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### IN COMMON COUNCIL.

Resolved, That the heads of the several Departments of the City Government be and are hereby requested to close their respective offices on Good Friday, April 3, 1896, and all other offices not by law required to be kept open for the transaction of public business to be closed on said day.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 31, 1896, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor, March 31, 1896.

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

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED MEETING.

TUESDAY, March 31, 1896, 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met in Room 16, City Hall.

#### PRESENT:

Hon. John Jeroloman, President.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, MARCH 28, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body permitting Moses Zimmerman to extend vault in front of No. 324 East Houston street, on the ground of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works that this street is so narrow that there is not room enough for the necessary subways, water-mains, etc., to permit the extension of the vault beyond the curb-line.

Yours respectfully,

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Moses Zimmerman to extend a vault in front of his premises, No. 324 East Houston street, two feet beyond the curb-line, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, upon payment of such compensation as shall be deemed an equivalent by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, provided the said Moses Zimmerman shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may be occasioned by the exercise of the privilege hereby granted during the progress of or subsequent to the completion of the work of extending said vault, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, March 31, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body granting permission to the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to extend tracks on Broome street, between Crosby street and Broadway.

The resolution should in my judgment be so amended as to compel the companies to which the privileges are extended to remove from the street referred to in the resolution, on which the extension tracks are to be laid, the snow between curb and curb and that which may be thrown into the street from the sidewalks, and to insure the proper observance of this requirement provision should be further made that the work be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and upon the failure of the companies to so remove it within such reasonable time as the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may designate, the snow shall be removed by the Street Cleaning Commissioner and the expense thereof borne by the companies. The collection of this amount should be properly provided for in the usual manner.

I further recommend that the resolution be adopted by adding thereto the condition that the privileges extended be granted upon the express stipulation on the part of the corporations referred to, their lessor or lessors, that no free transfer privilege now granted by such corporation and in existence at the date of the approval of such resolution by the Mayor, shall at any time be recalled, revoked or discontinued without the consent of the Common Council.

Yours respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom is referred the annexed reports and resolutions in favor of granting permission to the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to extend tracks on Broome street, between Crosby street and Broadway, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That, after the reading of the accompanying letter and the careful consideration of the annexed resolution, and in consideration of the many benefits that the City will receive, also the traveling public by way of keeping the condition of the streets in excellent repair along the line of this railroad, and the three per cent, and five per cent. that will be paid to the City from which the railroads are now exempt.

And your Committee further report that on January 7, 1896, the report mentioned was adopted by the Board of Aldermen and forwarded to his Honor for approval, and subsequently on January 21, 1896, the above report was recalled from his Honor the Mayor, the vote by which it was adopted was reconsidered, and the report was referred to the reconsideration of the Committee on Railroads with the accompanying letter of H. H. Vreeland explains why the companies mentioned could not make the transfers as required in the report.

The Committee recommends the report to be amended in each case by striking out the following:

"This consent is granted upon the further condition and express stipulation on the part of the petitioner herein, lessor or lessors, that the Common Council has and shall have the right by resolution or ordinance to compel the petitioners, their lessor or lessors, to transfer passengers without additional charge at all points of intersection of the roads of the petitioner with each other, or with any other road owned or operated by their lessor or lessors."

And that said report and said resolutions as amended be adopted.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, ANDREW ROBINSON, JOHN J. MURPHY, Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the petition of the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company, for the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York to the construction, maintenance and operation of the extensions or branches of the existing roads of the said companies in Broome street, between Crosby street and Broadway, in the City of New York, and the connection and union thereof at a point not over one-half mile from their present respective lines or routes, whereby a new route for public travel in or upon the surface of Broome street, as particularly described in the petition of said companies, and the proposed resolution submitted herewith, do respectfully

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as follows:

That before acting on the petition and application aforesaid, public notice thereof was given and of the time and place when and where it would be first considered, which notice was published daily for at least fourteen (14) days in two of the daily newspapers published in the City of New York, and which were designated by the Mayor of said City for such purpose, to wit: In the New York "Tribune" and in the New York "Mail and Express."

That pursuant to such notice, a public hearing was had thereof, whereat all persons desiring an opportunity to be heard were heard, and no one having appeared in opposition to the application, such application has been duly considered by the Railroad Committee of the Common Council.

Your Committee, after such hearing of the facts and circumstances, are of the opinion that the construction and operation of the railroad connection and union of the roads and routes of the companies would be of great advantage to the public, as it will furnish a new route for public travel across the City of New York, and one which can be operated without inconvenience to the merchants along Broome street, and furnish a better and more satisfactory route from the Grand Street Ferry to the Desbrosses Street Ferry than is now traveled by the route of the Metropolitan

Street Railway Company, which is the lessee of the applicants above named. The said Metropolitan Street Railway Company owns and controls the existing railroad on Broadway, West Broadway, Ninth avenue, Tenth avenue and West street, and will, by means of the route and connection which is hereby applied for, enable passengers to secure a new route to the Grand Street and Desbrosses Street Ferry, and one which can be operated more speedily than the existing route of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. The lessee company will also be able to furnish transportation north and south on Broadway by means of the Columbus and Lexington avenue cable lines and the Broadway cable line, whereby passengers will be transferred from such new route to the cable lines for a single fare of five cents.

Your Committee is of opinion that the application of the petitioners should be granted, and submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company have heretofore and by petition bearing date September 14, 1895, made application in writing, to the Common Council of the City of New York, for its consent and permission to be granted to the construction, maintenance and operation of the branches or extensions of the applicants' railroads and routes, so that a new line may be established in Broome street, between Broadway and Crosby street; and

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of New York caused public notice of such application of the said railroad companies, and of the time and place when the same would be first considered, to be given by publication for at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing, in two of the daily newspapers published in the City of New York, to wit: in the New York "Tribune" and in the New York "Mail and Express," which papers were lawfully designated for such purpose by his Honor the Mayor of said City; and

Whereas, After such public notice given as aforesaid, and at a meeting held at the Chambers of the Board of Aldermen in the City of New York, whereat all persons so desiring were given an opportunity to be heard, such application has been first duly considered; and

Whereas, It is apparent from the proofs and evidence submitted by the said two companies that they desire to connect their said two street surface railroad routes at a point which is not over one-half mile from the respective lines or routes of said two companies, and intend to establish by the construction of such union and connection a new route for public travel, and the said petitioners have consented to operate such connection as part of a continuous route for one fare of five cents, and it further appearing that such connection cannot be operated as an independent railroad without inconvenience to the public, and that it is to the public advantage that the same should be operated as a continuous line of railroad with the existing railroads of your petitioners, it is

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York be and it hereby is given—

First—To the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, connecting with the company's existing double track in Crosby street at or near Broome street, and running thence westerly, with double tracks in or upon Broome street, one hundred and twenty-five feet or thereabouts, to a point of connection with the branch or extension of the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company.

Second—To the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, connecting with the company's existing double track in or upon Broome street, at or near the westerly side of Broadway, and running thence easterly, with double tracks, across Broadway and in or upon Broome street, one hundred and eighty feet or thereabouts, to a point of connection with the branch or extension of the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company.

Third—To the maintenance and operation of the connection to be formed by the construction of said extensions or branches of the said two companies, and to the operation of the same as a new continuous route for public travel.

Fourth—That the said companies and each of them be and they are hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate such necessary connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, cross-overs and suitable stands as shall be necessary for the convenient working of the said connection, and for the accommodation of the cars to be run over the same.

Resolved, also, That the conditions upon which, and not otherwise, the consent is given shall be and are as follows:

First—That this consent is also given upon the condition that the corporations owning or using the petitioners' railroads shall operate such connection as a part of a continuous route for one fare.

Second—That this consent is also given upon the condition that such extensions or branches shall be operated by cable power or by an underground current of electricity, or by any other power which is now or may at any time hereafter lawfully be used on either of the roads connected thereby, excluding always, however, the operation by locomotive steam power or by the overhead trolley system of electric traction.

Third—That this consent is also given upon the condition that the said corporations hereinbefore named shall pay into the Treasury of the City of New York, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, annually on November 1st of each year, the percentages provided for extensions or branches in section 95 of the Railroad Law, for the purposes, at the times, in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in such section.

Resolved further, That the consent of the said Common Council to said petition is hereby given upon the further stipulation that the said applicants condition as follows:

1st. That the material to be used in the construction of said branches to be of the best possible character, and the plans of street construction, turntables and turnouts to be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of this City.

2d. That the cars shall be run on such extensions at least as frequently as required by the ordinances of the City of New York, and the corporations petitioners which shall have entered into the contract provided for in section 104 of the Railroad Law, shall carry or permit any other party thereto to carry, between any two points on the railroads or portions thereof, and embraced in said contract, any passenger desiring to make one continuous trip between such points for one single fare, not higher than the fare lawfully chargeable by either of said corporations for an adult passenger. Every such corporation shall, upon demand, and without extra charge, give to each passenger paying one single fare, a transfer entitling such passenger to one continuous trip to any point or portion of any railroad embraced in such contract to the end that the public convenience may be promoted by the operation of the petitioners' railroads embraced in such contract substantially as a single railroad and for a single fare of five cents.

3d. The applicants shall at all times during the operation of cars, keep the street between the tracks of the extension in Broome street, between Crosby street and West Broadway, and two feet beyond the rail on each side, clean and free and clear from dirt and snow, the said dirt and snow to be removed by the said companies within such reasonable period of time as shall be required by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and if not so removed and carried to the dumps, as required, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

4th. The said companies shall pave the streets in which the right to construct is hereby given, between the rails of the tracks and two feet in width outside of the tracks, to conform in all respects to the character of the pavement laid down on said street, and shall keep the same in proper condition and repair, and shall also keep in repair as well the pavement between the tracks and two feet in width outside of the same on the route described in the third section, and if not so done the Commissioner of Public Works may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

5th. That the said railroad companies shall apply to each car a proper fender and wheel-guard, conformable to such laws and ordinances as may hereafter be enacted or adopted by the State or City authorities.

6th. That all cars of said railroad companies shall be properly and sufficiently heated and lighted.

7th. That all laws now in force and all ordinances now in force and not inconsistent with any existing law, and any ordinance which may be hereafter adopted affecting the surface railroads operated in this city, shall be binding and strictly complied with by said companies, and also Article IV. of the Railroad Law. A failure to comply with any condition of this consent for a period of twenty days after notice from the Common Council requiring said companies to comply therewith shall render this consent forfeitable and the same may be declared forfeited in an action instituted for such purpose by the Corporation Counsel at request of the Common Council.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, ANDREW ROBINSON, JOHN J. MURPHY, ELIAS GOODMAN, Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Hall moved that the message and report be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Marshall moved to lay the motion of Alderman Hall on the table.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick,

Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School-Tait, Wines, and Wund—21.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goodman, Hall, Olcott, Ware, and Woodward—6.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, March 31, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body, granting permission to the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company to extend tracks on University place, Wooster street, West Third and West Fourth streets.

The resolution should, in my judgment, be so amended as to compel the companies to which the privileges are extended to remove from the streets referred to in the resolution, on which the extension tracks are to be laid, the snow between curb and curb and that which may be thrown into the streets from the sidewalks, and to insure the proper observance of this requirement provision should be further made that the work be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and upon the failure of the companies to so remove it within such reasonable time as the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may designate, the snow shall be removed by the Street Cleaning Commissioner and the expense thereof borne by the companies. The collection of this amount should be properly provided for in the usual manner.

I further recommend that the resolution be adopted by adding thereto the condition that the privileges extended be granted upon the express stipulation on the part of the corporations referred to, their lessor or lessors, that no free transfer privilege now granted by such corporation and in existence at the date of the approval of such resolution by the Mayor, shall at any time be recalled, revoked or discontinued without the consent of the Common Council.

Yours respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom is referred the annexed reports and resolutions in favor of granting permission to the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company to extend their tracks on University place, Wooster, West Third and West Fourth streets, respectively

REPORT:

That, after the reading of the accompanying letter and the careful consideration of the annexed resolution, and in consideration of the many benefits that the City will receive, also the traveling public by way of keeping the condition of the streets in excellent repair along the line of this railroad, and the three per cent. and five per cent. that will be paid to the City from which the railroads are now exempt.

And your Committee further report that on January 7, 1896, the report mentioned was adopted by the Board of Aldermen and forwarded to his Honor for approval, and subsequently on January 21, 1896, the above report was recalled from his Honor the Mayor, the vote by which it was adopted was reconsidered, and the report was referred to the reconsideration of the Committee on Railroads with the accompanying letter of H. H. Vreeland explains why the companies mentioned could not make the transfers as required in the report.

The Committee recommends the report to be amended in each case by striking out the following:

"This consent is granted upon the further condition and express stipulation on the part of the petitioner herein, lessor or lessors, that the Common Council has and shall have the right by resolution or ordinance to compel the petitioners, their lessor or lessors, to transfer passengers without additional charge at all points of intersection of the roads of the petitioner with each other, or with any other road owned or operated by their lessor or lessors."

And as amended that the same be adopted.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, ANDREW ROBINSON, JOHN J. MURPHY, Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the joint application of the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York to the construction, maintenance and operation of the extensions of the existing roads and routes of said companies, and the connection and union thereof at a point not over one-half mile from their respective lines or routes, and the establishment thereby of a new road for public travel in or upon the surface of University place, Wooster street or Washington Square, East, West Fourth street and West Third street, as particularly described in the petition of the said companies, and in the proposed resolution submitted herewith, do hereby respectfully

REPORT:

That before acting upon the petition and application aforesaid public notice thereof was given of the time and place when and where it would be first considered, which notice was published daily for at least fourteen days in two of the daily newspapers published in the City of New York, and which were designated by the Mayor of the said city for such purpose, to wit: The "Press" and the "Sun."

That pursuant to such notice a public hearing was had thereon whereat all persons desiring an opportunity to be heard were heard.

Subsequently, on Tuesday, October 22, 1895, a report of this Committee was prepared and submitted to the Board for its consideration, and the same is to be found set forth in full on the Journal under the proceedings of that date.

It subsequently appeared that the representatives of the railroad companies had objections to the form of report submitted, and stated that the companies were unwilling to accept the report submitted on the ground that it imposed on the companies onerous conditions, and such as were not warranted in view of the limited character of the franchise applied for.

Several consultations were had with the representatives of the companies whereby concessions were made in the matter of giving transfer tickets so that passengers riding over the extension in question might be furnished a through ride over the cable lines on Broadway and Columbus and Lexington avenues. The concessions, which the companies have made in the form of a resolution, seem, to the undersigned, to be sufficient for all purposes and a sufficiently burdensome condition to be made in consideration of the grant now applied for.

The Committee are of the opinion that the construction and operation of the railroad connection and union contemplated in the attached resolution would be of great advantage to the public, and, in view of the immediate and pressing demand for additional north and south lines of travel, the proposed connection, when operated with the existing roads, would be of great advantage to the traveling public.

The applicant, the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which is also the lessee of the road of the other petitioner, controls and operates the existing railroads on University place, South Fifth avenue and West Broadway, and by means of connections applied for will be enabled to operate a line of cars in said streets and highways over a new route for public travel south of Fourteenth street, ending at the Cortlandt Street Ferry.

