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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, Robert A. Van Wyck, Mayor of The City of New York, do hereby call a special joint meeting of the Council and the Board of Aldermen, constituting the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, to be held in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, in the City Hall, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on Wednesday, November 9, 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having the Budget for 1899, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said city, and signed by the members thereof on October 31, 1898, submitted to the Municipal Assembly, as by law required.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, this first day of November, A. D. 1898.

[SEAL.] ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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[SEAL.] ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,
November 2, 1898.

To the Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the above call of his Honor the Mayor, you are hereby notified to attend a special joint meeting of the Council and the Board of Aldermen, constituting the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, to be held in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, in the City Hall, in the Borough of Manhattan, on Wednesday, November 9, 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose specified in the foregoing call of his Honor the Mayor, which call is made part of this notice to you.

Respectfully,

[SEAL.] P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

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, November 2, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

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

In the matter of widening Cauldwell avenue, the hearing was postponed for four weeks, at the request of the counsel for the property-owners.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH,
October 28, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting, held on October 27, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 27th day of October, 1898, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Scott avenue, between Metropolitan avenue and Flushing avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Attached is:

1. Copy of petition.
2. Copy of report made by the Chief Topographical Engineer to the Board of Public Improvements in the matter of opening Scott avenue, between Metropolitan and Johnson avenues.

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

The following resolutions were then 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 Scott avenue, from Metropolitan avenue to Flushing avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, 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 Scott avenue, from Metropolitan avenue to Flushing avenue.

Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the bills of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceed-

ings 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 Scott avenue, from Metropolitan avenue to Flushing avenue, as 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 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 Scott avenue, from Metropolitan avenue to Flushing avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, 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 Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and unanimously adopted, and the matter was laid over:

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,
November 1, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the letter of Mr. Gustave Peetz, submitted to the President of the Board of Public Improvements at its meeting held on the 5th ultimo, enclosing two (2) maps of four (4) acres of property in Corona, Borough of Queens, and requesting the approval of the said Board to lay out the same as shown on these maps, I have to state that I believe these streets cannot be kept on the future plan of this section of the Borough of Queens, and I recommend, therefore, that no action be taken at the present time until the plan for the street system in Newtown, which is in course of preparation, is far advanced.

I return one (1) map and the papers in this matter, with the information that the second map was delivered to the owner, who called at this office for it a few days ago.

Respectfully,

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

The following reports from the Chief Topographical Engineer were read and adopted, and the matters were laid over:

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,
November 1, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the letter of the President of the Borough of Queens, relative to certain lots which the owners are willing to dedicate to the City, and which it is desired to establish as city streets in the Borough of Queens, and who also transmit three (3) maps in relation to the matter, I have to state that these maps relate to land proposed to be laid out by Mr. Mirabeau L. Towns and Messrs. Bernel & Young, showing Dewey street, Manila street, Jefferson avenue, Madison avenue, and the streets bounded by Court street, Junction avenue and Union avenue. A report about this matter has been sent to-day in reply to letters from Mr. Mirabeau L. Towns and Messrs. Bernel & Young, addressed to the Board of Public Improvements, and a further report therefore will not be necessary.

In addition, I wish to say that the letters of Messrs. Towns, Bernel & Young do not mention the dedication of the streets to the City as is stated by the President of the Borough of Queens.

The papers and the maps are herein returned.

Respectfully,

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

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,
November 1, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the letters of Mirabeau L. Towns and Messrs. Bernel & Young, addressed to the Board of Public Improvements, submitting for approval maps of their respective properties at Elmhurst and Maspeth Heights, Borough of Queens, I have to report as follows:

In addition to the map of Mirabeau L. Towns, laying out Manila street and Dewey street, from Calamus road to Horse Brook, I wish to say that this lay-out does not conform to any lay-out in the neighborhood, and I recommend that no action be taken in this matter until the general design for the street plan in Newtown, which is being prepared, is completed.

In relation to the second map of Mirabeau L. Towns, laying out Madison avenue and Jefferson avenue, from Calamus road southerly to a lane, I wish to state that, although the laying out seems to agree with the streets already laid out on the adjoining property, not enough information is given on the map to form an accurate opinion, and since a general design for a street plan in Newtown is being prepared, I recommend that at the present time no action be taken in this matter.

