street with the eastern line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street for 60.50 feet.

2d. Thence northerly deflecting 88 degrees 5 minutes 43 seconds to the left for 288.75 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Fiftieth street for 60.76 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 289.82 feet to the point of beginning.

Walton avenue is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 7 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed as follows: In the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on October 31, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Summit avenue to Anderson avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as Cromwell avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftieth street to Jerome avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street distant 545.13 feet westerly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street with the western line of Gerard avenue.

1st. Thence westerly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street for 62.12 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 105 degrees 0 minutes 38 seconds to the left for 1,481.18 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 7 degrees 39 minutes 38 seconds to the left for 1,415.61 feet.

4th. Thence easterly deflecting 86 degrees 39 minutes 25 seconds to the left for 60.10 feet.

5th. Thence northerly deflecting 93 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds to the left for 1,415.10 feet.

6th. Thence northerly for 1,461.08 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Ogden avenue distant 1,102.03 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Ogden avenue with the northern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the western line of Ogden avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence northwesterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 190 feet to the eastern line of Summit avenue.

3d. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Summit avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence southeasterly for 190 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue distant 1,102.03 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Ogden avenue with the northern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 179.93 feet to the eastern line of Nelson avenue.

3d. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Nelson avenue for 36.95 feet.

4th. Thence southeasterly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 25 feet, for 41.12 feet.

5th. Thence southeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 117.95 feet to the western line of Woodycrest avenue (legally opened as Bremer avenue).

6th. Thence southerly along the western line of Woodycrest avenue for 88.79 feet.

7th. Thence northerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 25 feet, for 42.38 feet.

8th. Thence northwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 289.73 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Woodycrest avenue (legally opened as Bremer avenue) distant 969.33 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Woodycrest avenue with the northern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Woodycrest avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 200 feet.

3d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 50 feet.

4th. Thence northwesterly for 200 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 8 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed as follows: In the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on November 11, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 12, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 13, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET (formerly Coleman street), (although not yet named by proper authority), from Ogden avenue to Bremer avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening, and extending of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Sixty-third street (formerly Coleman street), from Ogden avenue to Bremer avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Longfellow street distant 511.88 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Longfellow street with the southern line of Whitlock avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Longfellow street for 124.58 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 22.37 feet for 28.83 feet.

3d. Thence easterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 774.35 feet to the western line of Bryant street.

4th. Thence northerly along the western line of Bryant street for 81.37 feet.

5th. Thence westerly deflecting 100 degrees 31 minutes 47 seconds to the left for 78.29 feet.

6th. Thence northwesterly curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius is 28.24 feet for 43.18 feet to the point of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Longfellow street distant 511.88 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Longfellow street with the southern line of Whitlock avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Longfellow street for 84.30 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 108 degrees 34 minutes 16 seconds to the right for 200 feet to the eastern line of Bryant street.

3d. Thence northerly along the easterly line of Bryant street for 83.66 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 197.61 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Longfellow street distant 511.88 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Longfellow street with the southern line of Whitlock avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Longfellow street for 83.36 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 73 degrees 39 minutes 53 seconds to the left for 200 feet to the western line of Whitlock street.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Whitlock street for 80.45 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 214.99 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Whitlock avenue distant 851.59 feet from the intersection of the eastern line of Whitlock avenue with the southern line of Whitlock avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the easterly line of Whitlock avenue for 30.41 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 84 degrees 15 minutes 1 second to the left for 407.35 feet.

3d. Thence northerly deflecting 96 degrees 9 minutes 36 seconds to the left for 80.49 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 400.77 feet to the point of beginning.

Mohawk avenue (now Garrison avenue) is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on sections 4 and 11 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed as follows: In the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, section 4 on July 8, 1893, and section 11 on June 13, 1894; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, section 4 on July 12, 1893, and section 11 on June 15, 1894; and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, section 4 on July 1893, and section 11 on June 15, 1894.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from St. Ann's avenue to Willow avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening and extending of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from St. Ann's avenue to Willow avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Pelham avenue distant 851.59 feet westerly from the intersection of the northern line of Pelham avenue with the western line of Southern Boulevard.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of Pelham avenue for 50.93 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 100 degrees 57 minutes 2 seconds to the right for 295.47 feet.