With the expansion of the city trade, the district lying about Washington Square is rapidly becoming the centre of many important lines of retail and wholesale business, and many fine buildings have already been constructed and adapted to the commercial requirements of the locality, and the increase in railroad facilities will tend, no doubt, to enlarge and improve this neighborhood for commercial uses. The improvement of the railroad West Broadway (formerly South Fifth avenue), which have been already constructed, is certain to come about, and will, in the Committee's opinion, benefit the property along the thoroughfare by bringing it within the lines of through transportation and in easy access for the uses of the general up-town business community.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the petitioners' application be granted, and respectfully submit the following resolution for consideration of your Honorable Body:

Whereas, The Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company have heretofore, and by petition bearing date May 20, 1895, made application in writing to the Common Council of the City of New York for its consent and permission to be granted as follows:

1. That its consent be granted to the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, connecting with the company's existing route and road in or upon University place, at or near Clinton place or Eighth street, by suitable curves, switches and appliances; running thence southerly with a single track through, upon and along University place and Wooster street, or Washington Square, East, to West Fourth street, there to unite with an extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and also commencing at the intersection of West Third street and Wooster street and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with said company's tracks in Wooster street; running thence westerly with a single track in or upon West Third street one hundred and thirty feet, being one-half of the block between Wooster street and South Fifth avenue, there to unite with an extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

2. To the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of South Fifth avenue and West Fourth street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the company's existing tracks in said South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway); running thence easterly with a single track two hundred and sixty feet (one block) in or upon West Fourth street to the intersection of Wooster street with West Fourth street, there to unite with an extension or branch of the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company, and also commencing at the intersection of South Fifth avenue and West Third street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the said company's existing tracks in said South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway); running thence easterly, with a single track, in or upon West Third street, one hundred and thirty feet (being one-half the block between South Fifth avenue and Wooster street), there to unite with an extension or branch of the said Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company.

3. To the maintenance and operation of the connection to be formed by the construction of the said extensions or branches of the said two companies, and to the operation of the same as a new continuous or connected route for public travel; and

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of New York caused public notice of such application by said two railroad companies, and of the time and place when the same would be first considered, to be given by publication, for at least fourteen days prior to the hearing, in two daily newspapers published in the City of New York, to wit, in the "Sun" and in the New York "Press," which papers were lawfully designated for that purpose by his Honor the Mayor of the said City; and

Whereas, After public notice given as aforesaid, and at a public hearing held pursuant thereto at the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen in the City Hall in the City of New York, whereat all persons so desiring were given an opportunity to be heard, such application has been first duly considered; and

Whereas, It is apparent from the proofs and evidence submitted by the said two companies that they desire to connect their said two surface railroad routes at a point which is not over one-half mile from the respective routes of the said two companies, and intend to establish by the construction of said union and connection a new route for public travel, and the said petitioners have consented to operate such connection as part of a continuous or connected route for one fare, and it further appearing that such connection cannot be operated as an independent railroad without inconvenience to the public, but that it is to the public advantage that the same should be operated as a continuous or connected line or route with the existing railroads; it is therefore

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York be and it hereby is given:

1. To the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, connecting with the company's existing route and road in or upon University place, at or near Clinton place or Eighth street, by suitable curves, switches and appliances; running thence southerly, with a single track, through, upon and along University place and Wooster street or Washington Square, East, to West Fourth street, there to unite with an extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and also commencing at the intersection of West Third street and Wooster street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with said company's track in Wooster street; running thence westerly, with a single track, in or upon West Third street one hundred and thirty feet, being one-half the block between Wooster street and South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway), there to unite with an extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

2. To the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to extend its road and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway) and West Fourth street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the company's existing tracks in said South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway); running thence easterly, with a single track, two hundred and sixty feet (one block) in or upon West Fourth street, to the intersection of Wooster street with West Fourth street, there to unite with an extension or branch of the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company, and also commencing at the intersection of South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway) and West Third street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the said company's existing tracks in said South Fifth avenue (now West Broadway); running thence easterly, with a single track, in or upon West Third street, one hundred and thirty feet (being one-half the block between South Fifth avenue and Wooster street), there to unite with an extension or branch of the said Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company.

3. To the maintenance and operation of the connection to be formed by the construction of the said extensions or branches of the said two companies, and to the operation of the same as a new continuous or connected route for public travel.

4. That the said companies and each of them be and they hereby are authorized to construct, maintain and operate such necessary connections, switches, sidings, turnouts, cross-overs and suitable stands as shall be necessary for the convenient working of the said connection and for the accommodation of the cars to be run over the same.

Resolved, also, That the conditions upon which, and not otherwise, this consent is given shall be and are as follows:

First—That this consent is also given upon the condition that the corporations owning or using the petitioners' railroads shall operate such connection as part of a continuous or connected route for one fare.

Second—That this consent is also given upon the condition that such extensions or branches shall be operated by cable power or by an underground current of electricity, or by any other power which is now or may at any time hereafter lawfully be used on either of the roads connected thereby, excluding always, however, the operation by locomotive steam power or by the overhead trolley system of electric traction.

Third—That this consent is also given upon the condition that the said corporations hereinbefore named shall pay into the Treasury of the City of New York, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, annually on November first of each year, the percentages provided for extensions or branches in section 95 of the Railroad Law, for the purposes, at the times, in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in such section.

Resolved, further, That the consent of the said Common Council to said petition is hereby given upon the further stipulation that the said applicants condition as follows:

1. The material to be used in the construction of said branches to be of the best possible character, and the plans of street construction, turn-tables and turnouts to be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of this city.

2. That cars shall be run on such extensions as often as public convenience shall require, and at least as frequently as shall be reasonably required by the ordinances of the City of New York, and the corporation petitioner which shall be operating cars over such extensions shall give transfer tickets at the intersection of Fourteenth street and Broadway, so that passengers coming south over the cable lines on Columbus avenue, Lexington avenue and Broadway shall, without any extra charge, and for a single fare of five cents, receive a ticket entitling such passenger to one continuous or connected trip from any point on such cable roads, to any point reached by cars running over the extensions herein granted.

3. The applicants shall at all times during the operation of cars, keep the street between the tracks of the extension in University place, Third and Fourth streets, West Broadway and Dey street and two feet beyond the rail on each side, clean and free and clear from dirt and snow, the said dirt and snow to be removed by the said companies, within such reasonable period of time as shall be required by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and if not so removed and carried to the dumps, as required, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

4. The said company shall pave University place, West Third and Fourth streets, West Broadway and Dey street, between the rails of the tracks and two feet in width outside of the tracks, to conform in all respects to the character of the pavement laid down on said street, and shall keep the same in proper condition and repair, and shall also keep in repair as well the pavement between the tracks and two feet in width outside of the same on the route described in the third section, and if not so done the Commissioner of Public Works may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

5. That the said railroad companies shall apply to each car a proper fender and wheel-guard, conformable to such laws and ordinances as may hereafter be enacted or adopted by the State or City authorities.

6. That all cars of said railroad companies shall be properly and sufficiently heated and lighted.

7. That all laws now in force and all ordinances now in force and not inconsistent with any existing law, and any ordinance which may be hereafter adopted affecting the surface railroads operated in this city, shall be binding and strictly complied with by said companies, and also Article IV. of the Railroad Law. A failure to comply with any condition of this consent for a period of twenty days after notice from the Common Council requiring said companies to comply therewith, shall render this consent forfeitable, and the same may be declared forfeited in an action instituted for such purpose by the Corporation Counsel at request of the Common Council.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, JOHN J. MURPHY, ANDREW ROBINSON, ELIAS GOODMAN, Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Hall moved that the message and report be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Marshall moved to lay the motion of Alderman Hall on the table.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School-Tait, Wines, and Wund—22.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goodman, Hall, Olcott, Ware, and Woodward—6.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, March 31, 1896. *To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without approval, resolution of your Honorable Body, granting permission to the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to extend tracks on Dey street, Greenwich street and West Broadway.

The resolution should, in my judgment, be so amended as to compel the companies to which the privileges are extended to remove from the streets referred to in the resolution, on which the extension tracks are to be laid, the snow between curb and curb, and that which may be thrown into the streets from the sidewalks, and to insure the proper observance of this requirement provision should be further made that the work be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning,

and upon the failure of the companies to so remove it within such reasonable time as the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may designate, the snow shall be removed by the Street Cleaning Commissioner and the expense thereof borne by the companies. The collection of this amount should be properly provided for in the usual manner.

I further recommend that the resolution be adopted by adding thereto the condition that the privileges extended be granted upon the express stipulation on the part of the corporations referred to, their lessor or lessors, that no free transfer privilege now granted by such corporation and in existence at the date of the approval of such resolution by the Mayor, shall at any time be recalled, revoked or discontinued without the consent of the Common Council.

Yours respectfully, W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom is referred the annexed reports and resolutions in favor of granting permission to the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company to extend their tracks on Dey street, Greenwich street and West Broadway, respectively

REPORT :

That, after the reading of the accompanying letter and the careful consideration of the annexed resolution, and in consideration of the many benefits that the City will receive, also the traveling public by way of keeping the condition of the streets in excellent repair along the line of this railroad, and the three per cent. and five per cent. that will be paid to the City from which the railroads are now exempt.

And your Committee further report that on January 7, 1896, the report mentioned was adopted by the Board of Aldermen and forwarded to his Honor for approval, and subsequently, on January 21, 1896, the above report was recalled from his Honor the Mayor, the vote by which it was adopted was reconsidered and the report was referred to the reconsideration of the Committee on Railroads, with the accompanying letter of H. H. Vreeland, explains why the companies mentioned could not make the transfers as required in the report.

The Committee recommends the report to be amended in each case by striking out the following :

"This consent is granted upon the further condition and express stipulation on the part of the petitioner herein, lessor or lessors, that the Common Council has and shall have the right, by resolution or ordinance, to compel the petitioners, their lessor or lessors, to transfer passengers without additional charge at all points of intersection of the roads of the petitioner with each other, or with any other road owned or operated by their lessor or lessors."

And that said report and resolutions be adopted as amended.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, ANDREW ROBINSON, JOHN J. MURPHY, Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the joint application of the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company, and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, for the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York to the construction, maintenance and operation of the extensions of the existing roads and routes of said companies, and the connection and union thereof at point not over one-half mile from their respective lines or routes, and the establishment thereby of a new road for public travel in or upon the surface of Dey street, Greenwich street and West Broadway, as particularly described in the petition of the said companies, and in the proposed resolution submitted herewith, do hereby respectfully

REPORT :

That, before acting upon the petition and application aforesaid, public notice thereof was given and of the time and place when and where it would be first considered, which notice was published daily for at least fourteen days, in two of the daily newspapers published in the City of New York, and which were designated by the Mayor of the said city for such purpose, to wit : the "Tribune" and the "Times."

That, pursuant to such notice, a public hearing was had thereon, whereat all persons desiring an opportunity to be heard were heard.

Subsequently, on Tuesday, October 22, 1895, a report of this Committee was prepared and submitted to the Board for its consideration and the same is to be found set forth in full on the Journal under the proceedings of that date.

It subsequently appeared that the representatives of the railroad companies had objections to the form of report submitted, and stated that the companies were unwilling to accept the report submitted on the ground that it imposed onerous conditions in view of the limited character of the franchise applied for.

Several consultations were had with the representatives of the companies, whereby concessions were made in the matter of giving transfer tickets, so that passengers riding over the extension in question might be furnished with a through ride over the line of West street, so that passengers going down West Broadway could be carried to the Cortlandt Street and Liberty Street ferries, the Long Branch boats and the Iron Steamboat Company's piers.

The concessions which the companies have made, which are covered by the resolution hereinafter submitted, seem to be sufficient for all purposes and a sufficient burden to be imposed in consideration of the grant now applied for.

Your Committee, after such hearing of the facts and an investigation of the evidence presented to them, are of the opinion that the construction and operation of the railroad connection and union of the roads and routes of said two companies would be a great advantage to the public, and in view of the demand for additional north and south lines of travel, the proposed connection is manifestly a public necessity.

The applicant, the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which is also the lessee of the road of the other petitioner, controls and operates the existing railroads on University place, South Fifth avenue and West Broadway, and by means of connections applied for will be enabled to operate a line of cars in said streets and highways over a new route for public travel south of Fourteenth street, ending at the Cortlandt Street Ferry.

The company, by this system, will be enabled to transfer to a new through line a large number of the cars operated upon Broadway cable line, and thereby lighten the heavy traffic on that street during the day time, and by such change in operation will, at the same time, afford greater facility for the quicker removal of goods and merchandise along the main thoroughfare of the City of New York.

The construction of this connection will afford a convenient means of access to the Cortlandt Street Ferry, and a more direct route for travel to the upper and central portions of the city than is given at the present time by existing lines. In view of the growth of travel over this ferry, which has increased regularly from month to month, it is apparent that better facilities should be furnished to this important artery in the city's system of travel.

The widening of West Broadway (formerly College place) gives ample opportunity for the operation of cars on the surface of the street, and in view of the fact that the petitioner intends to operate on the existing railroad tracks which it controls in lieu of making additional track construction, there does not appear to be any reasonable ground for anticipating that the construction will interfere in any way with the convenience of truckmen and merchants having stores along the route.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the petitioners' application be granted, and respectfully submit the following resolution for consideration of your Honorable Body :

Whereas, The Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company have heretofore, and by petition bearing date May 20, 1895, made application, in writing, to the Common Council of the City of New York for its consent and permission to be granted to the construction, maintenance and operation of the branches or extensions of the railroads and routes of the said Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company, and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, as hereinafter particularly set forth.

I.—That its consent be granted to the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company to extend its railroad and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of Dey street and West street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the said company's existing tracks on West street; running thence easterly, with double tracks in or upon Dey street to Greenwich street, and thence northerly in or upon Greenwich street to West Broadway (formerly College place, as widened), with double tracks to Vesey street, there to connect with a double track extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

II.—To the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to extend its railroad and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of West Broadway and Duane street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the company's existing tracks in said Duane street, running thence southerly in or upon West Broadway, with a single track to Chambers street, and thence southerly, with double tracks, in or upon West Broadway (a portion of which was formerly College place), to Vesey street, there to connect with a double track extension or branch of the railroad and route of the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company.

Said double tracks in West Broadway to be connected at Chambers street with the company's existing single track in Chambers street by suitable curves, switches and appliances.

III.—To the maintenance and operation of the connection to be formed by the construction of said extensions or branches of the said two companies, and to the operation of the same as a new continuous or connected route for public travel; and

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of New York caused public notice of such application by said two railroad companies, and of the time and place when the same would be first considered, to be given by publication for at least fourteen days prior to the hearing in two daily newspapers published in the City of New York, to wit, in the "Tribune" and in the "Times," which papers were lawfully designated for that purpose by his Honor the Mayor of the said city; and

Whereas, After public notice given as aforesaid, and at a public hearing held pursuant thereto, at the Chambers of the Board of Aldermen, in the City Hall, in the City of New York, whereat all

persons so desiring were given an opportunity to be heard, such application has been first duly considered; and

Whereas, It is apparent from the proofs and evidence submitted by the said companies that they desire to connect their said two surface routes at a point which is not over one-half mile from the respective routes of the said two companies, and intend to establish, by the construction of said union and connection, a new route for public travel, and the said petitioners have consented to operate such connection as part of a continuous route for one fare; and it further appearing that such connection cannot be operated as an independent railroad without inconvenience to the public, but that it is to the public advantage that the same should be operated as a continuous line or route with the existing railroads; it is therefore

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York be and it hereby is given—

1. That its consent be granted to the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company to extend its railroad and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of Dey street and West street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances, with the company's existing tracks on West street; running thence easterly with double tracks in or upon Dey street to Greenwich street, and thence northerly in or upon Greenwich street to West Broadway (formerly College place, as widened), with double tracks to Vesey street, there to connect with a double track extension or branch of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

2. To the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to extend its railroad and to construct, maintain and operate a branch thereof, commencing at the intersection of West Broadway and Duane street, and connecting there by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the company's existing tracks in said Duane street; running thence southerly in or upon West Broadway with double tracks to Chambers street; and thence southerly, in or upon West Broadway (a portion of which was formerly College place), with double tracks, to Vesey street, there to connect with a double track extension or branch of the railroad and route of the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company.