In relation to the map submitted by Bernel & Young, Elmhurst, laying out Grove street, Cook avenue, Summit avenue, Prospect avenue, Evergreen avenue and Saydam place on their property bounded by Court street, Junction avenue and Union avenue, I have to report that those streets seem to be in a straight continuation of a street system which is laid out on a plot of land of Bernel & Young's property, but separated therefrom by another plot of land about 500 feet in width, over which no streets are laid out as yet. I recommend, however, that no action be taken at the present time, because a plan is being prepared for a new street system in Newtown.

The papers and the maps in this matter are herein returned.

Respectfully,

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

The following resolution was presented by the President of the Borough of Queens, and was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It is self-evident and so admitted by those having the general welfare of all embraced within the Greater New York, that, in order to bring about that consolidation contemplated by its Charter, it is absolutely necessary that the large territory within the confines of the Borough of Queens, which is widely separated by the East River from the Borough of Manhattan, the heart of the great municipality, "The City of New York," that a main artery, a maternal union of such territories, a means of rapid intercourse between the two boroughs, be made by the construction of a bridge over said East River with centre resting upon Blackwell's Island; and

Whereas, For the purpose of enabling said territory to assert its value as part of the Greater New York in an increased amount for the purpose of taxation, whereby the expense of public administration of affairs attending its new conditions may be easily borne, it is all important that the construction of said bridge be not delayed; and

Whereas, The urgent necessity of bridging over East river, between the Counties of New York and Queens, has been recognized for some years past and has caused private corporation to obtain franchise, to hold for future speculation, by erecting partial abutments for such a bridge, and

Whereas, Under the present changed conditions, the need for public bridge being greatly augmented, the citizens of the Borough of Queens have formed organizations, held public meetings, circulated petitions, and expressed desire to appear before this Board, to be heard on the subject.

Now, in view of the premises aforesaid, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That this Board does hereby appoint Wednesday, November 23, 1898, at 2 P. M., at its meeting (herein), as the time at which such hearing will be accorded.

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

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

The undersigned owners of property fronting on and in the vicinity of Itiner place, between Webster avenue and Park avenue, West, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of The City of New York,

herby request your Honorable Board to cause proceedings to be instituted to acquire title to said three places, between Webster and Park avenues.

Dated New York, October 6, 1898.

IND. H. CARUES, (Executors Estate FELIX J. S. KYTE, } Jacob LaMoll.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } NO. 265 AND 267 BROADWAY, } NEW YORK, November 2, 1898.

Hon. Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—Your communication, with copy of petition for sewer in Carter avenue, from Tremont avenue south, was referred to the Department of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, for investigation and report.

It informs me that Carter avenue, from Tremont avenue south, has not been legally opened, and he is unable to give an estimate of the assessed valuation or the estimated cost of the said sewer, by reason that the length of the sewer is not designated.

He also informs me that the petition for sewer in Cambridge avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street and St. John's College, the said Cambridge avenue is not legally opened.

Yours respectfully, JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Water Company in accordance therewith:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, } NEW YORK, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With letter of the 24th instant from the Secretary of your Board, was received for investigation and report, the enclosed application of the Crystal Water Company for permission to lay a 4-inch cast-iron water-pipe, without fire-hydrants, on Celva avenue, from Richmond Turnpike across Oxford place and Castleton avenue, a distance of 510 feet.

From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there is no objection to the granting of the desired permission, provided that the company shall agree to strictly comply with the several resolutions of your Board, so as not to make any charge for hydrant rentals on the proposed main for the year 1898, as to charges for hydrant rentals thereafter, and in reference to supplying water for sprinkling purposes.

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

STARLETON, N. Y., October 22, 1898.

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

SIR—The Crystal Water Company of The City of New York, Borough of Richmond, respectfully makes application for a permit to open, remove and disturb the pavement and surface of Celva avenue, Ward 1, from Richmond Turnpike across Oxford place and Castleton avenue, a distance of 510 feet, for the purpose of laying a 4-inch cast-iron pipe without fire-hydrants.

The pipe is to be laid for the express purpose of supplying the S. R. Smith Infirmary with water for fire and domestic purposes.

The Smith Infirmary is a charitable institution supported by the citizens of Staten Island, and at the present time is without an adequate supply of water.