3d. Thence southeasterly

thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to certain lands and premises, and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the westerly side of Mott street, between Broome and Grand streets, in the Fourteenth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894; said property having been duly selected by said Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York as a site for buildings for the use of the Fire Department of said city, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894, being the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, namely:

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

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Mott street, distant 224 feet 6 1/2 inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Grand street with the westerly side of Mott street; running thence northerly along the westerly side of Mott street 25 feet; thence westerly parallel or nearly so with the northerly side of Grand street 100 feet 11 1/2 inches; thence southerly parallel or nearly so to the westerly side of Mott street 24 feet 8 1/2 inches; thence easterly parallel or nearly so to the northerly side of Grand street 100 feet 9 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated, NEW YORK, February 16, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the southerly side of TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twenty-first Ward of said City, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 OF THE LAWS OF 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

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

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

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Twenty-eighth street distant 300 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly line of Second avenue with the southerly line of Twenty-eighth street, which point is also the intersection of the westerly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 14 with the southerly line of Twenty-eighth street; running thence southerly parallel with Second avenue and along the said westerly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 14 98 feet 9 inches to the centre line of the block; thence westerly along the said centre line of the block 22 feet; thence northerly parallel with Second avenue 98 feet and 9 inches to the southerly line of Twenty-eighth street; thence easterly along said southerly line of Twenty-eighth street 22 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated, NEW YORK, February 16, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH STREET (formerly Dennan place) (although not yet named by proper authority), from Cauldwell avenue to Prospect avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, 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 24, 1897.

EDWARD L. PARRIS, THOMAS J. MILLER,

J. D. ROMAN BALDWIN, Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the northerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STREET and the southerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH STREET, between First and Second avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of said City, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 OF THE LAWS OF 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part III, thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

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

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Trinity avenue distant 246.30 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Trinity avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Trinity avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 89 degrees 48 minutes 25 seconds to the right for 204.20 feet to the eastern line of Cauldwell avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Cauldwell avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 204.37 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Trinity avenue distant 246.30 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Trinity avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Trinity avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 89 degrees to the left for 175 feet to the western line of Jackson avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Jackson avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 175 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Forest avenue distant 246.30 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Forest avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Forest avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 89 degrees to the right for 175 feet to the eastern line of Jackson avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Jackson avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 175 feet to the point of beginning.

3d. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jackson avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 175 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Forest avenue distant 246.30 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Forest avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Forest avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 89 degrees to the left for 270 feet to the western line of Tinton avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Tinton avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 270 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Union avenue distant 246.30 feet southerly from the intersection of the western line of Union avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 89 degrees 59 minutes 5 seconds to the right for 264.06 feet to the eastern line of Tinton avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tinton avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "F."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "G."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "H."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "I."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "J."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "K."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "L."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "M."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "N."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Union avenue for 50 feet.

4th. Thence easterly for 264.07 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "O."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Prospect avenue with the northern line of Westchester avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Prospect avenue for 22.36 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 320 feet to the eastern line of Union avenue.

theron, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated, NEW YORK, March 5, 1897.

DAVID LEVENTRITT, PETER BOWE, ARTHUR INGRAHAM, Commissioners.

JAMES A. C. JOHNSON, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to FRANKLIN AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Crotona Park, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 7th day of April, 1897, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 7th day of April, 1897, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 8th day of April, 1897.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by a line drawn parallel to Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, and distant 100 feet northerly from the northerly side thereof from the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue to a line midway between Verlo avenue and Webster avenue; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and the northern boundary of the City of New York to the Bronx river; on the south by a line drawn parallel to Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue to the Bronx river; on the east by the Bronx river, and on the west by the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 17, 1897.

GROSVENOR S. HUBBARD, Chairman; EDWARD S. KAUFMAN, JOHN A. REILLY, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 8th day of February, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 10th day of February, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 26th day of April, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 27, 1897.

