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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, May 14, 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 meetings of April 27 and May 3, 1898, were read and approved. The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and filed and the Secretary was instructed to notify the President of the Borough of Manhattan of the report:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, May 11, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated the 5th instant, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twentieth District approving a proposed ordinance for repaving One Hundredth street, from the westerly crosswalk of First avenue to the easterly crosswalk of Second avenue.

In reply, I beg to report that on December 21, 1897, a contract for this work was awarded to Messrs. Stone & Thurston. The contractors have not been ordered to begin work because of the present languid condition of the City's bond accounts.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

In the matter of the proposed change of grade of Clay avenue, Teller avenue and East One Hundred and Seventieth street, the following report from the Secretary was read:

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York:

SIR—I have to report that on the 25th day of April, 1898, I caused to be delivered to the Supervisor of the City Record, for publication in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898, a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 20th day of April, 1898, proposing 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 Seventieth street, and of Teller avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventieth street, and of East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Teller avenue and Finlay avenue to Clay avenue, and East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of the said Board to be held in the office of the said Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 10th day of May, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., of that day, at which such proposed change of grades would be considered by the said Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grades would be considered by the said Board of Public Improvements at a meeting to be held at the time and place aforesaid.

And I do further report that said resolutions and said notice, a copy of which is herewith annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898, as will more fully appear by the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, which is herewith submitted.

Dated New York, May 14, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Mr. Ephraim B. Levy, representing the petitioners, appeared in support of the proposed change of grade, and nobody appearing in opposition, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 20th day of April, 1898, proposing 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 Seventieth street, and of Teller avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventieth street, and of East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Teller avenue and Finlay avenue to Clay avenue, and East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 10th day of May, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of grades would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grades would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898;

And Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898;

And Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grades who have appeared, and such proposed change of grades was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

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, deeming it for the public interest 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 Seventieth street, and of Teller avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Seventieth street, and of East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Teller avenue and Finlay avenue to Clay avenue, and East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grade of the aforesaid streets as follows:

Change of Grade of Clay Avenue.

The intersection of Clay avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to be 65 feet above high water datum; thence at a point in Clay avenue 400 feet northerly from the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, the elevation to be 89 feet above high water datum; thence northerly to a point 300 feet from the last mentioned point, the elevation to be 91 feet above high water datum; thence northerly to the point opposite the tangent point of the curve whose radius is 25 feet, the elevation to be 89 feet above high water datum.

Change of Grade of Teller Avenue.

The intersection of Teller avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to be 75 feet above high water datum; thence northerly to a point in Teller avenue distant 400 feet from the northerly line of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, the elevation to be 98 feet above high water datum; thence northerly to the point opposite the tangent point of compound curve whose radii are 340 feet and 50 feet, the elevation to be 88 feet above high water datum.

Change of Grade of East One Hundred and Seventieth Street.

(a) The elevation of East One Hundred and Seventieth street at a point opposite the tangent point of a curve whose radius is 50 feet and lying westerly of Finlay and Teller avenues, to be 83 feet above high water datum.

(b) The elevation of a point at the junction of Finlay avenue and East One Hundred and Seventieth street, opposite the tangent point of a reverse curve whose radii are 50 feet and 360 feet, to be 74.5 feet above high water datum.

(c) The elevations of a point northerly of the junction of Teller avenue and East One Hundred and Seventieth street, opposite the tangent point of a compound curve whose radii are 50 feet and 1,190 feet, to be 85 feet above high water datum.

(d) The elevation of a point at the intersection of the southerly curb-line of East One Hundred and Seventieth street with the easterly curb-line of Teller avenue, to be 88 feet above high water datum.

(e) The elevation of a point at the junction of East One Hundred and Seventieth street and Clay avenue, opposite the tangent point of a curve whose radius is 25 feet, to be 90 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.

In the matter of the proposed change of grade of New Elm street, between Bleecker and Great Jones street, the following report from the Secretary was read:

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York:

SIR—I have to report that on the 27th day of April, 1898, I caused to be delivered to the Supervisor of the City Record, for publication in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898, a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 27th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of New Elm street, between Bleecker street and Great Jones street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for a meeting of the said Board to be held in the office of the said Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 11th day of May, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., of that day, at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by the said Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, together with a notice that said change of grade would be considered by the said Board of Public Improvements at a meeting to be held at the time and place aforesaid.

And I do further report that said resolutions and said notice, a copy of which is herewith annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898, as will more fully appear by the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, which is herewith submitted.

Dated New York, May 11, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Nobody appearing either in support of or in opposition to the proposed change of grade, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 27th day of April, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of New Elm street, between Bleecker street and Great Jones street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway on the 11th day of May, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of grade would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grade would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is herewith annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 11th day of May, 1898; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grade who have appeared, and such proposed change of grade was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

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, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of New Elm street, between Bleecker street and Great Jones street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grade of the aforesaid street as follows:

Beginning at a point in the intersection of New Elm street and Bleecker street, elevation of established grade thirty-nine feet above city base; thence northerly along the centre line of New Elm street to the centre line of Bond street, elevation forty-two feet; thence northerly along the centre line of New Elm street to the centre line of Great Jones street, elevation forty feet.

All elevations above city base.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of the above-named street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

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,
May 10, 1898.

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring to me for report resolution of the Local Board of Public Improvements, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, in the matter of changing the grades of Kingsbridge road, from Webster avenue to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and of Fordham road, from Kingsbridge road to Valentine avenue, I report as follows:

The establishing of grades on Kingsbridge road was under consideration at several public hearings given by the former Department of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, before the Final Maps were adopted and the grades were established with a view of giving Kingsbridge road, which is the main thoroughfare between Fordham and Kingsbridge, grades adopted for a road of such importance.

The majority of the property-owners, between Webster avenue and Fordham road, petition now that the elevation at the west curb intersection of Kingsbridge road and Fordham road be established at 100 feet above high water datum, and the Local Board of Public Improvements of the Twenty-first District, at its meeting held April 14, 1898, recommend the same. Assuming this agreement between the property-owners and the said Local Board as the basis for the establishing of the grades, I have slightly modified the remaining proposed grades in order to make, as far as possible, continuous grades between street intersections and to avoid, in such as possible, difference of elevation between opposite curbs, and have also shown additional grades for the intersection of Kingsbridge road with Biggs avenue, which latter avenue was laid out under special act of the Legislature, namely chapter 714 of the Laws of 1897.

I transmit herewith two (2) maps, the one showing the lines of Kingsbridge road, the property lines and the grades established on section 17 of the Final Maps and profiles, the other showing, by blue figures, the grades proposed and recommended by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, and by red figures the modified grades. This map shows that the intersection of the westerly curb-lines of Kingsbridge road and Fordham road was kept at an elevation of 100 feet above high water datum as suggested.

I recommend, therefore, that a public hearing be given on this proposed change of grades, in accordance with section 436 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

I return herewith the papers in the matter.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolutions were 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 Kingsbridge road, from Webster avenue to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and of Van Dam road, from Kingsbridge road to Valentine avenue, 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 consideration and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change of grade of the above-named streets and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof, with necessary explanatory remarks, and duplicate technical descriptions of the same.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGING THE GRADE OF KINGSBRIDGE ROAD AND OTHER STREETS SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE NEW JEROME PARK RESERVOIR, IN THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President:

SIR—In compliance with the action and request of the Board, at the meeting of April 6, 1898, as communicated to me by letter of April 7, 1898, from the Secretary of the Board, I herewith present the following papers and map: a consent, signed by the remaining owners of real property affected by the proposed change of grade, and containing a modification as to grade proposed at the intersection of St. James street and Grand avenue, together with my report to and application for such modification, and a letter under date of April 25, 1898, from the Engineer of the Aqueduct Commission for the Jerome Park Reservoir Division, together with copy printed minutes and copy map heretofore approved by the Aqueduct Commissioners, showing that the new grades proposed by my application and approved by the Chief Topographical Engineer, do not interfere with the establishment of the Reservoir and are the same as the Kingsbridge road as the grades proposed by the Aqueduct Commission in connection with said establishment.

Very respectfully,
ELMER A. ALLEN.

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGING THE GRADE OF KINGSBRIDGE ROAD AND OTHER STREETS SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE NEW JEROME PARK RESERVOIR, IN THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The undersigned, being the remaining owners of real property affected by the change of grade of Kingsbridge road and other streets south of the New Jerome Park Reservoir, as proposed in the letter dated March 20, 1898, from Elmer A. Allen to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, hereby consent that the changes of grade be made as requested in said letter, with the following modification, namely, that the grade at intersection of St. James (East One Hundred and Ninety-second) street and Grand avenue be not changed, but remain as now established at 118 feet, and that an intermediate grade of 117 feet be established at a point on Grand avenue, distant along the westerly side thereof 137 feet north of St. James street, in which modification Mr. Allen consents, and which he requests by application herewith presented.

C. B. SNYDER, and six others.

NEW YORK, April 23, 1898.

New York, April 23, 1898.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President:

SIR—I respectfully request that the changes of grade proposed in my letter dated March 20 and favorably acted on by the Board at its meeting of April 6 be modified as follows: By not changing the present established grade at the intersection of Grand avenue and St. James (East One Hundred and Ninety-second) street, which is 118 feet, and by establishing an intermediate grade of 117 feet at a point on Grand avenue, which is distant along the westerly side thereof 137 feet north of St. James street.

This modification is requested in order to avoid damage to existing improved property at and near St. James street and Grand avenue.

Respectfully,
ELMER A. ALLEN.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
MAY 11, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In reply to the communication from John F. Crowley in relation to certain buildings standing within the area of the Grand Concourse and Concourse, having been sold by the City and being still occupied by the owners, I report as follows:

- 1st. East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street—There are four buildings on the south side of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street; two of these are owned by Mr. Woodall and are occupied. The back house on the north side is being moved; the westerly house on the north side is being sold, also the house of Mr. Harbo. All are occupied.
- 2d. Mount Hope street—On the north side the two westerly houses are removed, the easterly one not. On the south side the two westerly houses are removed, the one easterly one not.
- 3d. Backhoe street and former Macy's avenue—The buildings of M. Wilton, Heller and Bedford are not yet removed and are occupied.
- 4th. Dash street—The house of Mr. White is moved, the one on the west side not.

The buildings and houses, etc., were sold in November, 1897. They ought to have been removed within thirty days according to the conditions of the sale, and the City can enforce the conditions any time. The Commissioner of Highways, through the Bureau of Incumbrances, has the power to remove all encroachments. Many more buildings are along the line, those specified in the inclosed complaint and should also be removed. If you so desire I will prepare a map showing all the encroachments along the line of the Concourse which were sold last November for the use of the Commissioner of Highways.

I return the letter of Mr. Crowley and transmit a sketch showing the location of the houses in question.

Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSI,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and referred to the Engineer of Street Openings for the purpose of preparing a map showing the change of grade:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, May 10, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter of April 30, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, transmitting, for such investigation and report as I may deem proper, a copy of a communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer in regard to the inclosed petition for grading Kingsbridge avenue, between Terrace View avenue and Public lane.

The petition referred to, signed by Richard Alexander and others, is for a change of grade in Kingsbridge avenue, between Terrace View avenue and Public lane, and for the grading of said avenue.

The Chief Engineer of the Department of Highways has had an examination made, and reports that it seems to him that the proposed change of grade of Kingsbridge avenue would be an advantage to the public.

In the contract for regulating and grading Kingsbridge avenue, there is the following provision:

"And the said party of the second part hereby further agrees that, in case the grade of the street shall be changed during the progress of the work, he will conform to the altered grade at the prices specified herein, so far as they are applicable; and for any work the price of which is not specified in this contract, the provisions hereto contained in relation to work not provided for in this contract shall apply."

It appears to me that, in accordance with this clause of the specifications, the change of grade could legally be made.

The petition is herewith returned.
Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and filed, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the President of the Borough of Manhattan of the report:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, May 11, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In answer to the letter of 3th instant from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, transmitting, for investigation and report, a copy of a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twentieth District of the Borough of Manhattan, approving a proposed ordinance for paving East One Hundred and First street, from First avenue to the East river, with granite-block pavement, I beg to report that a contract for this work was executed by James Fallick, December 16, 1897. An order to proceed with the work cannot be issued to the contractor until a decision shall be reached regarding the status of the City's bond accounts.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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

HARRISON STREET COLD STORAGE COMPANY,
NOS. 3, 5, 7, 9 AND 11 HARRISON STREET,
NEW YORK, May 10, 1898.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—The Harrison Street Cold Storage Company of Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 Harrison street, respectfully request permission to construct an extension to the vault now under the surface of Staple street, in front of the premises known as No. 7 Harrison street, as shown on the accompanying diagram.

Will you please bring the matter before the Board at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
HARRISON STREET COLD STORAGE COMPANY,
H. A. HUMPHREY, Treasurer.

The following communication from the Engineer of Street Openings was read and the matter was referred back to the President of the Borough of Manhattan:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK,
NO. 346 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, May 11, 1898.

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

SIR—In answer to communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan, in the matter of the petition of Anton Haber and others relative to an approach to the bridge over the Hudson river, etc., etc., under chapter 399, Laws of 1894, Broadway or Kingsbridge road was to be established by a roadway, etc., from its present terminus "in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York across the Hudson river at its junction with Spuyten Duyck Creek to the present terminus of Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward, etc." The elevation of Broadway at the bulkhead-line, where it meets the causeway, is two feet; the end of the causeway was placed at twelve feet. Power was given under the law to alter the grade of Broadway at this point to meet the causeway. No power was given to lay out new streets or to alter the grades, except at either end of the bridge or causeway.

The plan submitted by Mr. Anton Haber is for the laying out of a new street not in the immediate vicinity of the causeway or bridge.

The power to lay out new streets is not vested in the Commissioner of Bridges, but must be petitioned for by the owners of the property that will be held legally responsible for the expenses incurred before any proceedings can be taken by the Board of Public Improvements.

In regard to the drainage, etc., that is simply provided for in the laying-out of the street at once, and no difficulty will be found when they are placed upon the official grades.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH C. B. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Openings.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, May 9, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the letter of 6th inst. from the Secretary of your Board, requesting for correction in the phraseology the resolution transmitted with my letter of 20th ult., to authorize the making of a contract for the use of a private telephone wire along the conduit line of the Brooklyn water supply and the necessary connections and instruments, I herewith retransmit the resolution, making the expense chargeable to the fund which consists of the moneys collected for water rates in the Borough of Brooklyn and applicable to "Water Supply, Maintenance and Repairs, Supplies and Materials, Borough of Brooklyn."

Very respectfully,
WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in pursuance of sections 415 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, for the furnishing and use of a private telephone wire along the conduit line of the water supply in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the necessary connections and instruments at the several pumping stations, the offices of the Department of Water Supply in the Borough of Brooklyn and the central office in the Borough of Manhattan, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum, and to be charged to the fund which consists of the moneys collected for water rates in the Borough of Brooklyn and applicable to "Water Supply, Maintenance and Repairs, Supplies and Materials, Borough of Brooklyn." And the Board further approves and authorizes the making of said contract without advertisement and public letting, as prescribed by section 419 of the City Charter.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly, and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

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

That the Commissioner of water supply be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, without advertisement and public letting, as prescribed by section 419 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, for the furnishing and use of a private telephone wire along the conduit line of the water supply for the Borough of Brooklyn, and the necessary connections and instruments between and at the several pumping stations and the offices of the Department of Water Supply in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum, and to be charged to the fund which consists of the moneys collected for water rates in the Borough of Brooklyn, and applicable to "Water Supply, Maintenance and Repairs, Supplies and Materials, Borough of Brooklyn."

Alternative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Sewers, Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

The following communication was read and referred to the President of the Borough of Queens:

JOHN NIEDERSTEIN,
GRAND HOTEL, MIDDLE VILLAGE, L. I.,
MIDDLE VILLAGE, L. I., May 4, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements, M. F. HOLAHAN, No. 346 Broadway, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—I would kindly ask you to hand this letter to the Board in regards of a street in the Town of New Town. It is a disgrace to live on same. The street is located in Middle Village, L. I., and the name is Solter avenue, so I would like you to investigate this matter.

Yours,
LOUIS NIEDERSTEIN.

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

MAY 10, 1898.

To Board of Public Improvements:

GEORGETOWN—This is the third time I have had cause to complain of the condition of Manhattan avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Thirteenth street. After a rain storm it is dangerous to cross it for the mud is a half foot deep. It really is a disgrace to the City to have such things exist as Manhattan avenue, for three blocks. I am the owner of a flat house in One Hundred and Twelfth street, and my tenants have complained to me most every day of late. Now it seems to me you could have those three blocks paved or improved in some way; and the light on those three blocks is dangerous at night, only having lamps on one side of the avenue on those three blocks. I think we are entitled to more light and consideration in general.

Kindly give the matter your attention, and oblige,
E. F. O'NEILL,
Owner of No. 310 West One Hundred and Twelfth street.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, May 9, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—The Chief Engineer reports that it is necessary to lay water-mains in Nelson avenue, between Union and Orchard streets, in the Borough of The Bronx, in order to supply five houses now fronting on the street and four others in course of erection with water. The avenue is regulated, graded and sewered. The distance is 1,400 feet, and the estimated cost of laying the mains is \$1,100.

I therefore respectfully ask that your Board, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 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 or ordinance authorizing the same.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of water-mains in Nelson avenue, between Union and Orchard streets, in the Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of \$1,100, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Certain Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx" for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance :

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

That water-mains be laid in Nelson avenue, between Union and Orchard streets, in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of water supply and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Street Cleaning, Sewers, Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read and the several matters disposed of separately, as indicated below :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, May 6, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to present the following report on resolutions adopted by Local Boards, and transmitted to me with a letter, dated April 7, from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements :

Resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifteenth District, recommending the repaving of Eighty-fourth street, between Madison and Park avenues, with asphalt pavement on the present pavement.

This is a necessary improvement and is estimated to cost \$5,076, chargeable to the appropriation for repaving streets and avenues. At present no money is available to pay for the repaving of that section of Eighty-fourth street.

Laid over.

Resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, recommending that the lots on the northwest corner of the Boulevard and Eighty-seventh street be properly fenced. These lots have been fenced since the resolution was passed.

Filed.

Resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, recommending that the vacant lots at Nos. 115 to 119 West Seventy-ninth street be fenced.

Buildings are in course of erection at this location, and it is impracticable to fence the lots at the present time.

Laid over.

Resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, recommending that the sidewalk at No. 128 West Eighty-third street be repaired.

The flagging on the sidewalk at this location has been repaired.

Filed.

Resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, recommending that the sidewalk on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Lenox and seventh avenues, be repaired where necessary.

The sidewalk is in bad condition, and should be improved as early as practicable. The estimated cost of the work is \$200, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment, \$32,000. Pending a settlement of the bond question there is no money to pay for this improvement.

Laid over.

Resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, recommending that the sidewalks on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, 200 feet west and east respectively, from the northwest corner of Lenox avenue and the northwest corner of Seventh avenue be repaired.

The estimated cost of the work is \$300, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$32,500. Pending a settlement of the bond question there is no money to pay for this improvement.

Laid over.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend that two electric lights be placed on each block on the westerly side of Thirtieth (13) avenue, between Twentieth and Thirtieth streets.

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, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Sixteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend that Thirtieth avenue, from the easterly side to the sidewalk, between Twentieth and Thirtieth streets, be regraded and repaved with the present pavement, and curbing reset where necessary.

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

LOCAL BOARD, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the proposed ordinance to provide for an improved iron drinking-fountain on the northeast corner of Sixth avenue and Third street and recommend its adoption.

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

LOCAL BOARD, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be instructed to proceed to repair pavement on West Forty-ninth street below Eleventh avenue, and place same in proper condition.

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 3, 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 Eighth street, between Central Park, West, and Columbus avenue, be paved with asphalt block pavement.

LOCAL BOARD, NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 3, 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 the proper Department be directed to have the vacant lots on One Hundred and Eighth street, commencing 75 feet easterly from the southeast corner of One Hundred and Eighth street and Amsterdam avenue, running about 30 feet, fenced.

LOCAL BOARD—NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 3, 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 Forty-fourth street, between Convent avenue and Hamilton Terrace, be paved with asphalt block pavement.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
No. 150 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, May 6, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the necessity of paving with asphalt Astor place and Eighth street, from Broadway to Fourth avenue, I beg to say that, upon examination, I find that it is necessary to repave those streets with asphalt. I therefore recommend, in accordance with the provisions of section 524, subdivision 6 of the City Charter, that the carriage-way of Astor place and Eighth street, from Broadway to Fourth avenue, be repaved with asphalt, using the present pavement as a foundation.

I recommend that authority be given to require of the contractor a guarantee of maintenance for 15 years.

The estimated cost of the improvement, with a 15 years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$12,300, chargeable to the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues."

I attach hereto my certificate to the Municipal Assembly that the safety, health or convenience of the public requires that this improvement be made.

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

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

And the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to enter into a contract by public bidding for repaving with asphalt the carriage-way of Astor place and of Eighth street, between Broadway and Fourth avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, and that an ordinance for same be forwarded to the Municipal Assembly, sections 415 and 524, chapter 378, Laws 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Highways, Street Cleaning, Sewers, Bridges, President of Manhattan, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on May 3, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby direct that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Twenty-third street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, known as lots Nos. 33, 36 and 37, Block 64, Eighth Ward Map, be flagged with blue stone flagging, six (6) feet in width, or the full width, where not already done, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 29, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 29th day of April, 1898, believes that a crosswalk should be laid across from the northeast corner of Graham avenue and McKillop street to the southwest corner of said streets, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 29, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 29th day of April, 1898, believes that a crosswalk should be laid across from the northwest corner of Hudsonic avenue and Seigel street to the southwest corner of said streets, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 29, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 29th day of April, 1898, believes that Driggs avenue, between Grand street and North Thirtieth street, should be repaved, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Streets and Highways for action.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on May 2, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby direct that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the west side of Hamilton avenue, south of the bridge which crosses Gowanus Canal, known as lots Nos. 33, 44 and 37, be flagged with blue stone flagging, six (6) feet in width, or the full width, where not already done, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.

Attached is a copy of a communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Highways in relation to the matter.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on May 3, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that an electric light be placed on Sackett street, midway between Nevins street and Third avenue.

Respectfully,
EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on May 2, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 2d day of May, 1898, approves the following resolution referred to it by the Board of Aldermen and recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that it be adopted:

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from Sixth to Seventh avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be and the same is hereby declared to be an open public street of the said borough and city, and that the same has been thrown open to public use for and used as a public street of the late City of Brooklyn, now Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, for five years continuously, as required by section 22 of the Charter of said City of Brooklyn, and that the same has ever since remained and now is so open, and that the rights acquired therein by the same City of Brooklyn are now vested in the City of New York.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20th, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that a crosswalk should be laid across Bushwick place, from the southeast corner of Meserole street and Bushwick place to the southwest corner of Meserole street and Bushwick place, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Attached is a copy of communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Highways relating to the proposed improvement.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that North English street, from Wythe avenue to Union avenue, should be repaved, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that Moore street, from Bushwick avenue to Broadway, should be repaved with asphalt, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that South Third street, from Union avenue to Rodney street, should be repaved with granite blocks, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that Keap street, from Grand to Broadway, should be repaved with granite blocks, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, May 3, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting on April 20, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this the 20th day of April, 1898, believes that Schuler street, from Bushwick avenue to Union avenue, should be repaved with granite blocks, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 130 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, May 6, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 28th ultimo, from the Secretary to the Board of Public Improvements, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, recommending that the north side of One Hundred and Forty-second street, beginning 200 feet east of Eighth avenue and extending 100 feet eastward, be reflagged.

In reply, I have the honor to report that efforts have been made to find the owners of the abutting property, in order to serve them with notices to reflag their sidewalks. The owners could not be found. The improvement is necessary, and the estimated cost thereof is \$100. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$10,000.

Pending a settlement of the bond question, there is no money to pay for this work.

Very respectfully, JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the attached communication from Mr. B. Erichson, contractor, making an offer to the City to build a public free bath, etc.:

In a communication of the 23d ult. I returned to your Board a prospectus concerning the above matter which had been referred to me for attention.

The City is now under contract for building one bath, at Rivington street, with a very poor prospect of being able to issue bonds to pay for the same; and, as this would involve the issuing of bonds to defray the expense, it could not be considered at the present time.

Respectfully yours, HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner.

HENRY S. KEARNEY, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works:

DEAR SIR—Yours from April 26 to hand, and in answer will say that there is a mistake in regard to the prospectus.

My offer to the City was to build a public free bath for The City of New York for the sum of \$15,000 to \$30,000, according to size and capacity.

The prospectus for forming a company was a previous consideration, and merely included to show its points in case a corporation should be formed.

I repeat my offer to the City to build a clean-water free bath, swimming-basin and buildings for \$15,000 or more, with a capacity of over two hundred persons at the time. I do not use Croton water for it neither, as it would require too much water. I am

Respectfully yours, B. ERICHSON, Contractor, No. 1 Union Square, N. Y.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read, and the matter was laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 265 AND 267 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, May 10, 1898.

The Honorable the Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of your Honorable Body, held March 23, 1898, resolution to construct a sewer in One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, between Third and Fulton avenues, was referred to me for examination and report.

I herewith transmit copy of report from the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, of the estimated cost and expense, and the assessed valuation of the property to be benefited by construction of the said sewer.

You may see by the report that if the street mentioned be graded before the sewer is constructed it makes a difference in the cost of the same.

I am, yours respectfully, JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK, May 5, 1898.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith preliminary estimate of the cost for building sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, between Third and Fulton avenues, etc., also estimate of the assessed value according to the last prevailing tax roll of real estate included within the probable area of assessment, in compliance with section 473 of the Charter of The City of New York.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Approximate cost as present: \$6,308 00. Approximate cost if street were graded first: 4,808 00. Assessed valuation of property benefited (approximated): \$4,600 00.

There are about 659 cubic yards of rock above subgrade which would be taken out if the street were graded at a very much smaller cost than it can be taken out from the sewer trench for 2 sewer. The difference in cost would be about \$1,500.

Respectfully, THOS. J. BYRNE, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx.

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

LOCAL BOARD, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend that Twelfth avenue, from Fiftieth to Fifty-eighth street, be paved as soon as possible, as street is graded but unpaved.

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

LOCAL BOARD, SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Borough office, City Hall, May 2, 1898.

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve proposed ordinance to provide for repaving Forty-ninth street, from Eleventh avenue to Twelfth avenue, with granite block pavement, and recommend its adoption.

The matter of restricting the extension of water-mains and the erection of hydrants by private water companies, which was laid over for one week at the meeting on May 3, was brought up, and on motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn duly seconded, the resolutions submitted (Minutes, page 320) were assented by striking out the three preambles and the word "and" in the second line of the first resolution, and by adding the following resolution:

"Resolved, further, That this action of this Board shall not in any wise be construed to recognize the existence of any particular contract."

—and the resolutions, as amended, were unanimously adopted.

The resolution, as adopted, read as follows:

Resolved, That, in order to establish a uniform and reasonable rate of charge for the supply and maintenance of fire hydrants, that the Commissioner of Water Supply be hereby directed to examine and determine as to what would be a just and reasonable charge for such service, and to report same at the next meeting of this Board, copies of said report to be forwarded to the water companies for their consent, in case of reduction of rate in accordance with section 472, chapter 378, Laws of 1897; also be it

Resolved, That the consent of this Board must be obtained before a permit can be granted to private water companies by the Commissioner of Highways or Commissioner of Water Supply to open any street or highway, and an application must be made to this Board for the extension of water-mains and the placing of additional fire hydrants, accompanied by the proper plans for same.

Resolved, further, That this action of this Board shall not in any wise be construed to recognize the existence of any particular contract.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and filed, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, NEW YORK, May 2, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from your Secretary, under date of April 21, 1898, inclosing a copy of an ordinance passed by you and proposed to be submitted to the Municipal Assembly and requesting my opinion thereon.

The proposed ordinance reads as follows:

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

The commissioner of street cleaning shall have power and authority to add, as he may deem proper, to the members of the uniformed force of his department, as enumerated in section 536 of the Greater New York Charter, such or so many others of the employees of his department as are not already enumerated and are not included in the clerical force of the said department."

The Charter (section 536) divides the members of the Street Cleaning Department into two general classes, designated respectively:

- (a) The clerical force; and (b) The uniformed force.

It prescribes that the clerical force shall consist of a chief clerk, medical examiners, clerks and messengers, and that the uniformed force shall consist of superintendents of various kinds, time collectors, foremen, inspectors, stablemen, hostlers, mechanics and helpers.

Of necessity, the members of that Department must belong to either class. Those who are not included in the clerical force belong to the uniformed force and vice versa.

At any event, there is no authority of law authorizing either your Board or the Municipal Assembly to pass the resolution in question; and if the Commissioner of Street Cleaning will communicate with me, enumerating the particular employees to which he refers, I will advise him to what class they belong.

Very respectfully, JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

On the requisition of the Commissioner of Highways, and with the consent of the Commissioner of Bridges, the Board authorized the transfer of James Nugent, Assistant Foreman in the Department of Bridges, to the Department of Highways, Borough of Manhattan.

Adjourned. Attest:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

IN BOARD OF EXAMINERS, MAY 3, 1898.

The Board of Examiners met this day, 2.40 P. M. The roll was called, with the following result: Present—Thomas J. Brady, Commissioner of Buildings for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, in the chair, and Messrs. Dobbs, Conover, Honner, Moore, McMillan, Fryer, and O'Reilly.

Absent—Mr. Pon.

The minutes of April 26, 1898, were read and, on motion, approved.

Petitions were then submitted for approval, as follows:

Plan 72, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the construction of concrete expanded metal fireproof floors and roof, as built by Manhattan Concrete Company, as stated in petition; south side of Sixty-fourth street, 253 feet east of Third avenue. Petitioners, Freedlander & Dillon. Laid over for detailed specifications and drawings of proposed construction.

Slip Application 718, 1898—Petition to allow erection of fence, 70 feet in length and 28 feet in height, in front of coal pocket, fence to be covered on outside with metal, as stated in petition; west side of Tompkins street, 80 feet north of Stanton street. Petitioners, Hencken & Willenbrock. Reconsideration denied.

Plan 628A, New Buildings, 1897—Petition to allow buildings to be completed in following manner: Framing of stair landings to remain, constructed of wood floor beams instead of iron, in lieu of which all flooring in main halls is to be torn up, deafened in between floor beams 4 inches deep with concrete and relaid, ceiling to be lathed with metal lath and plaster; also to allow walls inclosing front and rear sides of staircases now built 4 1/2 inches thick of plaster blocks, instead of 8-inch and 12-inch brick walls, as were originally called for (White's system), to remain; also to allow entrance hall partition and upper floor partition opposite staircase to remain as built of 2-inch thick plaster blocks (White's system), instead of 4-inch thick fireproof blocks, as called for on plans, all as stated in petition; north side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, 134 feet east of Park avenue. Petitioner, Lorenz F. J. Weisler, Jr. Approved, on recommendation of Mr. McMillan, on condition that all stairs in said buildings be constructed of oak instead of yellow pine; that all stair landings above first floor be filled in and made fireproof and that a cement or tile floor be laid thereon; that fireproof doors are provided at each hall and soffits of stairs wire-lathed and plastered and two fire-tops provided in each flight of stairs.

Plan 30, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow J. W. Rapp system of fireproof floor construction to be used for first floor of buildings, as stated in petition; Nos. 28-34 Pitt street. Petitioner, Charles Rents. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 51, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow Bailey system of fireproof floor filling to be used between steel beams on first stories of buildings in place of brick arches, underside flange of iron beams to be covered with wire lath ready for plastering, as stated in petition; southwest corner Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street. Petitioner, Thomas Bailey. Approved. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 60, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the J. W. Rapp system of fireproof floor construction to be used for the first floors of buildings, as stated in petition; north side of One Hundred and Twelfth street, 102 feet west of Fifth avenue. Petitioner, Charles Stegmayr. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 62, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow spruce beams, 3 inches by 10 inches in size, spaced 12 inches from centres, to be used at that portion of two 28-foot front busses on second, third, fourth and fifth stories where spans are 26 feet and 6 inches and 27 feet, in place of 3-inch by 12-inch beams, spaced 15 inches from centres, as required by decision of Board of Examiners on February 24, 1898; other provisions of petition of same date to be fully complied with, as stated in petition; northeast corner of One Hundred and First street and Fifth avenue. Petitioner, George Fred. Pelham. Approved.

Plan 74, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow Rapp's system of fireproof construction to be used on stair landings between floor beams, as stated in petition; southwest corner of Boulevard and One Hundred and Fourth street. Petitioner, J. W. Rapp. Denied.

Plan 134, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the J. W. Rapp system of fireproof floor construction to be used for the first floor of building, as stated in petition; Nos. 122 and 124 Orchard street. Petitioners, Hovenburger & Straub. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 140, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the J. W. Rapp system of fireproof floor construction to be used for the first floor, as stated in petition; No. 717 East Ninth street. Petitioner, George Fred. Pelham. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 153, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow Bailey system of fireproof floor filling to be used between steel beams on first floor of building in place of brick arches, under side flange of iron beams to be covered with wire lath ready for plastering, as stated in petition; north side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street, 500 feet west of Amsterdam avenue. Petitioner, Thomas Bailey. Approved. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 160, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the Bailey system of fireproof floor filling to be used between steel beams on first story in place of brick arches, as stated in petition; southeast corner of Lenox avenue and One Hundred and Forty-second street. Petitioner, Thomas Bailey. Approved. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Mr. McMillan was here excused.

Plan 232, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow fireproof walls to be used for hall, said walls to be built of iron uprights and hollow fireproof blocks, and to inclose restrooms, entrance hall and cellar stairs wall, as shown on plan and stated in petition; north side of One Hundred and Third street, 77 feet west of Boulevard. Petitioner, Clarence Triss. Laid over for information as to size of iron uprights and thickness and material of partition and ceiling blocks, distances from centres, &c.

Plan 293, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow use of Rapp's patent floor filling for first tier of beams, as stated in petition; No. 514 to 520 East Eighty-first street. Petitioner, Jobst Hoffmann. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 309A, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow J. W. Rapp system of fireproof floor construction to be used for first floor of building, as stated in petition; south side of East One Hundred and Forty-second street, 125 feet east of Brook avenue. Petitioner, Robert Glenn. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 302A, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the erection of a factory building 200 feet deep by 52 feet 6 inches wide, covering an area equal to the area of a building 100 feet wide by 105 feet deep, as shown on plan and as stated in petition; south side of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, southeast corner of Willow avenue. Petitioner, George P. Chappell. Approved.

Plan 304, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow use of Rapp's patent beam filling on first tier of steel beams, in place of 4-inch brick arch, as approved in application and stated in petition; south side of Ninety-eighth street, 100 feet east of Columbus avenue. Petitioner, M. V. B. Ferdon. Approved, on condition that the soffits of iron beams are protected by wire lath and plaster. Mr. Fryer voting no.

Plan 307, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow fireproof block partitions, 3 inches thick, to be used to inclose portion of main and servants' staircase in corner house, partitions to be properly supported on each floor level on steel beams, stairs and all portions inside of partitions being entirely fireproof, as stated in petition; southwest corner of West End avenue and One Hundred and Sixth street. Petitioners, Neville & Barge. Approved.

Plan 330, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow partitions inclosing first-story entrance hallway to be constructed of 4-inch terra-cotta blocks and 4-inch angle iron frame ceiling of public hall of first story entrance to be of 2-inch terra-cotta blocks and tee iron; also wall at staircase on the first and second stories to be constructed 12 inches in thickness and laid up in cement mortar for two stories, as stated in petition; No. 63 East Seventh street. Petitioner, George F. Pelham. Approved.

Plan 337, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow partitions forming first story passageway from stairs to street to be constructed of 4-inch I beams, 30 inches on centres, braced top and bottom and filled with 4-inch thick hollow burnt brick, wire lathed and plastered on both sides, ceiling to be of 2-inch tees or double angles, 24-inch centres, filled with 2-inch thick terra-cotta blocks and wire lathed and plastered; also to allow walls of staircase hall facing light shaft to be 16 inches in cellar and 12 inches on first and upper stories, all as stated in petition; Nos. 186 and 188 Henry street. Petitioner, Michael Bernstein. Approved.

Plan 339, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow entrance hall partitions up to staircase to be constructed of 4-inch tees and angle irons, set 30 inches apart, well braced and filled in solid with 4-inch brick fireproof blocks or 4-inch hard burnt bricks and plastered on both sides; also ceiling of entrance hall up to staircase to be constructed of 2-inch tees and channels, well braced and to be filled in solid with fireproof blocks; also to allow light shaft walls at stairs to be constructed of 20-inch blue stone and 12 inches thick of brick in first and second stories, laying bricks and stones in imported Portland cement mortar, all as stated in petition; No. 110 East Seventh street. Petitioners, Kurtzer & Rohl. Approved.

Plan 343, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the partitions forming the first-story entrance hall to be constructed of 4-inch I beams, 30 inches on centres, braced top and bottom

and filled in between with 4-inch thick hollow burnt clay brick, and wire lathed and plastered on both sides; also ceiling of passageway to be constructed of 2-inch tees, 24 inches on centres and filled with 2 inches thick terra-cotta blocks, and wire lathed and plastered, all as stated in petition; No. 11 Park street. Petitioner, Michael Bernstein. Approved.

Plan 347, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow partitions forming first-story passageway from stairs to street to be constructed of 4-inch I beams, 30 inches on centres, braced top and bottom, and filled with 4-inch thick hollow burnt brick, wire lath and plastered on both sides; ceiling to be of 2-inch tees or double angles, 24-inch centres filled with 2-inch thick terra-cotta blocks and wire lathed and plastered; also to allow walls of staircase hall facing light shaft to be 16 inches in cellar and 12 inches on first and upper stories, all as stated in petition; No. 183 Henry street. Petitioner, Michael Bernstein. Approved.

Plan 349, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow first-story entrance hall partitions up to staircase to be constructed of 4-inch tees and angle irons, properly braced and set not more than 30 inches on centres, and filled in between solid with 4-inch burnt clay or porous terra-cotta or hard burnt bricks, 4 inches thick, and plastered both sides; ceiling of first-story entrance hall up to staircase to be of 2-inch tees, angles and channels, set not more than 24 inches apart, well braced and filled in between solid with burnt clay blocks; also to allow walls at stairs on first and second stories to be constructed 12 inches thick of brick, by laying bricks in imported Portland cement mortar, and wall at stairs in cellar 20 inches thick of bluestone, laid in imported Portland cement mortar, all in close full struck joints, all as stated in petition; No. 92 East Fourth street. Petitioners, Kurtzer & Rohl. Approved.

Plan 356, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow brick piers, iron columns, girders and 3-inch finished hollow clay tile partition to be used in accordance with section 476, in place of brick partition wall, as stated in petition; northwest corner of First avenue and Eighty-second street. Petitioner, Charles Stegmayr. Denied.

Plan 360, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow use of expanded metal and concrete floor arches, as stated in petition; north side of West Eighty-ninth street, northeast corner Riverside Drive. Petitioner, Ernest Flagg. Laid over for detailed specifications and drawings of proposed construction.

Plan 362, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow main first-story hall partitions to be constructed of 4-inch I and L beams, properly braced and secured with cross bars, set not more than 30 inches on centres, filled in between with burnt clay blocks 4 inches thick, and plastered both sides; ceilings overhead to be constructed of 2-inch tees and channels, set not more than 2 inches apart, well braced and filled in between solid with burnt clay blocks, as stated in petition; No. 78-80 Catharine street. Petitioner, Charles Rents. Approved.

Plan 368, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow partitions inclosing first entrance hallway to be constructed of 4-inch terra-cotta blocks and 4-inch angle iron frame, ceiling of same to be of 2-inch terra-cotta blocks and tee irons; also walls at centre court of building at staircase and water-closets sides to be constructed 12 inches in thickness on the first and second stories, same to be laid up in cement mortar for the said two stories, all as shown on plans and as stated in petition; No. 200 Eldridge street. Petitioner, George Fred. Pelham. Approved.

Plan 370, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow a 12-inch steel girder, 60 pounds per yard and 5-inch diameter cast-iron columns, to be substituted in place of an 8-inch brick wall in cellar where spans are over 18 feet wide, as shown on plans and as stated in petition; south side of One Hundred and Sixth street, 125 feet west of Amsterdam avenue. Petitioner, M. V. B. Ferdon. Approved.

Plan 388, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the Tustevin-Hoyer fireproof floor construction to be used for the various floors throughout, including the roof of building, as stated in petition; south side of One Hundredth street, 101 feet 10 1/2 inches west of Amsterdam avenue. Petitioner, James Brown Lord. Approved, on condition that proposed form of construction is found by the Department to be of sufficient strength; the applicant to notify the Department when floors are being laid.

Plan 370, New Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow construction of exterior 10-inch wall at third and fourth tiers of beams, midway between front and rear, to be carried partly directly on foundation grillage, instead of being entirely carried on wall girders as indicated on sketch; one fore and aft beam in each of the tiers mentioned, located at back of the columns, could not be insisted on account of encroachment of old adjoining wall on the east, for a and all beams located in central part of columns are now in place, forming ties to columns and also carry major portion of load, as stated in petition; No. 64 Fulton street. Petitioner, Charles Buel. Referred to Messrs. Conover and O'Reilly for examination and report.

Plan 276, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow building, which is now a dwelling-house and which is to be altered for stores and offices, to be strengthened by use of iron columns and steel girders in every story in space now occupied by intermediate wall and partitions (fire and air); these columns and girders will more than compensate for side walls not being sufficiently thick to comply with law for a store and office building, although said walls are otherwise of good quality and construction, as stated in petition; No. 14 West Twenty-second street. Petitioners, Jardine, Keet & Jardine. Approved.

Plan 302, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the walls to be used in present building, as shown on plans, and in thicknesses stated in application, also to allow exterior party wall of extension in rear to be built upon as shown, and new walls of extension to be built of thicknesses as shown, exterior party wall is 16 inches thick in first story instead of 12 inches thick, all as stated in petition; No. 5 West Thirty-third street. Petitioners, Lord, Stewart & Hall. Approved.

Plan 342, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow the walls of penthouse on northwest wing of roof to be built of steel tees and angles, filled in with 4-inch terra-cotta blocks, set with cement mortar and covered on the outside with slabs of iron, as stated in petition; Nos. 3, 5 and 7 West Twenty-ninth street. Petitioner, Nelson Gandyar. Approved, on condition that the three outside walls of penthouse be built of brick, 12 inches thick, where supported by brick walls below.

Plan 336, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow elevator inclosures and light well back of same to be constructed of heavy angle iron frames, filled in 4 inches of burnt clay blocks and the ironwork thoroughly protected, all plastered on both sides; also to allow a small pipe and vent shaft adjoining toilet room to be constructed of iron frame work filled solidly between with fireproof material; also doors to elevator openings to be of oak, covered on the shaft side with kalamine iron with small grill opening in same, all as stated in petition; Nos. 47, 49 and 49 1/2 Fifth avenue. Petitioner, J. C. Westervelt. Approved.

Plan 346, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow erection of roof garden, to be used as a smoking or dining room, on roof parapets of first-story extension and firmly fastened thereto, consisting of wrought-iron framework carrying roof trusses, 22-foot span side trusses, to be covered with galvanized iron inside and out, and roof and windows to sides to be glazed with heavy ribbed glass, wired if desired, as stated in petition; No. 32 West Twenty-eighth street. Petitioner, E. Grewey. Approved.

Plan 371, Alterations to Buildings, 1898—Petition to allow Doehring patent fireproof partition to be used for dumbwaiter and light shafts, as stated in petition; No. 45 West Fifty-seventh street. Petitioner, Clarence K. Birdsell. Approved.

Petition for exemption from fireproof shutters on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of front of building, for reasons as stated in petition; rear of No. 87 Lewis street. Petitioner, Monty Litkovitz. Laid over for examination and report by Department.

Petition for exemption from fireproof shutters on west and south walls of building, for reasons as stated in petition; No. 1133 Broadway. Petitioners, St. James Company. Referred to Mr. Conover for examination and report.

Petition for exemption from fireproof shutters on the light court and on all stories above the sixth and fifth on west and south walls, for reasons as stated in petition; southwest corner Fifth avenue and Thirty-ninth street. Petitioners, Clinton & Russell. Referred to Mr. O'Reilly for examination and report.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, 5.17 P. M.

WILLIAM H. CLASS, Clerk to Board.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 209 Stewart Building, on Wednesday, April 27, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—President Dooling, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power.

The minutes of stated meeting of April 20, 1898, were approved as read.

Chairman Murray, of the Committee of Finance and Audit, reported the examination and audit of bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 12271 to 12281, inclusive, amounting to \$889.99.

Which were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment, by the following vote:

Affirmative—President Dooling, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

The Construction or Executive Committee referred the following to the Board:

NEW YORK, April 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Committee on Construction:

GENTLEMEN—I regret to state that Bert Tompkins, Laborer, broke his leg by a bad fall at Shik No. 25, while engaged on his work for the Aqueduct Commissioners. In accordance with precedents in such cases, I have kept his name on the pay-roll.

Yours respectfully,

A. FTELEV, Chief Engineer.

Commissioner Murray moved that the report be filed and the recommendation of the Chief Engineer approved, and that the said Her Tompkins be continued on the pay-roll, without allowance for extra time, until the further order of the Board.

Which was carried by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

The Commission or Executive Committee also referred the following to the Board: New York, April 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Committee on Construction:

GENTLEMEN—There are on the site of the New Crown Reservoir about sixty vacant buildings in Katonah, Crown Falls, Golden's Bridge and Pardy's Station which it would be for the interests of the City to sell before long. A decision in regard to some of these buildings should be reached at once in view of the accommodation of farmers for the coming crops. In view also of the fact that the new assessments will be decided on by July 1, it would save some money to the City to sell and remove vacant buildings which otherwise would swell the tax list.

As this sale should be arranged in three or four installments, which it is impossible to determine to-day, I would ask you to authorize the Engineer to sell the above-mentioned buildings at such times and in such manner, already regulated by precedents, as he may think best in his judgment. I would at the same time ask you to authorize the Secretary to advertise at the proper time for these sales.

Yours respectfully, A. STEELEY, Chief Engineer.

In connection therewith Commissioner Ten Eyck moved that the report of the Chief Engineer be filed and the following resolution and moved that the same be adopted:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to advertise, at such times and in such manner as they may deem proper, the sale at public auction of certain buildings owned by The City of New York and under the control of the Aqueduct Commissioners in Katonah, Crown Falls, Golden's Bridge and Pardy's Station, New York, and to take such steps, authorized by law, as in their judgment may be necessary to perfect the sale at public auction of such buildings.

Which was carried by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

The Commission or Executive Committee also referred the following to the Board:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, CITY OF NEW YORK, (No. 340 BROADWAY, BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, April 26, 1898.)

Dear Sirs:—The Board of Public Improvements having been notified that an application had been made by your Board to the Commission on Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in 1897, for permission to construct a sewer at their own expense, in Two Hundred and Fourth street (Parker place), and as the owners of property along said street have petitioned this Board in relation to said sewer it was decided, at their meeting on April 6, to present the following resolution, which was adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the Aqueduct Commissioners shall make a formal application to this Board for a change of the filed sewerage plans of Two Hundred and Fourth street (Parker place) and for permission to construct a sewer there at their own expense.

Respectfully, JOHN H. MODNEY, Secretary.

Commissioner Murray moved that the above communication be referred to the Chief Engineer for report at the next meeting as to the advisability and necessity of the construction of said sewer.

Which was carried by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

Commissioner Murray verbally reported that the Committee of Finance and Audit had considered the question as to the payment of employees who had been injured while in the performance of their services on the work and who had been allowed compensation for the time they were incapacitated, and stated that it was the opinion of said Committee that no pay for overtime should be allowed to any employee who is continued on the payroll during incapacity from service caused by injuries received in the performance of duty.

And thereupon moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That no payments shall be made to any employee of the Aqueduct Commissioners for overtime while continued on the roll but on leave of absence, during the discretion of the Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

Commissioner Murray also verbally reported that, it appearing that Superintendent of Dam Construction George L. Tiltonson, having been injured while in the service of the Aqueduct Commissioners, and that by action taken by said Commissioners on April 6, 1898, said Tiltonson was allowed pay during the continuance of such incapacity, and it appearing from the payrolls submitted to the Aqueduct Commissioners that said Tiltonson has been allowed pay for overtime since the said accident, it is

Resolved, That the amount which has been paid to said George L. Tiltonson, Superintendent of Dam Construction, for overtime since the said accident, be and the same is hereby ordered deducted from the wages of said Tiltonson.

Resolved, That the action taken by the Aqueduct Commissioners on April 6, 1898, whereby the pay of said Tiltonson should be continued during the will and discretion of the Aqueduct Board, be and the same is hereby revoked, and said Tiltonson be and hereby is suspended for five and one-half days.

Which report was approved and resolutions adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

The Secretary presented copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen to the effect that "It is extremely likely that within a few days the United States will be involved in a conflict of arms with the Kingdom of Spain, and that the heads of various departments of the City Government be requested to every base where any employee in any department of the Municipal Government shall volunteer to bear arms in the coming conflict, to grant leave of absence, with full pay, during the time of such service."

Which was ordered filed by the following vote: Affirmative—President Dealing, Commissioners Ten Eyck, Murray and Power—4.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

Wednesday, May 12, 1898, Holiday, stood adjourned.

HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Central Park, New York—Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

Abstract of Registers from Self-recording Instruments for the Week ending May 14, 1898.

Barometer.

Table with columns for DATE, Mean, Maximum, Minimum, and Time. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week: 30.849 inches. Maximum: 31.240 inches. Minimum: 30.525 inches. Range: .715 inches.

Thermometers.

Table with columns for DATE, Mean, Maximum, Minimum, and Mean. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week: 61.8 degrees. Maximum: 73 degrees. Minimum: 49 degrees. Range: 24 degrees.

Wind.

Table with columns for DATE, Direction, Velocity in Miles, Force in Pounds per Square Foot, and Time. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Distance traveled during the week: 4,350 miles. Maximum: 100 miles.

Hygrometer.

Clouds.

Rain and Snow, Ozons.

Table with columns for DATE, Force of Vapor, Relative Humidity, Clouds, Rain and Snow, and Ozons. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Total amount of water for the week: 1.75 inches. Duration for the week: 1 day, 2 hours, 3 minutes.

Table with columns for DATE, Time, and Description of weather conditions. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

DANIEL DRAPER, Pr. D., Director.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 10, 1898.

Superintendent of the City Record:

Sir—I hereby inform you of the following changes in the Department of Finance, viz.:

Appointed.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Jeremiah F. Devlin, Security Deposit Clerk, with compensation at the rate of \$4,300 per annum. Eugene J. Cumsky, Deputy Auditor of Accounts, with compensation at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

Designation of Compensation.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Chandler Withington, Principal Assistant Engineer, \$4,500 00. William E. Roach, Assistant Engineer, 1,800 00. Martin E. Smith, Examiner, 1,600 00. David Phoenix, Bookkeeper, 2,000 00. George B. Waters, Bookkeeper, 1,500 00. Ira Taylor, Examiner, Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears, 1,000 00.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

H. Lee Anstey, Assistant Bond Clerk, \$2,000 00. Frank Keller, Warrant Clerk, 1,500 00. John T. O'Hara, Chief Clerk, Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, \$1,500 00.

Dis.

Charles A. Clark, Disbursing Clerk, Auditing Bureau, Borough of Manhattan.

Removed.

Charles V. Adee, Jr., Charles J. Duran, Stephen J. Connell, William C. Taggard, James E. Mallen, Edward J. O'Keefe, Temporary Clerks in the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan.

Yours truly, M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, New York, May 13, 1898.

Supervisor of the City Record:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the provisions of section 1546, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, I transmit the following report of the transactions of the Department of Highways for the week ending May 7, 1898.

Respectfully, JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Table with columns for Boroughs (Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond) and rows for various items like 'Water connections, openings', 'Sewer connections, openings', 'General', etc.

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Highways During Week Ending May 7, 1898.

Table with columns for Boroughs and rows for various laboring force categories like 'Mechanics', 'Laborers', 'Teamsters', etc.

CHANGES IN STAFF OF EMPLOYEES. BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN. Appointed—1 Assistant Foreman, 1 Inspector of Paving. Promoted—1 Laborer to Assistant Foreman, 1 Assistant Foreman to Foreman.

APPROVED PAPERS.

No. 190. Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Loyola Union, to place transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Southeast corner of Eighty-fourth street and Third avenue; southeast corner of Ninetieth street and Third avenue; the work to be done at its own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only from May 10, 1898, to May 24, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS. THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, ZEBROWSKI MASSING, CLAREMONT PARK, May 16, 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 by order of the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx the following changes have been made in the working force of this Department: Joseph Roche, No. 724 Second avenue, has been appointed Laborer at \$2.50 per day.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, May 12, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—I beg to report, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that the Park Commissioner for the Borough of Manhattan and Richmond on the 17th instant appointed William Mulmoney, No. 689 Lexington avenue, Mechanic, Respectfully, WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, May 16, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—I beg to report, for publication in the CITY RECORD, the following appointments and discharge made by the Park Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond: MAY 14. Appointed: Daniel Healy, No. 514 West Twenty-ninth street, with horse and cart. Discharged: Edward McLaughlin, with horse and cart.

MAY 16. Appointed: John Lotan, No. 546 East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, with team. Edward Monahan, Courtlandt avenue, with team. Respectfully, WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, ZEBROWSKI MASSING, CLAREMONT PARK, May 17, 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 Bronx has this day appointed John Kelly, No. 900 East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, as Temporary Gardener in this Department, at a compensation of \$2 per day. Respectfully yours, MAX K. KAHN, Private Secretary.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY. CITY OF NEW YORK, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL, May 16, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Committee on Privileges and Elections on Wednesday, May 18, 1898, at 11 A. M., to consider the protest of Pierre A. Seligstein against the seating of Louis Masch. Respectfully, MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY. STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, in well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Comptrolers:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Mayor's Office. No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor. ALBERT M. DOWNS, Private Secretary. Bureau of Licenses. No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. DAVID L. ROOPE, Chief. GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., Deputy.

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS. THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary. Address: THOMAS L. FETTER, Stewart Building. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY. THE COUNCIL. RANDOLPH GREENBAUM, President of the Council. P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk. Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays to 10 A. M. to 12 M. BOARD OF ALDERMEN. THOMAS F. WOODS, President. MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

BOROUGH PRESIDENTS. Borough of Manhattan. Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 25, 27 and 29, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President. 164 EDGAR RIDER, Secretary. Borough of the Bronx. Office of the President of the Borough of the Bronx, corner Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. LOUIS F. HAYDEN, President. Borough of Brooklyn. President's Office, No. 1 Borough Hall, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. EDWARD M. GROUN, President.

Borough of Queens. FRANCIS BOWLEY, President. Office, Long Island City, 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturday, from 9 A. M. until 12 M. Borough of Richmond. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR. No. 121 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM M. HESS, Public Administrator.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. No. 347 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. MAURICE F. HUBBARD, President. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary. Department of Highways. No. 125 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways. WILLIAM N. SUNDROSS, Deputy for Manhattan. THOMAS R. FARRELL, Deputy for Brooklyn. JAMES H. MALONEY, Deputy for Bronx. JOHN P. MANNING, Deputy for Queens. HENRY P. MANNING, Deputy and Chief Engineer for Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Sewers. Nos. 41 and 43 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of sewers. MATTHEW F. DUNN, Deputy for Manhattan. THOMAS J. BROWN, Deputy for Bronx. WILLIAM BRASSAN, Deputy for Brooklyn. MATTHEW J. GOLDEN, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens. HENRY P. MANNING, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Bridges. Room 177, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. JOHN L. SHERA, Commissioner. THOMAS H. YORK, Deputy. SAMUEL R. PROHARR, Chief Engineer. MATTHEW H. MOON, Deputy for Bronx. HARRY BRAD, Deputy for Brooklyn. JOHN E. BARKER, Deputy for Queens. Department of Water Supply. No. 125 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply. JAMES H. BARKER, Deputy Commissioner. GEORGE W. JONES, Chief Engineer. W. G. BARKER, Water Engineer. JAMES MANNING, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn, Municipal Building. JOSEPH F. FERGUSON, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Queens, Old City Hall, Long Island City. THOMAS J. MULLIGAN, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of The Bronx, Customs Park Building. HENRY P. MANNING, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Richmond. Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Street Cleaning. 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES McCAINNEY, Commissioner, No. 347 Broadway, Manhattan. J. M. GOSSETT, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Manhattan, No. 347 Broadway. PATRICK H. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Brooklyn, Room 27 Municipal Building. JAMES J. HARRIS, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of The Bronx, No. 514 East One Hundred and Fifty-second street. JOHN P. MANNING, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Queens, Municipal Building, Long Island City. Department of Buildings, Lumber and Supplies. No. 347 Broadway, Room 249, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lumber and Supplies. PETER J. MANNING, Deputy Commissioner for Manhattan. WILLIAM WATSON, Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn. HENRY S. KEARNEY, Deputy Commissioner of Queens.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Comptroller's Office. Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN S. COLE, Comptroller. MICHAEL T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller. EDGAR J. LARRY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller. EDWARD GIBBY, Collector of Assessments and Arrears. DAVID O'BRIEN, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets, Borough of Manhattan. DAVID S. ANTON, Receiver of Taxes. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan. JAMES B. BOYCE, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn. JOHN J. GIBBS, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Manhattan. WILLIAM McDOUGAL, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Brooklyn. MICHAEL O'KEEFE, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Brooklyn. WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond. JOHN J. FERRELL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Richmond. GEORGE HANCOCK, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Richmond. EDWARD J. CROWLEY, Auditor, Borough of The Bronx. FREDERICK W. BLACKWOOD, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Queens. FRANCIS R. CLAY, Auditor, Borough of Queens.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain. Nos. 45 and 47, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. PATRICK KIRWAN, City Chamberlain. Office of the City Paymaster. No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT. Office of Corporation Counsel. Stairs-Zeitling Building, 35 and 4th floors, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. JOHN WHALEY, Corporation Counsel. THOMAS CORCORAN, W. W. LADD, JR., CHARLES BLANDY, Assistants. ALBERT F. JONES, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn. Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes. Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties. Nos. 119 and 121 Nassau street. ADRIAN T. KIRWAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel. Bureau of Street Opening. Nos. 95 and 97 West Broadway. JOHN P. DUNN, Assistant to Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES. Central Office. No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN W. KELLER, President of the Board; Commissioner for Manhattan and Bronx. THOMAS S. BRONSON, Deputy Commissioner. ANDREW BROWN, Jr., Commissioner for Brooklyn and Queens. ANTHONY A. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner. JAMES FERGUSON, Commissioner for Richmond. Plans and Specifications, Contracts, Proposals and Estimates for Work and Materials for Building, Repairs and Supplies, Bills and Accounts, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. Out-door Poor Department. Office hours, 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office. No. 500 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ...

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

Headquarters.

No. 127 and 129 East 51st seventh street. James H. Tuohy, Fire Commissioner, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. ...

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

Central Office. No. 111 West Broadway street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ...

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Office of Inspectors. No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

New Criminal Court Building, Centre Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ...

DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND FERRIES.

Office of the Board of Works and Ferries, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Central Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Office of the Department for the Borough of Manhattan, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Central Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Central Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Central Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

S. Y. COUNTY JAIL.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

COOKERS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

SURROGATES COURT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

SUPREME COURT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

APPELLATE DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

CRIMINAL DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

CITY COURT.

Office, No. 100 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. ...

JAMES M. FERGUSON, Chief Justice; JOHN H. MCCARTHY, LEWIS J. CONLAN, EDWARD F. O'DWYER, JOHN P. SCHUCHMAN and W. M. K. OLCOTT, Justices; JOHN B. MCGOLDRICK, Clerk.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Building for Criminal Courts, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, Borough of Manhattan. ...

MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Borough of Manhattan. First District—Third, Fifth and Eighth Wards, and all that part of the First Ward lying west of Broadway and Whitehall street, including Governor's Island, Bedloe's Island, Ellis Island and the Outer Islands. ...

Tenth District—Twenty-second Ward and all that portion of the Twelfth Ward which is bounded by the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-eighth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. ...

Eleventh District—That portion of the Twelfth Ward which lies north of the centre line of West One Hundred and Tenth street and west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue, and of the Harlem river north of the remains of Lenox or Sixth avenue. ...

Fifth District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by Chapter 214 of the Laws of 1896, comprising all of the City of Westchester and part of the Towns of Wakefield and Williamsburgh. ...

Second District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Court-room corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.

First District—Comprising First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth Wards of the Borough of Brooklyn. ...

Third District—Includes the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards. Court-rooms, Nos. 6 and 8 Lee avenue, Brooklyn. ...

Fourth District—Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards. Court-room, No. 14 Howard avenue. ...

Borough of Queens. First District—First Ward fall at Long Island City, formerly comprising the Wards. Court-room, Queens County Court-house located temporarily. ...

Second District—Second and Third Wards, which include the territory of the late Town of Newtown and Flushing. Court-room in Court-house of late Town of Newtown, corner of Broadway and Court street, Elmhurst, New York. ...

First District—First and Third Wards (Town of Castleton and Northfield), Court-room, former Village Hall, Lafayette avenue and Second street, New Brighton. ...

Second District—Second, Fourth and Fifth Wards (Town of Middleburgh, Southfield and Westfield), Court-room, former Edgewater Village Hall, Stapleton Park, Stapleton. ...

Third District—One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, southeastern corner of Sydenham place. ...

Fourth District—North and Fifteenth Wards. Court-room, southeast corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. ...

Fifth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, northwest corner of Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue. ...

Sixth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards. Court-room, No. 154 Clinton street. ...

Seventh District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Court-room, northwest corner Twenty-fifth street and Second avenue. ...

Eighth District—Nineteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. ...

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, except that portion thereof which lies west of the centre line of Lenox or Sixth avenue, and of the Harlem river north of the remains of Lenox or Sixth avenue. ...

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Official Papers. MORNING—MORNING JOURNAL, TELEGRAPH, Evening—Daily News, Evening Sun, Weekly—Weekly Union, Irish American, German—Morgen Journal. WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Supervisor, City Record.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Department, New York, May 18, 1898. VAS TASSELL & KEARNEY, AUCTIONEERS, on behalf of the Fire Department, will offer for sale at public auction the following named property belonging to the Fire Department of the City of New York: ...

The office hours for receiving bids are from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and on Saturday 10 a. m. to noon.

Contractors will please bring their bids sealed, or an exact description of their bids, to the office of the Commissioner of Water Supply, at the City Hall, New York, on Tuesday, May 24, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANHATTAN, City of New York, Office, No. 40 Grand Street, New York City, May 18, 1898.

SEALED BIDS FOR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the Commission on Sites and Buildings of the Board of Education for the thoroughfare, Manhattan and Park Streets, at the Avenue of the Hall, at the Board of Education, No. 40 Grand Street, New York City, on TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The estimates should be made on the plan and specifications, at the Avenue of the Hall, at the Board of Education, Manhattan, No. 40 Grand Street, New York City.

The estimates of labor to be executed shall be made on the plan and specifications, at the Avenue of the Hall, at the Board of Education, Manhattan, No. 40 Grand Street, New York City.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The proposals submitted, and the plans pertaining to them, should be kept on file in the office of the Commission on Sites and Buildings, at the Avenue of the Hall, at the Board of Education, Manhattan, No. 40 Grand Street, New York City.

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SECTION 8 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become security, the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate, and an estimate can be deposited in this 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 to execute, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal. If he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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The Board reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids received in response to this advertisement if it should deem it for the interest of the City so to do, and to require the contractor to furnish bonds or to furnish a guaranty, or to require the contractor to furnish a guaranty, or to require the contractor to furnish a guaranty.

Bids may be prepared for the several contracts and estimated relative thereto, and may be sent to the office of the Comptroller, City of New York, at the office of the Comptroller, City of New York, at the office of the Comptroller, City of New York.

APPROVED: GEORGE F. JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of New York.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 104 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, viz:

TWELFTH WARD. BRADSHAW AVENUE—PAVING, from north side of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to north side of One Hundred and Fourth street. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

LEXINGTON AVENUE—PAVING, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and First streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

NINETY-EIGHTH STREET—PAVING, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET—PAVING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS from Broadway to Riverside Drive. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH STREET—PAVING, between Eighth and Broadway streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

THIRD AVENUE—SEWER, west side, between Ninety-eighth and One Hundred streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

FIFTY-THIRD STREET—PAVING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS at the intersection of Avenue A. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

PARK AVENUE—SEWER, east side, between Ninety-eighth and One Hundred streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

PARK AVENUE—PAVING, west side, at the intersection of Ninety-seventh street. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

PARK AVENUE—PAVING, west side, between One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

THIRTY-NINTH STREET—FLAGGING AND CURBING, northeast corner of Eleventh Avenue. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD. SIXTY-NINTH STREET—FLAGGING AND CURBING, both sides, between West End and Madison streets. Area of assessment: 1.12 acre. Estimated cost: \$10,000.00.

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