If the permit is granted to lay the pipe referred to, the supply will be reinforced and the hospital will be relieved from the pressing want.

Yours very truly, THE CRYSTAL WATER CO. OF EDGEWATER. By J. B. NAWHALL, Treasurer.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } NO. 100 NASSAU STREET, } BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 31, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Carl Meyer to the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Queens, offering to convey to the City all rights to Whitney avenue running east from Broadway to Ludlow avenue and Ludlow avenue to Junction avenue, Elmhurst, Borough of Queens, if he can be assured of some improvements being made there next year.

I have advised Mr. Meyer that his letter has been referred to the Board of Public Improvements for attention.

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

LOUIS MEYER & Co., ELMHURST, L. I. | ELMHURST, N. Y., October 15, 1898.

J. P. MADDERN, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Long Island City, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—Whitney avenue, Elmhurst, running east from Broadway to Ludlow avenue, and Ludlow avenue to Junction avenue, is one of the main streets in Elmhurst, and one upon which the New York and Queens County tracks are laid. It has never been accepted by the former Highways Commissioners of the Town of Newtown, and I am very desirous of conveying all our rights to the City immediately if we can be assured of some improvements being made there next year. At present it is only paved with plank between and a few feet each side of the tracks. This leaves it in a very unsatisfactory condition, and inasmuch as it is a thoroughfare much used by the public, I do not feel that it is incumbent upon me to improve it as we have all of the other roads in Elmhurst, which are large private roads up in this time.

Will you kindly drop me a line and let me know how you can aid me in this matter, or if you have the necessary papers drawn for signature to make the conveyance to the City.

Very truly yours, (Signed) CORD MEYER.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and the matter was referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan:

CITY OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, } TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, } ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, } October 29, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the letter from Messrs. Root, Howard, Whithrop & Stimson, addressed to you, making application, as to attorneys of Mr. C. T. Barney, to the Board of Public Improvements, to take a waterway steps may be necessary to have the grading of (1) West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street; (2) West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and (3) West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, begun, I have to state that the City has title to the above-mentioned three streets.

It is recommended, therefore, that the attorney bring this matter before the Local Board of the Borough of Manhattan, which Board has to recommend all assessed improvements to the Board of Public Improvements under section 393 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

The paper in the matter is herewith returned. Respectfully, LOUIS A. RISSE, Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from Mr. E. W. Bloomingdale was read and referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

NEW YORK, October 28, 1898.

To the Department of Public Improvements, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—I own and occupy the premises No. 644 Madison avenue, commencing 100 feet north of Fifty-ninth street. Some seven or eight years ago I wished to have my sidewalks relaid, and applied to the Department of Public Works to fix the grade, which they did, and I had my sidewalk relaid accordingly.

I found that at the stoop-line it was three inches higher than the sidewalk to the south, and the owner of the last-mentioned premises put in, at his own expense, a level to break the rise.

I am now told by the owner of No. 648 Madison avenue that he has been served with a notice that his sidewalk at the stoop-line is seven inches higher than grade, and that he has been told to lower same. His sidewalk and mine are now in line, and if his sidewalk is lowered seven inches mine will have to be lowered accordingly.

I believe that my sidewalk is at the correct grade at that point, and desire to have this Department cause an investigation to be made, in order that such grade may be fixed. I believe that to lower it seven inches at the stoop-line and give it the proper pitch will make the curb almost on a level with the roadbed.

Very truly yours, E. W. BLOOMINGDALE, No. 644 Madison avenue.

The following communication from Phyllis Leveridge was referred to the Commissioner of Highways:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NO. 277 EAST BROADWAY, } October 25, 1898.

Mr. M. F. HOLAHAN, Chairman, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I would ask your kind interest in getting the surroundings and pavement of Public School No. 147, at Gouverneur, Henry, Scammell streets and East Broadway, changed into asphalt, as the noise resulting from traffic on the four sides of this school building is at times so great as to make tuition impossible.

An early remedy of this disturbance is therefore very anxiously looked for, and I would ask you to attend to this at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully, PHYLLIS LEVERIDGE, Chairman, Board of Inspectors of Fourth School District.

