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## BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 346 Broadway, on Wednesday, April 13, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names: The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of April 6, 1898, were read and approved.

The following communication from the Mayor was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }  
April 8, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, New York City:

DEAR SIR—I desire to call your attention to the opinion recently rendered by the Corporation Counsel, holding that contract indebtedness is to be included in determining whether The City of New York has reached or exceeded the constitutional limitation against the incurring of indebtedness by cities.

The Comptroller is now preparing statements upon which a determination of this question can be made, and until such determination is definitely reached and announced, all city officers must refrain from entering into contracts or incurring obligations in any form to be met by bonds or the proceeds of bonds authorized or issued or to be hereafter authorized or issued.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

—and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel of this city has rendered an opinion that contract indebtedness is to be included in determining whether The City of New York has reached or exceeded the constitutional limitation against the incurring of indebtedness by cities, and

Whereas, The Mayor of this city has called the attention of the Board of Public Improvements to the importance of this opinion and the danger of incurring any additional contract obligations; therefore be it

Resolved, That until such time as the Comptroller can complete an examination of the financial affairs of the city and submit to the Mayor a statement which will definitely determine the exact financial condition of the municipality, that this Board will not authorize the making of any contracts for public work, the expense of which must be met by bonds or the proceeds of bonds authorized or issued, or to be hereafter authorized or issued.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read and ordered filed:

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of The City of New York on December 28, 1897, and approved by the Mayor on December 30, 1897, whereby the building therein referred to as the Old Hall of Records and Register's Office, in the City Hall Park, is dedicated and set aside, as soon as vacated, for the free exhibition of the collection of relics already and hereafter to be acquired by or loaned to the National Historical Museum, under the usual conditions of reversion to the City consequent upon failure on the part of said museum to assume, maintain and enjoy the privileges thereby granted, be and the same hereby are rescinded and repealed, and all rights and privileges therein or thereby conferred upon the said National Historical Museum with reference to the said Old Hall of Records and Register's Office, be and the same hereby are revoked, cancelled and annulled.

Adopted by the Council January 18, 1898, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 29, 1898, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor, April 5, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed ordinance "to provide for the repaving of Twenty-seventh street, from Seventh avenue to the Hudson river, in the Borough of Manhattan," and recommend its adoption.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read and filed, and the Secretary instructed to notify the Board of Aldermen:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }  
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 7th instant from the Secretary of your Board, inclosing for investigation and report copies of three communications from the Board of Aldermen, relative to erecting drinking-fountains at the southwest corner of the Southern Boulevard and Willis avenue, southeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Robbins avenue, and the northwest corner of Southern Boulevard and Webster avenue.

In reply, I would state that the only, but paramount, objection to the erection of these drinking-fountains is that the appropriation for "Public Drinking-hydrants, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1898, is only \$2,000, which is barely sufficient to pay the expense of keeping in proper repair the drinking-fountains now in place, leaving no margin for the expense of purchasing and placing new fountains.

I respectfully recommend that your Board disapprove of the resolutions or ordinances on this ground.

Very respectfully,

WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and laid over, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the President of the report of Commissioner of Water Supply in regard to these matters:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed ordinance to place an improved iron drinking-fountain on the northwest corner of Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Thirteenth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, and recommend its adoption. Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, New York:

DEAR SIR—Will you kindly request the proper department to furnish this office with an estimate of the cost of the following improvement:

Paving One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Seventh to St. Nicholas avenue, with asphalt block on concrete foundation.

Respectfully,

L. E. RIDER, Secretary.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and, under the resolution previously adopted regarding the authorizing of new contracts, was laid over:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, if under the law it is necessary to re-enact an ordinance approved July 2, 1897, approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Highways, that the carriage-way of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Hamilton place to Boulevard, be paved with granite or syenite pavement on concrete foundation. Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Macomb's Dam road to Eighth avenue, be paved with asphalt block pavement. Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Ninety-second street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, be repaved with asphalt block pavement. Adopted.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that a proper ordinance be forwarded to the Municipal Assembly authorizing the proper department to proceed with the repair of sidewalks, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, south side, west of the Boulevard. Adopted.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read and laid over as calling for new contract:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }  
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—The Chief Engineer of this Department reports that water-mains are required to be laid in Kingsbridge road, between One Hundred and Seventy-ninth and One Hundred and Eighty-first streets; in One Hundred and Eighty-first street, between Kingsbridge road and the Boulevard Lafayette, and in Fort Washington avenue, from Depot Lane to Two Hundred and Fourth street, these together constituting a main line of water supply, which is necessary for the future development of that section of the city.

The total distance is 9,200 lineal feet, and the estimated cost of furnishing and laying the mains is \$25,000. There are at present thirty houses on the line of the proposed mains to be supplied with water.

I respectfully ask that your Board, in pursuance of sections 475 and 476 of the City Charter, pass a resolution approving and authorizing the laying of these water-mains, and also prepare and recommend to the Municipal Assembly a resolution in ordinance authorizing the same.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

LOCAL BOARD, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed resolution that the carriage-way of West Twenty-third street, from the westerly crosswalk of Seventh avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot be repaved with asphalt pavement, etc., and recommend its adoption.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies:

LOCAL BOARD, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed resolution that one electric-light be placed on each side of Twenty-third street, from the westerly side of Seventh avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, between those already placed, and recommend its adoption.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and laid over, and the Secretary instructed to notify the President of the report of the Commissioner of Water Supply in this connection:

LOCAL BOARD, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 7, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed resolution that an improved iron drinking fountain be placed on the sidewalk near the curb on the northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Tenth avenue, and recommend its adoption.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read, and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Municipal Assembly to return the previous ordinance for correction:

LOCAL BOARD, EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, April 11, 1898, at 1.30 P. M.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Eighteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, in accordance with the communication received from the Department of Sewers April 6, 1898, referring to a recommendation made by this Board to the Board of Public Improvements, approving the plan for sewer in Sixty-third street, between First avenue and East river, stating that the title is incorrect on account of clerical error made in that Department, and that the title should be "Sewer in Sixty-third street, between East river and Avenue A," approve the outline plan of the Commissioner of Sewers for the construction of a sewer in Sixty-third street, between East river and Avenue A. Adopted.

The following communication from Mr. Henry S. Livingston was read, and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

SCHIFFELIN & Co., }  
Nos. 170 and 172 WILLIAM STREET, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 137 East Fifty-eighth Street, New York City:

DEAR SIR—I beg to inform you that in August last contract was awarded for the opening of Kappock street, Twenty-fourth Ward, Spuyten Duyvil, and work was commenced in the same month.

Notwithstanding the fact that very favorable conditions have existed, very slow progress has been made, and the delay in the work is causing the residents in and near the street great inconvenience. The work has been carried on spasmodically, and for a while the work was stopped altogether.

In bringing the matter to the attention of the Department of Highways, Borough of The Bronx some weeks ago, they advised me that they had compelled the contractor to go on, but the work appears to be stopped again, and, therefore, I address you in the matter to see what you can do to facilitate this work.

Yours truly,  
HENRY E. LIVINGSTON.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

Borough of The Bronx, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz:

Resolved, That on petition submitted of Henry W. Hallgreve and others, and hearing given thereon this the seventh day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that the roadway of Southern Boulevard, from Westchester Avenue to Boston Road, be paved with asphalt upon a concrete base, also that the said street be regulated, graded, curbs and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the center thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

Borough of The Bronx, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz:

Resolved, That on petition submitted of James P. Murphy and others, and hearing given thereon this the 7th day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Westchester Avenue, from Third Avenue to Pelham Avenue, be regulated, graded, curbs and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the center thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that the petition be returned in consequence of the proposed widening, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

Borough of The Bronx, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz:

Resolved, That on petition submitted of Daisy H. Pough and others, and hearing given thereon this the 7th day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Creston Avenue, between Westchester Avenue and Jerome Street, be regulated, graded, curbs and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the center thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

Borough of The Bronx, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz:

Resolved, That on petition submitted by George Saxon and others, and hearing given thereon this the 7th day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Hughes Avenue, between Tremont Avenue and St. John's College, be regulated, graded, curbs and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the center thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and the Secretary instructed to notify the petitioners accordingly:

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,  
April 9, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

SIR—In reply to the complaint of Mrs. S. Martin, of No. 2511 Third Avenue, that the house on No. 2515 Third Avenue, at the south-west corner of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street and Third Avenue, projects into the street, I have to report that it projects 1.35 feet into Third Avenue and obstructs the view from the house standing on No. 2511. Third Avenue south of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street was never legally opened, and the City has, therefore, no right to compel the owner of the house No. 2515 to move it back. The house does not project into One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street and, therefore, the said owner is not liable to the provisions of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street when the City has legal title to Third Avenue, which should be done at once.

The accompanying sketch illustrates the situation.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction.

The following communication was read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

CITY AND SUBURBAN HOMES COMPANY,  
OFFICE, NO. 281 FOURTH AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City.

DEAR SIR—On May 25, 1897, after extended surveys, we had prepared a chart showing a proposed change of grade in the Thirtieth Ward, City of Brooklyn. This proposed change was approved by the engineer in charge of Street Construction and Maintenance, Mr. N. P. Lewis, who is now the engineer in charge of Highways of that Borough. It was then approved by Mr. Peter Mine, Chief Engineer, and by Mr. Fred B. Willis, the Commissioner of City Works, and on June 7, 1897, it was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

(Resolution No. 129, June 7, 1897, by Alderman Keegan.)

Resolved, That that part of the grade of the Thirtieth Ward included between Sixteenth Avenue and Eighteenth Avenue, and between Sixty-eighth and Seventy-fifth Streets, be changed to the grade shown by red figures on the grade chart prepared by Edwin C. Snessey, City Surveyor, and approved by the Chief Engineer and Commissioner of City Works, and bearing date of May 25, 1897, which said grade are hereby fixed, determined and accepted, and the said chart is hereby ordered to be filed in the Department of City Works.

The chart was so filed.