Said double tracks in West Broadway to be connected at Chambers street with the company's existing single track in Chambers street by suitable curves, switches and appliances.

3. To the maintenance and operation of the connection to be formed by the construction of the said extensions or branches of the said two companies and to the operation of the same as a new continuous or connected route for public travel; and

4. That the said companies, and each of them, be and they hereby are authorized to construct, maintain and operate such necessary connections, switches, sidings, turnouts, crossovers and suitable stands as shall be necessary for the convenient working of the said connection and for the accommodation of the cars to be run over the same.

Resolved also, That the conditions upon which, and not otherwise, this consent is given shall be and are as follows :

First—That this consent is also given upon the condition that the corporations owning or using the railroads of the petitioners shall operate such connection as a part of a continuous or connected route for one fare.

Second—That this consent is also given upon the condition that such extensions or branches shall be operated by cable power or by an underground current of electricity, or by any other power which is now or may at any time hereafter lawfully be used on either of the roads connected thereby, excluding always, however, the operation by locomotive steam power or by the overhead trolley system of electric traction.

Third—That this consent is also given upon the conditions that the said corporations hereinbefore named shall pay into the Treasury of the City of New York, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, annually, on November first of each year, the percentages provided for extensions or branches in Section 95 of the Railroad Law, for the purposes, at the times, in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in such section.

Resolved, further, That the consent of the said Common Council to said petition is hereby given upon the further stipulation that the said applicants condition as follows :

1. The material to be used in the construction of said branches to be of the best possible character, and the plans of street construction, turntables and turnouts to be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of this city.

2. That cars shall be run on such extensions as often as public convenience shall require, and at least as frequently as shall be reasonably required by the ordinances of the City of New York, and the corporation petitioner which shall be operating the cars over the extensions herein granted shall, at the intersection of Chambers street and West Broadway, and at Dey and West streets, give to each passenger paying one single fare of five cents a transfer ticket entitling such passenger to one continuous or connected trip to any point on the railroad on West street below Chambers street, from any portion of the extensions herein granted.

3. The applicants shall at all times during the operation of cars keep the street between the tracks of the extension in University place, Third and Fourth streets, West Broadway and Dey street, and two feet beyond the rail on each side, clean and free and clear from dirt and snow, the said dirt and snow to be removed by the said companies within such reasonable period of time as shall be required by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and if not so removed and carried to the dumps as required the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

4. The said companies shall pave University place, West Third and Fourth streets, West Broadway and Dey street, between the rails of the tracks and two feet in width outside of the tracks, to conform in all respects to the character of the pavement laid down on said streets, and shall keep the same in proper condition and repair, and shall also keep in repair as well the pavement between the tracks and two feet in width outside of the same, on the route described in the third section, and if not so done the Commissioner of Public Works may have it done at the expense of the said railroad companies, the amount to be collected by the Comptroller under due process of law.

5. That the said railroad companies shall apply to each car a proper fender and wheel-guard conformable to such laws and ordinances as may hereafter be enacted or adopted by the State or City authorities.

6. That all cars of said railroad companies shall be properly and sufficiently heated and lighted.

7. That all laws now in force and all ordinances now in force and not inconsistent with any existing law, and any ordinance which may be hereafter adopted affecting the surface railroads operated in this city, shall be binding and strictly complied with by said companies, and also Article IV. of the Railroad Law. A failure to comply with any condition of this consent for a period of twenty days after notice from the Common Council requiring said companies to comply therewith shall render this consent forfeitable, and the same may be declared forfeited in an action instituted for such purpose by the Corporation Counsel at request of the Common Council.

CHARLES A. PARKER, FREDERICK L. MARSHALL, JOHN J. MURPHY, ANDREW ROBINSON, ELIAS GOODMAN, Committee on Railroads.

In connection with the above Alderman Parker asked that the following letter be read :

March 2, 1896. Hon. CHARLES A. PARKER, Chairman Railroad Committee.

DEAR SIR—The Board of Aldermen, on or about the 7th day of January, 1896, adopted four separate resolutions, which authorized—

1st. The Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to build extensions in College place and Dey street, so that a connection could be made between the existing railroads on West Broadway with the Cortlandt Street Ferry.

2d. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to build extensions or branches whereby a connection could be made between the tracks on University place and West Broadway, at or near Third and Fourth streets.

3d. The Columbus and Ninth Avenue Railroad Company and the Ninth Avenue Railroad Company to build extensions or branches in One Hundred and Ninth street, so that connections could be made between the existing railroad tracks on Amsterdam avenue with those on Columbus avenue.

4th. The Bleeker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to build extensions or branches in Broome street, so that a connection could be made between the existing tracks on Crosby street and those in Broome street west of Broadway.

These resolutions were contained in reports submitted by the Railroad Committee of the Board, which reports had been the subject of numerous consultations between the members of the Railroad Committee and the representatives of the various companies. The Committee's reports were not satisfactory to the companies, but they acceded to the imposition of the additional burdens in the way of cleaning streets from snow and ice, repairing pavement, and giving transfer tickets to passengers, in order that they might be enabled to furnish the public with increased conveniences which they have reason to expect and which has been the effort of the companies to give them on the lines of greater travel.

The companies making these applications, except one, are not required by their charters to clean or pave the streets, or to pay percentages on their gross receipts into the City Treasury. They were willing, however, in consideration of the City's consent for limited portions of the streets, to assume the burdens referred to, in order to complete a workable plan of public transportation. The fact that the companies would be obliged to pay many thousands of dollars into the City Treasury, as percentages on their gross receipts, in cases in which nothing is now paid to the City Treasury, was, in the opinion of the companies, sufficient to entitle them to grants which they had asked for without other embarrassing or harassing conditions.

When the resolutions contained in the reports were moved for adoption before the Board, they were amended so as to provide as to each of the applications as follows : "This consent is granted upon the further condition and express stipulation on the part of the petitioners herein, and their lessor or lessors, that the Common Council has, and shall have the right, by resolution or ordinance,

to compel the petitioner, their lessor or lessors, to transfer passengers without additional charge at all points of intersection on the lines of the petitioners with each other, or with any road owned, leased or operated by their lessor or lessors."

As the power has not been conferred upon the Common Council, on its own motion, to require the railroad companies of this city to give transfer tickets to passengers, the adoption of the resolution, with the foregoing stipulation contained therein, would expose the railroad companies to the imposition of burdens which reasonable business policy dictates they should not assume, and give a Common Council, at some time, a weapon which, in unreasonable hands, might be used for the purpose of annoyance to the companies.

The Metropolitan Street Railway Company was the first company to introduce the transfer system in the City of New York. The system has expanded greatly, from time to time, and as administered to-day affords transfers at seventy-five different points, with intersecting roads, affording conveniences to about one hundred thousand people daily who receive these transfers and make use of the benefits conferred thereby. The company is practically assisting the working-classes to about five thousand dollars per day by the issuance of transfer tickets, and anticipate that this sum will be greatly increased in the future.

Other cities look to the Metropolis City for progress, and the time has come at which some system of mechanical traction must be substituted for the method of propulsion by horse power which has been of such long use in the City.

The companies are unwilling to extend the transfer system on the old lines operated by horse power where there is no public demand, but have in expectation a plan for increasing the service on these lines when the improved form of mechanical traction shall be substituted, which will be followed by the adoption of new car equipment, of character and size adapted for the transportation of larger numbers.

The adjustment of this transfer question from existing and new lines to the crosstown lines seems to me to be one of sound business consideration, and should be left largely in the hands of the company to develop, and your Honorable Board can advance the betterment of the existing conditions by a fair treatment of the pending applications.

I shall have pleasure in administering the system with an endeavor to give general satisfaction, and will gladly comply with any public demand for the institution of transfer points at important intersections of our roads, but am unwilling that the question should be the subject of municipal control.

The stock of the street railroads of this city is widely spread over the United States, and is held by many thousand investors, and representing them as I do, I feel the necessity of conserving their investments and preventing, as far as should properly be done, an encroachment upon the revenues of the company which might seriously affect the incomes of such holders. As the question of the extension of the transfer system affects vitally the holdings of many estates, widows and orphans who are depending upon the street railroad companies for dividends and support, I am of the opinion that the extension of this accommodation should remain in the company's hands for solution.

The number of cars on Broadway, below Fourteenth street, has now reached the maximum, and it is manifest that some method must be developed of relieving this street of the heavy traffic which now presses upon it.

The company is of opinion that this desirable result can be obtained by the construction of these extensions, which will be links in a railroad parallel to the Columbus avenue and Broadway cable lines. These new lines of through transportation will carry the population of the upper west side of the city to points along the lower westerly side of the city in a rapid and expeditious manner, and at the same time furnish a line of road which will hasten and greatly develop the business sections of the city lying west of Broadway below Fourteenth street.

I again call the attention of your Honorable Board to the fact that the City's revenue will be greatly increased by these connections, and the people will be greatly convenience.

I should be glad, therefore, if the Board of Aldermen could facilitate our plan to improve the service on the west side of the city, which it will accomplish by adopting the resolutions without the objectionable compulsory provision relating to transfers.

Yours very truly, H. H. VREELAND, President.

Alderman Hall moved that the message and report be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Marshall moved to lay the motion of Alderman Hall on the table.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, and Wund—22.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goodman, Hall, Olcott, Ware, and Woodward—6.

#### REPORTS.

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

#### REPORT :

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

Resolved, That John J. Brophy, of No. 62 Leroy street, and William Fletcher, of No. 456 West One Hundred and Fifty-first street, be and they are hereby appointed as Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places respectively of Saul E. Rosenthal and John F. Smith, whose terms of office have expired.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—26.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Lantry called up G. O. 764, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the carriage-way of Webster avenue, from the northerly crosswalk of the Kingsbridge road to the southerly crosswalk of the Southern Boulevard, be regulated and paved with vitrified brick pavement on concrete foundation, and crosswalks laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

Alderman Muh called up G. O. 468, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

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

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

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

Alderman Noonan called up G. O. 708, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the improved iron drinking-fountain now in front of the small park at the head of Scammon street to southwest corner of Clinton and South streets.

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

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

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Marshall—

Resolved, That the heads of the several Departments of the City Government be and are hereby requested to close their respective offices on Good Friday, April 3, 1896, and all other offices, not by law required to be kept open for the transaction of public business, to be closed on said day.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Parker called up G. O. 471, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the carriage-way of Lexington avenue, from Ninety-seventh street to One Hundred and Third street, be paved with asphalt-block pavement, on concrete foundation, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting street and avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

Alderman Tait called up G. O. 248½, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That carriage-way of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from the Boulevard to New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks, be paved with granite-block pavement, on concrete foundation, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Muh, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—24.

Negative—Alderman Noonan—1.

Alderman Randall called up—

G. O. 712, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Morris Park avenue, from West Farms road to Morris Park Race Track, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 714, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Undercliff avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 754, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That water-mains be laid on Hampden street, between Jerome avenue and Macomb's Dam road, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

G. O. 769, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Wales avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Muh, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—24.

Negative—Alderman Noonan—1.

#### PETITIONS.

By Alderman Ware—

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

The undersigned, residing on East Thirty-first street, in the block between Madison and Fourth avenues, respectfully petition you to authorize the paving of that portion of said street lying between said avenues with asphalt. At the time the present pavement was laid a foundation of bottom suitable for an asphalt pavement was put down, which will greatly lessen the cost of this improvement.

Frederick A. Snow, 43 East 31st street.

R. R. Colgate, 38 East 31st street.

J. West Roosevelt, 32 East 31st street.

Frank N. Lewis, M. D., 36 East 31st street.

A. Wells, 23 East 31st street.

Howard Lilenthal, 33 East 31st street.

Carl Berk, M. D., 37 East 31st street.

F. Tilden Brown, 40 East 31st street.

Gilbert T. Reeder, 54 East 31st street.

John Rogers, Jr., 48 East 31st street.

Henry M. Sanders, 433 Fifth avenue, pastor

Madison Avenue Baptist Church, corner 31st street.

John P. Townsend, President of Board of Trustees, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, corner

31st street and Madison avenue.

Hez. E. Chapman, agent.

A. G. Hamilton, 135 Madison avenue.

George D. Cross, 135 Madison avenue.

Which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Clerk of the Common Council :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NO. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, March 31, 1896.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to one of the provisions of section 1 of an ordinance to regulate the use of the sidewalks of the City of New York, within the stoop-lines, for stands for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, fruit and soda-water, approved October 3, 1888, I herewith transmit all applications, with accompanying resolutions, received by me, to sell the articles named, as provided in said ordinance, during the month of March, 1896. I transmit, also, application for permit for booth-black-stand referred to me by the Board, March 26, 1896. Said applications are as follows :

The President—Booth-black-stand.

First Assembly District.

James Patterson, 135 Madison avenue.

Lloyd McK. Garrison, 135 Madison avenue.

Wm. W. Graham Co., 135 Madison avenue.

M. Clark McEwan, 135 Madison avenue.

Matthew Clark, 135 Madison avenue.

Herbert D. Robbins, 135 Madison avenue.

Isaac Iselin, 135 Madison avenue.

Charles Delevan Wetmore, 135 Madison avenue.

Richmond Aulick, 135 Madison avenue.

Geo. Montague Swift, 29 East 31st street.

Rufus W. Frost, 52 East 31st street.

H. F. Schlusing, 51 East 31st street.

Maria Seach, 47 East 31st street.

Frank B. Mesick, 47 East 31st street.

J. Langdon Schroeder, 27 East 31st street.

Alexander Duane, M. D., 25 East 31st street.

George H. Cobb, M. D., 46 East 31st street.

Theodore Lobsenz, 49½ East 31st street.

Sweet Clover Farm, 49 East 31st street.

Which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

Second Assembly District.

Max Garfunkel, 210 Centre street.

Third Assembly District.

Francesco Cestaro, 76 Spring street.

Morris Miller, 21 Essex street.

Giuseppe Cafaro, 70 Prince street.

Abraham Netter, 754 Third avenue.	Sixteenth Assembly District.	Philip Rasonsky, northwest corner Fifty-sixth street and Third avenue.
George Hillard, 877 Third avenue.	Seventeenth Assembly District.	
Angelo Matsetell, 205 West Forty-third street.	Eighteenth Assembly District.	
Siskind Goldbarth, 721 Ninth avenue.	Nineteenth Assembly District.	
George Vallyano, 1 Western Boulevard.	Twenty-first Assembly District.	
F. Kuhnast, 978 Sixth avenue.	Twenty-second Assembly District.	Dennis Fineman, 203 East Seventy-fifth street.
Jacob Lichtenstein, 1484 First avenue.		Toby Greenbaum, 422 East Eightieth street.
Jacob Bernstein, 1432 Second avenue.		
Samuel Rosenberger, 418 East Seventy-second street.		
Morris Emitt, 201 East Ninety-ninth street.	Twenty-fifth Assembly District.	Nathan Levy, 1953 Second avenue.
Morris Goldfeder, 1988 Second avenue.		
	Twenty-sixth Assembly District.	Philip Odes, 1777 Third avenue.
W. J. Fay, 158 East One Hundred and Sixth street.		A. Miller, 1845 Third avenue.
Nicolo Deppolis, 200 East One Hundred and Eighth street.		Adolph Sprey, 2107 Second avenue.
Tobias De Vries, 1685 Lexington avenue.		
Benjamin Jeselsohn, 3165 Third avenue.	Twenty-third Ward.	Philip Six, 2586 Third avenue.

WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Clerk of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department: CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 28, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances:

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.
City Contingencies .....	\$2,000 00	\$213 70	\$1,786 30
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	500 00	50 00	450 00
Salaries—Common Council.....	86,300 00	14,382 88	71,917 12

RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Mercantile Library of New York being the seventy-fifth annual report of the Board of Direction.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, March 30, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLOMAN, President, Board of Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to report on the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, transmitted to this Department for attention:

No. 636. Requesting that Third and Fourth streets, from Second avenue to Lewis street, be paved with asphalt.

An ordinance to authorize this improvement was introduced in the Board of Aldermen March 20. The improvement is necessary.

No. 639. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to certify to the Board of Aldermen that the safety, health and convenience of the public require that Fifth avenue be repaved with asphalt-block pavement.

It is impracticable to repave Fifth avenue until new water-mains are laid to increase the water supply in the lower part of the city; and, even if the laying of water-mains were not contemplated, the avenue could not be repaved for lack of funds. Moreover, in the opinion of this Department, asphalt-block pavement would not be suitable for that thoroughfare.

Petition for paving with asphalt Madison avenue, between Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, and the sections of these streets adjacent to the Convent of Mercy and St. Joseph's Home.

The Water Purveyor reports that this improvement is desirable, but that the hospital in connection with the Convent of Mercy and St. Joseph's Home is only one of many similar institutions in the city equally in need of asphalt pavement in their immediate vicinity. It is suggested that those in charge of the various hospitals in the city should make a united effort to have the streets surrounding all the hospitals paved at one time. This Department has no means to defray the expense of such a large and comprehensive work, and is not inclined to discriminate in favor of one particular hospital.

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

Which was ordered on file.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Olcott—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Riverside Baptist Church to place transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Southwest corner Ninety-second street and Columbus avenue; southwest corner Ninety-third street and Columbus avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only from April 4 to April 18, 1896.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Ernest R. Eckley: TEMPLE COURT, NEW YORK, March 30, 1896. Board of Aldermen of the City of New York: GENTLEMEN—I herewith tender my resignation as Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York. Said resignation to take effect from Tuesday, March 31, 1896.

Thanking you very kindly for the honor of the appointment, I remain,

Very truly, EARNEST R. ECKLEY.

Which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Buildings:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, No. 220 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, March 31, 1896. JOHN JEROLOMAN, Esq., President, Board of Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—Permit me to present for your consideration the following statement respecting a class of cases that frequently arise in this Department. These cases are of peculiar importance, and the enforcement of the law in relation thereto, as interpreted by this Department, presents the anomalous condition of the Legislative Department and an Executive Department of this City operating at cross purposes; the one authorizing the execution of certain construction and the other requiring its removal. I allude to the cases where the Common Council of the City has passed resolutions authorizing the erection of bay-windows that extend beyond the building-line into the area of public streets. I am advised that no authority is vested in the Common Council to pass such resolutions, no power to do so having been delegated to it by the Legislature, and that, notwithstanding such resolutions, no right to erect such bay-windows is acquired. Acting under such advice this Department has not approved the construction of such bay-windows.

As an instance I would respectfully refer to a case now pending in this Department, to wit: Violation Record No. 590, 1896, Alexander McDonald, owner, relating to premises situate on the east side of Union avenue, about 196 feet north of One Hundred and Fifty-second street. The application for the erection of this building was approved in December last, on condition that the bay-windows should not project beyond the building line. Notwithstanding this condition the building is now in course of construction and the bay-windows are being built beyond the building line into the area of the street. In response to a notification from this Department the said owners has written as follows: "In reference to my bay-window, as I got permission from Mayor Strong and the Board of Aldermen to erect the same, I think I have a right to do so."

I have cited this one case to illustrate the state of affairs to which allusion has been made herein.

I sincerely trust that steps may be taken to obviate these difficulties and that this department may be in harmony with the other departments of the City.

I beg to request that you will favor me with an expression of your views respecting the above matters.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Tait moved that G. O. 426 be taken from the table.

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

Alderman Brown offered the following in connection therewith:

Resolved, That so much of G. O. 426 as is contained in the application of Jacob Granich to keep a soda-water stand within the stoop-line in front of the premises No. 36 Centre street, be and the same is hereby adopted.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burke, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick, Marshall, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—23.

On motion, so much of G. O. 426 as remains undisposed of was again laid on the table.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New York Life Insurance Company to lay, place and keep a crosswalk from in front of the main entrance of its building on the south side of Leonard street, between Broadway and Elm street, to the opposite curb on the north side of Leonard street, the work to be done at its own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

(G. O. 770.)

By Alderman Dwyer—

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking-fountain be placed on the east side of Macdougal street, a distance of fifty feet north of Prince street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Goodman—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Dutch Reformed Church on One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Lexington and Third avenues, to place and keep a transparency on the lamp-post on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Third avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only for two weeks from the date of the approval of his Honor the Mayor.

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

(G. O. 771.)

By Alderman Hall—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Eighty-fourth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, be fenced in with a tight board fence, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Kennefick—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the American Cereal Company to parade through the principal streets of the City of New York every day except Sunday, with six wagons and twenty men dressed as "Quakers," accompanied by two buglers, all material to be furnished at the expense of the American Cereal Company, this permit to be in force until May 1, 1896, said parade to be entirely free from objectionable features, and prohibited from halting at any one point so as to gather any crowd or crowds; this permit to be rescinded at any time at the pleasure of the Board anterior to May 1.

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

The President voting in the negative.

By Alderman Marshall—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Henry F. Schilling to place and keep an iron watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of his premises, the southwest corner Houston and Essex streets, on the Houston street side, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Noonan—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to remove the lamp-post in front of the premises of William Pennafather, No. 416 Cherry street, and which lamp-post interferes with ingress to and egress from said premises, to a point four feet to the east of its present position.

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

By Alderman Oakley—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to repave the carriageway of Fifteenth street, from Fourth avenue to the East river, with asphalt pavement.

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

By Alderman Parker—

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolutions, offered by the President February 12, 1895, be and they are hereby discharged from further consideration of the matter, and the same is referred to the Committee on Law Department, with instructions to report thereon at as early a date as possible.

Whereas, The necessity for a more rapid, comfortable and convenient means of transportation of the traveling public throughout the City of New York than now exists has for a long time been apparent, and is universally conceded, and although improvements have been recently made in the manner of operating several of the surface lines, and adapting them to the increased needs of the public, the great increase in travel arising from the growth in population of the city and suburban towns has resulted in taxing to the utmost the ability of those lines which have to any extent improved their motive power and furnished cars of more modern construction, and the present facilities of transportation by street surface railroads, even with the aid of these improvements, are still insufficient for the accommodation of the public;

Whereas, The great cost of a new rapid transit system, estimated by the Engineers of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners to equal fifty millions of dollars, and as revised, modified and re-estimated by its Board of Experts at forty-two millions of dollars, the long delay of four years occupied by said Board and its predecessor in considering and recommending plans for such a system, and the failure to obtain a single bid for doing the work on the terms proposed by said Board when its plans were completed and bidding invited by public advertisement, as well as the probability that many years more will elapse before it will be built and operated even under a revised and less costly plan, make it the imperative duty of the Common Council, as the representatives of the people and the body charged by law with authority to regulate the use of the streets, highways and roads by vehicles and cars and traffic in the public streets, and to consent to grants of franchises to street surface railroads, to consider in what way the existing facilities for transportation by street surface railroads may be increased and improved; and

Whereas, The street surface railroads now in operation over the main lines of travel and in the principal thoroughfares have received from the City grants of franchises to maintain and operate their railroads for the benefit of the people of the city upon the express or implied agreement to make such improvements from time to time as may be necessary to properly meet the public demand for rapid, safe and convenient transportation, and subject to such reasonable rules and regulations in respect thereto as the Common Council may, from time to time, by ordinance, prescribe,

Resolved, That the Committee of Railroads be and it is hereby authorized to examine and report to this Board at as early a date as possible—

First—The names of the various street railway companies or associations at present operating or maintaining street railways in this city, the date of their respective charters and organization, the names of the streets and avenues in and upon which they are authorized to maintain and operate railways and in which such railways are in operation, the motive power used, the kind and condition of the cars in use and the manner in which the roads are operated, the facilities of transit afforded and generally the present means of carrying passengers.

Second—The terms, conditions or provisions of the several grants to the said companies or associations by the Legislature, or by the city authorities, or agreements which have been made by the said companies or associations with the city relative to the operation and maintenance of the several surface railways, and to what extent the companies or associations have complied therewith or violated the same.

Third—What improvements should be made in operating the present street surface roads so as to furnish more rapid, comfortable and convenient transportation to the traveling public, and especially what improvements in the motive power and construction of cars used may be and should be made without delay.

Fourth—What action may properly and lawfully be taken by the Common Council towards providing for changes in the motive power, the construction of and manner of running the cars, the transfer of passengers upon connecting and intersecting lines, for regulating the rates of fare and securing efficient employees, or what other appropriate action may secure or tend to secure to the citizens of New York and the traveling public generally more rapid, comfortable and convenient transportation.

Fifth—What changes or amendments should be made in the Railroad Law or the New York City Consolidation Act, if the present laws should be found inadequate to enable the local authorities to provide, from time to time, for such improvements in the manner of constructing and operating street surface railways in this city and will secure to the public such additional facilities of transit as may be possible, and adequate compensation or return to the City for the franchises it may hereafter grant or privileges extended to existing companies.

Resolved, further, That said Committee shall have, for the purposes aforesaid, the power to

examine witnesses, and require their attendance with such papers as may be proper, and enforce such attendance in the manner provided by law; be it further

Resolved, That public sessions be held and all persons interested in the subject matter be invited to attend the same and offer such suggestions and plans as they shall deem advisable.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, two-thirds of all the members present not having voted in favor thereof:

Affirmative—Aldermen Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Schilling, School, Tait, and Wund—14.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goodman, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Robinson, Ware, Wines, and Woodward—9.

(G. O. 772.)

By Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Samuel street, from Prospect avenue to Mapes avenue, and also in Mapes avenue to a point five hundred feet north of said Samuel street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

(G. O. 773.)

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Franklin (Croton) avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street to a point about the centre of Crotona Park, North, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

(G. O. 774.)

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Ryer avenue, from Burnside avenue to a point about four hundred and fifty feet north, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which were severally laid over.

By Alderman School—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted October 29, 1895, and approved November 7, 1895, to lay Croton water-mains in Dawson street, from Westchester avenue to Leggett avenue, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

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

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

Negative—Alderman Noonan—1.

By the same—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted October 29, 1895, and approved November 7, 1895, to lay gas-mains, erect lamp-posts, place lamps thereon and light them, in Dawson street, from Westchester avenue to Leggett avenue, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—24.

Negative—Alderman Noonan—1.

(G. O. 775.)

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Dawson street, from Prospect avenue, East, to Leggett avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 776.)

By the same—

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Dawson street, from Prospect avenue, East, to Leggett avenue, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Post Office Department of the United States to place and keep on the sidewalks, near the curb, pedestal posts, to which United States street letter-boxes can be attached, said posts and boxes to be located on street corners and other places in the City of New York to be designated by the Postmaster of said city, where necessary in his judgment for the postal service of said city, the work to be done and the material furnished at the expense of the United States Post Office Department, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick J. Owens to set the curb and lay cement sidewalks in front of his premises on south side of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, one hundred feet west of Trinity avenue, and running west fifty feet, the work to be done and material supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jacob Stahl, Jr., & Co. to erect, place and keep an iron hitching-post on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of his premises, No. 3489 Third avenue, the work to be done and material supplied at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to report to this Board if the Union Railroad Company has filed the bond of fifty thousand dollars, as requested by a former resolution of this Board, as a guarantee that said railroad company will complete their proposed lines, etc., within two years.

Alderman Burke moved that the resolution be printed and laid over for one week.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Kennefick, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Parker, Schilling, Tait, and Wund—14.

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

By Alderman Ware—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Young Men's Christian Association, of No. 52 East Twenty-third street, New York City, to keep and place transparencies on the following lamp-posts: On the southwest corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, on the southeast corner of Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, on the southeast corner of Fourteenth street and Third avenue, on the northeast corner of Eighteenth street and Sixth avenue, for a period of two weeks from the approval of this resolution by His Honor the Mayor, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Oakley moved as an amendment to strike out the words "southeast corner of Third avenue and Fourteenth street."

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

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

(G. O. 777.)

By Alderman Woodward—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Convent to Amsterdam avenue, be paved with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, and crosswalks laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Dwyer—

Resolved, That Louis L. Van Derhoven, of No. 42 King street, be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Goodwin—

Resolved, That James McLoughlin, of No. 126 West Fortieth street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Lantry—

Resolved, That Samuel M. Crane, of Blackwell's Island, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Marshall—

Resolved, That Jonas Ehrenren, of No. 635 East Sixth street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Noonan—

Resolved, That Abraham H. Sarasohn, of No. 136 East Broadway, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Thomas E. Rush, of No. 2 Tryon Row, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Parker—

Resolved, That Louis F. Cardani, of No. 937 Sixth avenue, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Tait—

Resolved, That James B. Black, of No. 437 West Nineteenth street, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Ware—

Resolved, That R. F. Lelewer, of No. 397 Sixth avenue, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Woodward—

Resolved, That James E. Hoctor, of No. 312 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the President—

Resolved, That Frederick St. John, of No. 210 West Twenty-first street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Hall—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New Amsterdam Bank to place and keep an ornamental clock and posts in front of their premises, on the northwest corner of Fortieth street and Broadway, provided the posts does not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

The President voting in the negative.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Dwyer called up G. O. 765, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the improved iron drinking-fountain now on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 154 Christopher street, to a similar position in front of No. 185 Christopher street.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burke, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward—24.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Goodwin moved that this Board do now adjourn.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Parker, Schilling, Tait, and Wund—13.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goodman, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Olcott, Randall, Robinson, School, Ware, Wines, and Woodward—12.

And the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, April 7, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK, Clerk.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, 12 M., MARCH 28, 1896.

Estimated Population, 1,191,845.

Death-rate, 24.95.

Cases of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Reported.

	WEEK ENDING—													
	Dec. 28.	Jan. 4.	Jan. 11.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 25.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 22.	Feb. 29.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 14.	Mar. 21.	Mar. 28.
Phthisis.....	103	103	105	125	173	99	97	84	88	130	102	118	218	293
Diphtheria.....	245	262	269	314	255	288	252	219	244	199	192	184	215	
Croup.....	0	7	6	13	8	4	6	5	2	4	3	7	13	16
Measles.....	253	286	287	333	430	394	432	513	479	523	441	509	425	573
Scarlet Fever.....														

**Integumentary.**—Abscesses, 1; Phlegmonous Cellulitis, 1; Elephantiasis Arabum, 1.  
**Accident.**—Poison, 2; Fractures and Contusions, 13; Burns and Scalds, 6; Drowning, 3; Wounds, 2; Surgical Operations, 15; Neglect and Exposure, 2.  
**Other Causes.**—Otitis, 2; Lymphadenoma, 1; Foramen Ovale Open, 3; Miscarriage, 2; Puerperal Convulsions, 2.  
**Deaths According to Cause, Annual Rate per 1,000 and Age, with Meteorology and Number of Deaths in Public Institutions for 13 Weeks.**

	WEEK ENDING												
	Jan. 4*	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Feb. 29	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
Total deaths.....	774	786	843	862	830	772	801	787	893	866	838	850	918
Annual death-rate.....	21.17	21.49	23.04	23.54	22.66	21.06	21.84	21.45	24.32	23.57	22.50	23.11	24.95
Diphtheria.....	26	39	40	48	42	35	41	32	47	30	32	28	31
Croup.....	6	4	13	5	5	6	5	6	6	5	8	9	9
Malaria Fevers.....	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
Measles.....	15	23	22	21	24	32	19	20	21	24	23	28	35
Scarlet Fever.....	14	14	21	23	11	13	11	13	16	8	5	5	8
Small-pox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Typhoid Fever.....	5	5	5	5	3	5	2	4	5	3	1	2	3
Typhus Fever.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough.....	8	7	6	6	8	6	2	2	8	10	8	11	11
Diarrhoeal Diseases.....	8	9	11	19	18	11	7	9	10	11	12	17	11
Diarrhoeal Diseases under 5 years.....	7	8	5	18	15	11	5	8	7	9	10	15	11
Pithitis.....	91	93	107	116	101	87	109	116	95	89	108	104	108
Bronchitis.....	38	25	33	34	38	33	28	29	36	39	36	25	41
Pneumonia.....	169	141	159	125	141	134	144	152	161	155	156	105	182
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs.....	11	18	20	24	15	8	16	15	15	20	15	7	10
Violent Deaths.....	37	36	27	47	54	34	41	40	57	37	35	31	51
Under one year.....	155	167	179	165	170	154	157	124	187	194	197	175	197
Under five years.....	280	282	335	327	330	293	295	258	335	332	321	309	350
Five to sixty-five.....	411	400	421	443	412	589	413	430	449	428	420	433	446
Sixty-five years and over	83	104	87	92	88	90	93	93	112	106	87	88	122
In Public and Private Institutions.....	163	185	214	214	206	217	210	195	242	221	210	231	257
Inquest Cases.....	94	103	86	101	107	91	95	83	99	85	87	81	115
Mean barometer.....	29.864	30.117	30.126	30.041	30.067	29.622	29.772	29.945	29.781	29.664	29.842	29.889	30.093
Mean humidity.....	67	79	84	83	81	85	79	79	83	77	83	75	70
Inches of rain and snow.....	1.48	0.08	...	.88	.29	3.12	1.05	.04	2.33	.83	.51	2.50	.27
Mean temperature (Fahrenheit).....	35.4°	37.4°	30.9°	36.8°	36.3°	39.1°	35.5°	37.3°	35.9°	30.7°	26.7°	33.6°	33.2°
Maximum temperature (Fahrenheit).....	60°	33°	45°	48°	49°	57°	54°	44°	54°	50°	38°	50°	55°
Minimum temperature (Fahrenheit).....	13°	20°	19°	29°	25°	27°	22°	5°	13°	17°	14°	20°	15°

## Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Hospital.

	WILLARD PARKER HOSPITAL,		RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL.											
	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Total.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Fever with Diphtheria.	Scarlet Fever with Parotitis.	Scarlet Fever with Varicella.	Scarlet Fever with Measles.	Measles.	Measles with Diphtheria.	Diphtheria with Whooping-cough.	Leprosy.	Total.
Remaining Mar. 21.	61	21	82	2	4	1	1	1	1	20	1	2	5	36
Admitted.....	15	20	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	..	..	14
Discharged.....	5	8	13	2	2	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	19
Died.....	1	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remaining Mar. 28.	70	29	99	..	5	1	1	1	13	3	2	5	31	50
Total treated..	76	41	117	2	5	1	1	1	30	3	2	5	50	50

## Cases of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Reported and Deaths from the Same, by Wards.

WARDS.	Population by Police Census, April 1895.	SICKNESS.						DEATHS REPORTED.							
		Diphtheria.	Croup.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Typhus Fever.	Phthisis.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Small-pox.	Typhoid Fever.	Typhus Fever.	Phthisis.	All Causes.
First.....	12,508	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Second.....	1,038	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Third.....	4,014	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Fourth.....	18,405	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fifth.....	10,003	1	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Sixth.....	22,897	6	..	3	2	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
Seventh.....	74,227	11	..	8	3	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Eighth.....	31,374	4	1	7	..	..	..	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	20
Ninth.....	60,987	13	1	23	4	..	..	9	3	1	..	..	..	..	38
Tenth.....	70,168	9	1	16	5	..	..	1	25	1	..	..	..	..	29
Eleventh.....	86,722	6	..	6	4	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Twelfth.....	30,4412	20	2	214	35	..	..	26	2	16	2	..	..	..	152
Thirteenth.....	58,802	4	..	7	0	..	..	18	..	..	..	..			

The previous appropriation for this park was made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment February 5, 1895, and amounted to \$113,000. The limit of the appropriation under the law is \$200,000.

Respectfully,  
EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to chapter 511 of the Laws of 1894, the Comptroller be and hereby is 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 an amount not exceeding seven thousand dollars (\$7,000), redeemable in such period as the Comptroller may determine, but not longer than twenty years from the date of issue, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the expenses to be incurred by the Park Department for the improvement of Corlears Hook Park, as provided by said chapter 511 of the Laws of 1894, and as requested by the resolution of the Board of Parks, adopted March 2, 1896; and

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

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

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, March 23, 1896. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), in the manner provided by section 3, chapter 986 of the Laws of 1895, for the purpose of defraying the expense of making soundings, surveys, and other necessary work preliminary to the location and construction of a temporary bridge over the Harlem river, near One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of said act."

Very respectfully, WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 17, 1896.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Department of Public Parks by resolution adopted March 9, 1896, requests the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of \$200,000, as provided by chapter 74, Laws of 1894, as amended by chapter 120, Laws of 1895, to be applied to the work of improving Riverside Park in accordance with the plans heretofore approved for that purpose.

Chapter 74, Laws of 1894, empowers the Department of Public Parks to complete the construction of the Riverside Park and Drive, upon plans to be determined upon and prepared by the Commissioners of Public Parks or a majority of them, and submitted to and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

For the purpose of carrying out this work, the law appropriates the sum of \$750,000, but the amount to be expended in any one year not to exceed the sum of \$200,000.

Chapter 120, Laws of 1895, amends this act by directing the Comptroller "to take from the amount which would otherwise be expended in the year 1897 the sum of \$200,000, said sum of \$200,000 to be expended exclusively for the purposes of completing and extending the walks and paths in said park and of improving said park."

The \$200,000 asked for in the resolution is the regular amount appropriated for the year by chapter 74 for the completion of the park, and the plans for which have heretofore been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully, EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 74 of the Laws of 1894, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the City of New York, in the manner now provided by law, which bonds shall be denominated "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by chapter 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, and redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the date of issue, as the Comptroller shall determine, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the work of improving Riverside Park in accordance with the plans heretofore approved for that purpose, mentioned in the resolution of Board of Parks adopted March 9, 1896; and

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

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

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, March 24, 1896. Hon. W. L. STRONG, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—This Department having made application to the Commissioner of Public Works for furniture for building No. 148 East Twentieth street, and having been informed that it would be impossible to comply with the request, for the reason that no provision for same had been inserted in the estimates for the year, I, therefore, respectfully ask your Honorable Board to transfer twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) from the appropriation for "Repairs to Steamboats, Fittings, etc., 1896," to "Furnishing New Office Building."

Very respectfully, ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Commissioner.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, NEW YORK, March 18, 1896. Hon. Wm. L. STRONG, Chairman of the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I now find as the busy season is coming on and the requirements of this Department are more pressing, that the condition of which I advised your Honorable Body, when you refused to allow me the necessary appropriation of \$10,000 for "Contingencies and Emergencies" has occurred; that is, that the amount of \$2,400 which was granted me for "Contingencies and Emergencies" (\$1,000 of which was for Law Library, leaving \$1,400), will be exhausted by the first of April.

So as to prevent, at the most important season of the year, the disastrous results which will occur from the condition of affairs above-mentioned, I would respectfully request that you transfer to this fund the unexpended balance remaining to the credit of this Department for "Salaries" for the year 1895, amounting to \$4,874.08.

As I stated to you when before your Board, the "Contingencies and Emergencies" fund has never been less than \$4,000, and yet you cut it down to \$1,400 in the very face of the fact that last year, when this department did double the work it has ever done before, its "Contingencies and Emergencies" fund needed by December, 1895, was \$7,000, and was increased to \$10,570 to meet the Ireland Building accident.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

MARCH 19, 1896. Hon. Wm. L. STRONG, Chairman of the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—In regard to application made to the Sinking Fund Commission for right to lease property belonging to Messrs. Boehm & Coon, located at Third avenue and Courtlandt avenue and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, for branch office of this Department, if impossible to get any appropriation for this specific purpose except by allowing the same to be paid from the amount that I have asked to be transferred to my fund for "Contingencies and Emergencies" from the remaining credit of this Department of "Salaries" account for 1895, amounting to \$4,874.08, I am perfectly willing that this should be done, as the importance of having this branch office is so great that I am ready to do anything that will aid in the proper handling of my department and the public good. I realize that if the "Contingencies and Emergencies" fund of this department should not be sufficient to carry the department through the year, that your Honorable Board will have to make additional appropriation to meet it or it will absolutely stop the department in the future. Yours respectfully,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent of Buildings.

Laid over.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, March 18, 1896. Gen. EMMONS CLARK, Secretary, Health Department:

DEAR SIR—Your communication of the 12th inst., transmitting a corrected copy of a communication of February 13, 1896, transmitting certain bills incurred for cleaning and disinfecting

Wakefield drain, to be audited by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under the Emergency Act, has been received.

The total of the amended bills appears to be \$117.78, instead of \$107.78, and I think the name of the American Forsite (sic) Powder Manufacturing Company was correctly stated in the first instance, i. e., "Forsite."

Kindly correct and return at your early convenience.

Very truly yours, RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, March 12, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find letter of February 13, 1896, amended.

Very respectfully, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, February 13, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

Corrected Copy.

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find the following bills:	
The American Forsite Powder Manufacturing Company.....	R. W. Robinson & Son..... \$25 06
H. H. Hubbard.....	Amended to read..... \$35 06
(Amended to read H. H. Hubbard.)	Peter Sheridan..... 1 00
Pugsley & Chapman.....	D. Haig..... 6 00
Luke Butler.....	G. D. Ferguson & Co..... 3 40
James McKeon.....	Vought Brothers..... 15 84
	Total ..... \$117 78

For audit and payment on account of Revenue Bond Fund, pursuant to chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated "October 14, 1895, \* \* \* \* clean and disinfect Wakefield drain \* \* \* \* \$950."

These are the final bills for the work authorized by the Board of Health, as specified in said resolution.

Very respectfully, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment February 20, 1896, in relation to the audit of bills transmitted by the Health Department pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following bills this day transmitted by the Health Department:

The American Forsite Powder Manufacturing Company.....	Peter Sheridan..... 1 00
H. H. Hubbard.....	D. Haig..... 6 00
(Amended to read H. H. Hubbard.)	G. D. Ferguson & Co..... 3 40
Pugsley & Chapman.....	Vought Brothers..... 15 84
Luke Butler.....	Total ..... \$117 78
James McKeon.....	35 06

— for cleaning and disinfecting Wakefield Drain in accordance with the appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment October 14, 1895, as amended by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted December 3, 1895, be and the same are hereby approved, and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the said amounts as certified and approved to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of one hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$117.78) for the payment thereof, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption of said bonds to be included in the Final Estimate for 1897.

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

The Comptroller presented the following:

HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW YORK, March 19, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York held March 17, 1896, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York hereby apply to the Comptroller of the City of New York, in conformity with section 4 of chapter 168 of the Laws of this State of 1895, and request that the Comptroller will issue bonds to an amount sufficient to pay the contract price for the lots and parts of lots, or such of them as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may approve the prices of, as follows, the same being included within the limits of the new site selected for the College of the City of New York:

First—Thirty-six thousand dollars for four certain lots or parcels of land which, taken together, are bounded and described, as follows: Northerly by One Hundred and Fortieth street; easterly by Convent avenue, formerly New avenue, as laid down on said map; southerly by a line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Fortieth street and distant ninety-nine feet eleven inches southerly from the southerly side thereof, being the centre-line of the block between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, and westerly by a line drawn parallel to Tenth avenue and distant two hundred and fifty feet easterly from the easterly side thereof, said Lot No. 60 being twenty-four feet eleven inches wide, front and rear, by one hundred feet deep on each side, and said Lots Nos. 61, 62 and 63, being each twenty-five feet wide, front and rear, by one hundred feet deep on each side, the contract for the same having been made with Edward J. King, Jr., as executor of the estate of Edward J. King, deceased, under date of February 19, 1896.

Second. Twenty-four thousand two hundred dollars for that certain lot, piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of St. Nicholas Terrace distant one hundred feet easterly from the southerly side of St. Nicholas Terrace and Convent avenue; thence running southerly and parallel with Convent avenue ninety-nine feet eleven inches; thence easterly and parallel with the line of One Hundred and Forty-first street seventy-five feet; thence northerly and parallel with Convent avenue fifty feet; thence easterly and parallel with the lines of One Hundred and Forty-first street thirty-five feet three and one-half inches to the southwesterly side of St. Nicholas Terrace, and thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of St. Nicholas Terrace as it curves one hundred and twenty-six feet and one-eighth inches to the point or place of beginning.

Also all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of One Hundred and Forty-first street distant one hundred feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of One Hundred and Forty-first street with the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue; running thence southerly parallel with Amsterdam avenue ninety-nine feet eleven inches to the centre-line of the block between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets; thence easterly along the centre-line of the block and parallel with One Hundred and Forty-first street twenty-five feet; thence northerly and again parallel with Amsterdam avenue ninety-nine feet eleven inches to the southerly side of One Hundred and Forty-first street; and thence westerly along the southerly side of One Hundred and Forty-first street twenty-five feet to the point or place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less.

Also all the right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to all the land lying in the bed of Pentz street, from the southerly line of said street as heretofore laid out to the southwesterly line or side of St. Nicholas Terrace; the contract for the same having been made with Edward Knowles James under date of February 24, 1896.

Very respectfully, ARTHUR McMULLIN, Secretary.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 25, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—In reference to the streets and avenues recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works for repaving with asphalt, I would respectfully submit the following report:

The repaving of First avenue, between Twentieth and One Hundred and Ninth streets, I consider a desirable improvement. This avenue is now paved partly with old square granite and trap blocks and partly with specification blocks, most of it badly worn and in need of renewal. Some of the grades on the avenue are too heavy for an asphalt pavement, and I am informed by Mr. Edward P. North, the Water Purveyor, that where the grade is above two per cent. and under three, granite blocks will be used in the centre of the avenue from a line two feet east of the east track to two feet west of the west track, and that where the grade is above three per cent. granite will be used from curb to curb. This I consider a good arrangement, and while the plan involves the outlay of a large sum of money, the avenue needs repaving and a smooth pavement along the east side of the city, where the grades will permit, will be an advantage to this entire section.