The following resolution, presented by the President of the Board, was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the President of the Borough of Brooklyn be and is hereby directed to furnish certified copies of the ordinances passed by the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn previous to January 1, 1898, for public work, resolutions for which have been acted upon by this Board.

Resolved, That, whenever a resolution is submitted to this Board for action which has been approved by ordinance or otherwise by the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn, previous to January 1, 1898, a certified copy of said ordinance or resolution of said Common Council must be attached.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, } NEW YORK, October 26, 1898.

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

SIR—I have to inform you that I have this day transmitted to the Comptroller a deed of cession, executed by Edmund S. Bailey, Herman H. Cammann and Ferdinand Morris, surviving executors and trustees under the last will and testament of Nathaniel P. Bailey, deceased, to The City of New York, dated the 28th day of June, 1898, recorded in the office of the Register of the County of New York on the 30th day of July, 1898, in Block Series (Conveyances), section 11, liber 36, page 227, and indexed under Block Nos. 3245 and 3238, conveying to the said City of New York certain lands in the Twenty-fourth Ward of The City of New York, Borough of The Bronx, being those portions of East One Hundred and Ninety-second street extending from Bailey avenue to the bulkhead-line of the Harlem river and Exterior street extending from East One Hundred and Ninety-second street to Kingsbridge road.

The title to said land is now vested in The City of New York. Yours respectfully, JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following opinion from the Corporation Counsel was read, and placed on file:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, } NEW YORK, October 26, 1898.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—I received a communication from you dated October 13, 1898, signed by your Secretary, which reads as follows:

"As the regular meeting of this Board, held on the 12th instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the opinion of the Corporation Counsel be requested on the following:

"First—Are all streets and avenues in the former City of Brooklyn which have been thrown out to public use and have been used continuously for five years (Paragraph 22, title 22, chapter 385, Laws of 1888) prior to January 1, 1898, legally opened streets?

"Second—If they are legally opened streets are the abutments of two property-holders that a street or avenue has been used continuously for five years or more sufficient proof; if not, what is necessary?

"Third—Is it necessary that the street or avenue should have been used the full width in order to comply with the law, or would a width sufficient to allow the passage of vehicles be all that would be required?

"Fourth—Could this Board legally authorize the making of contracts for public improvements on such streets or avenues, and would an assessment for benefit be valid?

"Some weeks ago a petition was made to this Board for permission to construct a sewer in certain streets in the Borough of Brooklyn at the expense of the petitioners. An investigation developed the fact that some of the streets through which the sewer was to run had not been legally opened their entire length, although it appears that they had actually been open and in use for a period of more than five years.

"Under these circumstances the Board could not see their way clear what course to pursue, and as this question is one which is apt to come up quite frequently, the matter is referred to you for advice. Will you kindly let us have your opinion at the earliest date possible."

In reply thereto I would say that the section of the charter of the City of Brooklyn, to which you refer in your first question, has been passed upon and its provisions construed by the Court of Appeals in Strong vs. City of Brooklyn (69 N. Y. 1). The language of the opinion of the Court in that case states so clearly and precisely the meaning and scope of that section that I can make no better answer to your questions than to quote such part of that opinion as covers the question involved; it is as follows:

"Seventh—An act of the legislature, passed in 1862 (Laws of 1862, chapter 63, p. 182, s. 41), provided that 'all streets and avenues in said city, which have been or may be thrown out to public use, and have been or may be used as such for five years continuously, shall be deemed public streets and avenues,' and the city and its officers were given 'jurisdiction and power in respect thereto, the same as if such streets and avenues have been or shall be opened by proceedings had for that purpose.'"

"It is claimed by the defendants that there was testimony in the case which tended to show that the plaintiffs, or their predecessors in interest, had so acted or omitted to act as that they had evinced an intention to throw out the premises to public use. It is not conceded by the plaintiff that there was such an intention. The statement of facts by the general term is, that there was not a throwing out of the land to public use, nor any dedication of it. If there be the testimony in the case which the defendant claims, the only way in which it is available to it here is, upon the exception taken to the refusal of the trial court to submit the case to the jury on the question of intent to dedicate and generally. We think that a correct interpretation of this act requires that there should be an intention on the part of the owner that his lands should become permanently subject to the public use for a street, before he can be said to have thrown them out thereto, in the purview of the statute. We think, further, that the intention must be evinced by some affirmative act of his, and that merely permitting his land to lie open, unfenced against intrusion, or without claim made of a right to private exclusive possession, will not be taken for such an act. It is to be observed that the law does not say that all lands which shall be thrown out to public use; it says all streets and avenues. At the time when thrown out and for the term of five years continuous use, the premises must be in the shape and for the purpose of streets. It is not unusual, that in the vicinity of cities and villages tracts of land lie unfenced, open to the common use for many years, and that well defined ways of passage are gradually formed across them. It would not be held that in such case, after five years of such use, a municipality with such a provision in the Charter would have the same right to the ways thus formed as if they had been laid out by proceedings had for that purpose. The purpose of the statute evidently is, to provide for the case of an owner of a tract of land in the city, who had laid it out into lots, and planned and marked out streets upon it, and had thus and by other like measures invited the public use of them, without in any more technical or formal manner investing the city government with a right to take them into possession and control. And the initiatory act of the throwing out to the public use must be an indication by the owner that for such length and width over his premises a street or way is accorded for the public use. Like the Brooklyn statute is that of the City of Rochester, which came under notice in Regu vs. City of Rochester (45 N. Y. 129). A reference to the opinion in that case shows that some act of the owner inviting or yielding to public use is needful for an opening or throwing open to the public, and that it is the opening of a street or way that is intended by the statute. The act is not a statute of limitations, which bars the maintenance of a right, because the possessor of that right has slept upon it for a given length of time. It is a statute which makes definite and decisive in favor of the municipality action which was not at first usual. A dedication of a way does not become final and conclusive upon the owner until there is acceptance of it by the public or private person interested to accept. This statute comes in place of an acceptance by the public authorities when five years have elapsed of continuous proffer by the owner and of use by the community."

It will thus be seen that the throwing out of a street to public use, which is contemplated by the section of the Charter referred to, is carefully defined. It must in its effect be an act on the part of the owner amounting to a dedication of the street for the purposes of a street, and as

evidence of such intention the premises dedicated must be in the actual shape and dimensions of a public street. A mere traveling over such premises by the public, even though unopposed by the owner, is not such a throwing out for public use as is contemplated by the sections above referred to.

In view of the principles thus elucidated, I would answer your questions as follows: First—All streets and avenues in the former City of Brooklyn which have been thrown out to the public use and have been used continuously for five years prior to January 1, 1898, are legally opened streets if they have been so offered to the public as streets, are of properly defined shape and dimensions and have been continuously used as such by the public for five years.

Second—If such streets have been thrown out to public use, the proof necessary to establish the length of user must be such as to bring conviction that such user has been for the period of five years. If two property-holders make affidavits sufficiently explicit to show this fact, this might be sufficient. I would suggest, however, in each case, that investigation be made as to the time when the street was first put in the shape of a public street, and offered to the public as such, and then affidavits as to the length of time of user of the same may be received as supplemental proof.

Third—It is necessary that the street or avenue should be thrown out to public use to its full, proper width. A simple way for the passage of vehicles would not be throwing out to public use a street within the definition of the Court.

Fourth—No improvement can be authorized and carried out in any such street unless all the conditions above set forth have been complied with.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following communication from the Department of Highways was read, and the Secretary was directed to transmit the contract referred to to the Corporation Counsel:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I am directed by Commissioner Keating to transmit herewith the contract of Messrs. Stephens & O'Rourke, for constructing a steel beam structure and abutments at the crossing of Brook avenue and the Port Morris Branch Railroad, between East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue, in order that you may transmit it to the Corporation Counsel for examination in connection with your request to him for an opinion on the subject.

Very respectfully,
JOHN D. CREAMER, Secretary.

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, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—On April 21, 1898, the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that the roadway of East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Exterior street and Third avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement and crosswalks laid where necessary.