EDWARD L. PARKS, Chairman; MATTHEW CHALMERS, N. J. NEWITTER, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the Counsel to the Corporation of said City, relative to acquiring title to certain lands on the northerly side of GREAT JONES STREET, between Lafayette place and the Bowery, in the Fifteenth Ward of said city, duly selected by said Board as a site for buildings for the use of the Fire Department of said city, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 151 of the Laws of 1894, entitled "An Act in relation to buildings sites for the Fire Department of the City of New York," and all other statutes in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said court to be held at Part III. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to certain lands and premises and the appurtenances thereto belonging on the northerly side of Great Jones street, between Lafayette place and the Bowery, in the Fifteenth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894; said property having been duly selected by said Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York as a site for buildings for the use of the Fire Department of said city, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

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

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Great Jones street distant 250 feet two inches easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Lafayette place with the northerly side of Great Jones street; running thence easterly along the northerly side of Great Jones street 44 feet 5 1/2 inches; thence northerly at about a right angle to said street 90 feet and 5 inches; thence westerly parallel, or nearly so, with Great Jones street 45 feet and 4 inches; thence southerly 80 feet and 10 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 16, 1897.

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

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

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 11th day of March, 1897, and that we,

said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 11th day of March, 1897, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 12 o'clock M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 25th day of March, 1897.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by a line drawn parallel to Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, and distant 100 feet northerly from the northerly side thereof from the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue to a line midway between Verlo avenue and Webster avenue; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and the northern boundary of the City of New York to the Bronx river; on the south by a line drawn parallel to Odyke avenue or East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue to the Bronx river; on the east by the Bronx river, and on the west by the easterly side of Mount Vernon avenue; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 17, 1897.

GROSVENOR S. HUBBARD, Chairman; EDWARD S. KAUFMAN, JOHN A. REILLY, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

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

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 16th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto. And at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, February 19, 1897.

BENJ. F. GERDING, JULIUS H. FOX, WILBER MCBRIDE, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening ST. PAUL'S PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster avenue to Fulton 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 8th day of February, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 10th day of February, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

12th. Thence northerly deflecting 15 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds to the left for 835.67 feet.

13th. Thence westerly deflecting 91 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds to the left for 132.51 feet.

14th. Thence northeasterly for 1,845.64 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Pelham avenue distant 982.64 feet westerly from the intersection of the northern line of Pelham avenue with the western line of Southern Boulevard.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of Pelham avenue for 50.93 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 100 degrees 57 minutes to the right for 339 feet.

3d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 50 feet.

4th. Thence southwesterly for 329.33 feet to the point of beginning.

Hughes avenue is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on sections 10 and 13 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed as follows:

In the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, section 10 on June 14, 1895, and section 13 on November 2, 1895; in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, section 10 on June 14, 1895, and section 13 on November 2, 1895; in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, section 10 on June 15, 1895, and section 13 on November 2, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the northerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD STREET and the southerly side of ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STREET, between Madison and Fifth avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of said City, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

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

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

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of One Hundred and Third street distant 150 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Fifth avenue with the northerly line of One Hundred and Third street; running thence northerly parallel with the said easterly line of Fifth avenue 20 feet and 10 inches to the southerly line of One Hundred and Fourth street; thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Fourth street, 150 feet; thence southerly parallel with Fifth avenue 201 feet and 10 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Third street; thence westerly along said northerly line of One Hundred and Third street 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 16, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to HUGHES AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tremont avenue to the land of St. John's College, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

by a line drawn parallel to Jennings street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to the Southern Boulevard and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; on the east by a line drawn parallel to the Southern Boulevard and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; and on the west by a line drawn parallel to Webster avenue and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of April, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 18, 1897.

MONTAGUE LESSLER, Chairman; CHARLES D. BURRILL, PHILIP E. REVILLE, Commissioners. HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on WADSWORTH AVENUE, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SECOND AND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD STREETS, in the Twelfth Ward of said City, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III., thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