After the adoption of this grade chart by the Board, and upon the express permission of the Board (copy of resolution enclosed herewith), this company made contract with Norton & Gorman to grade, pave and sewer their property in accordance with plans approved by the Department of City Works and under its supervision, for the sum of \$50,000.

Under contract with the gas company mains have been laid in all streets and service pipes laid to all lots in Seventeenth Avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Seventieth Streets, and in Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Streets, whether built upon or vacant.

In like manner sewer connections have been put into the lot lines and water-service pipes to points just inside the street curbs, so that no reason should exist for disturbing pavements to be laid. The City has laid the water-mains in all the streets.

Subsequent to the laying of pipes and sewers, and after grading had been nearly completed, and after we had built seven houses on Seventeenth Avenue, between Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Streets, and three houses on Sixty-ninth Street, east of (toward Eighteenth) Seventeenth Avenue, the following resolution was passed (in the absence of Alderman Keegan) at a meeting held December 27, 1897:

(Resolution No. 67.)

Resolved, That resolution No. 129 of the minutes of June 7, 1897, in so far as said resolution refers to the grades of Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Streets, between Seventeenth Avenue and Eighteenth Avenue, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that changes made by said resolution in other streets remain in full force.

This resolution No. 67 was referred to the Engineer of Street Construction and Maintenance for approval before being presented to the Board. His approval was refused.

In view of circumstances stated, and of the large extra cost which would accrue to ourselves and to the City if resolution No. 67 be continued, we hereby petition your Honorable Body that resolution No. 67 be repealed and grade re-established as determined by resolution No. 129 of June 7, 1897.

Very truly yours,  
E. K. L. GOULD, President.

Inclosure:

By Alderman Keegan—

(Resolution No. 53.)

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the property-owners on the following streets, viz.: Seventeenth Avenue, between Irving Avenue and Seventy-fourth Street, and Irving Avenue, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventieth, Seventy-first, Seventy-second, Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Streets, from about one hundred and ninety feet east of Seventeenth Avenue to about one hundred and eighty feet west of Seventeenth Avenue, being part of the property known on the city maps as the Freeman Estate, to grade, sewer and otherwise improve said streets, between the points above designated, at their own private cost and expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of City Works.

The resolution was adopted. Unanimous consent was granted.

The following communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Correction was read and referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,  
NEW YORK, April 7, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements.

DEAR SIR—I respectfully request that your Honorable Board will recommend that water-mains be laid on Riker's Island and under the strait dividing the island from the mainland.

This Department has a number of buildings on the island ready to be used as a branch work-house, but which cannot be so used until we have a supply of water.

Yours respectfully,  
FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

The following communication from the Board of Aldermen was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 515.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving West Thirty-seventh Street, from Seventh to Eleventh Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, with asphalt pavement on the present pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That the carriage-way of West Thirty-seventh Street, from Seventh to Eleventh Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, be paved with asphalt pavement upon the present pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The following communications from the Board of Aldermen were read, and were all referred to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 516.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the repaving with asphalt of Hudson Avenue, from Fulton Avenue to the East River, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Section 1. That Hudson Avenue, from Fulton Avenue to the East River, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt, upon the present pavement, said work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 517.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the repaving with asphalt of Gold Street, from Fulton Avenue to the East River, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Gold Street, from Fulton Avenue to the East River, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt placed upon the present pavement, said work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 518.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving South Third Street, from Rodney Street to Kent Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with granite-block pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That South Third Street, from Rodney Street to Kent Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 519.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving Scholes Street, from Bushwick Avenue to Union Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with granite-block pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Scholes Street, from Bushwick Avenue to Union Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 520.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving South Third Street, from Union Avenue to Rodney Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with granite-block pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That South Third Street, from Union Avenue to Rodney Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 521.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving Moore Street, from Bushwick Avenue to Broadway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with asphalt pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Moore Street, from Bushwick Avenue to Broadway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, APRIL 5, 1898.

(No. 534.)

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repaving Keap street, from Grand street to Broadway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with granite-block pavement.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Keap street, from Grand street to Broadway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read and filed:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, OFFICE, NO. 346 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, April 4, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway City:

DEAR SIR—In reply to a communication addressed to this Department for investigation and report on March 30, in relation to placing four (4) lamp-posts in front of the German Reformed Church, East Sixty-eighth street, north side, about 100 feet west of First avenue:

Under an old ordinance the Gas Commission was authorized to place two (2) lamps in front of any church upon written request of the minister in charge of the said church.

Following the precedent, I have this day ordered the gas company to erect and maintain two (2) lamps in front of the German Reformed Church in East Sixty-eighth street.

Yours very truly, HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

On the requisition of the Commissioner of Sewers, approved by the Commissioner of Highways, the Board authorized the transfer of F. G. Hartvigson, Axeman, from the Department of Highways to the Department of Sewers.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read:

NEW YORK, April 12, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit for your approval plans and specifications, with contract and permission, to build a private sewer on Eldert lane, between Liberty and Glenmore avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn (see memorandum of proceedings on page 4).

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

And the following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Board approves of the granting of a permit to Daniel P. Dowling, by the Commissioner of Sewers, for constructing a sewer, at his own expense, in Eldert street or Eldert lane, between Liberty and Glenmore avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and also approve of the plan and specifications submitted.

The following communication, together with copy of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel and ordinance to be forwarded to the Municipal Assembly, were presented by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and on the recommendation of the President the proposed ordinance was referred to the Corporation Counsel to find out whether it was in conformity with the law:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, NEW YORK, April 11, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—I submit herewith to your Board a draft of proposed ordinance relating to the work of this Department, to be submitted to the Municipal Assembly if approved by your Board, as provided by section 475 of the Greater New York Charter.

I deem it proper to make some explanations in regard to these proposed ordinances.

On account of the want of a clear distinction in the Greater New York Charter between the duties respectively of the Departments of Street Cleaning and Highways, in the matter of the removal of incumbrances, I requested an opinion of the Corporation Counsel, which I have received, dated March 16, 1898, and a copy of which will be found annexed.

From that opinion it will be seen that the kinds of incumbrances to be handled by these two departments may be divided into two classes.

The one class of incumbrances are such as are legally "obstructions," that is to say, incumbrances permanent in their nature or heavy, or which affect the safety or convenience or use of the highways such as (a) building material, (b) material used in public construction, (c) regularly constructed gutter-bridges, (d) goods displayed or for any reason left upon the sidewalk, so as to be impediments to the public use of the sidewalks.

The other class of incumbrances are such as interfere particularly with the street cleaning work, and consist of all materials left in the roadways other than those enumerated in the preceding paragraph, and all waste or refuse, or rubbish left upon the sidewalks. Mere loose planks laid in the gutters to serve as gutter-bridges, but so fastened as to make it impossible, or nearly so, to maintain the gutters underneath them in a cleanly condition, are, I think, incumbrances for the Department of Street Cleaning to remove.

The distinction, therefore, which it seems to me should be made as to the work of the Departments of Highways and Street Cleaning, respectively, in this matter of incumbrances, is that the Department of Highways should attend to the first-class of incumbrances described above, and the Department of Street Cleaning to the other class of incumbrances, and this is the division of the work which the Corporation Counsel, as I understand him, advises should be made by these departments.

From this division of the work, I suggest that permits for building material to be left in the streets and for gutter-bridges should be issued by the Department of Highways, although these latter permits were formerly issued by the Mayor's license bureau. This is a subject that closely concerns the Department of Street Cleaning, for the reason that abuse of these permits by their holders results in the spoiling of the street cleaning work in the neighborhood. If permits for gutter-bridges were issued by the Department of Highways, the Street Cleaning Department could expect better co-operation with it in the enforcement of the conditions of such permits, for the reason that these two departments are under this one Board.

The first of the series of ordinances which I submit is new and relates to incumbrances.

The fourth and fifth of the series relate to the work of the two departments, Highways and Street Cleaning; that under the heading "Removal of Snow and Ice," is new, and has for its purpose to enable the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to make arrangements with the railroad authorities in the city, so as to make a convenient division of the work which the law puts, respectively, upon the railroad companies and this department, of removing the snow from the streets.

That relating to the removal, by the City, of snow and ice from sidewalks where the owners or occupants of the property have failed to act, has been modified from the former law (chapter 281, Laws of 1895), which puts this work upon the Department of Public Works, but unsatisfactorily, for the reason that that Department could not be so well expected as the Department of Street Cleaning to have the facility for doing such work.

Otherwise these ordinances are substantially repetitions of the ordinances on these matters of the former City of New York.

It seems to me that these proposed ordinances, as well as all other propositions for ordinances before this Board, should first be passed upon by the Corporation Counsel, before being submitted to the Municipal Assembly for adoption.

Respectfully, (Signed) JAMES McCARTNEY, Commissioner.

P. S.—I have sent a copy of these proposed ordinances to the Commissioner of Highways.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, NEW YORK, March 16, 1898.

Hon. JAMES McCARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication asking advice in the following matters:

What is your duty, under the Charter, with regard to the removal of incumbrances.

If section 543 puts upon you the duty of removing incumbrances, does this duty extend also to the sidewalks and to overhead incumbrances, as would seem to be implied by the terms of section 547.

Is it also your duty, under the Charter (section 547), to take charge of the issuing of permits to builders to leave building material in the street, and to recommend to the Municipal Assembly, through the Board of Public Improvements, ordinances relating to the government of said material so placed.

You further ask that if, in my opinion, as above requested, it becomes your duty to remove incumbrances of various kinds, are you required also to remove them from unpaved streets as well as from paved streets.

And you further request me to state to what extent the answers to the questions will apply to the several boroughs of the city.

It is a little difficult to state definitely the line which separates the functions of your Department from those of the Department of Highways in relation to the care of the streets; but while difficult, I think it is not impossible to draw this distinction.

It is apparently the intention of the framers of the Charter to vest in the Department of Highways the powers in relation to the public streets formerly possessed by the Department of Public Works of The City of New York, and to place in your Department the powers and duties of the late Department of Street Cleaning of the same city.

It is provided in section 524 of the Charter, among other things:

"Section 524. The commissioner of highways shall have cognizance and control:

"(7). Of the removal of incumbrances.

"(8). Of the issue of permits to builders and others to use the streets, but not to open them."

From these subdivisions of the sections it is apparent that the duties of the Department of Highways are the duties possessed by the previous Department of Public Works of looking after the safety of the streets as distinguished from their cleanliness.

Such incumbrances as form obstructions, and especially such as are of a heavy or permanent nature, are to be removed by the Department of Highways.

The same Department has, under the section quoted, the power to issue permits to builders to place materials in the streets during the construction of buildings.

Your duties are confined to such matters as relate to keeping the streets clean, and incidentally thereto you have the right to remove the articles mentioned in section 543, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the commissioner of street cleaning to remove, or cause to be removed, all unlicensed trucks, carts, wagons and vehicles of any description, found in any public street or place; and also all boxes, barrels, bales of merchandise and other movable property found upon any public street or place, not including, however, any portion of marginal street, or place or wharf, which, by the provisions of law or statute, is committed to the custody and control of the department of docks."

And you possess all the powers and duties of the prior corporations now included in the new city:

"Relating in any way to the sweeping and cleaning of the streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, squares, lanes, alleys, and other public places in the city, and of the removal, or other disposition, as often as the public health and the use of the streets may require, of ashes, street sweepings, garbage and other light refuse and rubbish, and of the removal of snow and ice from leading thoroughfares and from such other streets as may be found practicable; of the removal of incumbrances; of the issue of permits to builders and others to use the streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, squares and public places, but not to open them; of the framing of regulations controlling the use of sidewalks and gutters by abutting owners and occupants for the disposition of sweepings, refuse, garbage or light rubbish."

(Charter, section 547.)

It cannot be denied that the latter part of the section just quoted is apparently a duplication of the provisions of section 524 in reference to the powers of the Commissioner of Highways, and I am not advised as to what policy marks the framers of the present Charter in inserting provisions which might very well, in the absence of intelligence and good judgment on the part of the employees of the two Departments, lead to an apparent clash of authority.

It is especially unwise legislation which gives two departments the same power by reference to issuing building permits, so that a citizen who wishes to inquire as to the authority of a builder to occupy the streets, must make his inquiries to two departments.

However this may be, while it is very difficult, as I have said, to draw the lines between the powers of the two departments in relation to incumbrances and builders' permits, I think the general intention is what I have expressed it to be, that your Department shall have charge of such matters as appertain to the cleaning of the streets, and that the Department of Highways shall exercise its powers in regard to matters which affect the safety or convenience or use of the public highways.

This is as clear a definition as I can give you as to the relative powers of the two departments under the Charter, and I would suggest a conference between yourself and the Commissioner of Highways for the formulation of a policy which shall avoid a clash of authority, and especially avoid the possibility of the employees of the respective departments shifting the responsibility for unclear or unsafe streets from one department to the other.

In reply to the questions in the latter part of your communication, it is not your duty to frame regulations going beyond the control of the use of sidewalks and gutters by abutting owners, as provided in section 547.

Such incumbrances as it is your duty to remove should be removed from the unpaved streets as well as from paved streets, always bearing in mind that it would be absurd to impose upon your Department, or upon any other one, the same duty regarding ordinary country dirt roads as in the case of macadamized or paved streets.

Some judgment and discretion must be exercised, therefore, in the removal of incumbrances from the streets.

The answers to your questions apply to all the boroughs of the city.

(Signed) JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section . . . No person, being the owner or the agent or the employee of the owner or the agent, shall leave or suffer to be left any unlicensed truck, cart, wagon or other vehicle, or any box, barrel, bale of merchandise or other movable property upon any paved street, avenue or public place, except upon such portion of any marginal street or wharf or place as is committed to the custody and control of the Board of Docks, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . No person shall throw, cast or put any ashes, dirt, vegetable, garbage, dust, cinders, shells, straw, paper, shavings, dirt, fish, portions or other portions of food, refuse or rubbish of any kind whatever in any street, avenue or public place, either upon the roadway or sidewalk thereof, provided that dust from the sidewalks may, each morning at eight o'clock, or before the first sweeping of the roadway by the Department of Street Cleaning be swept into the gutter if there piled, but not otherwise, and at no other time, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . No person not properly authorized to sprinkle the streets shall throw, pour or deposit any water or other liquid in any part of any street, avenue or public place, except in the sidewalk thereof, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . Every owner or builder erecting or repairing a building shall cause all the rubbish of every kind occasioned thereby which may accumulate in the street or be cast into the street, and all the same, sand and clay which may be dug from the cellar or yard or area or vault and cast into the street, to be removed out of the said street before sunset on each day, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . Any person or persons other than the Commissioner of Highways who may hereafter pave or cause to be paved any street, avenue or public place, shall, within one month after such pavement shall have been completed, remove or cause to be removed from the said streets, avenues and public places, or portions thereof, so paved, all surplus materials, earth, sand, rubbish and stones, except such stone as shall be retained by order of the Commissioner of Highways, block by block, as rapidly as the work of said paving progresses, except that the sand on newly laid pavements may remain for any period, not to exceed one month, that the Commissioner of Highways may deem necessary; and this ordinance shall be construed so as to apply to the removal of all earth, sand, rubbish and stones collected in any part of the streets, avenues or public places covered by the pavements so done or laid, or in any excavation that may have been made, or other work done in pursuance thereof; and no contract for paving the City of New York shall be accepted as completed until the Commissioner of Highways shall certify that this ordinance has been complied with; any person or persons other than the Commissioner of Highways neglecting or refusing to remove the dirt, sand or rubbish heretofore mentioned within the time specified therein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for each offense; and in addition thereto, the Commissioner of Highways shall cause the same to be removed at the expense of the party so neglecting or refusing, who shall be liable to repay and refund the same and which sum shall be collected and paid into the City Treasury.

Sec. . . No contractor, or other person or persons, shall cause any cart or other vehicle to be loaded and heaped up with manure, sand, earth, mud, clay or rubbish, or drive any such cart or vehicle so that the contents, or any part thereof, shall be scattered in any street, avenue, public place, pier or bulkhead, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . No person shall throw, cast or distribute in any of the streets, avenues or public places any hand-bills, circulars, cards or other advertising matter whatever, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Sec. . . No person, being the owner, or the lessee, or the tenant, or the occupant of any house, shall set out any receptacles for garbage, ashes or other refuse matter, or cause or suffer to be set out any receptacles more than one-half hour before the time designated for the arrival of the carts of the Department of Street Cleaning, except in such boroughs or portions of boroughs where the manner of collection of such garbage, ashes or other refuse matter is provided to be done otherwise by contract, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for every such offense.

Removal of Snow and Ice.

Sec. . . For the more speedy and effective removal of snow and ice from the paved streets, avenues and public places of the city, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning shall have power and authority to enter into agreements for the entire winter season, or part thereof, with any street

surface railroad, or other railroad having tracks in the city, for the removal of snow and ice from the entire width of the street, avenue or public place, from curb to curb, at any part of the route of said railroad, provided that nothing in said agreements shall be inconsistent with any law of the State of New York or with any right of the City of New York.

Sec. 1. Whenever any owner, lessee, tenant or occupant or person having charge of any building or lot of ground abutting upon any paved street, avenue or public place, shall fail to comply with the provisions of any ordinance of the City for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalk or gutter to the street, on the side of the street on which the said building or lot abuts, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may 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 Street Cleaning to the Comptroller of the City, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may authorize such additional expenditures as may be required for the said removal of such snow or ice to be paid out of any appropriation made for the purpose of such Department; and the Comptroller shall raise the amount of such additional expenditure by the issue and sale of Revenue Bonds, and shall place the amount so raised to the credit of the Department of Street Cleaning, to supply the amount of the deficiency occasioned by such additional expenditure; and immediately thereafter the said Comptroller shall make and deliver the certificate thereof to the Municipal Assembly, and all amounts so certified, with an additional charge, by way of penalty, of two and one-half dollars for each such lot of ground, shall, by the Municipal Assembly annually be added 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 withheld as part of the annual taxes for such fiscal year, for or during which the same shall have been so certified and certified, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to interfere with the right of any owner, lessee or occupant of any lot therein, to throw into the roadway of the street, avenue or public place of the city, any snow or ice which may be removed from the sidewalk or gutter directly in front of such lot, provided that this is done in conformity with the ordinances governing such removal, and providing that the term lot, as herein used, shall intend a space not to exceed twenty-five feet in width fronting on the street, avenue or public place upon which the violation is supposed to have been committed or omitted.

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for any surface railroad company, or other railroad company, or any corporation, or person, wharfman, or the officers, agents or servants thereof, to cause or allow any snow-plow, sweeping machine or other similar instrument to pass over the tracks or lines used by them within the limits of the city, unless by express permission in that behalf to be granted to them by the Mayor. Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offense.

Sec. 3. No work permit or renewal thereof shall be granted, except upon the expressed condition and agreement upon the part of the temporary applying for such permit or renewal, that, in case of any fall of snow or deep-frost thawing up or the snow by any such snow-plow or machine will remain on the highway until it is removed or made impassable to the carriages, then, within twenty-four (24) hours after such fall of snow, and after the use of such snow-plow or machine, the party to whom the said permit has been granted shall, and will, at his own expense, remove and carry away the snow thrown up by such plow or machine, and shall and will reduce the snow upon the highway to a level of six inches or less, or such level as will make convenient to all vehicles the approach to the sidewalks, and under the whole width of the roadway safe for travel; and that such snow-plow, sweeping machine or other instrument be so constructed as not to throw any snow or slush upon the sidewalks or buildings, under a penalty of ten dollars for every load or sidewalk to first throw upon which such snow or slush shall be thrown.

Sec. 4. No work permit or renewal shall be granted, unless the party to whom granted shall expressly covenant, stipulate and agree that in case of his failure, neglect or omission to remove and carry away the snow or ice thrown up by such snow-plow or other instrument, and to reduce and level the same to an even surface on the highway within the time and manner aforesaid, then the same may be removed, reduced and leveled under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and the expense of removing, reducing and leveling shall be paid by said party to the said Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may authorize that the amount of amounts of money so paid shall be credited to the appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, for the removal of snow and ice.

Sec. 5. In case of neglect or refusal, or omission of the party to whom such permit may be granted to remove and carry away the snow and ice thrown up by such plow or other instrument, and to reduce and level the same to an even surface on the highway within the time and manner aforesaid, then the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, by the direction of the Mayor, shall forthwith cause the same to be removed, reduced and leveled at the public expense, and all expenditures made or incurred therefore shall be chargeable upon the party so neglecting, refusing or omitting to perform his agreement, and shall be recoverable by an action at law, to be commenced by the Corporation Attorney, in behalf of The City of New York.

Sec. 6. Every owner, lessee, tenant or occupant, or other person, having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city, abutting upon a paved street, avenue or public place shall, within eight (8) hours after any snowfall, and within eight (8) hours after the melting 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 a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than two dollars, to be paid by the said owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge, severally and respectively; but where said snow falls or ice freezes between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the morning, the said ice or snow may be removed at any time before 5 o'clock of the morning hereinafter provided, providing that if the said snow or ice is removed into the roadway, and removal shall not be in conflict with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for the removal of snow and ice from the said roadway.

Sec. 7. In case the ice or snow on the sidewalk shall be frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without injury to the pavement, the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground as aforesaid, shall, within the time specified in the last preceding section, cause the sidewalk abutting on the said premises to be strewn with ashes or sand, under the penalty of not less than one nor more than five dollars, to be paid by the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or person having charge thereof, severally and respectively.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, immediately after every snow fall, or the formation of ice on the sidewalks or in the culverts of paved streets, avenues and public places, forthwith to cause the removal of said snow and ice from the said sidewalks and culverts, and to keep the sidewalks and culverts always clean and free from obstruction.

Sec. 9. Every person who shall throw, deposit or place or cause to be thrown, deposited or placed, or upon any paved street, avenue or public place of the city, except upon the curbs, crossings or switches of railroad tracks, any salt, saltpetre or other substance for the purpose of dissolving any snow or ice, which may have fallen or been deposited thereon, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It shall not be lawful for any person to throw or place upon the curbs, crossings or switches of railroad tracks in any part of the street, avenue or public place of the city, any salt, saltpetre or other substance for the purpose of dissolving snow or ice, unless permission therefor be obtained from the Mayor.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz.:

Resolved, That on petition submitted of Fred. A. Reiss and others, and hearing given thereon this 7th day of April, 1898, the Local Board of Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that Mount Hope place, from Anthony Avenue to Jerome Avenue, be regulated and graded, sidewalks set, sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, April 8, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting on April 7 last, viz.:

Resolved, That on petition submitted of Frank Stengle and others, and hearing given thereon this 7th day of April, 1898, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly that East One Hundred and Fifty-first Street (Heck), between the east side of Robbin Avenue and the west side of Beach Avenue, be regulated, graded, sidewalks set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof and crosswalks laid where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President.

The following communication, together with the proposed ordinance, was read and the matter was laid over for one week:

NEW YORK, April 12, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Your committee, appointed at a meeting of the Board on March 30th ultimo, to draft a resolution regarding the granting of plumbers' licenses and bonds and to report to the Board, respectfully submit and recommend the approval of the annexed draft of ordinance, which in their opinion fully covers the case and protects all the public interests represented by the several departments which are a part of the Board of Public Improvements.

Very respectfully,  
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.  
WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.  
JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

By HORACE LOOMIS, Chief Engineer.

Be it Enacted that all openings into any sewers or drains for the purpose of making connections therewith from any house, cellar, vault, yard or other premises, or for making repairs to said connections, or all openings into any water-mains for the purpose of making connections therewith from any premises, or for making repairs to said connections, or any excavation, opening or displacement of the carriage-way of any street, avenue or public place in The City of New York, or sidewalk thereof, shall be made by persons in accordance with chapter 602, Laws of 1892, to be located by the President of the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York in writing, to perform such work; and the said persons, before being so licensed, shall execute a bond to The City of New York, in the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller of The City of New York and filed with him. Said bond to be conditioned that they will carefully make the street opening in the manner described by the head of the department having jurisdiction to permit such openings to be made, and close up the same to the satisfaction of the said head of department.

And, upon such license being issued, the said President of the Board of Public Improvements shall forthwith notify the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Water Supply and the Commissioner of Highways that such license has been issued and also transmit to each of the said Commissioners the date of issuing said license, and the name and address of the person licensed.

Neither the Commissioner of Sewers nor the Commissioner of Water Supply shall issue a permit to a person duly licensed, as above provided, for work hereinafter described, unless the application for said permit is first approved by the Commissioner of Highways.

Such portions of section 306 of the Revised Ordinances, or of other of the Revised Ordinances, inconsistent with the above provisions so far as they relate to the issuing of licenses, are hereby rescinded and repealed.

In the matter of changing the grade of new Elm street, from Duane to Worth street, and of old Elm street, from Duane to Worth street, and also of Pearl street, from Centre street to a point 200 feet west of old Elm street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, the hearing was extended until April 27, and the matter was referred to the Engineer of Street Openings for a report as to the estimated cost of the work.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit technical description showing the proposed changed grade of Webster Avenue in this borough. The maps for filing will be furnished at an early date.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS A. RISSE, Chief Topographical Engineer.

And thereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Street Opening and Improvement did heretofore, on or about May 3, 1895, lay out and extend Webster Avenue and establish the grade thereof; and

Whereas, The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York deems it necessary for the perfecting of such Webster Avenue that the grade thereof be changed; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Webster Avenue, between East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street and the first angle northerly thereof, and of the road connecting Woodlawn Station of the New York and Harlem Railroad with Webster Avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the first angle point in the western curb-line of Webster Avenue, northerly of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street, elevation of established grade 79.0 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly along the western curb-line of Webster Avenue to a point 100 feet therefrom, elevation 75.5 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly to a point on western curb-line of Webster Avenue, being opposite a point in the eastern curb-line of Webster Avenue, which is fifty feet northerly of the centre of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, elevation to be 82.75 feet above high-water datum; thence easterly to a point in the eastern curb-line of Webster Avenue, fifty feet northerly of the centre of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, elevation to be 82.0 feet above high-water datum; thence to a point in the western curb-line of the road running along the New York and Harlem Railroad property, being the tangent point of the house-line curve of 17.5 feet radius, to be 77.0 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly to the intersection of the western and southerly curb-lines of the road running along the New York and Harlem Railroad property, to be 73.75 feet above high-water datum; thence northerly along the western property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to the intersection of the western line of the New York and Harlem Railroad property with the northerly curb-line of the road connecting lower road along the New York and Harlem property with Webster Avenue, elevation to be 76.0 feet above high-water datum; thence along the northerly and easterly curb-line of said road to the tangent point opposite the curve, whose radius is 70.7 feet, elevation to be 78.0 feet above high-water datum.

All elevations to be above high-water datum as established and in use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grade of the above-named Avenue at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grade of the above-named Avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, }  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit technical descriptions showing the proposed changed grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street, in this borough. The maps for filing will be furnished at an early date.

Respectfully,  
LOUIS A. RISSE, Chief Topographical Engineer.

Thereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Street Opening and Improvement did heretofore, on or about the 3d day of May, 1895, lay out and extend East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street and establish the grade thereof; and

Whereas, The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York deems it necessary for the perfecting of such East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street that the grade thereof be changed; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street, from Webster Avenue to the easterly property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly curb-line of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street where the same is intersected by the northern prolongation of the eastern curb-line of Webster Avenue, the elevation of established grade to be 91.5 feet above high-water datum as in use in the Borough of The Bronx; thence easterly along the centre line of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street to the western line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, elevation to be 92.5 feet above high water; thence easterly to the easterly property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, elevation to be 93.0 feet above high-water datum.

All elevations to be above the high-water datum as established for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grade of the above-named Street at a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grade of the above-named street will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the City Record for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of April, 1898.

In the matter of changing the grade of Clay avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-first street; Teller avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, and East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from College avenue to Clay avenue, which had been considered at the Board meeting of March 23, the Secretary reported that the remaining property-owners had petitioned for the change, and the following resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, desiring it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Clay avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-first street; of Teller avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, and of East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from College avenue to Clay avenue, all in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Public Improvements cause to be prepared, for submission to this Board, three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing, as nearly as possible, the nature and extent of the proposed change of grades of the above-named streets and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, suitable for the illumination and location thereof, with necessary explanatory remarks and duplicate technical description of the same.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over for future action:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } No. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, April 13, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HULLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to the provisions of section 524, subdivision 6 of the City Charter, I recommend that the carriage-way of Pacific street, from Union avenue to Sunnyside avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be regulated, graded, surfaced and paved with asphalt on concrete foundation.

I also recommend that authority be given to require of the contractor a guaranty of maintenance for fifteen years.

The improvement is to be paid for by assessment, and the estimated cost is \$9,000.

The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$112,825.

I inclose an ordinance for approval, adoption and transmission to the Municipal Assembly.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and referred to the Corporation Council for his opinion and advice in the matter:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, } No. 205 AND 207 BRADWAY, } NEW YORK, April 13, 1898. }

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In compliance with the action of your Honorable Body, at its last meeting, April 5, by referring to me the communication of the Hon. Frederick Bowley, President of the Borough of Queens, in relation to a sewer in Webster avenue, from Jackson avenue to the East river, I beg leave to present the following report, as submitted by the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, through of Queens:

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF QUEENS, } CITY HALL, LONG ISLAND CITY, } NEW YORK, April 12, 1898. }

Hon. JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—Obedient to your requirements for report to be made to you respecting matter in connection with the construction of sewer in Webster Avenue, from the East River, into Long Island City, now First Ward, Borough of Queens, in order that prompt response may be made to the subject matter as contained in communication addressed to the Board of Public Improvements of City of New York by the President of the said Borough, and which was referred to you by the said Board, do hereby respectfully submit the following:

That all the records, documents, maps, etc., formerly of the General Improvement Commission of Long Island City, were taken possession of and removed from its office therein to the office of Board aforesaid; since then they have been separated and are now to be found in various sections of the Greater New York.

That I found the minutes, books and maps of warrant books in the charge of the Engineer's office, and from an investigation thereof am enabled to state that on November 20, 1896, the plans and specifications for the sewer on Webster Avenue were submitted by the Engineer and approved by the General Improvement Commission, and by it ordered that the same be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works. That the estimated cost of the proposed sewer on Webster Avenue was placed at \$44,000, and that a record of the said estimate was ordered to be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works. That the Secretary was directed to insert in all four newspapers published in Long Island City, and in a New York and Brooklyn paper advertisements for sealed bids, etc., to be received up to December 5, 1896.

That on November 25, 1896, the maps and plans of Webster Avenue as aforesaid were approved; that the two bids received for said work came from William I. Rogers and P. H. Harrison & Sons; were opened, read and referred to Engineer for competition and tabulation; which formal action was had on December 5, 1896.

That on December 14, 1896, the Engineer submitted the following computation and tabulation of the Webster Avenue sewer and its appurtenances, to wit:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Items include W.I. Rogers and P.H. Harrison & Sons.

That in accordance with the foregoing showing, award of contract was then made to William J. Rogers as the lowest responsible bidder.

That on January 4, 1897, Commissioner Moore stated that the Webster Avenue contract had been signed and approved (by Corporation Council) and the certified check had been returned to the successful bidder, W. J. Rogers; also the certified check of P. H. Harrison & Sons had been returned.

The contract above referred to I found in the office of the Board of Public Improvements boxed up with other documents of said Commission ready for the delivery to the Comptroller's office.

Said contract is dated December 18, 1896; signed by four-fifths of the number of persons then constituting said Commission; has the signature of William J. Rogers; is witnessed by Thomas P. Burke, the then Corporation Counsel, and has expressed therein "by and between Long Island City by the General Improvement Commission of said city as party of the second part."

I was unable to find any limit of time wherein said undertaking was to be completed, as the place therefor is blank. There is contained therein a clause whereby the contractor is obliged to save the City harmless from all damages, etc., to properties, etc.

That he must permit the gas company and other parties whose property is made subject to damage by reason of excavation, to properly protect same therefrom.

As to the bond, sufficiency of sureties, etc., I made no inspection, not deeming same as yet necessary.

On February 1, 1897, the General Improvement Commission adopted the following:

Resolved, That requisition be and hereby is made by this Commission for the issue of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars of General Improvement Bonds, payable in five years according to provision of chapter 644, Laws of 1895, to be designated as Series No. 1 of the bonds for the grading, sewerage and appurtenances on Webster Avenue, from the East river to Jackson Avenue, and the expenses incidental thereto and which said bonds shall be exempt from taxation by Long Island City.

That on April 2, 1897, the Engineer submitted estimate of work done on Webster Avenue sewer:

Table with 2 columns: Amount and Less 20 per cent. Total \$6,798 00.

—which estimate was approved on April 13, 1897, and Warrant No. 1548 of same date issued to William I. Rogers for \$6,798, which the City Treasurer was unable to pay, as the Common Council failed to issue the bonds required for same in keeping with the failure of said Commission to render to it an account of the obligation incurred by said Commission, and so remained ever since.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Items include Estimate No. 2 amounting to \$5,689 30 and Less 20 per cent. Total \$5,351 44.

—which was referred to the President as a committee of one, and am unable to find that it was ever reported back to said Commission.

From the papers in an application to be made by the East River Gas Company, situated on Webster Avenue, for a writ of mandamus to be signed on Saturday next, to compel your Department to cause the construction of said sewer to be forthwith proceeded with, or the trench in such avenue to be filled up and the sloughfare to be returned to its former condition, it appears that the contractor for said Webster Avenue sewer agreed to work thereon about May 15, 1897, and never resumed operation thereon since.

The plans and maps relating to said work, I am informed, are stored in the Borough of The Bronx; nevertheless, do inform that the length of sewer contemplated to be constructed in Webster Avenue, from the East river to Jackson Avenue, measures about 6,000 feet. That the excavation made at the foot of said avenue for such purpose, and now remaining open, is about 385 feet long, 18 feet wide and 18 feet deep.

In conclusion permit me to hereby inform the appeal made by the President of the Borough as to the importance which the proper grading and sewerage of Webster Avenue, as a thorough thoroughfare, from the East river to a central station of the First Ward, bears.

Awaiting your further commands, I remain, Your truly, MATTHEW J. O'LEARY, Deputy Sewer Commissioner.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply, which had been laid over from the meeting of February 19, was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } No. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, February 15, 1898. }

Hon. M. F. HULLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I send herewith for your approval attached list of water rates of the pipes and price named of the same to be assessed.

These matters and prices were approved under the Consolidation Act of 1892 by the Mayor, Comptroller and Chief Engineers of the City and Borough.

Very respectfully,

WM. TRAFLET, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Price List of Water Rates to Consumers.

Table with 10 columns: Style of Meter, and various numerical values for different meter styles.

Price List of Water Rates to Deposition.

Table with 10 columns: Style of Meter, and various numerical values for different meter styles.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn voting in the negative:

Resolved, That the petition and price of said meter be furnished by the Commissioner of Water Supply, and be so approved.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and laid over for future action:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } No. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, April 13, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HULLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to the provisions of section 524, subdivision 6 of the City Charter, I recommend that the carriage-way of Fifty-seventh street, from Bleecker Avenue for a distance of 200 feet westerly, be regulated with granite on a concrete foundation.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$7,000, chargeable to the appropriation for "Repairing Streets and Avenues."

Pursuant to the provisions of the first subdivision of section 470 of the Charter of The City of New York, I respectfully ask the Board of Public Improvements to approve and adopt the ordinance hereto attached, and to transmit it with my certificate to the Municipal Assembly for action by that body.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } No. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, April 13, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HULLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to the provisions of section 524, subdivision 6 of the City Charter, I recommend that Fifty-seventh street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and read and sidewalks flagged and reflagged where necessary. The cost of the improvement is to be assessed on the abutting and benefited property.

In compliance with section 413 of the Charter, I beg to report that the estimated cost of the work is \$5,000, and that the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, is \$210,000. The convenience of the public requires that the proposed improvement shall be authorized and effected as early as practicable.

In conformity with section 417 of the Charter, I respectfully ask the Board of Public Improvements to approve and adopt the ordinance hereto attached, and to transmit it to the Municipal Assembly for action by that body.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and filed:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } No. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, April 13, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HULLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated April 7, from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, I received a copy of a communication addressed to you by the President of the Borough of Queens, in the matter of the failure of the Woodside Water Company to remove from the principal highways of the First Ward of said Borough the water-pipes deposited by them, and requesting that prompt and summary action be taken to have such pipes and fittings removed from the public streets.

In reply, I beg to say that the Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of Queens recently called my attention to the condition of affairs alluded to in President Bowley's letter, and I submitted all the facts in the matter to the Corporation Council for advice as to whether it would be proper for this Department to notify the Woodside Water Company to remove their pipes from Jackson Avenue and other streets, and to restore the roadways of these streets to the same condition they were in before the company excavated trenches in which to lay their water-mains. I also asked him to advise me whether this Department would have the power to cause the necessary work to be done and to charge the expense to the company if they should fail to comply with such a notice.

As soon as I receive the Corporation Council's opinion on the matter, I will direct the Deputy Commissioner of Highways for the Borough of Queens to take action in accordance therewith.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following schedules form a report of the transactions of the office of the Corporation Counsel for the week ending February 24, 1898. The City of New York, in the Matter, Attention and Economy of The City of New York are dependent unless otherwise mentioned.

SCHEDULE "A"

CITY AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS PROCEEDED.

Table with columns: Case No., Date, Party, Description of Action, and Remarks. Contains numerous entries regarding legal proceedings, including cases like 'People ex rel. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company vs. The Tax Commissioners' and 'People ex rel. The Twenty-third Street Railroad Company'.

SCHEDULE "B"

JUDGMENTS, ORDERS AND DECREES ENTERED.

McKnight Film & Co. Company—Order entered granting leave to serve amended complaint. People ex rel. Delaware and Hudson Canal Company vs. The Tax Commissioners (1897)—Order entered vacating assessment on the relator for 1896. People ex rel. Alfred S. Dickinson vs. Bird S. Cole, Comptroller, etc.—Order entered granting writ of mandamus.

People ex rel. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company vs. The Tax Commissioners (1897); People ex rel. Twenty-third Street Railroad Company (1897)—Orders entered granting motions to punish Commissioners for contempt unless returns are filed. Germain Martin—Order entered vacating the judgment entered October 25, 1897, and denying motion to vacate judgment entered December 8, 1897. The Mayor, etc., vs. Edward J. H. Tamm, etc.; The Mayor, etc., vs. Daniel Cusack; Daniel Cusack vs. Charles H. T. Collins—Orders entered discontinuing actions without costs.

SCHEDULE "C"

CITY AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS (WITH THE JUDICIAL)

People ex rel. John J. Fisher vs. Isaac Freeman, Baggage—Motion for mandamus argued before Judge J. J. Mulvaney reserved; T. Farley for the City. People ex rel. Board of Education—Complaints returned by default before Judge J. J. Mulvaney. Lawrence Stoney, administrator, etc.—Final order. People ex rel. Board of Education—Complaints returned by default before Judge J. J. Mulvaney. Matter of New East River Bridge, Harbors provided and adjourned; C. Hill for the City. Matter of Board of Education—Motion for mandamus argued before Judge J. J. Mulvaney reserved; T. Farley for the City. Matter of Board of Education—Motion for mandamus argued before Judge J. J. Mulvaney reserved; T. Farley for the City. Matter of Board of Education—Motion for mandamus argued before Judge J. J. Mulvaney reserved; T. Farley for the City.

Hearings before Commissioners of Buildings in continuation of Proceedings.

Small areas school site, Academy street school site, Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets school site, One Hundred and Fourteenth street school site, Fifty-second street school site, Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets school site, Sixty-first street school site, Rightfield street school site, Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets school site, Eighty-seventh street school site, West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street school site, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets school site, School avenue fire site, Brown street fire site, one hearing each; Brown and Cannon streets school site, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets school site, One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets school site, two hearings each; J. T. Malone and C. S. Harris for the City.

JOHN WILLEN, Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS. THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, ZENOBIA MANDIN, CLARIBON PARK, April 18, 1898. SUPERVISOR OF THE CITY RECORD: DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx has appointed Bernard Fry and Edward Heffernan Teamsters with teams and promoted James Quirk to the position of Assistant Foreman. Respectfully yours, MAX R. KAHN, Private Secretary.

APRIL 16. H. Gallagher, No. 527 East Seventy-second street, with horse and cart. APRIL 18. Patrick J. Ahearn, No. 68 Gansevoort street, with horse and cart. H. Wagner, One Hundred and Twenty-second street and Tenth avenue, with horse and cart. Patrick McPartland, No. 433 East Seventy-ninth street, with horse and cart. Respectfully, WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled AN ACT in relation to the keeper of the hall of records in the county of Kings. Further notice is hereby given that a public hearing upon such bill will be held in the office of the Mayor, in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Wednesday, April 20, 1898, at 10.30 A.M. Dated CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 15, 1898. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, April 18, 1898. SUPERVISOR OF THE CITY RECORD: SIR—I beg to report, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that Park Commissioner Claussen has appointed for duty in the Department, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, the following men:

Pursuant to statutory requirements, notice is hereby given that an act has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled AN ACT to amend chapter five hundred and fifty-three of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act in relation to the supreme court in the first judicial district and the appellate division thereof in the first department," as amended by chapter nine hundred and fifty-nine of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six and chapter six hundred and fifty-six of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Further notice is hereby given that a public hearing upon such bill will be held in the office of the Mayor, in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, April 24, 1898, at 10:30 A. M.

Dated City Hall, New York, April 18, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Pursuant to statutory requirements, notice is hereby given that an act has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled AN ACT further to provide for the office of an inspector of construction, alteration and repairs of public buildings in the county of Kings and to define certain powers and duties.

Further notice is hereby given that a public hearing upon such bill will be held in the office of the Mayor, in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Wednesday, April 20, 1898, at 10:45 A. M.

Dated City Hall, New York, April 15, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH THE PUBLIC OFFICES IN THE CITY ARE OPEN TO BUSINESS, AND AT WHICH THE COURTS REGULARLY OPEN AND ADJOURN, ACCORD TO THE SEVERAL LAWS WHICH THEREON ARE REPEATEDLY MADE, TOGETHER WITH THE HOURS OF DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. Mayor's Office. No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Deputy Mayor. No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

ALDERMEN. Room 200, Stewart Building, 110 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS. Room 212 and 213, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS. THE MAYOR, Chairman. COMMISSIONERS OF THE ARMY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Secretaries.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY. THE COUNCIL. President of the Council. J. F. SHERIDAN, Mayor.

BOARDS OF PRESIDENTS. Borough of Manhattan. Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, No. 10, 11 and 12, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARDS OF PRESIDENTS. Borough of the Bronx. Office of the President of the Borough of the Bronx, corner Third Avenue and Ave. Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARDS OF PRESIDENTS. Borough of Queens. FREEMAN'S BUILDING, President. Office, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARDS OF PRESIDENTS. Borough of Richmond. Office of the President of the Borough of Richmond, 100 West Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. No. 36 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. No. 125, Nassau Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, No. 148 East Twentieth Street, New York City, April 20, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLYING GAS ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND FOR THE CORRECTION INSTITUTIONS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR GAS will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth Street, in the City of New York, until MONDAY, MAY 3, 1898, until 10 A. M.

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

Borough of Manhattan. List 1068, No. 1. Paving Broadway avenue, from the north side of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to the north side of One Hundred and Fiftieth street, with asphalt pavement.

List 2625, No. 2. Paving Ninety-eighth street, from West End avenue to Riverside Drive, with granite-block pavement.

List 2712, No. 3. Sewer in One Hundred and Eighty-first street, between Kingsbridge road and Eleventh avenue, with curbs at Wadsworth avenue.

List 2742, No. 4. Paving Lexington avenue, from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and First street, with asphalt-block pavement.

The limits within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, piers and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Broadway avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to the north side of One Hundred and Fiftieth street, extending two feet from the easterly and westerly lines on said avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

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All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 300 Broadway, New York, on or before May 27, 1898, at 12 A. M., at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

EDWARD McCUE, EDWARD CAHILL, THOMAS A. WILSON, JOHN DELMAR, PATRICK M. HAVERTY, Board of Assessors.

WILLIAM H. JASPER, Secretary, No. 300 Broadway, City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, April 14, 1898.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, 1706 CITY OF NEW YORK, CENTRAL ELIZABETH PLAZA AND WHITE STREET, New York, March 26, 1898.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT open competitive examinations will be held at the office of the Commission for the following positions, upon the dates specified:

Wednesday, April 20, MEDICAL EXAMINER IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Friday, April 23, AXEMAN. LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, BUREAU OF MANHATTAN AND THE BOROUGH OF THIRD AVENUE, New York, April 16, 1898.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDDING GOODS, RUBBER (rolls, blades, crutches, glass, paints, Wadsworth, H. B. & Co.), Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing blankets, clothing, glass, oils, woolenware, hardware, linen, etc., in conformity with samples and specifications will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 20 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock P. M., MONDAY, MAY 2, 1898.

All quantities to be more or less.

- 1100 4 dozen Fudrich Posters. 1200 5 pounds Vermorel. 1201 50 pounds Large Lamp Rock Salt. 1202 1 dozen Soap Powder. 1203 3 gallons Maltine. 1204 10 gall of Liquid Peppermint. 1205 4 barrels Apples. 1206 2 box Oranges. 1207 20 dozen Electrotype, manufactured by Electrotype Company. 1208 10 gallons Malted Milk. 1209 50 pounds Popozerick Milk Powder. 1210 1 dozen Goldata. 1211 1 dozen Colony Holders, glass. 1212 1 dozen Spoon Holders, glass. 1213 1 dozen Fruit Dishes, glass. 1214 1 dozen Coffee Cups, blue pattern. 1215 1 dozen Coffee Saucers, blue pattern. 1216 1 dozen Tea Cup, blue pattern. 1217 1 dozen Tea Saucers, blue pattern. 1218 1 dozen Dessert Dishes, blue pattern. 1219 1 dozen Butter Dishes, blue pattern. 1220 1 dozen Sugar Bowls, blue pattern. 1221 1 dozen Breakfast Plates, blue pattern. 1222 1 dozen Dinner Plates, blue pattern. 1223 1 dozen Soup Plates, blue pattern. 1224 1 dozen Butter Dishes. 1225 1 dozen 5-inch Glass Globes, porcelain. 1226 1 dozen 5-inch Ground Glass Globes. 1227 1 dozen Green Porcelain Shades for Argand Lamp. 1228 1 dozen Mustard Spoons, wood. 1229 1 dozen Vinegar and Oil Cruets 1/2 pint glass. 1230 1 dozen Breakfast Plates. 1231 1 dozen Sugar Bowls. 1232 1 dozen Vegetable Dishes, W. C. 1233 1 gross pieces White Story Binding. 1234 1 Cap for Amputation Surgeon. 1235 1 Caps for Ambulance Drivers, one 7 1/2 inches, one 7 1/4 inches. 1236 25 yards Chuck Cloth. 1237 1 roll White Flannel Cloth, 4 feet wide. 1238 1 dozen each Black and White Stay Binding, No. 2. 1239 1 dozen each Black and White Stay, 1/2 inch. 1240 200 yards Black Quarter Elastic, 1/2 inch. 1241 1 Bolt Canvas, No. 2, 28 inches. 1242 100 pairs Men's Suspenders. 1243 400 Men's Straw Hats. 1244 300 Women's Straw Hats. 1245 1,000 pairs Blue Laces. 1246 1 box Thick American Glass, first quality, double thick, 16 by 24 inches. 1247 1 box Glass, 24 by 20 inches, first quality, double thick.

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- 1346. 1 dozen glass, 12 by 24 inches.
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- 1350. 1 dozen - P. Kerosene.
- 1351. 1 dozen - P. Kerosene.
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should the contract within the time specified the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded decline or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him 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 re-advertised and taken as provided by law.

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares and necessaries to be furnished in every respect to the satisfaction of the Board of Health at the date of the award of the contract, or in the absence of samples, to the printed specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications and particularly of the articles to be furnished, and to make their own investigations and to make their own price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write on the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the name of the bidder.

Each article when delivered shall have a tag attached bearing the number.

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

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment can be obtained at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will not be responsible for any error or omission in every particular.

Dated New York, April 19, 1898.

JOHN W. KELLER, President,  
ALBION SMITH, Jr., Treasurer,  
JAMES ELLIS, Comptroller,  
Department of Public Charities.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES,  
BUREAU OF MANUFACTURES AND THE BIDDING,  
No. 20 DEWEY AVENUE,  
New York, April 19, 1898.

LIST OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES FOR ANNUAL BIDDING NO. 104 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

MONITOR OF MANUFACTURES AND THE BIDDING.

SEALED BIDS ON ESTIMATES FOR THE following mentioned hospital supplies and repairs will be received at the Central Office of the Department, No. 20 Dewey Avenue, until 10 o'clock on **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1898**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The bidder or bidders making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope addressed "Bid for Hospital Supplies and Repairs" with his or their name of bidder, and the date of presentation in the seal of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

The article will be made in the most suitable and cheapest manner possible for the purpose.

The Department reserves the right to take more or less or none at all, or any of the articles mentioned at the amount offered or to be.

All bids must be based upon the description for which or articles mentioned by this Department, and not on samples furnished by the bidder.

Samples will be on exhibition at the Central Office of the Department, No. 20 Dewey Avenue, during office hours, from April 20 until the bids are opened.

SUBJECT MATTER.

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- 102. 100 pounds Potassium Chlorate, powder, 100 lb.
- 103. 100 pounds Potassium Citrate, U. S. P., 1 lb.
- 104. 100 pounds Potassium Iodide, crystalline, 10 lb.
- 105. 100 pounds Potassium Permanganate, large crystals, 100 lb.
- 106. 100 pounds Quinine Hydrochloride, U. S. P., 100 lb.
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All repairs must be completed within 8 days after the articles have been delivered to the successful bidder, except in special cases when a longer time is clearly shown to be necessary.

**Line** **Misc**  
**Number** **or less.**  
1320. 220 (more or less) Surgical and Clinical Instruments belonging to different Institutions. These will be on exhibition at the General Drug Department on Friday, April 20, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Saturday, April 23, from 9 A. M. until noon.

1321. 2 Medical Batteries. To be seen at same time and place.

1322. 2 Steam Sewing Machines. To be seen at same time and place.

1323. 8 Apparatus as follows: Operating Table and Dressing Table, at Harlem Hospital. Bidders are to call there and make their own measurement; Operating Table, at Bellevue Hospital. Bidders to call at the General Drug Department at same time and place as for No. 1320; Instrument Table, at Irving Street; Washstand (surgical); 2 Instruments and Dressing Table and 1 Wheel Stretcher; all at the Metropolitan Hospital, Blackwell's Island. Bidders to obtain a pass from the Secretary of the Board at the Central Office, at Third Avenue, and in addition, the articles at the Metropolitan Hospital themselves. The bid is to be made for all the articles under this number combined, and to include all cost of dismounting, removal, cartage and reconditioning.

The articles, supplies, goods, wares and merchandise are to be delivered, free of expense, at the General Drug Department on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital, East Twenty-ninth Street, near First Avenue, and are to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be required.

The quality of the Hospital Supplies must conform in every respect to the specifications and samples, and bidders are cautioned to examine both specifications and samples of the articles required before making their estimates.

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

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IT DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1884.

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

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two substantial sureties, each to the penal amount of fifty (\$50,000) each, for each article.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the supplies by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract 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.

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 included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the office or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no exposure 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 re-advertised and retold, as provided by law.

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

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the General Bookkeeper and Auditor, No. 10 Third Avenue, and bidders are cautioned to examine such and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

JOHN W. KELLER, President,  
ADOLPH SIMIS, Jr., Commissioner,  
JAMES FEENEY, Commissioner,  
Department of Public Charities.

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.**

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND,  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, APRIL 14, 1898.

**AUCTION SALE.**

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS (BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND) will sell at public auction, by James McCarty, Auctioneer, at the Nursery, in Central Park (commencing from Ninety-sixth Street Transverse Road), on **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1898**, at 10 30 A. M., condemned tools and material comprising—

Hay cutter, dog-cart, light wagon, harness, hose, rope, wire, glass tiles, circular steam radiators, tools, etc., and one lot of scrap-iron.

**TERMS OF SALE.**

The purchase money must be paid in bankable funds at the time of sale, and the purchases must be removed from the Park as soon as possible thereafter.

By order of the Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond,  
**WILLIS HOLLY,**  
Secretary.

**DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.**

**PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK BAY, CAN OBTAIN 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, 340 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.**  
**JAMES MCCARTNEY,**  
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
No. 200 MULBERRY STREET,  
New York, April 19, 1898.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** ten Horses, known as "Martha," No. 67, from Thirty-ninth Precinct, and "Landy," No. 121, from Thirty-fifth Precinct, will be sold at public auction, in the afternoon of **Monday, Van Tassel & Kearney, No. 100 East Thirtieth Street, on FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1898, at 30 A. M.**  
By order of the Board of Police,  
**JOHN F. HARRIOT,**  
Property Clerk.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1898.**

**OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 200 MULBERRY STREET, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claims: 10 hats, race-crown, (red, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wire, blankets, diamonds, coated goods, leathers, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.**  
**JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, Borough of BROOKLYN.**

**OWNERS WANTED BY THE DEPUTY PROPERTY CLERK OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK—Office, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn—for the following property now in his custody without claims: Boots, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wire, blankets, diamonds, coated goods, leathers, etc. Also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.**  
**CHARLES D. BLATCHFORD,**  
Deputy Property Clerk.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

New York, April 19, 1898.

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING** this Department with the articles below specified will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 127 and 129 East Sixty-seventh Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, until 12 o'clock A. M., **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1898**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

30000 pounds No. 1 Hay,  
20000 pounds No. 2 Hay,  
40000 pounds, net weight, No. 1 white clipped Oats, in weight not less than 34 pounds to the measured bushel,  
30000 pounds, net weight, fresh, clean, sweet Bran.

To be delivered at all of the various houses of the Department, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed at the several places of delivery by the officer or other employee in charge. The weight to be upon beam scales furnished by the Department and transported by the contractor.

All of the hay, straw and oats shall be subject to inspection by a *Procurus* Livestock Inspector at any time required by the Department; and receiving therefor during the delivery under this contract, the expense of which inspection shall be borne by the contractor.

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

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

Proposals must include all the items, specifying the price per cent for Hay, Straw, Oats and Bran.

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

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

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates, as may be deemed to be for the public interest.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, or 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 Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other

officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000) 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 the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered 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 Five Hundred and Fifty (\$550) Dollars. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the office or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no exposure 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 re-advertised and retold, as provided by law.

**JOHN J. SCANNELL,**  
Commissioner.

**THOMAS A. KERRIGAN, AUCTIONEER, ON** behalf of the Fire Department, will offer for sale at public auction, at the Fire Headquarters, Nos. 127 and 129 East Sixty-seventh Street, Borough of Brooklyn, Tuesday, April 20, 1898, at 12 o'clock P. M., the following property belonging to the Fire Department of the City of Brooklyn:

- Lot No. 1—125 pieces 2 1/2 inch rubber hose.
- Lot No. 2—125 pieces 2 1/2 inch canvas hose.
- Lot No. 3—10 pieces 2 1/2 inch rubber hose.
- Lot No. 4—10 pieces 2 1/2 inch canvas hose.
- Lot No. 5—14 pieces 2 1/2 inch nozzles.
- Lot No. 6—12 pieces 2 1/2 inch nozzles.
- Lot No. 7—About 6500 pounds old brass couplings, etc.
- Lot No. 8—4 ball strikers.
- Lot No. 9—24 sets for 2 1/2 inch gauge (Chester).
- Lot No. 10—100 iron old line hooks.
- Lot No. 11—100 iron old line hooks.
- Lot No. 12—2000 pounds old cable.
- Lot No. 13—2000 pounds copper.
- Lot No. 14—2000 pounds tin.
- Lot No. 15—1000 pounds brass tripods.
- Lot No. 16—Wholesale traps.

Each lot will be sold separately.  
The right to reject all bids is reserved.

The highest bidder for each lot, in case the bids are accepted, will be required to pay for the same in cash at the time of sale, and must remove the articles within twenty-four hours thereafter.

The articles may be seen at any time before the day of sale, at the place above specified.

**JOHN J. SCANNELL,**  
Fire Commissioner.

**THOMAS A. KERRIGAN, AUCTIONEER, ON** behalf of the Fire Department, will offer for sale at public auction, at the Regent Street Nos. 124 and 126 Central Street, Borough of Brooklyn, Tuesday, April 20, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, the following property belonging to the Fire Department of the City of Brooklyn:

- House unfit for use in the Department.
- City, No. 40.
- Clinton, No. 126.
- Brown, No. 24.
- Bay, No. 127.
- Brown, No. 471.
- Grey, No. 2.
- Black, No. 430.
- Brown, No. 270.
- Lot No. 1—About 7000 pounds old fire iron.
- Lot No. 2—About 3000 pounds old screw iron.
- Lot No. 3—About 2000 pounds old cast iron.
- Lot No. 4—About 1000 pounds old brass.
- Lot No. 5—30 old wheels of various kinds.
- Lot No. 6—28 old oil lamps.
- Lot No. 7—8 old lanterns in parts.
- Lot No. 8—10 old 1 1/2 inch wheel hose.
- Lot No. 9—4 rubber nozzles without couplings.

Each lot will be sold separately.  
The right to reject all bids is reserved.

The highest bidder for each lot, in case the bids are accepted, will be required to pay for the same in cash at the time of sale, and must remove the articles within twenty-four hours thereafter.

The articles may be seen at any time before the day of sale at the place above specified.

**JOHN J. SCANNELL,**  
Fire Commissioner.

**HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, New York, April 18, 1898.**

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE** articles and work required in making alterations to two hundred (200) fire-alarm boxes and furnishing ten keyless doors for fire-alarm boxes, will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 127 and 129 East Sixty-seventh Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., **Wednesday, April 20, 1898**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

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

For information as to the description of the articles to be furnished, bidders are referred to the specifications which form part of these proposals, and to samples of the boxes to be altered which may be seen at the office of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, at these Headquarters.

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

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

The damages to be paid by the contractor for such loss of the contract may be voided after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired and fixed and liquidated at the sum of Ten (10) Dollars.

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

Any person making an estimate for the articles shall present the same in a sealed envelope, 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 Commissioner 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, or 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 Municipal Assembly, 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 in 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 Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4200) 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 the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered 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 Five per cent (5 per cent) of the amount required. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the office or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no exposure 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 re-advertised and retold, as provided by law.

**JOHN J. SCANNELL,**  
Commissioner.

**DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.**

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 412 OF THE LAWS OF 1882, 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, more pursuant to chapter 227 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or 'otherwise,' and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given that public meetings of the Commissioners, approved pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 66 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M., with further notice.**  
Dated New York, December 20, 1897.  
**DANIEL LORR JAMES M. VARNUM, WILLIAM E. STILLINGS, Commissioners.**  
**LAMONT McLAUGHLIN, Clerk.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
No. 145 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

**SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED** at the office of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm Streets, until **APRIL 27, 1898**, at 3 P. M., for supplying Coal and Wood required for the Public Schools in the City, and also for the offices of the Board of Education, and all the several School Houses for the year ending May 31, 1899, as follows: Fifty-two thousand eight hundred (52,800) tons of coal, more or less, and thirty-two (32) cords of oak and fifteen hundred and fifteen (1,515) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash—bituminous, free stone and nut size—clean and of good uniform, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings of the several boroughs at such times and in such quantities as may be required by the Committee on Supplies.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal (to be furnished from the mines named, if accepted), and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The quantities of the various sizes of coal and wood required for use in the several boroughs will be about as follows, viz:

- For the Borough of Manhattan and The Bronx] Twenty-five thousand (25,000) tons of furnace size,
- Thirty-five hundred (3,500) tons of egg size,
- Five hundred (500) tons of stove size,
- Five hundred (500) tons of nut size,
- Fifteen (15) cords of oak wood, 12 inches long.

Two hundred and eighty-five (285) cords of pine kiln-dried wood, six inches long.  
Six hundred (600) cords of pine kiln-dried wood, 17 inches long.  
The oak wood must be of the best quality; the pine wood must be of the best quality, Virginia, first growth, and sound. The proposals must state the price per cord for both kiln-dried and green wood. The wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered stacked and split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults or basins of the school buildings as may be designated by the proper authorities, and measures for protection are to be made by the Inspectors of Fuel of the Board of Education of the city, and as filed in the school buildings.  
*For the Borough of Brooklyn.*  
Fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) cords of oak wood.  
Five hundred (500) cords of oak wood.  
Twenty (20) cords of oak wood.  
Two hundred and eighty (280) cords of pine wood.  
*For the Borough of Richmond.*  
Eighteen hundred (1,800) cords of oak, various sizes, oak, chestnut and red pine.  
One hundred and fifty (150) cords of oak and pine wood.  
*For the Borough of Queens.*  
Seventy-five hundred (7,500) cords of oak, various sizes, oak, chestnut, hemlock and butternut.  
Two hundred (200) cords of oak and pine wood.  
The oak and pine wood for the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Richmond and Queens must be delivered in multiples and in such quantities as the Commission on Supplies may require, and in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the purchase and delivery to the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.  
Said oak and pine wood will be measured, and oak wood weighed and oak wood measured under the supervision of the Inspectors of Fuel of the Board of Education.  
The contractor or contractors will be required to present with every bill an invoice, a bill of lading with copy attached, and a certificate of the kind and quality of the wood, and to have such certificate and bill of lading to present an amount stating the quantity and quality of wood delivered, where the same was weighed and certified the correctness of the claim.  
The oak and pine wood must be delivered at the schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, as follows:  
The terms of the quantity of each between the 15th day of May and the 31st day of October, and the amount as required by the Commission on Supplies, the contractor for supplying oak and pine wood will be binding until the first day of May, and shall continue and terminate as follows:  
The contractor, or contractors, or each of them, in the contracts, will be required to make such personal visit or inspection by the contractor and residence of the contractor's premises. No compensation shall be paid for such visits or inspections, nor for delivering oak and pine wood at any of the schools, nor for loading or unloading the same in the yards, vaults, cellars or basins of said school buildings.  
All the wood to be delivered in pursuance of this contract is to be weighed at the school or at the nearest practicable point to place of delivery, as such scales as may be designated.  
In all cases the weight is to take place in the presence and under the supervision of the Inspectors of Fuel of the Board of Education.  
Proposals will be received for the supplying of oak and pine wood, or both, for all the schools in the City of New York, or for the supplying of oak or pine wood, or both, for the schools of any particular borough or localities, the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx in all cases to be considered as one.  
Proposals must be directed to the Comptroller in the name of the Board of Education and should be addressed "Treasurer for Fuel, for 'Proposals for Wood,' at the city hall."  
The Comptroller reserves the right to reject such proposals and provide in his contract to be made, deem proper and to reject any or all proposals received when deemed best for the public interest.  
Any further information can be obtained from the Superintendent of School Supplies.  
HENRY A. BOGERS,  
EDWARD J. COLLIER,  
D. BOWLAND LEAVITT,  
Committee on Supplies.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE** undersigned, have approved by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a fair and equitable estimate and assessment of the land and damage, if any, of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned streets or avenues, 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 (hereinafter quoted) filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 20th day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue 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 now required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but licensed thereby, and of assessing, taxing and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken as to be assessed thereby, and of partitioning the tracts and parcels required of us by law.  
All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken as to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as to 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 15th day of May, 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will bear such matters in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimants or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owners, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York.  
Dated New York, April 15, 1898.  
EMANUEL BLUMENSTIL,  
J. BARRY LOUNSBURY,  
ACHEM SANDERS,  
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,  
Clerk.

**SUPREME COURT.**

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, relative to opening the same, but licensed thereby, and assessing, taxing and defining the extent and boundaries of the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tenney Avenue to the Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at White Avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road in the Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE** bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part 1, to be held in and for the County of New York, at the New York County Courthouse in The City of New York, on the 25th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as a notice can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.  
Dated Brooklyn or Manhattan, April 17, 1898.  
ARTHUR BERRY,  
CHAS. H. BRONN,  
JULIAN J. SHORE,  
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,  
Clerk.

**FIRST DEPARTMENT.**  
In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening LA FONTAINE AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tenney Avenue to Quarry Road, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road in the Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE** bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part 1, to be held in and for the County of New York, at the New York County Courthouse in The City of New York, on the 25th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as a notice can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.  
Dated Brooklyn or Manhattan, April 17, 1898.  
ARTHUR BERRY,  
CHAS. H. BRONN,  
JULIAN J. SHORE,  
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,  
Clerk.

**FIRST DEPARTMENT.**

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, by the Council to the Corporation, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, property, rights, terms, easements and privileges not owned by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, or any right, title and interest therein, not extinguishable by public authority, covered within the line of the GRAND BOULEVARD AND CONCOURSE and nine transverse roads, from a point in East One Hundred and Sixty-first Street to said city, at the intersection of said street and Mott Avenue, north to Mott Avenue, as said road and established by the Commission on Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 426 of the Laws of 1897.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE** supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, from April 1, 1898, up to and including the 15th day of March, 1898, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part 1, to be held in and for the County of New York, at the New York County Courthouse, in The City of New York, on the 25th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as a notice can be heard thereon, and that the said supplemental and additional bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.  
Dated Brooklyn or Manhattan, April 9, 1898.  
JAMES A. BLANCHARD,  
JOHN H. KNOPFEL,  
HUGH R. GARDEN,  
Commissioners.

Wm. H. Karpis,  
Clerk.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
No. 346 BROADWAY.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A** public hearing in the matter of laying out and forming East One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, from Cypress Avenue to the Southern Boulevard, and from Cypress Avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, in the Borough of The Bronx, will be given by the Board of Public Improvements, at the office of the Board, No. 346 Broadway, on Wednesday next, the 20th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.  
JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.  
Dated New York, April 15, 1898.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
No. 346 BROADWAY.

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Beginning at the first angle point in the western curb-line of Webster Avenue, easterly of East Two Hundred and Thirty-third Street, elevation of established grade 27.5 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly along the western curb-line of Webster Avenue to a point 200 feet north of the intersection of the western curb-line of the road running along the New York and Harlem Railroad property, being the tangent point of the house-line curve of 27.5 feet radius, to be 27.5 feet above high-water datum; thence southerly to the intersection of the western line of the New York and Harlem Railroad property with Webster Avenue, elevation to be 27.5 feet above high-water datum; thence along the southerly and easterly curb-lines of said road to the tangent point opposite the curve, whose radius is 200 feet, elevation to be 27.5 feet above high-water datum.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.**  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 120 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, APRIL 15, 1898.

**TO CONTRACTORS.**

**BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A** sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 120 Nassau Street, corner of Spruce Street, in Room No. 1204, until 2 o'clock P. M., **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1898.** The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in Room No. 1204, No. 120 Nassau Street, at the hour above mentioned.

**No. 1. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, WITH TEN THOUSAND (10,000) CUBIC YARDS OF CLEAN SHARP SAND.**

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or in the work in which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.  
Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.  
The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.  
No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.**  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 120 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, APRIL 7, 1898.

**NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**ON MONDAY APRIL 25, 1898, AT 10.30 A. M.,** the Department of Highways will sell at public auction, by Messrs. Peter F. Meyer & Co., auctioneers, the following articles:  
Stands, booths, base-black stands, abandoned furniture, vehicles, telegraph poles, electric wire, parking spaces, push carts, office furniture and safes, quantities of old lumber, building material, stepping stones, iron stoves, scrap and wrought iron.  
The sale will begin at the Corporation Yard, No. 415 West One Hundred and Twenty-third Street, thence to Fifty-ninth Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues; thence to Twenty-fourth Street, East River, and Rivington Street, East River, respectively.

**TERMS OF SALE.**  
Cash payment in bankable funds at the time and place of sale, and the removal by purchasers of the articles purchased by them within three days from the time of sale, otherwise they will forfeit ownership of the articles bought and the money paid therefor, and said articles will be resold for the benefit of the City.  
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**No. 1. FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND LAYING WATER MAINS IN FORDHAM ROAD, ACROSS HARLEM RIVER SHIP CANAL, AND IN TWO HUNDRED AND NINTH AND ISHAM STREETS.**

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**No. 3. FOR FURNISHING CAST-IRON WATER PIPES, BRANCH PIPES AND SPECIAL CASTINGS.**

**No. 4. FOR FURNISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY WITH WHITE-WOOD PLUGS, LEAD, HYDRANT CATCHES AND ROLLERS, EYE BOLTS, BRIDGE BOLTS, CASING BOLTS AND HYDRANT STRAPS.**

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