The west side of the Boulevard was paved in 1893, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Sixth streets. The east side was proposed at that time also, but the work was postponed until water-pipes had been laid under this part of the carriageway, which has been done. I agree that it is desirable to complete the work

While I appreciate the desirability of having a continuous, smooth pavement along the west side of the city, nevertheless, in my opinion, the City would not be justified in laying out again over \$225,000 on these two streets to obtain this result. It seems to me like extravagance to cover a good pavement and a comparatively new one with asphalt, while there are so many old pavements badly out of repair and in need of renewal.

Madison avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and the Harlem river was paved, the lower part in 1884 and the upper part in 1887, with stone blocks. A repavement with asphalt would be a decided improvement to the avenue and make a desirable approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge, not only for the east side, but by connecting at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street with the asphalt pavement already laid, will give a continuous pavement from the west side of the city to the bridge.

One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, Seventh to Eighth avenue, and Forty-ninth street, Madison to Fourth avenue, are residential streets, selected from a large number of streets of the same character, any of which would be greatly improved by this class of pavement. Whether these have any particular claim is not apparent.

Respectfully submitted.

MERRITT H. SMITH, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 475 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby authorizes and determines that the following-named streets be repaved with asphalt, to be laid on the present pavements, except on those parts of First avenue where, in the judgment of the Commissioner of Public Works, granite-block pavement is preferable on account of steep grades, and where the new pavement shall be of granite blocks on concrete foundation; and that crosswalks of North river blue stone or of granite be laid at the intersecting and abutting streets where necessary.

	SQUARE YARDS.	ESTIMATED COST.
1st ave., 20th to 109th st.	\$165,000	\$660,000 00
The Boulevard, east side, 92d to 106th st.	16,000	64,000 00
Clinton pl., 6th ave. to Macdougal st.	1,700	6,800 00
Macdougal st., Clinton pl. to Waverley pl.	720	2,880 00
Madison ave., from 125th st. north to the bridge over the Harlem river.	15,400	61,600 00
49th st., from Madison to 4th ave.	1,520	6,080 00
15th st., Union Square to Irving pl.	1,500	6,000 00
	\$201,840	\$807,360 00

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amount following be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Fund," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), for the support of children, in the month of November, 1895, committed by Magistrates to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

St. Elizabeth's Industrial School—Number of children, 81; number of days, 2,410; rate, \$2 per week; amount, \$669.57.

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amount following be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Fund," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), for the support of children, in the month of December, 1895, committed by Magistrates to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

St. Elizabeth's Industrial School—Number of children, 80; number of days, 2,472; rate, \$2 per week; amount, \$691.29.

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and hereby are appropriated from the "Excise Fund," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), for the support of children, in the month of January, 1896, committed by Magistrates to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

St. Elizabeth's Industrial School—Number of children, 79; number of days, 2,423; rate, \$2 per week; amount, \$662.29.

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and hereby are appropriated from the "Excise Fund," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), for the support of children in the month of February, 1896, committed by Magistrates to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

St. Elizabeth's Industrial School—Number of children, 78; number of days, 2,446; rate, \$2 per week; amount, \$58,380.86.

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$657.79) be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Fund" to the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," for the support of seventy-four (74) inmates in the month of February, 1896, aggregating one thousand six hundred and five days, at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882).

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 Acting Counsel to the Corporation—5.

A communication from the Counsel to the Corporation transmitting an opinion relative to the claim of Bowers & Sands, attorneys for the National Guard (First Brigade) of Pennsylvania, for expenses incurred in the Columbian Celebration, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, January 17, 1896.

The Board of Commissioners met this day.

Present—President O. H. LaGrange and Commissioner James R. Sheffield.

The Chairman of Committee on Apparatus and Telegraph recommended that the offer of the Manhattan Fire Alarm Company to place a fire-alarm box at northeast corner of Thirty-eighth street and Broadway at its own expense be accepted. Approved.

The President reported, on complaint of W. W. Niles, of neglect of members of the Department to respond to an alarm, and that matter should be left to the Chief of Department. Agreed to.

The President reported that the proprietor of lodging house No. 118 Avenue D had agreed to conform to the regulations. Filed, with directions to inform the Chief of Department.

The action of the President ordering the purchase of 15 tons of stove coal, at cost of \$80, for use in newly annexed district, was approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

received and disposed of:

#### Referred.

Report of investigation of blasting accident at Nos. 510 and 512 West Forty-sixth street on the 13th instant. To the Inspector of Combustibles for more detailed inspection and report.

Applications for permits to boil fat. To the Building Superintendent.

Reports of discontinuance of fat-boiling establishments. To the Building Superintendent.

Claim for advertising in the matter of acquiring site at No. 72 Maiden lane. To the Counsel to the Corporation for advice.

#### Filed.

Application of the Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone Company to place wires on poles on Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fourth street; approved. Request of Counsel to the Corporation for views as to Assembly Bill No. 32; answer communicated. Certified copy of order setting aside proceedings in matter of Tremont avenue site; approved, and audit of bills of costs directed. Request of Civil Service Examiner for copies of rules, etc.; complied with. Relative to reinstatement of James W. Brown, Blacksmith. Application of Pneumatic Fire Alarm Telegraph Company for another allotment of signals; answer communicated. Request for information relative to Pneumatic Fire Alarm Telegraph Company. Answer communicated.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company, for one chemical fire engine, \$1,800.

Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company, for one combination chemical fire engine and hose wagon, \$1,800.

Ununiformed Fireman William Devlin was appointed Fireman of the 3d grade, and assigned to Hook and Ladder 8, from 18th instant.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

#### METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

#### ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS

For the Week Ending March 28, 1896.

#### Barometer.

DATE. MARCH.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	MEAN FOR THE DAY.	MAXIMUM.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	TIME.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.	TIME.
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Sunday, 22	30.026	30.040	30.200	30.089	30.234	11 P.M.	30.016	5 A.M.	
Monday, 23	30.316	30.300	30.324	30.313	30.350	9 A.M.	30.220	6 A.M.	
Tuesday, 24	30.420	30.424	30.430	30.425	30.450	10 A.M.	30.344	7 A.M.	
Wednesday, 25	30.370	30.200	30.010	30.193	30.408	9 A.M.	29.958	12 P.M.	
Thursday, 26	29.782	29.500	29.440	29.574	29.958	8 A.M.	29.300	6 P.M.	
Friday, 27	29.762	29.918	30.054	29.911	30.096	12 P.M.	29.560	6 A.M.	
Saturday, 28	30.186	30.146	30.112	30.148	30.200	9 A.M.	30.092	3 A.M.	

Mean for the week..... 30.093 inches.

Maximum " at 10 A.M., Mar. 24th..... 30.460 "

Minimum " at 6 P.M., Mar. 26th..... 29.360 "

Range " ..... 1.102 "

#### Thermometers.

DATE. MARCH.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.
	DRY BULB.	WET BULB.	DRY BULB.	WET BULB.			
Sunday, 22	33	32	39	34	39.0	35.3	48
Monday, 23	25	26	22	24	23	25.3	33
Tuesday, 24	16	16	26	23	22	23.2	25
Wednesday, 25	23	21	43	35	36	34.3	36
Thursday, 26	42	40	54	50	49	47.3	44.3
Friday, 27	24	21	39	28	29	27.6	25.3
Saturday, 28	26	41	32	41	37	36.6	32.6

Dry Bulb..... 33.2 degrees.

Maximum for the week, at 4 P.M., 26th..... 55 " at 4 P.M., 25th..... 51 "

Minimum " at 6 A.M., 24th..... 15 " at 6 A.M., 24th..... 15 "

Range " ..... 40 " ..... 36 "

Dry Bulb..... 30.2 degrees.

Maximum for the week, at 4 P.M., 26th..... 55 " at 4 P.M., 25th

Four estimates were received, as follows:

- Wm. D. Bruns, with security deposit of \$60..... \$4 10 per ton.
- Geo. W. Winant, with security deposit of \$60..... 3 98 "
- Wm. C. Moquin, with security deposit of \$60..... 3 70 "
- Wynn Brothers, with security deposit of \$60..... 4 04 "

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit to the Comptroller the security deposits made by said bidders and accompanying their estimates, whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the contract opened this day for furnishing and delivering about seven hundred tons of anthracite coal, under Contract No. 527, be and hereby is awarded to Wm. C. Moquin, he being the lowest bidder, subject to the approval of the sureties by the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. S. TERRY, Secretary.

### ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

Streets.

STREETS—The Committee on Streets will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 2, 1896, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room 13, City Hall, to consider the following resolutions: "To pave Eighty-fourth street, from Central Park, West, to Columbus avenue"; "changing the name of Bremer avenue to Woody Crest avenue"; "changing the name of Mohawk avenue to Garrison avenue, and that Longwood avenue, Spofford avenue, Tiffany street and Truxton place be called Garrison Square"; "to pave Boulevard Lafayette, from Eleventh avenue to Kingsbridge road"; "to pave Ninety-eighth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue"; "to pave One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Boulevard to Amsterdam avenue"; "to pave One Hundredth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue"; "also communication from Department of Public Works in reference to flagging sidewalk on Fifth avenue, from Sixty-fourth to Sixty-fifth street."

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Clerk, Common Council.

### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Department of Public Works*—No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

*Department of Street Improvements*, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—No. 2622 Third avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Board of Education*—No. 146 Grand street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Board of Electrical Control*—No. 1262 Broadway.

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

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

*Board of Estimate and Apportionment*—Stewart Building.

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

*Board of Excise*—Criminal Court Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

*Sheriff's Office*—Nos. 6 and 7 New County Courthouse, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Sheriff's Court*—New County Court-house, 10:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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

*Supreme Court*—County Court-house, 10:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

*Criminal Division, Supreme Court*—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, opens at 10:30 A. M.

*Court of General Sessions*—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

*City Court*—City Hall, General Term, Room No. 20. Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 20; Part II., Room No. 21; Part III., Room No. 15; Part IV., Room No. 11. Special Term Chambers will be held in Room No. 10. 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

*Court of Special Sessions*—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Opens daily, except Saturday, at 10 A. M. Clerk's office hours daily, except Saturday, from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. until 12 M.

*District Civil Courts*.—First District—Southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets. Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Second District—Corner of Grand and Centre streets. Clerk's Office open from 6 A. M. to 4 P. M. Third District—Southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Fourth District—No. 30 First street. Court opens 9 A. M. daily. Fifth District—No. 154 Clinton street. Sixth District—Northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily. Seventh District—No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Eighth District—Northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily. 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. 918 Eighth avenue. 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—Toms, Centre street. Second District—Jefferson Market. Third District—No. 69 Essex street. Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue. Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place. Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

### TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

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

**I**N COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 817 OF THE NEW YORK CITY CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 1892, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS OF "THE ANNUAL RECORD OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE" OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR 1896, ARE OPEN AND WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION AND CORRECTION UNTIL THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1896.

ALL PERSONS BELIEVING THEMSELVES AGGRAVED MUST MAKE APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AT THIS OFFICE, DURING THE PERIOD SAID BOOKS ARE OPEN, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE RELIEF PROVIDED BY LAW.

APPLICATIONS FOR CORRECTION OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS ON PERSONAL ESTATE MUST BE MADE BY THE PERSON ASSESSED TO THE SAID COMMISSIONERS, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A. M. AND 2 P. M., EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, WHEN BETWEEN 10 A. M. AND 12 M., AT THIS OFFICE, DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

EDWARD P. BARKER, THEODORE SUTRO, JAMES L. WELLS, COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

ABOVE ALL HIS DEBTS OF EVERY NATURE, AND OVER AND ABOVE HIS LIABILITIES AS BAIL, SURETY OR OTHERWISE; AND THAT HE HAS OFFERED HIMSELF AS A SURETY IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH THE INTENTION TO EXECUTE THE BOND REQUIRED BY SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS FOR WHOM HE CONSENTS TO BECOME SURETY, THE ADEQUACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE SECURITY OFFERED TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NO BID OR ESTIMATE WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A CERTIFIED CHECK UPON ONE OF THE STATE OR NATIONAL BANKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DRAWN TO THE ORDER OF THE COMPTROLLER, OR MONEY TO THE AMOUNT OF FIVE PER CENTUM OF THE AMOUNT OF THE SECURITY REQUIRED FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT. SUCH CHECK OR MONEY MUST NOT BE INCLOSED IN THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE ESTIMATE, BUT MUST BE HANDED TO THE OFFICER OR CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO HAS CHARGE OF THE ESTIMATE-BOX; AND NO ESTIMATE CAN BE DEPOSITED IN SAID BOX UNTIL SUCH CHECK OR MONEY HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY SAID OFFICER OR CLERK AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT. ALL SUCH DEPOSITS, EXCEPT THAT OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PERSONS MAKING THE SAME WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED. IF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL REFUSE OR NEGLECT, WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER NOICE THAT THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO HIM, TO EXECUTE THE SAME, THE CONTRACT SHALL BE FORFEITED AND RETAINED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR SUCH NEGLECT OR REFUSAL; BUT IF HE SHALL EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITHIN THE TIME FORESAID, THE AMOUNT OF HIS DEPOSIT WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM.

SHOULD THE PERSON OR PERSONS TO WHOM THE CONTRACT MAY BE AWARDED NEGLECT OR REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THE SAME HAS BEEN AWARDED TO HIS OR THEIR BID OR PROPOSAL, OR IF HE OR THEY ACCEPT BUT DO NOT EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND GIVE THE PROPER SECURITY, HE OR THEY SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING ABANDONED IT AND AS IN DEFAULT TO THE CORPORATION, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE READVERTISED AND RELET AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

*The work must conform in every respect to the printed specifications and plans. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particularities of the articles, etc., required before making their estimates.*

BIDDERS WILL WRITE OUT THE AMOUNT OF THEIR ESTIMATE IN ADDITION TO INSERTING THE SAME IN FIGURES.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY A REQUISITION ON THE COMPTROLLER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

THE FORM OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS, AND SHOWING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT, WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND BY JOHN W. MARSHALL, ARCHITECT, ROOMS 105 AND 106, BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK CITY. BIDDERS ARE CAUTIONED TO EXAMINE EACH AND ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS CAREFULLY, ALSO THE PLANS, AS THE COMMISSIONERS WILL INSIST UPON THE ABSOLUTE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SPECIFICATIONS AND A STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE PLANS.

SILAS C. CROFT, PRESIDENT; JOHN P. FAURE AND JAMES R. O'BIRNE, COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

NEW YORK, MARCH 20, 1896.

**T**HIS UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, AT THEIR OFFICE, NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1896, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., THE FOLLOWING, VIZ.:

BONES.

THE BONES TO BE ACCUMULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1896, ESTIMATED AT 50 TONS, MORE OR LESS, TO BE RECEIVED AT STOREHOUSE PIER, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES WEEKLY, IN A COVERED WAGON, TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM BLACKWELL'S ISLAND BY THE BOATS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSIONERS RESERVING THE RIGHT TO ORDER MORE FREQUENT REMOVALS OF THE BONES IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

COAL TAR.

THE ACCUMULATION OF COAL TAR DURING THE YEAR 1896, ESTIMATED AT 150 BARRELS, MORE OR LESS, TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PURCHASER AT THE PIER FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, IN BARRELS WITH BUMPS, TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PURCHASER, FROM TIME TO TIME, IN QUANTITIES CONVENIENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, WHEN NOTIFIED.

12,000 POUNDS RENDERED TALLOW.

12,000 POUNDS OF MIXED RAGS.

ALL QUANTITIES TO BE "MORE OR LESS." ALL QUALITIES TO BE "AS ARE." ALL THE ABOVE (EXCEPT BONES) TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PURCHASER AT PIER FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, AND REMOVED THEREFROM IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING NOTIFIED THAT SAME ARE READY FOR DELIVERY.

Each successful bidder will be required to pay twenty-five per cent of the estimated amount of his purchase to the Department during the year 1896, estimated at 50 tons, more or less, to be received at Storehouse Pier, Blackwell's Island, not less than three times weekly, in a covered wagon, to be transported to and from Blackwell's Island by the boats of the Department, the Commissioners reserving the right to order more frequent removals of the bones if deemed necessary.

The Commissioners reserve the right to order resale of any goods that shall NOT have been removed by the purchaser within TEN DAYS after he shall have been notified that they are ready, and in case of such resale to forfeit to the use of the Department of Public Charities the TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT, paid in at the time and place of sale.

The Commissioners reserve the right to order resale of any goods that shall NOT have been removed by the purchaser within TEN DAYS after he shall have been notified that they are ready, and in case of such resale to forfeit to the use of the Department of Public Charities the TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT, paid in at the time and place of sale.

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The Commissioners reserve the right to order resale of any goods that shall NOT have been removed by

amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety, in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE** Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York will, at his office, No. 2622 Third avenue, in said city, on Wednesday, April 15, 1896, at 10 o'clock A.M., hear and consider all statements, objections and evidence that may be then and there offered in reference to the contemplated change and revision of sewerage plans of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, prepared under chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887 and chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890:

1st. Two sewerage plans in relation to the Ice Pond District.

2d. Two sewerage plans in relation to the Millbrook Watershed.

3d. Two sewerage plans in relation to the Cromwell's Creek Watershed.

4th. Two sewerage plans in relation to the Harlem River Watershed.

5th. One sewerage plan in relation to the Kingsbridge District.

6th. Four sewerage plans in relation to the Bronx River Watershed.

Maps or plans showing such contemplated changes are now on exhibition in said office.

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

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, March 31, 1896.

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING** this Department with the articles below specified, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10,30 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, April 25, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read:

500,000 pounds b-s-t, long, prime Timothy Hay.

100,000 pounds best, long, clean Rye Straw.

5,000 bags No. 2, clean, white Oats, clipped.

2,000 bags fresh, clean, sweet Bran.

The proposals are to be made in alternative form, as follows:

First—To deliver at the various houses of the Department south of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed by an Inspector at the Contractor's warehouse or place of business, and who is to accompany the same to the place of delivery.

Second—To deliver at the various houses of the Department, south of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed by an Inspector in the presence of the officer or other employee in charge. The weighing to be upon beam scales furnished by the Department and transported by the contractor.

Third—To deliver at the contractor's warehouse or place of business at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed at that point by an Inspector and to be transported thence to the several company quarters or other houses of the Department, at the Department's own cost and expense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred (1,800) Dollars, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.*

*No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Ninety (90) Dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay*

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

*No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.*

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

O. H. LA GRANGE, JAMES R. SHEFFIELD, AUSTIN E. FORD, Commissioners.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, PIER "A," BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, NEW YORK, March 26, 1896.

LEWIS J. PHILLIPS, AUCTIONEER, WILL SELL at public auction, at Pier "A," Battery place, in the City of New York, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1896,

at 12 o'clock noon, the right to collect and retain all wharfage and cragage which may accrue or become due for the use and occupation by vessels of more than five tons burden, in the manner and at the rates prescribed by law, at the following-named wharf property:

For a Term of Five Years from May 1, 1896.

ON THE NORTH RIVER.

Lot 1. Northerly side, end and surface of Pier at the foot of West Fifty-eighth street,

ON THE EAST RIVER.

Lot 2. Easterly half of Pier 20, westerly half of Pier 21, with whole or surface of Pier 21, together with bulkhead between Pier 20 and Pier 21 and platform in front of said bulkhead. (Pier 20 and Pier 21 have sheds upon them.)

Lot 3. Easterly half of Pier 24, and 60 feet of bulkhead adjoining easterly side of Pier 24, together with privilege of adjoining sheds thereon.

Lot 4. Pier 25 and 60 feet of bulkhead adjoining westerly side of Pier 25, westerly half of Pier 26 and bulkhead between Pier 25 and Pier 26, and platform in front of said bulkhead, together with privilege of using sheds thereon.

Lot 5. Bulkhead between Pier, old 4t, and Pier, old 42, about 100 feet.

Lot 6. Northerly 95 feet of bulkhead between Pier, new 38, and Pier, new 39.

Lot 7. Northerly 8½ feet of bulkhead between Pier, new 45, and Pier, new 46.

Lot 8. Bulkhead at the foot of West Forty-first street.

Lot 9. Northerly 150 feet of bulkhead between West Forty-third and West Forty-fourth streets, with privilege of maintaining dumping-board thereon.

Lot 10. Pier at the foot of West Forty-sixth street, with privilege of maintaining dumping-board at inner end of pier.

Lot 11. Pier at the foot of West Forty-seventh street, with reservation for dump of the Department of Street Cleaning on the southerly side.

Lot 12. Pier at the foot of West Fifty-first street.

Lot 13. Pier at the foot of West Fifty-sixth street.

Lot 14. Bulkhead at the foot of West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and 50 feet northerly, and platform in front of same.

Lot 15. Bulkhead between Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Thirty-first street and Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

Lot 16. Bulkhead at the foot of the southerly half of West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and return.

Lot 17. Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Lot 18. Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-second street.

Lot 19. Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Lot 20. Bulkhead and return at the foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

ON THE EAST RIVER.

Lot 21. Easterly side of Pier 4. (This pier is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc.; see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 22. Bulkhead and platform between Pier 4 and Pier 5, with privilege of using shed thereon. (This bulkhead and platform is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc., see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 23. Pier 5, with privilege of using shed thereon. (This pier is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc.; see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 24. Bulkhead between Pier 5 and Pier 6. (This bulkhead is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc.; see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 25. Pier, old 6. (This pier is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc.; see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 26. Pier, new 6. (This pier is set apart for the use of canal-boats, etc.; see section 789 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.)

Lot 27. Westerly half of Pier 12, and bulkhead westerly, about 100 feet in length.

Lot 28. Bulkhead between Pier, old 18, and Pier, old 19.

Lot 29. Westerly half of Pier, old 19.

Lot 30. Easterly 80 feet of bulkhead between Pier, old 36, and Pier, new 29, with reservation for berth for public bath.

Lot 31. Easterly half of Pier, old 53.

Lot 32. Bulkhead between Pier, old 53, and Pier, old 54.

Lot 33. Bulkhead at the foot of Corlears street.

Lot 34. Bulkhead at the foot of Cherry street, southerly side of Pier, old 55, about 50 feet in length.

Lot 35. Northerly half and outer end of Pier, old 61 (dump of Department of Street Cleaning on southerly side).

Lot 36. Bulkhead at the foot of East Fourth street, about 60 feet and return along the northerly side of East Fourth street.

Lot 37. Pier at the foot of East Fifth street.

Lot 38. Bulkhead at the foot of East Sixteenth street.

Lot 39. Bulkhead at the foot of East Twentieth street.

Lot 40. Pier at the foot of East Thirty-fifth street.

Lot 41. Pier at the foot of East Thirty-seventh street, with reservation for berth for public bath.

Lot 42. Platform south of East Thirty-eighth street, about 50 feet in length.

Lot 43. Pier at the foot of East Thirty-eighth street, with reservation for dump of Department of Street Cleaning on northerly side.

Lot 44. Bulkhead at the foot of East Forty-second street, 100 feet.

Lot 45. Bulkhead at the foot of East Forty-seventh street.

Lot 46. Bulkhead at the foot of East Fifty-third street.

Lot 47. Bulkhead at the foot of East Fifty-fourth street.

Lot 48. Pier at the foot of East Sixtieth street.

Lot 49. Bulkhead between East Sixtieth and East Sixty-first street.

Lot 50. Pier at the foot of East Sixty-first street.

Lot 51. Bulkhead between East Sixty-first and East Sixty-second streets.

Lot 52. Bulkhead platform foot of East Seventy-fifth street.

Lot 53. Bulkhead at the foot of East Seventy-sixth street.

Lot 54. Bulkhead platform between East Seventy-eighth and East Seventy



Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Tenth Ward, until 3 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, April 7, 1896, for Improving the Sanitary Condition of Primary School No. 1.

LOUIS HAUPT, Chairman, PATRICK CARROLL, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Tenth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 25, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, until 3 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, April 8, 1896, for supplying School Furniture for the New School Building on south side of Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.

ROBERT E. STEEL, Chairman, ANTONIO RASINES, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Twelfth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 25, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Sixth Ward, until 9:30 o'clock a.m., on Monday, April 6, 1896, for making Repairs, Alterations, etc., building New Rear Stairs at Primary School No. 2; also for making Repairs, Alterations and New Iron Stairs, etc., at Primary School No. 8.

JOHN F. WHELAN, Chairman, HENRIETTA NEYLAN, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Sixth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 24, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Ninth Ward, until 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, April 7, 1896, for making Alterations, Repairs, etc., at Grammar Schools Nos. 3 and 4; and Primary Schools Nos. 7 and 13.

THOMAS FITZPATRICK, Chairman, ARTHUR H. KENNEDY, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Ninth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 24, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Tenth Ward, until 4 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, April 2, 1896, for erecting an Annex to and improving premises and building of Grammar School No. 75.

LOUIS HAUPT, Chairman; PATRICK CARROLL, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Tenth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 20, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Fourth Ward, until 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, April 6, 1896, for improving the Sanitary Condition of Primary School No. 14.

HERMANN BOLTE, Chairman; JOHN B. SHEA, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Fourth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 23, 1896.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place by the School Trustees of the Eleventh Ward, until 4 o'clock p.m., on Monday, April 6, 1896, for making Alterations, Repairs, etc., and erecting new Iron Stairs in east yard, etc., of Grammar School No. 22.

GEORGE MUNDORFF, Chairman; SAMUEL D. LEVY, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Eleventh Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, March 23, 1896.

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 Trustees 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 School Trustees 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 this Board, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal, when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the proper Board of Trustees, 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 same 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.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, March 27, 1896.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

**BIDS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE TO SPRINKLE THE STREETS** in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, except such streets as are macadamized and are sprinkled by the City, inclosed in a sealed envelope, and with the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 7, until 12 o'clock m. on Wednesday, April 8, 1896, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department.

No bid under \$500 will be considered.

The bidder must state the amount which he proposes and agrees to pay for the license. The amount of the bid must be paid in advance at the time when the license is issued.

The season for sprinkling the streets shall begin not earlier than April 15, 1896, and terminate not later than November 15, 1896, and the Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to diminish the length of the season and to suspend sprinkling during the season whenever he deems it in the interest of the City so to do.

The Commissioner of Public Works also reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids or proposals.

In the sprinkling of the streets the following rules and regulations must be observed:

1st. The location of all hydrants from which water is taken for sprinkling any of the above streets must be given to the Water Register when such hydrants are used.

2d. The tin sprinkler attached to each cart shall conform in every respect to a pattern approved by the Department of Public Works, the holes to be in parallel rows, at least one-half inch apart, and of a size not to exceed No. 14 wire. The pattern can be seen at the office of the Water Register, No. 31 Chambers street, Room 2.

3d. THE NAME AND RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON LICENSED TO SPRINKLE THE STREETS SHALL BE PAINTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CASK IN BLACK LETTERS OF NOT LESS THAN TWO INCHES IN LENGTH ON A WHITE GROUND, and no advertisement will be allowed on the sprinklers under penalty of revocation of license.

4th. Permits for sprinkling carts, IF DRIVEN BY BOYS, will be immediately revoked.

5th. No license will be granted to any person not a resident of the City and County of New York.

6th. The sprinkling carts shall be provided with a sound and proper piece of hose to conduct the water from the fire-hydrant to the cart, and such hose shall always be kept in order and free from leaks.

7th. The person obtaining a permit for sprinkling shall keep the hydrants allotted to his use closed, except when obtaining water for use, and shall be responsible for any damage that may result from the use or abuse of them while in his charge, provided such damage shall not have been occasioned by others than those in the employ of said persons.

8th. The person obtaining the permit for sprinkling shall be responsible for all damage done to property or persons through or by reason of his exercising the privilege of sprinkling, to the end that the Corporation of the City of New York may be fully indemnified.

9th. The water taken from the hydrants under this license shall not be used for any other purpose than sprinkling the streets.

10th. The person obtaining a permit will be required to sprinkle the streets with SUFFICIENT WATER ONLY TO LAY THE DUST; DRENCHING THE STREETS WITH AN EXCESSIVE QUANTITY OF WATER WILL BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO REVOKE ANY PERMIT OR LICENSE.

11th. Each of the carts used for sprinkling said streets shall be numbered with large figures on the rear of each tank or cask.

12th. Every person who shall obtain a sprinkling permit will be required to confine himself strictly to his route; encroaching on other routes will not be permitted.

13th. No double-nozzle hydrants, and no hydrant on any street paved with asphalt pavement, shall be used.

14th. Any licensee violating any of the above rules and regulations will, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works, have his license revoked, and will forfeit all moneys paid by him on account of the same.

No bid 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 Commissioner of Public Works, or money to the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100), as security for compliance with the conditions of the license. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the bid, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no bid 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 license is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the license 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 license within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

Any further information desired can be obtained from the Water Register, Room 2, No. 31 Chambers street.

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

time aforesaid, the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

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

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at Rooms Nos. 1, 9 and 12, No. 31 Chambers street.

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

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

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

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 26, 1895.**

### NOTICE TO TENANTS AND PROPERTY HOLDERS IN REGARD TO REMOVAL OF SNOW.

**A TTENTION IS CALLED TO THE PROVISIONS** of an act passed by the Legislature of this State on April 1st, 1895, as follows:

"AN ACT to provide for the assessment and collection of the expense of removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks of public streets and avenues in the City of New York.

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

Section 1. Whenever any owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant or person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the City of New York shall fail to comply with the provisions of any ordinance of the said city for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalk or gutter in the street, on the side of the street on which the said building or lot fronts, the Commissioner of Public Works of the said city shall cause such removal to be made, and thereupon the expense of such removal as to each particular lot of ground shall be ascertained and certified by the said Commissioner of Public Works to the Comptroller of the said city, who shall pay the same in the same manner as the expense of removing snow from the streets of the city is paid; and immediately after the making of the payment of such expense as so certified to him, the said Comptroller shall make and deliver a certificate thereof to the Board of Aldermen of the said city, and the said amounts so certified shall, by the said Board of Aldermen, annually be added to and made to form a part of the annual taxes of the next ensuing fiscal year against the lots against which the said amounts shall be so certified respectively, and the same shall be collected in and with and as part of the annual taxes for such fiscal year, for or during which the same shall have been so incurred and certified.

Section 2. This act shall not be regarded as interfering with the owner of any lots throwing into the roadway of the streets or avenues any snow or ice which may be removed from the sidewalk or gutter directly in front of such lot.

Section 3. The term lot, as used in this act, shall include a space not to exceed twenty-five feet in width fronting the street, avenue or lane upon which the violation is charged to have been committed or omitted.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-five."

The City Ordinance to which the above statute applies reads as follows:

"Section 669. Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city of New York shall, within eight hours after the fall of any snow, and within eight hours after the forming of any ice on the sidewalk or in the gutter in front of any such building or lot, remove, or cause the same to be removed, from such sidewalk or gutter, under the penalty of three dollars for every such neglect, to be paid by the said owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person having charge severally and respectively; but where said snow falls or ice forms between the hours of eight o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning, this ordinance will be complied with by removing, or causing the same to be removed, before nine o'clock of the morning succeeding its fall or formation."

It becomes my duty to give notice that the provisions of the foregoing statute will be rigidly enforced in all cases where the City Ordinance is not complied with.

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

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

**PROPOSALS FOR \$4,300,814.99 GOLD BONDS AND STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.**

### EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

**EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND OTHERS HOLDING TRUST FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO INVEST IN THESE BONDS.**

INTEREST THREE PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

**SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED** by the Comptroller of the City of New York, at his office, No. 280 Broadway, in the City of New York, until Thursday, the 2d day of April, 1896, at 2 o'clock p.m., when they will be publicly opened in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or such of them as shall attend, as provided by law, for the whole or a part of the following coupon or registered bonds and stock of the City of New York, to wit:

\$1,575,000 "CONSOLIDATED STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK"

— the principal payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Comptroller's office of said city, on the first day of November, in the year 1915, with interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, in such gold coin, on the first days of May and November in each year.

The said stock is issued in pursuance of the provisions of sections 132 and 134 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the following-named amounts and for the following-described purposes:

For repaving streets and avenues, pursuant to chapter 475 of the Laws of 1895. \$475,000 00

For construction of new Third Avenue Bridge, pursuant to chapter 413 of the Laws of 1892. 650,000 00

For the construction of an extension to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, pursuant to chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895. 200,000 00

For the construction of the Harlem River Drive, pursuant to chapter 102 of the Laws of 1893, and chapter 8 of the Laws of 1894. 250,000 00

This stock has been authorized to be issued by resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted June 26, 1895, June 19, 1893, January 10, 1896, and March 28 and July 9, 1894, and is

### EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

by the City and County of New York, but not from State taxation, pursuant to the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and under an ordinance of the Common Council of said city, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1890, and a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted March 13, 1895, and February 13, 1896.

\$1,000,000 "CONSOLIDATED STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AS "DOCK BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK"

— authorized by sections 132, 134 and 141 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted March 12, 1895, and January 31, 1896.

The principal shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Comptroller's office of said city, on the first day of November, in the year 1915, with interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, in such gold coin, on the first days of May and November in each year, and the said bonds are

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payable semi-annually, in such gold coin, on the first days of May and November in each year.

These bonds are issued in pursuance of the provisions of sections 132 and 134 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and chapter 252 of the Laws of 1889, chapter 459, Laws of 1894, and chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, for the purchase of new school sites for the erection of new school buildings, and for other school purposes, and as authorized by resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Education, and are

#### EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

by the City and County of New York, but not from State taxation, pursuant to the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and under an ordinance of the Common Council of said city, approved by the Mayor, October 21, 1889, and resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted January 22, 1896, February 13, 1896, and March 5, 1896.

#### AUTHORITY FOR TRUST INVESTMENTS

Attention is called to the provisions of an act passed by the Legislature March 14, 1889, authorizing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, and others holding trust funds, to invest such funds in the stock or bonds of the City of New York.

#### CONDITIONS

Section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provides that "the Comptroller, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, shall determine what, if any, part of said proposals shall be accepted, and upon the payment into the City Treasury of the amounts due by the persons whose bids are accepted, respectively, certificates therefor shall be issued to them as authorized by law"; and provided, also, "that no proposals for bonds or stocks shall be accepted for less than the par value of the same."

Those persons whose bids are accepted will be required to deposit with the City Chamberlain the amount of stock awarded to them at par value, together with the premium thereon, within three days after notice of such acceptance.

The proposals should be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," and each proposal should also be inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller of the City of New York.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 16, 1896.

#### INTEREST ON CITY BONDS AND STOCKS.

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

The Transfer Books will be closed from March 31 to May 1, 1896.

The interest due May 1, 1896, on the Coupon Bonds and Stocks of the City of New York, will be paid on that day by the State Trust Company, No. 36 Wall street.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

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

PETER F. MEYER, AUCTIONEER.

#### CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale, at public auction, on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, at noon, at the Comptroller's Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, all the right, title and interest of the City of New York in and to certain lands in the bed of Sherman's Creek, in the block bounded by Post and Sherman avenues and Dyckman and Academy streets, in the Twelfth Ward.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

The highest bidder will be required to pay twenty per cent. of the purchase-money and the auctioneer's fee at the time of the sale, and the balance upon the delivery of the deed within thirty days from the date of sale.

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

The right to reject any bid is reserved.

The map of the property may be seen upon application at the Comptroller's Office, Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under a resolution adopted January 22, 1896.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 3, 1896.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

##### TO CONTRACTORS.

##### PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR BUILDING AN extension and making alterations and general repairs to building and premises in the City of New York known as No. 300 Mulberry street, will be received at the Central Office of the Department of Police, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock m. of Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1896.

The person or persons making an estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimate for Alterations and Repairs," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

For particulars of the nature and extent of the work to be done, reference must be made to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Clerk of the said Department.

Bidders will state in writing, and also in figures, a price for the work complete. The price is to cover the furnishing of all the materials and labor and the performance of all the work called for by the specifications, plans, drawings and form of agreement. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the head of said Department to reject any or all bids which may be deemed prejudicial to the public interests.

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

The entire work is to be completed within ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE DAYS from the date of the contract.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract in the manner prescribed by law, in the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Each 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 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.

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

All of the wagons are to be completed and delivered within seventy (70) days after the execution and delivery of the contract. The deliveries to be made at such places as shall be directed by the Board of Police.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract in the manner prescribed by law, in the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Each 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 estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than

one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

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, and that the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered has been approved by the Comptroller, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

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

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed unless a written permission shall previously have been obtained from the Board of Police.

Plans may be examined and specifications and blank estimates may be obtained by application to the undersigned at his office in the Central Department.

By order of the Board.

WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

NEW YORK, March 31, 1896.

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, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

#### STREET CLEANING DEPT.

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

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

#### CITY CIVIL SERVICE BOARDS.

NEW YORK, March 19, 1896.  
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION  
days in the Labor Bureau will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and that examinations will take place on those days at 2 p.m.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, January 27, 1896.

EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

April 2, GARDENER.  
April 4, WHEELWRIGHT.  
April 8, RE-EIVING CLERK, Department of Charities.

April 10, PATHOLOGIST, Department of Charities.  
April 13, ROCKMAN and BLASTER.  
S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

#### DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 57 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York," otherwise, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given, that public meetings of the Commissioners, appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 96 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock p.m., until further notice.

Dated NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.

DANIEL LORD, JAMES M. VARNUM, GEORGE W. STEPHENS, Commissioners.  
LAMONT MCLoughlin, Clerk.

#### SUPREME COURT.

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 AVENUE A, SEVENTY-SEVENTH AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREETS, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 101 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 101 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 24th day of April, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimation.

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 Avenue A, Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 101 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by said chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 101 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Avenue A with the northerly line of Seventy-seventh street, and running thence northerly along said easterly line of Avenue A 204 feet 4 inches to the southerly line of Seventy-eighth street; thence easterly along said southerly line of Seventy-eighth street, 123 feet; thence southerly and parallel with the said easterly line of Avenue A 204 feet 4 inches to the northerly line of Seventy-seventh street, and thence westerly along said northerly line of Seventy-seventh street 123 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, March 31, 1896.

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation, No. 2 Ilyon 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 WASHINGTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue and East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to Pelham 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 I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 12th day of April, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Washington avenue, from Third avenue and East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to Pelham 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-first street, distant 147.05 feet westerly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street with the western line of Brook avenue.

1st. Westerly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street for 70.24 feet.

2d. Thence southerly deflecting 94 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds to the left for 37.24 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 8 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 70.83 feet to the northwestern line of Third avenue.

4th. Thence northeasterly along the northwestern line of Third avenue for 171.09 feet.

5th. Thence northwesterly deflecting 95 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds to the left for 98.92 feet.

6th. Thence northerly for 272.42 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."



the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part I., at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 16th day of April, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimates 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 One Hundred and Seventeenth street, between St. Nicholas and Eighth 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, as amended by said chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, 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, as amended by said chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventeenth street distant 400 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Eighth avenue with the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, and running thence southerly parallel with Eighth avenue 100 feet and 11 inches to the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Seventeenth street 25 feet to land previously acquired for school purposes; thence northerly and parallel with Eighth avenue and along said school land 100 feet 11 inches to the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventeenth street; thence westerly along said southerly side of One Hundred and Seventeenth street 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated NEW YORK, March 17, 1896.  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation, No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

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

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I., thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimates 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 Eighty-first (formerly Ponius) street, from the Southern Boulevard to the Bronx Park, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point on the eastern line of the Southern Boulevard distant 1,525.94 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and the Southern Boulevard, 1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Southern Boulevard for 60 feet.  
2d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 89 degrees 56 minutes 4 seconds to the right for 591.34 feet.  
3d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 9 degrees 26 minutes 25 seconds to the right for 60 feet.  
4th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 2 degrees 15 minutes 56 seconds to the right for 1,333 feet.  
5th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 9 degrees 20 minutes 6 seconds to the right for 85.41 feet to Bronx Park.  
6th. Thence easterly along Bronx Park for 1,54.14 feet.  
7th. Thence southerly along Bronx Park for 60.05 feet.  
8th. Thence westerly deflecting 88 degrees 6 minutes 10 seconds to the right for 150.73 feet.  
9th. Thence northwesterly deflecting 26 degrees 57 minutes 47 seconds to the right for 85.07 feet.  
10th. Thence northwesterly deflecting 8 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds to the left for 1,341.75 feet.  
11th. Thence northwesterly deflecting 2 degrees 12 minutes 2 seconds to the left for 60 feet.  
12th. Thence northwesterly for 591.43 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Eighty-first street, from the Southern Boulevard to Bronx Park, is designated as a street of the first class and is sixty feet wide, and is shown on section 12 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 on October 31, 1895, and 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, March 23, 1896.  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation, No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Franklin avenue to Boston road, 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.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, in said city, on or before the 21st day of April, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 21st day of April, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 21st day of April, 1896.

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

On the north by the southerly side of Kelly street: on the south by the northerly side of East One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street produced and a line drawn parallel to the Southern Boulevard and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the middle line of the block between One Hundred and Forty-first street and One Hundred and Forty-second street produced to the middle line of the block between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street and One Hundred and Fortieth street; on the east by the middle line of the blocks between Wales avenue and Beach avenue from the southerly side of Kelly street to the middle line of the block between Crane street and St. Joseph street; thence by the westerly side of the Southern Boulevard to the southerly boundary of the area of assessment, and on the west by the middle line of the blocks between Wales avenue and Concord avenue from the southerly side of Kelly street to the middle line of the block between Crane street and St. Joseph street; thence by the middle line of the blocks between Concord avenue and Robbins avenue to the southerly boundary of the area of assessment; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown on 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 28th day of May, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, March 16, 1896.

ROBERT L. WENSLEY, Chairman, MATTHEW CHALMERS, JOHN H. SPELLMAN, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands at the northwesterly corner of SHERIFF and BROOME STREETS, in the Thirteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate of the loss and damage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons interested in the lands or premises affected by this proceeding or having any interest therein, and have filed a true report or transcript of such estimate in the office of the Board of Education for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern.

Second—That all parties or persons whose rights may be affected by the said estimate, and who may object to the same, or any part thereof, may, within ten days after the first publication of this notice, March 31, 1896, file their objections to such estimate, in writing, with us, at our office, Room No. 2, on the fourth floor of the Staats-Zeitung Building, No. 2 Tryon Row, in said city, as provided by section 4 of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, at our said office, on the 13th day of April, 1896, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and upon such subsequent days as may be found necessary.

Third—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in Part III., in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 1st day of May, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, March 30, 1896.

HIRAM A. MERRILL, EDWARD MCCUE, JOHN H. SPELLMAN, Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK, Clerk.

southerly side of Wilkins place; on the south by a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Seventeenth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the easterly side of Webster avenue to a line midway between Fulton avenue and Franklin avenue; thence by the middle line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Seventeenth street and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and said middle line produced to a line drawn parallel to Boston road and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Boston road and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof, and on the west by the easterly side of Webster avenue, excepting from said area all streets, avenues, roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown on 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 22d day of May 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, March 17, 1896.  
G. M. SPEIR, Chairman; RICHARD D. MORSE, SIGNAL D. WOODWARD, Commissioners.  
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to SHERMAN AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), between Kingsbridge road and Tenth avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, in said city, on or before the 27th day of April, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 27th day of April, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited with the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 28th day of April, 1896.

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

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Kingsbridge road, distant about 50 feet 9 inches southerly from the junction of the easterly side of Sherman avenue, running thence easterly 150 feet at right angles to Kingsbridge road; thence northerly along a line distant 150 feet and parallel with the easterly side of Sherman avenue, running thence easterly 150 feet at right angles to Kingsbridge road; thence northerly along a line 5 1/2 inches; thence easterly by a line parallel with Sherman avenue and distant 350 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof from the last-mentioned point to the westerly side of Dyckman street; thence easterly along the middle line of the blocks between Post avenue and Sherman avenue to a point in said centre line distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side of Isham street; thence southerly along a line parallel with Isham street and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the northwesterly side of Amsterdam avenue; thence easterly along the middle line of the blocks between Post and Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; thence northerly along a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 350 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence southerly along a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence northerly along a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side of Amsterdam avenue; thence easterly along the middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue; thence along said middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue to the westerly side of Dyckman street; thence northerly along the westerly side of Dyckman street to a line parallel with Sherman avenue, and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street; thence northerly along said middle line of the blocks between Two Hundred and Eleventh street and Two Hundred and Twelfth street; thence northerly along said middle line of the blocks between Two Hundred and Eleventh street and Two Hundred and Twelfth street to a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence southerly along a line parallel with Amsterdam avenue and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street; thence westerly along the southerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street to the middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue; thence along said middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue to the westerly side of Dyckman street; thence northerly along the westerly side of Dyckman street to a line parallel with Sherman avenue, and distant 350 feet northerly from the northerly side of Two Hundred and Eleventh street; thence easterly along the middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue; thence along said middle line of the blocks between Sherman and Vermilyea avenue to the easterly side of Kingsbridge road and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; thence southerly along a line parallel with Kingsbridge road and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the first mentioned line produced, and thence easterly along a line at right angles to the westerly side of Kingsbridge road to the point or place of beginning; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown on 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 28th day of May, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, March 11, 1896.

ROBERT L. WENSLEY, Chairman, MATTHEW CHALMERS, JOHN H. SPELLMAN, 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 TREMONT AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Crotona Park, North, to East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 26th day of February, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose 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 4th day of March, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefore, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the Act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second 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 3d day of April, 1896, at 10 o'clock noon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, March 11, 1896.

STEPHEN B. STANTON, FRANK ADAMS ACER, JOHN J. NEVILLE, 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 CLINTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Crotona Park, North, to East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 26th day of February, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose 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 4th day of March, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and