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

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

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street, distant 150 feet westerly from the corner formed by intersection of the westerly line of Eleventh avenue with the southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street; running thence southerly parallel with Eleventh avenue, 184 feet and 8 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-second street; thence westerly along said northerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-second street 50 feet to the easterly line of the present site of Primary School No. 32; thence northerly parallel with Eleventh avenue and along the said easterly line of the present site of Primary School No. 32, 79 feet and 9 inches; thence westerly parallel with One Hundred and Eighty-second street and along the northerly line of the present site of Primary School No. 32, 100 feet to the easterly line of Wadsworth avenue (proposed); thence northerly along said easterly line of Wadsworth avenue (proposed), 204 feet and 11 inches to the southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street; thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street, 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 16, 1897.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to CONCORD AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Forty-first street to Kelly street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III., thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 12th day of March, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Concord avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-first street to Kelly street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of St. Mary's street distant 201.35 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of St. Mary's street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of St. Mary's street for 60.40 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 96 degrees 38 minutes 10 seconds to the right for 682.05 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-first street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-first street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence northerly for 675.97 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of St. Mary's street distant 206.30 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of St. Mary's street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of St. Mary's street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence northerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 262.48 feet to the southern line of St. Joseph's street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of St. Joseph's street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 262.48 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Crane street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of Crane street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of Crane street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 275 feet to the northern line of St. Joseph's street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of St. Joseph's street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence northerly for 275 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Crane

street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of Crane street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of Crane street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence northerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 425 feet to the southern line of Dater street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of Dater street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 425 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 475 feet to the northern line of Dater street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of Dater street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence northerly for 475 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "F."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 225 feet to the southern line of Fox street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of Fox street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 225 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "G."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Beck street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the southern line of Beck street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of Beck street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 350 feet to the northern line of Fox street.

3d. Thence westerly along the northern line of Fox street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 350 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "H."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Beck street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of Beck street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of Beck street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 295 feet to the southern line of Kelly street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of Kelly street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 295 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "I."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Beck street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of Beck street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of Beck street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 295 feet to the southern line of Kelly street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of Kelly street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 295 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "J."

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Beck street distant 200 feet easterly from the intersection of the northern line of Beck street with the easterly line of Robbins avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of Beck street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 295 feet to the southern line of Kelly street.

3d. Thence westerly along the southern line of Kelly street for 60 feet.

4th. Thence southerly for 295 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "K."

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Primary School No. 32; thence northerly parallel with Eleventh avenue and along the said easterly line of the present site of Primary School No. 32, 79 feet and 9 inches; thence westerly parallel with One Hundred and Eighty-second street and along the northerly line of the present site of Primary School No. 32, 100 feet to the easterly line of Wadsworth avenue (proposed); thence northerly along said easterly line of Wadsworth avenue (proposed), 204 feet and 11 inches to the southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street; thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Eighty-third street, 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

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

1897, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 22d day of March, 1897, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 11 o'clock A.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, there to remain until the 3d day of April, 1897.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the middle line of the blocks between East Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth street or Willard street, and East Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street or Opdyke street, from Mount Vernon avenue to the Bronx river; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between East Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth street or Willard street, and East Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth street or Clifford street, from Kepler avenue to the Bronx river; on the east by the Bronx river and on the west by the westerly side of Mount Vernon avenue, 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 to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York at the County Court-house in the City of New York, on the 15th day of April, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

EMANUEL BLUMENSTIEL, Chairman; JOSEPH W. FOSTER, FLOYD M. LORD, Commissioners.

HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of M chael T. Daly, Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, for and in behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, in fee, to certain lots, pieces or parcels of land in the Twelfth and Twenty-third Wards of the City of New York, for the purpose of the construction of a draw-bridge and approaches thereto, with the necessary abutments and arches over the Harlem river, connecting the northerly end of Third avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, with the southerly end of Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Apportionment 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, premises, property, rights and interests affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our second separate estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, premises, property, rights and interests affected thereby and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Room No. 113 on the third floor of the Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, in said city, on or before the 31st day of March, 1897, and that we the said Commissioners will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 31st day of March, 1897, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Second—That the abstract of our said second estimate and assessment, together with our damage map, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents, used by us in making our said report, have been deposited in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, in the American Tract Society Building, corner of Nassau and Spruce streets, in said city, there to remain until the 1st day of April, 1897.

Third—That our said second separate abstract of estimate and assessment embraces all the lands, premises, property, rights and interests shown upon our damage map as damage number one, in block 1756, and damage numbers two to nine, both inclusive, in block 1765, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city.

Fourth—That our second separate report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in Part III., in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 20th day of April, 1897, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, February 26, 1897.

DAVID LEVENTRITT, PETER BOWE, ARTHUR INGRAM, Commissioners.

JAMES A. C. JOHNSON, Clerk.

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

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED were