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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, October 5, 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 (Deputy Commissioner Donohue), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of September 21 and September 26, 1898, were read and approved. In the matter of the proposed widening of Cauldwell avenue, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that he had advertised the matter for a hearing for to-day in the manner prescribed by law.

At the request of Mr. East, of counsel for Mr. Ebling, the hearing was postponed for two weeks.

In the matter of the proposed opening of Canal place, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing for to-day in the manner prescribed by law. The Commissioner of Bridges then stated that at present no action could be taken on account of an injunction which had been granted some years ago and was still in force in the case of James G. D. Burnett, plaintiff, against The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, etc., defendant. On motion, the hearing was postponed until such time as the court had given a decision in the above-entitled action.

The following communication, submitted by the Commissioner of Bridges, was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer for report as to proposed change of grade of approaches:

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, October 5, 1898.

Hon. JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

SIR—Herewith please find plan for improvements on Hamilton Avenue bridge over Gowanus canal.

This is a drawbridge. The centre pier upon which the draw span rests is made of masonry, and is in good condition; the abutments, however, on both sides of the canal, are in a very dilapidated state, being built of timber. It is proposed to replace these wooden abutments with masonry; and it is also proposed to raise the bridge 3 feet, for the reason that it is now so low that at high tide, even a canal-boat cannot pass through without turning the draw. This makes a very large number of openings per day. If the bridge is raised 3 feet, more than half of the shipping on the canal can pass through without opening the draw; and as this bridge is on a thoroughfare very much used by vehicles and pedestrians, it is desirable that the number of openings be diminished as much as possible. The raising of the bridge 3 feet involves the changing of grade of streets approaching the bridge for a distance of about 200 feet. This will make a grade of not more than 2 per cent., which is not objectionable.

I would therefore ask permission to proceed with the work as shown on the plan.
Respectfully,
C. C. MARTIN,
Chief Engineer and Superintendent.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and filed, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to the Commissioner of Highways:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, October 3, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—I have received a communication signed by your Secretary dated September 7, 1898, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by your Board on the 31st of August, 1898, which reads as follows:

"NEW YORK, September 1, 1898.
"Hon. JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel:
"DEAR SIR—In accordance with the action taken by this Board at the meeting held on the 31st ultimo, I inclose herewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at said meeting requesting your opinion as to whether the Comptroller can now certify the contract for grading and paving St. Nicholas Avenue, between Hart and Flushing Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.
"The resolution speaks for itself.
"Very respectfully,
"JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

"Whereas, The Finance Department has certified that one-third of the prospective cost for grading and paving St. Nicholas Avenue, between Hart street and Flushing Avenue, with Belgian block pavement, has been collected; and
"Whereas, The contract for such work was made prior to January 1, 1898, but was not certified by the Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn.
"Resolved, That the opinion of the Corporation Counsel be asked as to whether the Comptroller can now legally certify the contract."

In reply to your question as to whether the Comptroller can now legally certify the contract for grading and paving St. Nicholas Avenue, between Hart street and Flushing Avenue, I would say that under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Brooklyn (Title XIX., section 7) in the case of improvements like the one under consideration, a preliminary estimate of the cost of the work to be done was necessary to be made, and an assessment laid for such estimated amount.

By section 8 of the same title, it is provided that "Whenever one-third of the amount of any such assessment shall have been collected, the common council may authorize a contract for the work to be made by the department of city works."

The steps leading to the improvement under consideration have now reached the point that one-third of the assessment therefor has been collected, and the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn, before the first day of January, 1898, authorized a contract to be entered into, which contract was executed in pursuance of such authority. Before, however, this contract could have become a legal obligation against the City of Brooklyn it was necessary that the Comptroller should certify that the means required to make the payments thereunder were provided and applicable thereto (Title XVIII., section 3).

I have recently rendered an opinion at the request of the Comptroller to the effect that he succeeds to the power of the Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn in the duties of his office, and that he has the power and that it is his duty to certify contracts which could have been certified by the Comptroller of Brooklyn.

I am of opinion, therefore, that this contract, having already been authorized by the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn, and having been entered into and executed in pursuance of that authority, it is the duty of the Comptroller, if the means are provided, to certify it without any action thereon on the part of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and filed:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, October 1, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication, bearing date September 22, which states that at a regular meeting of your Board held on the 21st instant, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, Many applications have been received by this Board for the laying of water-mains in the Borough of Brooklyn, upon which no action could be taken, as no appropriation had been made for same by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

"Whereas, A proposition for the issuing of bonds to cover the cost of laying said mains has been suggested by the Commissioner of Water Supply to the Corporation Counsel, now, be it

"Resolved, That this Board respectfully requests the Corporation Counsel to hasten his opinion as to the legality of issuing said bonds, so that, if favorable, construction may be commenced at an early date."

I understand that the important question underlying your resolution is whether or not it is legally possible at this time to issue bonds for the laying of water-mains in the Borough of Brooklyn, the supposed difficulty arising from the fact that the present City of New York has exceeded its constitutional debt limit.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the debt limit is immaterial to the decision of the question raised by your resolution, as the section of the Constitution which prohibits the incurring of indebtedness beyond ten per cent. of the assessed valuation of the real estate of the City, also contains this exception:

"Nor shall this section be construed to prevent the issue of bonds to provide for the supply of water, but the term of the bonds issued to provide the supply of water shall not exceed twenty years, and a sinking fund shall be created for the issuing of said bonds and for their redemption by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity."

(Constitution, Article VIII, Section 10.)

I have already held in regard to bonds for similar purposes in the Borough of Manhattan, authorized under laws applicable to the former City of New York, that the laying of water-mains is a part of the system for the supply of water and therefore such bonds are within the provision of the Constitution which I have just cited, and may be legally issued.

Yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply, with the accompanying statement, was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With my letter of September 15th ult., I submitted to the Corporation Counsel, for his consideration and advice, a statement prepared by Mr. George W. Bidsall, Chief Engineer of this Department, presenting facts, estimates and arguments in support of a request to be made of the municipal authorities for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 for the improvement and extension of the water supply in the Borough of Brooklyn, which improvements and extension are a positive and immediate necessity.

By letter of 1st inst., the Corporation Counsel advises me that he has written to your Board, under same date, pointing out the fact that the constitutional debt limit does not affect the power to issue bonds for the supply of water, and that the bonds referred to in my communication are really bonds connected with the supply of water, and, therefore, within the exception of the constitutional prohibition.

As this removes any doubts as to the authority of your Board to approve the laying of water-mains, where necessary, in the Borough of Brooklyn, I respectfully ask the prompt action and approval of the Board on all the reports made by this Department recommending the laying of water-mains in that Borough.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, ETC.

Under the amendments to the Constitution of the State of New York, passed November 4, 1884, section 11 provides as follows:

"No county containing a city of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, or any such city, shall be allowed to become indebted for any purpose or in any manner in an amount which, including existing indebtedness, shall exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the real estate of such county or city subject to taxation, as it appeared by the assessment rolls of said county or city on the last assessment for state or county taxes prior to the incurring of such indebtedness. * * * Nor shall this section be construed to prevent the issue of bonds to provide for the supply of water, but the term of the bonds issued to provide for the supply of water shall not exceed twenty years, and a sinking fund shall be created on the issuing of said bonds for their redemption by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the sum of the principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity."

According to the statements recently prepared and issued by the Comptroller, The City of New York has exceeded the Constitutional limit, as above set forth. It is pertinent, however, in connection with any proposed issue based on the second paragraph of the two above quoted, to call your attention to the following facts in regard to the water revenue and expenses of the Borough of Brooklyn:

The actual revenue for the year 1897 was..... \$2,049,804 25

The expenses for the same year were as follows:

Maintenance and Repairs.....	\$818,757 75
Distribution and Repairs.....	300,860 73
General Expenses.....	89,362 48
Interest on Bonds.....	740,775 50

Total..... 1,953,756 46

Leaving a net income of..... 504,047 79

The revenue for 1898 (partly estimated) will be..... \$2,125,276 92

The expenses for 1898 (partly estimated) are as follows:

Maintenance and Repairs.....	\$641,213 00
Distribution and Repairs.....	181,696 18
General Expenses (Budget).....	102,625 00
Interest on Bonds.....	753,921 24

Total..... 1,678,456 36

Leaving a net income of..... \$445,820 56

Assuming 1 per cent. on the total bonded debt of \$17,000,000 to be paid from this revenue, there would be deducted..... 170,000 00

Leaving a net balance of..... \$275,820 56

Neglecting the yearly increase to be expected in the revenue, and assuming only the above net balance (\$275,820.56) as available for the payment of interest and sinking funds, it would be possible to issue \$3,940,000 bonds, assuming 7 per cent. yearly payment for interest and sinking funds, and that the bonds are to be redeemed within twenty years. That would allow 3½ per cent. interest on bonds and the same rate on the sinking fund accumulations.

I have omitted in this calculation the possible revenue to be obtained from water now used for public purposes and for which no payment is made to this Department. Hospitals and other charitable institutions, which the Legislature has decreed shall be supplied with water free of charge, and other institutions with a much less well-defined right, are among the consumers from which no revenue is derived. It is not easy to accurately estimate the total amount of revenue thus lost to the Department, but according to the calculations made by me, it amounts to about one hundred and seventy thousand (\$170,000) dollars.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

In the Borough of Brooklyn, this Commission is now faced by the necessities of the city to enlarge the old water main from Heppeside to Millbrook, by carrying through same 30 per cent more water than it was designed and laid to carry.

The present facilities at Millbrook Pumping Station are now overtaxed and do not pump the capacity of the new main from Millbrook east of an amount equal to 75 million gallons per day.

All of the pumping stations town wells require large additions of wells and improved machinery, and it is to be operated economically and to increase the amount obtained from same.

It is also necessary to purchase more land to increase the capacity of the well-pumping plants and to protect the ponds, reservoirs and streams from pollution.

The laying of mains to regulate use and stop the waste of water will be actively carried on under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply, in his discretion, to do same.

Thus, by increasing the safety and amount of supply, by distributing same where needed and by stopping the waste, the full supply can be kept up for a few years without any large expenditures for new waterworks, and equalize the receipts and expenditures as to uniformity to the requirements of the population and place the same in a business and paying basis.

Table with 2 columns: Description of work and Estimated cost. Items include: For 60-inch steel conduit from Heppeside creek east to Millbrook; For improvement and increase in Millbrook Pumping Station and plant; For laying additional water mains; For funds to increase well-pumping plants and to protect present source of supply from contamination; For additional machinery, wells, regulators, etc., at well-pumping plants.

It will take two seasons, that is, two years, to complete this work, and the benefits same will be felt here to be realized as required.

The saving and necessary increase in supply during the immediate commencement of this work, and the growth and prosperity to the old city of Brooklyn will be greatly retarded if not entirely lost.

The following matters, which were taken up at previous meetings, were then taken up and discussed:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Water Supply, laid over at the meeting of June 22, 1898 (Minutes, page 42), 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 improvement of the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn, by the laying of water mains.

In Third Avenue and Eighth Street, between the College Park Manicapped and Fifth Avenue.

In Fourth Avenue, between the Westmoreland Manicapped and Eighth Street.

In Westmoreland Avenue, between Bayview Avenue and Higgins Lane, with the necessary hydrants, stopcocks and connections, the same to cost not to exceed the sum of \$15,000.

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

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly: Section 1. That, in pursuance of section 42 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn be improved by laying water mains—

In Third Avenue and Eighth Street, between the College Park Manicapped and Fifth Avenue.

In Fourth Avenue, between the Westmoreland Manicapped and Eighth Street.

In Westmoreland Avenue, between Bayview Avenue and Higgins Lane, with the necessary hydrants, stopcocks and connections. The expense not to exceed the sum of \$15,000, and the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Sec. 2. That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to make, by the issue of corporate bonds of The City of New York, a sum not to exceed \$15,000 to pay for the work authorized in the preceding section.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Queens, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Water Supply, laid over at the meeting of January 12, 1898 (Minutes, page 13), that two additional pumping engines be provided for pumping water near Washington Bridge, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are requested to authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Works, amounting to one hundred and ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing materials, building and erecting pumping engines, boilers and appurtenances for the high service works at the New Aqueduct, between Tenth Avenue and the Harlem River, in the Borough of Manhattan.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, and with the concurrence of the Municipal Assembly, the Commissioner of Water Supply be and is hereby authorized and directed to make, by public bidding, for the above-mentioned work, a sum not to exceed the sum of \$100,000.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In accordance with the recommendation from the Commissioner of Water Supply that water-mains be laid in Avenue G, from New Utrecht pumping station to Twenty-fifth Avenue, etc., Borough of Brooklyn, which was laid over at the meeting of June 22, 1898 (Minutes, pp. 42-3), 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 the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn by the laying of water mains.

In Avenue G, from the New Utrecht Pumping Station to Twenty-fifth Avenue; and

In Twenty-fifth and Fourth Avenues, where necessary to connect with the present large mains, and including the necessary hydrants, stopcocks and connections, at an expense not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly: Section 1. That, in pursuance of section 42 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn be extended and improved by the laying of water mains in Avenue G, from the New Utrecht Pumping Station to Twenty-fifth Avenue, and in Twenty-fifth and Fourth Avenues, where necessary to connect with the present large mains, and including the necessary hydrants, stopcocks and connections, at an expense not exceeding twenty-two thousand dollars. The work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Sec. 2. That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to make, by the issue of corporate bonds of The City of New York, a sum not to exceed twenty-two thousand dollars to pay for the work authorized in the preceding section.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The resolution approved by this Board at the meeting on May 18, 1898, for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn (Minutes, page 367) was again taken up, and the Secretary was instructed to forward an ordinance, in accordance with same, to the Municipal Assembly.

The resolution submitted by the Commissioner of Water Supply at the meeting of March 30, 1898, and then laid over, providing for the laying of water mains in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn:

Sixty-sixth Street, between New Utrecht Avenue and Fourteenth Street. (Minutes, pages 190-91) was then taken up and adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board. Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read: DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, July 13, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—The Chief Engineer of this Department reports the necessity of laying water-mains in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn:

Table with 2 columns: Description of street and estimated cost. Items include: Fifty-first Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues; Fifty-third Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues; Third Avenue, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Streets; Forty-fourth Street, between Second and Third Avenues; Seventh Avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Ninety-second Streets; Third Avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-fifth Streets; Thirty-seventh Street, between Fourth and Fifth Avenues; Bay, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Streets; Twenty-third Avenue, between Eighty-second Street and Stillwell Avenue; Seventy-ninth Street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third Avenues; Eighth Street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third Avenues; Eighty-first Street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Avenues; Eighty-fifth Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues; Twelfth Avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-sixth Streets; Prospect Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues; Avenue I and East Eighth Street; Douglas and Degraw Streets; Seventy-third Street, between Second and Third Avenues; Avenue U, between Ocean and Coney Island Avenues; Newton Street, between Manhattan and Graham Avenues; Fifty-fifth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues; Newton Street, between Graham Avenue and Engel Street; Degraw Street, between Bulfinch and Ralph Avenues; President Street, between Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues; Sixth Street, between Eighth and Tenth Avenues; Sixtieth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues.

Total estimated cost, \$33,500.00

I respectfully present and recommend the adoption by your Board of the annexed resolution, with an ordinance to be recommended to the Municipal Assembly for adoption, authorizing the laying of these water-mains and providing for the issue of bonds to pay the expense thereof.

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

The following resolution was thereupon 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 Improvement hereby authorizes the making of a contract or contracts by the Commissioner of Water Supply, for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn, by the laying of water-mains in the following streets and avenues, to wit:

- In Fifty-first Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.
In Fifty-third Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.
In Third Avenue, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Streets.
In Forty-fourth Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In Seventh Avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Ninety-second Streets.
In Third Avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-fifth Streets, and Sixty-fifth Street, between First and Third Avenues.
In Eighty-first Street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Avenues.
In Eighty-fifth Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues.
In Twelfth Avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-sixth Streets.
In Prospect Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.
In Avenue I and East Eighth Street.
In Douglas and Degraw Streets, between Nostrand and New York Avenues.
In Seventy-third Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In Avenue U, between Ocean and Coney Island Avenues.
In Newton Street, between Manhattan and Graham Avenues.
In Fifty-fifth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues.
In Newton Street, between Graham Avenue and Engel Street.
In Degraw Street, between Bulfinch and Ralph Avenues.
In Sixty-fifth Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In President Street, between Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues.
In Sixth Street, between Eighth and Tenth Avenues.
In Sixtieth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues.

—the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of \$33,500.

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

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly: Section 1. That, in pursuance of section 42 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn be further extended by laying water-mains in the following streets and avenues, to wit:

- In Fifty-first Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.
In Fifty-third Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.
In Third Avenue, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Streets.
In Forty-fourth Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In Seventh Avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Ninety-second Streets.
In Third Avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-fifth Streets, and Sixty-fifth Street, between First and Third Avenues.
In Eighty-first Street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Avenues.
In Eighty-fifth Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues.
In Twelfth Avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-sixth Streets.
In Prospect Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.
In Avenue I and East Eighth Street.
In Douglas and Degraw Streets, between Nostrand and New York Avenues.
In Seventy-third Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In Avenue U, between Ocean and Coney Island Avenues.
In Newton Street, between Manhattan and Graham Avenues.
In Fifty-fifth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues.
In Newton Street, between Graham Avenue and Engel Street.
In Degraw Street, between Bulfinch and Ralph Avenues.
In Sixty-fifth Street, between Second and Third Avenues.
In President Street, between Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues.
In Sixth Street, between Eighth and Tenth Avenues.
In Sixtieth Street, between Third and Fourth Avenues.

In Twenty-third avenue, between Eighty-second street and Stillwell avenue.
 In Seventy-ninth street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues.
 In Eightieth street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues, to Stillwell avenue.
 In Eighty-first street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues.
 In Eighty-fifth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues.
 In Twelfth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fifth streets.
 In Prospect avenue, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
 In Avenue L and East Eighth street.
 In Douglass and Degraw streets, between Nassau and New York avenues.
 In Seventy-third street, between Second and Third avenues.
 In Avenue U, between Ocean and Coney Island avenues.
 In Newton street, between Manhattan and Graham avenues.
 In Fifty-first street, between Third and Fourth avenues.
 In Newton street, between Graham avenue and Engert street.
 In Degraw street, between Buffalo and Ralph avenues.
 In Sixty-fifth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.
 In President street, between Brooklyn and Kingston avenues.
 In Sixtieth street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues.
 In Sixtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

—the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of water supply.

Sec. 2. That, in pursuance of section 159 and section 178 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to raise, by the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York, a sum not to exceed thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars to pay for the work authorized in the preceding section.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications were read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer: October 4, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

We hereby petition you to initiate a change in the map or plan of The City of New York so as to alter Jennings street between the easterly side of Edgewater road and the Bronx river, by amending section 11 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards by saving the lines of said street to the north.

Respectfully,
NORMAN FREEMAN,
OLIN J. STEPHENS.
NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Public Improvements of The City of Greater New York, No. 346 Broadway:

GENTS—I herewith submit to you two maps of four acres of property at Crotona, Borough of Queens, and respectfully request you to approve the laying out in lots according to these maps at your earliest convenience.

Allow me to explain that the plot is situated and laid out so favorably that it will not interfere with any future improvements or laying out of that section, and I further may say that I intend to improve the property by building quite a number of neat and elegant cottages, and that the work shall begin immediately after your approval.

Expecting that you will give this matter your immediate attention, I am
Yours very respectfully,
GUSTAV PEETZ.

The following communication was read and referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply: New York, October 4, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements, Broadway and Leonard street, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—Regarding the property known as part of the Seventeenth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, described on the Tax Map of said borough as Block No. 100, Lot No. 29, and shown on the annexed blue print, colored red, I desire to say that the same is bounded on one end by Newtown Creek and on one side by Varick street, as shown on said blue print; that I have leased the same from the Estate of Henry A. Cimam, deceased, and erected a factory thereon for the mixing of mortar and plaster, but find upon investigation that there are no water pipes, nor any supply of water nears, thro' Nassau avenue, distant 900 feet southerly from the south end of my factory and said property.

A supply of fresh water for engine and other purposes being indispensable in my business, I therefore petition this Board for relief, and request that water pipes be laid from Nassau avenue through Varick street, as laid out on the map of Brooklyn, to and including the junction of Bridgewater and Varick streets.

Trusting that this matter may receive immediate attention at your hands,
I remain,
Yours very truly,
CLIFFORD L. MILLER.

The following communication from the Citizens' Water Supply Company was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

OFFICE OF CITIZENS' WATER SUPPLY COMPANY,
ELSHURST, BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
NEW YORK CITY, September 27, 1898.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, New York City:

DEAR SIR—We would most respectfully ask your Honorable Body to grant us permission to lay water-mains on Metropolitan Avenue and Maple street, and Hoffman Boulevard, from Maple street to Trotting Course lane, to connect Pumping Station No. 7 with present system.

There are thirty houses on the Metropolitan Avenue section, and sixteen on the Hoffman Boulevard section, as per enclosed sketch.
Your early answer will be appreciated.
CORD MEYER, President, Citizens' Water Supply Company.

The following communication was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways: New York, October 3, 1898.

The Honorable MAURICE HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In behalf of several property-owners and myself, I would respectfully ask your Honorable Board to take the necessary steps for the removal of the incumbrances along the line of Creston Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx. These incumbrances stand on property, the title to which has been vested in the City since December 24, 1897. The fact is that as we are anxious to build and improve but cannot, your speedy attention to this matter will greatly oblige.

Very respectfully yours,
ARTHUR H. DUNDON.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

GEORGE BLANK, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BROKER,
NO. 1403 MYRTLE AVENUE, BETWEEN HEMROD AND HARMON STREETS,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., October 3, 1898.

Honorable Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—I am agent for St. James Park property, situate in the Borough of Queens (formerly Town of Newtown), and herewith apply for permit to have water pipes of Citizens' Water Supply Company extended from Fresh Pond road (which fronts on said property) through the streets and avenues of St. James Park, as shown on map accompanying this application.

There are about 30 houses on the place occupied by about 50 families, and as the cisterns occasionally run dry the owners are compelled to have water carted from Middle Village, nearly a mile distant, thereby incurring hardship and expense.

Trusting your Honorable Body will obviate this by granting permit, I remain,
Yours truly,
GEO. BLANK.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read and approved, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Local Board:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, September 30, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated August 25, from the Secretary of Board of Public Improvements, I received, for investigation and report, a copy of a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the crossings or intersections of One Hundred and Fiftieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets with St. Nicholas avenue be paved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to report that I cannot recommend the proposed improvement, as it would break the continuity of pavement on St. Nicholas avenue.

(Signed) Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters laid over:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, September 30, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated the 1st instant, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I received, for investigation and report, a copy of a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Thirtieth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Clinton place, from Macdougall street to Third avenue, be paved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to report that the Municipal Assembly has under consideration the repaving of Clinton place (Eighth street), and Astor place, from Broadway to Fourth avenue.

At present no money is available to pay for this improvement, which has been held for consideration when next year's appropriation for repaving streets and avenues shall become available.

The estimated cost of the work is \$14,100.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated September 22, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, transmitting, for investigation and report, a copy of an ordinance of the Municipal Assembly providing that Greene Avenue, between Suyvesant Avenue and Patchen Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt upon the present pavement.

On this resolution I beg to report that it had been the intention of the Department of City Works of Brooklyn to extend the asphalt pavement on Greene Avenue as far as Suyvesant Avenue on Broadway, in order to compensate the property-owners in some degree for the annoyance caused them by the construction of the main relief sewer in their street, on account of which the pavement was torn up and the street rendered impassable for many months.

The asphalt pavement on Greene Avenue, from Marcy to Suyvesant Avenue, was laid without expense to the owners of the abutting property; the main relief sewer having been built in that part of the street also. It therefore seems only just that the City should lay the proposed pavement without expense to the owners of the abutting property. The expense of the work is estimated at \$19,000, covering the laying of 6,007 square yards of asphalt on a concrete foundation, and the setting and resetting of 3,150 feet of old and new curb.

The exhausted condition of the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" makes it impossible to undertake this work this year.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated the 11th ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, transmitting to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Forty-sixth street, between Third and Fourth Avenues, should be repaved with asphalt.

I have investigated this matter and beg to report that an asphalt pavement on that part of Forty-sixth street is very desirable, as there are a public school and hospital on the block. However, Forty-sixth street was graded and paved with cobblestone in June, 1894, under the Eighth Ward Improvement Act, and the entire cost of the improvement was paid out of the money raised by the sale of bonds, the assessments being payable in ten annual installments levied upon the property benefited. The assessment was only recently laid and but one installment has been paid, so it will be nine years before the pavement now on the street will be paid for. If an asphalt pavement is now substituted for the cobblestone pavement, the question arises whether or not the unpaid assessments for a pavement not on the street can be collected. If not, by repaving the street at this time the City would lose nine-tenths of the cost of the original improvement.

The work involved in repaving the street between Third and Fourth Avenues would be the laying of 2,265 square yards of asphalt and the setting and resetting of 1,276 feet of old and new curb. If the asphalt should be laid on concrete, with fifteen years' guarantee of maintenance, the estimated cost of the improvement would be \$7,200. If the proposed improvement is to be paid for from the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies," the work could not be undertaken this year, because the appropriation is exhausted.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, September 26, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With a letter, dated September 19, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I received, for examination, a copy of part of section 365, Laws of 1884, showing that Manhattan Avenue, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, is under the jurisdiction of this Department.

I therefore withdraw my letter of August 26, and would report that it is advisable to pave Manhattan Avenue, between said streets, with asphalt, the present macadam pavement being unsuitable for a street with such heavy traffic as that on Manhattan Avenue. The improvement cannot be made this year, however, because no funds are available.

Very respectfully,
WM. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, NO. 546 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 575, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I herewith submit resolution requesting authority to advertise for proposals and make a contract for furnishing and putting in place an automatic low-pressure steam-heating apparatus in the New Brighton Village Hall, Borough of Richmond, approximate cost, \$2,000, which sum was duly appropriated by a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated August 22, 1898.

Very respectfully,
HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, Under pursuance of section 417, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, that the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies is hereby authorized to advertise for bids and enter into a contract to furnish and put in place an automatic low-pressure steam-heating apparatus in the New Brighton Village Hall, occupied by the First District Municipal Court and Magistrate's Court, Borough of Richmond; approximate cost, \$2,000, which sum was appropriated by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on August 22, 1898, and the same is recommended for passage by the Municipal Assembly.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Richmond, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, September 29, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that it is necessary to lay water-mains in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn:

In Fifteenth avenue, between Bath and Crosby avenues; eleven houses to be supplied with water; distance, 720 feet; estimated cost.....	\$720 00
In Third avenue, between Halsey and McDougall streets; one house and one church to be supplied with water; distance, 500 feet; estimated cost.....	650 00
In Third avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, and in Eighty-third street, between Second and Third avenues; nine houses to be supplied with water; distance, 225 feet; estimated cost.....	1,100 00
Total estimated cost.....	\$2,470 00

I respectfully present and recommend the adoption by your Board of the annexed resolution, covering these works, with an ordinance to be recommended to the Municipal Assembly for adoption, authorizing the same, and providing for the issue of bonds to pay the expense thereof.

Very respectfully,
JAS. H. HASLIN,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 412 and 419 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes the making of a contract or contracts by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn by the laying of water mains in the following streets and avenues, to wit:

- In Fifteenth avenue, between Bath and Crosby avenues.
- In Third avenue, between Halsey and McDougall streets.
- In Third avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, and in Eighty-third street, between Second and Third avenues.

The expense thereof not to exceed the sum of \$2,470.
And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Enacted by the Municipal Assembly:
Section 1. That, in pursuance of section 42 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the water system in the Borough of Brooklyn be further extended by laying water mains in the following streets and avenues, to wit:

- In Fifteenth avenue, between Bath and Crosby avenues.
- In Third avenue, between Halsey and McDougall streets.
- In Third avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, and in Eighty-third street, between Second and Third avenues; the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Sec. 2. That, in pursuance of sections 103 and 178 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to raise, by the issue of corporate bonds of The City of New York, a sum not to exceed \$2,470, to pay for the work authorized in the preceding section.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.
Negative—None.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES,
OFFICE, No. 346 BROADWAY,
New York, September 28, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, Manhattan, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—In pursuance of section 351 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies has to notify you that a subway, for the accommodation of high-tension electrical conductors, has been built on Avenue A, from Seventh street to Twenty-fourth street, and that there is no longer any necessity for the maintenance of an overhead pole line, with wires, hangers, etc., for electric lighting.

Therefore, I inclose a form of resolution that I have to request will be acted upon by your Board.

Respectfully yours,
HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner.

And the following resolution was adopted:
Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies has reported that a subway for the accommodation of high-tension electrical conductors has been constructed, and is now ready for occupancy in Avenue A, from Seventh street to Twenty-fourth street, in the Borough of Manhattan; now be it

Resolved, In pursuance of sections 384 and 385, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, that the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the owners of the overhead line of poles and wires in Avenue A, from Seventh street to Twenty-fourth street, to remove said poles and wires.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Board.
Negative—None.

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

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that West Ninety-seventh street, from Central Park, West, to Amsterdam avenue, be paved with asphalt pavement.

Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

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 space on One Hundred and Thirty-second street, west of Twelfth avenue, occupied by the tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, be paved with granite-block pavement.

Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

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 flagging now on the sidewalks on the westerly side of the Boulevard Lafayette, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to Dyckman street, be relaid and reset where necessary, and that new flagging and curb be laid where the present flagging and curb are defective.

Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

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 flagging now on the sidewalks on Eleventh avenue, from Kingsbridge road to Dyckman street, be relaid and reset where necessary, and new flagging and curb furnished where the present flagging and curb are defective.

Adopted.
Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

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 instructed to proceed to repair sidewalk in front of vacant lots south side of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, and place the same in proper condition.

Adopted.
Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read and placed on file, as the matter had been reported on by the Commissioner of Highways, and laid over at the meeting of August 17, as being assessment work:

NEW YORK CITY, October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held October 4, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

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 Thirteenth street, between Lenox and Seventh avenues, be paved with asphalt or asphalt block pavement.

Respectfully,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, together with the report of the Chief Topographical Engineer, were read and ordered on file:

NEW YORK CITY, September 9, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board of Public Improvements of the District at its meeting September 8 last, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements be and it is hereby respectfully requested to print additional maps of the territory east of the Bronx river, to be obtained by request by such property owners as may desire such maps, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HOFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
October 5, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Local Board of the Borough of The Bronx, requesting that additional maps of the territory east of the Bronx river be printed for distribution to such property owners as may require them, I wish to state that 700 maps were given out to property owners, which seems sufficient.

An appropriation for lithographing and printing was requested for the next year, when additional maps may be printed.

The papers in the matter are herein returned.
Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was read and the matter laid over, being assessment work:

NEW BRITTON, N. Y., October 5, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, held on the 4th day of October, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that the following crossings be laid in the First Ward of the Borough:

- Across Waters avenue on the west side of Fisk avenue.
- Across Waters avenue on the east side of Fisk avenue.
- Across Leonard avenue on the east side of Fisk avenue.
- Across Leonard avenue on the west side of Fisk avenue.
- Across Fisk avenue on the north side of Waters avenue.
- Across Fisk avenue on the north side of Leonard avenue.
- Across Fisk avenue on the south side of Main avenue.
- Across the Boulevard on the west side of Warburton avenue.
- Across the Boulevard on the west side of Jewett avenue.

And further be it
Resolved, That this Board strongly recommends the immediate establishment of a fund which the cost of said improvement can be paid.

I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted, together with a copy of the report of the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

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

NEW BRITTON, N. Y., October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, held on the 4th day of October, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It appears to this Board that Main street in that part of the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Richmond which was formerly known as the Village of Tottenville, is now being macadamized to the width of sixteen feet; and

Whereas, It appears to this Board that owing to the steep grade of the street and soil on each side of the macadam will be washed out whenever there is a heavy rain, thus undermining and destroying the macadam unless something be done for its protection; and

Whereas, It appears that there is sufficient balance to the credit of the fund created by the issuance of bonds for the purpose of macadamizing certain streets in Tottenville to pay for the addition hereinafter recommended; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that there be added to each side of the macadam already laid a width sufficient to take the macadam within three feet of the curb lines on each side of the street.

I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted, together with a copy of the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Chief Engineer.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
NEW BRITTON, N. Y.,
October 4, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, held on the 4th day of October, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that John street, in said ward, be extended to Franklin street, in said ward.
I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

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

NEW BRIDGTON, N. Y., October 4, 1898.

The Honorable MAURICE F. HOAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, held on the 4th day of October, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It appears to this Board that an order was issued by the Board of Trustees of the Village of New Brighton, now the First Ward of the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, in the fall of 1897, directing that water mains be laid on the streets and avenues hereinafter mentioned; and

Whereas, It appears that said order has never been complied with by the Staten Island Water Supply Company, the corporation to which the order was issued; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Richmond, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that water-mains be laid on the following streets and avenues: On College avenue, from the Manor road to Jewett avenue, and on Waters avenue, Lathrop avenue, Wardwell avenue, and St. John's avenue, as soon as a fund for the same is available.

I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted, together with a copy of the report of the Deputy Commissioner and the Chief Engineer.

Yours respectfully, GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was laid over, being assessment work:

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, October 3, 1898.

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

SIR—I return herein the letters from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, including a copy of resolutions of the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, directing that the lots on the north side of Bushwick avenue, between Hull and Aberdeen streets, known as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 159, Twenty-eighth Ward, and lots on Aberdeen street, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen Cemetery, known as lots Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18, block 159, Twenty-eighth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, be graded to the level of the adjoining street, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots, and have to report as follows:

An examination of the premises shows that portion of the lots are above the grade of the adjoining street, and other portions seem to have been excavated recently to the level of the street. The reports on the grading of these lots from the Engineer of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn, herewith attached, does not give any reason for the grading down, but states that "they are above grade and should be dug down." In my opinion, the condition of the lots is such that they are not dangerous, but it may have happened that some earth from the lots came down on the tracks of the Manhattan Beach Railroad, which passes at the junction of Aberdeen street and Bushwick avenue.

Section 493, title 3, chapter 9, of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, says a local board shall have power to cause digging down lots or filling in sunken lots within its district by resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements. This was done after a hearing given by the local board, and there can be no legal objection against the approval of the resolution of the local board.

I suggest, however, that in matters of this kind, the Local Board of Public Improvements give the reason for their recommendation, in order to be sure that there is no injury done to owners of lots without their knowledge.

The papers in this matter are herein returned. Respectfully, LOUIS A. RISSE, Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication was read and referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply: To Honorable Board of Improvements of The City of New York:

GIVES—The Flatbush Water Works Company hereby makes application for permission to open East Thirty-fourth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, for the purpose of laying a twelve (12) inch water main from Avenue E to Clark street in said borough.

FLATBUSH WATER WORKS COMPANY, JOHN Z. LORRY, Secretary.

The form of agreement between the City and the Jamaica Water Supply Company which had been submitted by the Corporation Counsel at the last meeting and had over for one week, was taken up, and the form of agreement was approved, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of The Bronx, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Borough of Richmond, and President of the Board. Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, October 4, 1898.

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

SIR—In relation to the request that the triangular plot of land between the Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from a point opposite to Johnson avenue junction, about 500 feet in a southerly direction, be included in proceedings for opening Spuyten Duyvil road, I have to report that said triangular plot is designated as a public park on the Final Maps and Profiles, and that, therefore, special proceedings will have to be initiated for the said plot. This plot should be opened with the Spuyten Duyvil road, because it will be necessary for the construction of the said Spuyten Duyvil road, which is located on a very steep hill.

Relative to the request that the remainder of the plots Nos. 24 to 29 be shown on the damage map of Johnson avenue, lying in that portion of Johnson avenue for which no proceedings were taken, be included in the proceedings for opening Johnson avenue, I have to report that portion of plots Nos. 24 and 29 lies entirely outside of the lines of Johnson avenue, and cannot therefore be acquired by the City.

I recommend, however, that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to Johnson avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, which will cover all the land that is to be acquired by the City and which relates to plots Nos. 24 to 29, and I recommend that resolutions for initiating proceedings for acquiring title be passed as follows:

- 1st. Public place lying between Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from point opposite Johnson avenue to about 650 feet in a southerly direction, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx; there are buildings on the land.
- 2d. Johnson avenue, from Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx; there are buildings upon the land.

The papers in this matter, with a black print of Johnson avenue and Spuyten Duyvil road, are herein returned.

Respectfully, LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And, in accordance with said recommendation, the two following sets of resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening of the Public Place lying between Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from point opposite Johnson avenue to about six hundred and fifty feet in a southerly direction, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening said Public place lying between Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from point opposite Johnson avenue, to about six hundred feet in a southerly direction.

Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such public

place, lying between Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from point opposite Johnson avenue to about six hundred feet in a southerly direction, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, in and for the First Department, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening the Public place lying between Spuyten Duyvil road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, extending from a point opposite Johnson avenue to about six hundred and fifty feet in a southerly direction, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Johnson avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Johnson avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street.

Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Johnson avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court in and for the First Department, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Johnson avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil road to West Two Hundred and Thirtieth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, October 4, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, requesting that the public place bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, be improved and fenced in the usual manner, I have to report that the said public place is private property as yet, and that therefore the City has no jurisdiction within these lines. There is, however, no objection to acquiring title to the same, and I recommend that a resolution to initiate proceedings for acquiring title be adopted as follows:

Public place, bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the Twenty-third Ward, Borough of The Bronx; no buildings upon the lands.

I inclose herewith a diagram and return the papers in relation to the same.

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

And the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of the Public place, bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Public place, bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.

Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Public place, bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, in and for the First Department, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending the Public place, bounded by Morris avenue, East One Hundred and Forty-third street and East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, October 5, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that title be acquired to the lane running from East One Hundred and Fiftyth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad parallel to Mott avenue and fifty (50) feet westerly therefrom, as shown on section 7 of the Final Maps and Profiles, I wish to state that the said lane is legally laid out on the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that I do not know of any objection against the legal opening of the said lane, which is not named as yet.

It is therefore recommended that a resolution be adopted for acquiring title to the "lane" between Mott avenue and Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftyth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. There are no buildings upon the lands.

The papers in this matter are herein returned.

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

And the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of the lane between Mott avenue and Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftyth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said lane between

Mott avenue and Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftieth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the plans of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such lane, between Mott avenue and Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftieth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, in and for the First Department, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending the lane, between Mott avenue and Walton avenue, from East One Hundred and Fiftieth street to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Alternative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President, Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following report from the Engineer of Street Openings was read:

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
No. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

MR. MAURICE F. POLAKIAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

Sir—In answer to resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, meeting September 21, 1898, for the alteration of the grades on Van Cortlandt place, from Wicker place for a distance of about 500 feet westerly, I have:

I have examined the location and would recommend that the present established grades on Van Cortlandt place, between elevations 84 and 88 for a distance of 203 feet, be retained, for the reason that the street is already built upon on both sides, and the alteration to the grades proposed would prove a loss to the owners who have built and improved their property on the established grades as filed.

I would recommend that the grade be changed, commencing at elevation 88 feet, for a distance of 13.02 feet, to meet elevation 97.44 feet, and from there to the centre of Wicker place, elevation 7.4 feet, that will give a grade of about 7 feet 4 inches per hundred, and will meet all requirements. I enclose a diagram of proposed grade.

Respectfully,
JOS. O. B. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Openings.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 420 of chapter 278, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grade of Van Cortlandt place from Wicker place for a distance of two hundred and forty-three and eight one-hundredths feet westerly, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Public Improvements cause to be prepared in conformity to this Board three similar maps or plans for certification and filing in the manner required by law showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change of grade at the above-named place, and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification and location (shown) with necessary explanatory remarks, and duplicate technical description of the same.

Alternative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, and President of the Board.
Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was referred back to him for the purpose of making the survey suggested.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
October 3, 1898.

MR. JOHN W. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:

Sir—In reply to the letter of Mr. Edward McGinnis, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, submitting a map showing the change in the map of the Borough of Brooklyn, which is necessary to make Prospect avenue a continuous street at the intersection of the former boundary line between Brooklyn and Flatbush; stating that proceedings in this street were begun under the former administration in Brooklyn but failed at completion prior to January 31, 1898, and that this change is of the street (proposed), made by H. Winslow Terry, lying between Greenwood Cemetery and Prospect Park, and get direct communication with Flatbush Ferry, and it will be possible to grade and pave Prospect avenue. I have to report that this proposition is a very great one, and is herewith recommended. I have to state, however, that it will require a survey before a map and technical description can be furnished for the purpose of advertising a public hearing in the matter and that action therefore, should be delayed.

The dimensions given in the street maps of Brooklyn near the former boundary line between Brooklyn and Flatbush are incomplete, and are, therefore, not sufficient to prepare a technical description.

The letter and the map will be retained until the survey is completed.

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

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,
October 3, 1898.

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

Sir—In reply to the action taken by the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending a change of grade of Avenue I, between Coney Island avenue and the lands of the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad, I have to state that a petition of Wood, Harmon & Co. to the same matter, was presented to the Board of Public Improvements, and was returned upon by me as shown in the Minutes of August 31, 1898. This report does not recommend the change of grade in consequence of which, Wood, Harmon & Co. had this matter brought before the Local Board, which recommended it.

A letter from Wood, Harmon & Co., to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and one from Samuel H. McElroy, C. E., No. 26 Court street, Borough of Brooklyn, being a reply to my report, dated August 31, 1898, are attached, and I cannot find that the arguments of Mr. McElroy could induce me to change my previous report. The grades of that section of Brooklyn were legally established in 1892, and the Commissioner of Sewers has recently submitted for adoption and filing, a plan for the sewerage system covering all the section lying south and east of the old City of Brooklyn, in which originally filed grades are assumed to be kept; which plan would very materially be altered if consent were given to change of grades of Avenue I and the adjoining streets. According to the sewerage plan the sewers would be in several places only from two to three feet below the street grade, and, after consulting with the Sewer Department, it was ascertained that the change of the sewer plan would be opposed, since such plan is the result of the study of several years, and is considered to be as perfect as possible. In addition, I may say that I consider that it will be an advantage to the buildings on that property if the grades of the streets are kept higher than the present surface, because no excavations for cellars will be necessary.

The matter of considering the grade over the Brighton Beach Railroad could be left to the future.

The papers in the matter are herein returned.

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

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, a hearing on the foregoing matter was fixed for two weeks from to-day, and the Secretary was directed to notify Wood, Harmon & Co. accordingly.

The Board approved the transfer of Michael Hoblen, Fireman in the Department of Bridges, from that Department to the Department of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Borough of Brooklyn.

Adjourned.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER 1, 1898.

Table with 7 columns: Borough, Estimated Population July 1, 1898, Deaths, Births, Marriages, Still-births, Death-rate. Rows include Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, and City of New York.

* Many large numbers raise the death-rate.

Cases of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Reported.

Table with 15 columns: Disease, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 4, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9, July 10, July 11, July 12, July 13, July 14, July 15. Rows include Phthisis, Diphtheria, Group, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Small-pox, Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, and Total.

Deaths According to Cause, Age and Sex.

Table with 10 columns: Cause, Total, Males, Females, Under 1 Year, 1 Year and under 2, 2 and under 5, Males 5 Years, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20 and over. Rows include Total, all causes, Diphtheria, Group, Infantile Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Small-pox, Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, Whooping-cough, Diarrhoeal Diseases, Phthisis, Other Tuberculous Diseases, Diseases of the Nervous System, Heat Diseases, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs, Diseases of Digestive System, Diseases of Urinary System, Congenital Debility, Old Age, Suicide, Other violent deaths, and All other causes.

* Including premature births, atrophy, foetition, marasmus, atelecasis, cyanosis and pretermatural births.

Causes of Death not Specified in the Foregoing Table.

Table with 3 columns: Zymotic, Diabetic, Constitutional, Nervous, Circulatory, Respiratory, Digestive, Genito-urinary, Integumentary, Accident, Other Causes. Rows include Cerebro-spinal Fever, Anisoholism, Cancer, Convulsions, Senile Gangrene, Croup, Gastro-enteritis, Bright's Disease, Phlegmonous Cellulitis, Fractures and Contusions, and other causes.

Inspection of Premises.

Table with 2 columns: Inspection of Premises (Total number of inspections made, Classified as follows, etc.) and numerical values (9,176, 3,597, etc.).

Table with 2 columns: Total number of citizens' complaints attended to, verified, found baseless, or nuisance already abated, original complaints by Inspectors (647, 334, 313, 55).

Inspection of Foods, Milk Cows, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Inspection of Foods, Milk Cows, etc. (Total number of inspections of milk, specimens examined, etc.) and numerical values (922, 977, etc.).

Chemical Laboratory.

Table with 2 columns: Chemical Laboratory (Milk—Adulterated, Unadulterated, etc.) and numerical values (7, 1, etc.).

Experimental Analyzes.

Table with 2 columns: Experimental Analyzes (Estimation of suspended matter in Croton water, Microscopical) and numerical values (17).

Analysis of Croton Water, September 28, 1898.

Table with 3 columns: Analysis of Croton Water (Appearance, Color, Odor, Chlorine in Chlorides, etc.) and results expressed in grains per U. S. gallon or per cubic inch.

Temperature at hydrant, 66° Fahr.

Analysis of Ridgewood Water, September 28, 1898.

Table with 3 columns: Analysis of Ridgewood Water (Appearance, Color, Odor, Chlorine in Chlorides, etc.) and results expressed in grains per U. S. gallon or per cubic inch.

Temperature at hydrant, 66° Fahr.

Medical Inspection of Schools.

Table with multiple columns: Medical Inspection of Schools (Number of School Days, Average Daily Attendance, Number of Schools Visited, etc.) and various causes of exclusion.

* Included in the Grammar Schools, Grammar Department.

Inspection under Law Regulating Employment of Women and Children in Mercantile and Manufacturing Establishments.

CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

Table with multiple columns: CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES GRANTED (Total, Birthplace, Foreign, American, etc.) and numerical values.

CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES REFUSED.

Table with multiple columns: CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES REFUSED (Total, Cause, Birthplace, etc.) and numerical values.

Pathology and Bacteriology.

Table with 2 columns: Pathology and Bacteriology (Total number of premises visited by Inspectors, new cases treated with diphtheria anti-toxin, etc.) and numerical values (189, 11, etc.).

Amount of diphtheria anti-toxic serum produced in C. C., Number of visits to Department Stations (collection of cultures, etc.) 284

Infections and Contagious Diseases.

Table with 2 columns: Description of infection/disease and corresponding count. Includes items like 'Total number of cases visited by inspectors', 'premises visited by Disinfectors', etc.

Total number of dead animals removed from streets..... 1,422

Executive Action.

Table with 2 columns: Description of executive action and corresponding count. Includes items like 'Total number of orders issued for abatement of nuisances', 'Attorney's notices issued for non-compliance with orders', etc.

By order of the Board,

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, THURSDAY, 11 A.M., September 22, 1898.

The Hon. Robert A. Van Wyck, Mayor; Bird S. Coler, Comptroller; and John Whalen, Corporation Counsel, the officers designated by section 1526, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, met this day.

The minutes of the meeting of September 20, 1898, were approved as printed. Requisition from the Finance Department, for engraving 4,250 certificates of Corporate Stock, was presented, and on motion of the Corporation Counsel and by concurrent vote of all the members of the Board, the Supervisor of the City Record was authorized to give out the work for a sum not exceeding \$6,000.

The Supervisor of the City Record reported that, pursuant to the authority conferred upon him by the Board of City Record at a meeting held on September 20 instant, he had employed, for one month, John N. Outwater (Accountant) of No. 403 West Twenty-second street, to assist in the compilation and tabulation of the annual requisitions of the various departments, courts and bureaus of the city, said appointment to date from September 22 instant, and the compensation for such services to be the sum of \$200.

By the concurrent vote of all the members of the Board, the action of the Supervisor was approved.

On motion of the Mayor and by the concurrent action of all the members of the Board, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Supervisor of the City Record be and he is hereby instructed to procure by direct order, that is without contract let after advertisement, the articles called for by the following requisitions allowed at this meeting, that course being deemed to be for the best interests of the City:

The following requisitions were approved by the concurrent action of all the members of the Board:

President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Requisition No. 2137—1 letter-press book, 500 pages, Japanese copying paper preferred; can use book of 700 pages.

Municipal Court, Tenth District (Manhattan).

Requisition No. 2136—1,000 note heads, same as sample.

Department of Highways (Bronx).

Requisition No. 2024—500 Crocker's patent No. 13 paper fasteners.

Department of Finance.

Requisition No. 2144—1,200 paymaster's checks, as per samples.

Department of Public Charities (Manhattan and The Bronx).

Requisition No. 2102—1,000 envelopes, as per sample; 500 note heads, as per sample; 500 letter heads, as per sample—to be printed in blue.

Fire Department (Manhattan and The Bronx).

Requisition No. 2081—50 copies form contract and specifications for furnishing 800 tons anthracite coal (huckwheat size).

Department of Buildings (Brooklyn).

Requisition No. 2145—300 Law Department circular letters.

Department of City Record.

Requisition No. 2148—15 scrap books. Requisition No. 2149—500 requisition blank forms; 500 authorization slips; 4,000 requisition blanks for printing; 2,000 requisition blanks for books; 2,000 requisition blanks for stationery; printing red notice on 1,500 requisition blanks.

Requisition No. 2150—1,500 official letter heads; 1,500 official envelopes, No. 6; 500 official note heads; 500 official envelopes, No. 10; 100 circular letters; 150 circular letters; 300 ruled and numbered sheets for tabulator.

Requisition No. 2151—12 shipping receipt books; 1 delivery book; 1 stationery estimate book; 1 register of requisitions; 2 registers of printing; 1 register of books; 2 records of stationery; 1 order register; ruling and printing index for 4 record books and inserting same; erasing 228 numbers and renumbering order book.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Secretary.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

Supervisor of The City Record:

DEAR SIR—I respectfully send you herewith a brief abstract of transactions of this Bureau since statement of September 7, 1898.

In accordance with section 152, Laws of 1897, a meeting of the Municipal Statistical Commission was called for Tuesday, October 4, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P.M. The following members appeared: Ernest Harvier and John T. Nagle. No quorum being present, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN T. NAGLE, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND ATTENDED TO, FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- J. H. Gerlach, College Point, New York City.
Wm. R. Keese, Clerk to the Commission of Estimate and Assessment for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.
Frank A. Burrelle, No. 32 Park Row, New York City.
Alfred M. Downes, Secretary to the Mayor.
Smith E. Lane, Commissioner, etc., Commission of New East River Bridge.
Delos F. Wilcox, Cleveland, O.
Frederick Bowley, President, Borough of Queens.
Catharine Kerlan, South Fork, Pa.
E. S. Todd, Springfield, O.

- O. G. Angle, Secretary, North Side Board of Trade, New York City.
R. A. Black, M. D., Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, Department of Health.
Captain Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., Navy Yard, New York.
A. Delavigne, Secretary, Mechanics', Dealers' and Lumbermen's Exchange, New Orleans, La.
A. F. Zenring, Mayor's Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.
Patrick J. Ryder, New York City.
F. J. Lantry, Commissioner, Department of Correction.
Lee Phillips, Secretary, Municipal Civil Service Commission.
Wm. H. Burke, Secretary, Department of Docks and Ferries.
E. F. Linton, Secretary, Board of Atlantic Avenue Improvement.
John H. Winsor, Secretary, American Museum of Natural History.
Joseph M. Schenck, Clerk to the Commission for Appraisal for the "Eleventh Ward Park," now the "Hamilton Fish Park."
A. Emerson Palmer, Secretary, Board of Education.
E. R. L. Gould, M. D., New York City.

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JOHN T. NAGLE, Chief of Bureau.

BOARDS OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

FOURTH DISTRICT, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Adjourned Meeting.

Meeting in Room 4, Borough Hall, at 3 P. M., Thursday, September 15, 1898.

The roll was called and the following members answered in their names: Edward M. Green (President) in the chair, and Aldermen Stewart, Elliott and Diemer. The President announced that the meeting was held in give a hearing on the resolution of the Municipal Assembly...

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

NINTH DISTRICT, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Meeting in Room 4, Borough Hall, at 3 P. M., Thursday, September 22, 1898.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: Edward M. Green (President) in the chair, and Councilmen Williams and Hester and Aldermen Solanti, Long and Heligan. The President stated that the meeting was held in accordance with directions of the Municipal Assembly...

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, CITY OF NEW YORK, THE AERIAL CANTON PARK, CHATEAU, 1898. Supervision of the City Parks. The Park Commissioner has the honor to announce that the following system of supervision with employees in the Department...

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, NO. 120 FOURTH AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, October 10, 1898. Supervision of the City Buildings. It is hereby notified you of the following change in the Department of Buildings in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx...

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NO. 6 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, October 10, 1898. Public hearing will be held in the Aldermen's Chamber, City Hall, before the Commission on Public Works, Wednesday, October 13, 1898, at 1 P. M. to consider the advisability of establishing a park at Houston, Elizabeth, Prime and Mont streets.

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, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held, together with the heads of Departments and Courts. 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. ALFRED M. DOWSON, Private Secretary.

THOMAS R. FARRALL, Deputy for Brooklyn. JAMES H. MURPHY, Deputy for Bronx. JAMES P. MURPHY, Deputy for Queens. HENRY P. MURPHY, Deputy and Chief Engineer for Richmond Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York Avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Sewers. No. 26 and 27 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES KASS, Commissioner of Sewers. MATTHEW F. DUNN, Deputy for Manhattan. THOMAS J. BYRNE, Deputy for Bronx. WILLIAM BARNES, Deputy for Brooklyn. MATTHEW J. GOLDEN, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens. HENRY P. MURPHY, 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. SULLIVAN, Commissioner. THOMAS H. YOUNG, Deputy. SAMUEL R. FURBER, Chief Engineer. MATTHEW H. MOORE, Deputy for Bronx. HENRY BEAS, Deputy for Brooklyn. JOHN E. BACON, Deputy for Queens.

Department of Water Supply. No. 120 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM HALLON, Commissioner of Water Supply. JAMES H. HALLAM, Deputy Commissioner. GEORGE W. DENNISON, Chief Engineer. W. G. BYRNE, Water Regulator. JAMES MURPHY, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn, Municipal Building. JOSEPH FITZ, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Queens, Old City Hall, Long Island City. THOMAS J. MURPHY, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of The Bronx, Common Park Building. HENRY P. MURPHY, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Richmond Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York Avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Street Cleaning. No. 27 to 29 E. 4th St. JAMES MCCARTHY, Commissioner, No. 140 Broadway, Manhattan. F. M. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Manhattan, No. 120 Broadway. PATRICK H. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Brooklyn, Room 177 Municipal Building. JOHN J. LADD, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of The Bronx, No. 145 East One Hundred and Fifty-second street.

Department of Buildings, Lighting and Scaffolds. No. 24 Broadway, Room 1122, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY S. KRANE, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Scaffolds. PETER J. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner for Manhattan. WILLIAM WALTON, Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn. HENRY SWEENEY, Deputy Commissioner for Queens. EDWARD J. MURPHY, Deputy Commissioner for Richmond.

Department of Finance. Sewer Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN S. COLE, Commissioner. MICHAEL T. DALY, Deputy Commissioner. EDWARD J. LEVY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller. EDWARD J. LEVY, Director of Assessments and Arrears. DAVID O'BRIEN, Collector of City Taxes and Superintendent of Markets, Borough of Manhattan. DAVID K. AUSTIN, Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan. JOHN J. McDONAGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan. JAMES H. BOCK, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn. JOHN V. QUINN, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Manhattan. WILLIAM MURPHY, First Assistant of Accounts, Borough of Brooklyn. MICHAEL O'NEILL, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Brooklyn. WALTER H. HOLZ, Auditor, Borough of Richmond. GEORGE BRADY, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Richmond. EDWARD J. DENNISON, Auditor, Borough of The Bronx. FREDERICK W. BLACKWELL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Queens. FRANK E. CLARK, Auditor, Borough of Queens.

Division of the City Chamberlains. No. 23 and 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. PATRICK KANE, City Chamberlain. Office of the City Physician. No. 17 Reade street, Stewart Building 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN H. FRANKLIN, City Physician.

LAW DEPARTMENT. Office of Corporation Counsel. Sixty-Zeigler Building, 35 and 4th Street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. JOHN W. LADD, Corporation Counsel. THOMAS O'BRIEN, W. W. LADD, JR., CHARLES BLANDY, Assistants. ALBERT F. JONES, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn. Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Fire-Alarm Taxes. Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties. No. 124 and 122 Nassau street. ARTHUR T. KENNEDY, Assistant Corporation Counsel. Bureau of Street Openings. Nos. 91 and 93 West Broadway. JOHN P. DUFF, Assistant to Corporation Counsel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Central Office. No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. BERTRAND J. VOSE, President of the Board; JOHN E. SHANNON, JACOB BESS, HENRY E. ARNOLD, Commissioners. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES. Central Office. Four East Twenty-sixth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN W. KELLER, President of the Board; Commissioner for Manhattan and Bronx. THOMAS S. BENNETT, Deputy Commissioner. ANDREW SIMS, JR., Commissioner for Brooklyn and Queens. ARTHUR A. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner. JAMES FURBER, 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 Post Department. Office hours, 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. FIRE DEPARTMENT. Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. Headquarters. Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street. JOHN J. SCARLETT, Fire Commissioner. JAMES H. TULLY, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn and Queens. AUGUSTUS T. DOUGHERTY, Secretary. HUGH BOSSER, Chief of Department, and in Charge of Fire-Alarm Telegraph.

JAMES DALY, Deputy Chief, in Charge of Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. GEORGE E. MURPHY, Inspector of Constabularies. FRANCIS M. THE MARSHAL, Borough of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond. ALFRED BURNETT, Fire Marshal, Borough of Brooklyn and Queens. Central Office: open to all hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. MICHAEL C. MURPHY, President, and WILLIAM T. DENNIS, M. D., JOHN B. COONEY, M. D., JOSEPH O'BRIEN, M. D., the Board of Health, and the Health Officer, at the City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Commissioners: EDWARD CLARK, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, BUREAU OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 12, 1898.

LIST OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES No. 10 AND LIST OF REPAIRS No. 2 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALD BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE below mentioned Hospital supplies and Repairs will be received at the Central Office of this Department, 101 of East Twenty-sixth street, until 4 o'clock noon, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1898.

At which time they will be publicly opened and read. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, marked "Bid for Hospital Supplies (or Repairs)," with his or their name or names and address, which should also be written on the page of the specifications designated therefor, and the date of presentation, to the legal of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day, and hour above named, as which time and place the bid or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department out of seal.

The awards will be made to the lowest bidder. In the case of numbers 2018 to 2022 (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z) and 2023 (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z) and 2024 (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z) the award will be made to the lowest bidder on the combined articles under each number or group of numbers.

The Department reserves the right to take more or less, or none at all, of any of the articles, according as the demand therefor may be.

All bids must be based upon the descriptions furnished or samples exhibited by this Department, and not on articles furnished by the bidder. Samples will be on exhibition at the General Drug Department on the grounds of Bellevue Hospital, East Twenty-sixth street, during office hours, from October 17 until the bids are opened.

1.—SPECIFICATIONS OF SUPPLIES.

A.—Drugs and Medicines.

N. E.—No bid for any article in this list will be accepted from any person or firm not known to the drug trade as a bona-fide manufacturer, wholesale dealer or importer of the articles he bids on. Where it is specially mentioned, articles must be delivered in the original packages of the manufacturer. Prices are to include containers, except where other provision is made.

- 1000 pounds Acetanilid, fine powder, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Acid Hydrocyanic, U. S. P., 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Acid Oxalic, paper. 1000 pounds Acid Tartaric, powder, 25 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Alcohol, Absolute, Squibb, orig. 2 gal. per 1000. 1000 pounds Ammonium Bismuthate, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Ammonium Iodide, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Amyl Nitrate, Friedrich Bros., 1 oz. per 1000. 1000 pounds Asa fetida, gum, prime, paper. 1000 pounds Bismuth Iodide, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Benzoin, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Bismuth Subnitrate, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Bismuth Suboxide, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Butter Casein, Baker or Gela, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Chloroform C. Anesthesia, Squibb, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Cocaine Hydrochlorate, U. S. P., 35 gr. v. 1000. 1000 pounds Codeine Sulphate, 15 gr. v. 1000. 1000 pounds Digitalis Leaves, Geom., powder, 25 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Fl. Extract Agaric, 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Fl. Ext. Angelica Seed, 1 gal. per 1000. 1000 pounds Fl. Ext. Calamagrostis, 1 gal. per 1000. 1000 pounds Fl. Ext. Cassia, 1 gal. per 1000. 1000 pounds Glycer, African, powder, 25 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Hyposulphate Sulphate, U. S. P., 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Iodolyl (Ammonium Salt), 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Lead Acetate, U. S. P., gran., 1 lb. per 1000. 1000 pounds Magnesium Carbonate, 2 oz. of Locks, K. & M.