I beg to report that this resolution has been rendered unnecessary by the paving of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Exterior street and Mott Haven Canal, by the owners of the abutting property. The part of the street between the canal and Third avenue included in the resolution requires repaving, but this portion of the improvement is chargeable to the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues," in which provision has been made for the execution of this work in 1899. No further action on the resolution of the Local Board is necessary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated the 14th instant from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, transmitting to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Prospect street, between Fulton street and Navy street, should be repaved with asphalt, I have the honor to report that there is a double-track surface railroad on this street, from Fulton to Adams street. The roadway being narrow, it is recommended that granite instead of asphalt pavement be laid on that part of the street and that asphalt be laid on the remainder of the area included in the resolution. If this recommendation should be adopted, 15,000 square yards of granite on concrete foundation, 500 square yards of granite bridging, 4,500 square yards of asphalt on cobble-stone pavement, 4,500 square yards of cobble stones to be relaid, and 4,520 lineal feet of curb would be required, at a total estimated cost of \$18,600, including fifteen years' guarantee of maintenance for the asphalt.

The resolution omits to state the fund from which this improvement is to be paid for. It cannot be paid for from the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, because that appropriation is exhausted.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—As directed by a letter dated the 14th instant from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I beg to submit the following report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Livingston street, between Boerum place and Nevins street, should be repaved with granite blocks.

While the petition, in response to which the Local Board adopted this resolution, calls for an asphalt pavement on that part of Livingston street, the resolution of the Local Board wisely substitutes granite, which is necessary to sustain the heavy traffic in the rear of the big stores running from Fulton to Livingston street.

This improvement is necessary, and will involve the laying of 6,140 square yards of granite pavement on concrete foundation, 900 square feet of granite bridging, and 4,680 lineal feet of curb, making a total estimated cost of \$22,300. If the street should be widened two feet as petitioned for, the improvement would cost \$2,600 more. In the resolution of the Local Board, however, it is not recommended that the street be widened. No mention is made in the resolution as to whether or not it is intended to charge the expense of this work to the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898. If such is the intention, the improvement cannot be undertaken, because that appropriation is already exhausted.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I beg to report that it is necessary to repave Pearl street, between Willoughby and Fulton streets, Borough of Brooklyn, as recommended in the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Third District of said borough at a meeting held on October 6, 1898. The proposed improvement involves the laying of 270 square yards of granite pavement on concrete foundation, of 270 square feet of granite bridging and of 220 lineal feet of curbing, at a total estimated cost of \$1,150.

No provision is made in the resolution for paying for this improvement, and it cannot be effected if it is intended to charge the expense to the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, said appropriation being already exhausted.

This report is made in response to the directions conveyed to me in a letter dated October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—On the 14th instant the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Third

district, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that York street, between Fulton street and Navy street, should be repaved with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary, and involves the relaying of 8,080 square yards of cobble stone, the laying of 8,080 square yards of asphalt pavement, and the setting of 6,060 lineal feet of curb. The total estimated cost of this work, with fifteen years' guarantee of maintenance for the asphalt, is \$23,300.

The improvement cannot be undertaken if it is to be paid for from the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, there being no balance therein. The resolution of the Local Board does not indicate how the work is to be paid for.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the request conveyed to me in a letter dated October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I beg to report on the resolution of the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that South Third street, between Rodney street and Kent avenue, should be repaved with granite blocks.

I find that the proposed improvement is necessary, and that the estimated cost thereof is \$39,000, including the laying of 11,300 square yards of granite-block pavement on concrete foundation, with pitch and gravel joints; of 2,100 square feet of granite bridging, and of 6,914 lineal feet of curbing.

In the resolution of the Local Board no reference is made as to how this improvement is to be paid for. No additional drafts can be made on the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, as no balance is available.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—On October 6, 1898, the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, adopted a resolution expressing belief that High street, between Fulton street and Navy street, should be repaved with asphalt. This resolution was transmitted to me by the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements October 14, 1898, for investigation and report.

I have had a thorough examination made and find that High street is already paved with granite blocks from Fulton to Jay street. Between Bridge street and Hudson avenue the grade is very steep, having a fall of forty feet in these two blocks. On such a steep grade an asphalt pavement is not suitable. It is therefore recommended that the resolution be modified so as to provide for granite pavement on concrete foundation, with pitch and gravel joints from Jay street to Navy street. This improvement involves the laying of 4,430 square yards of granite pavement on concrete foundation, 900 square feet of granite bridging and 3,400 lineal feet of curb, at an estimated total cost of \$16,300.

The resolution does not mention how the expense of this work is to be borne. If it is the intention to draw upon the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" to meet this expenditure, it cannot be done, because there is no available balance in the appropriation.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—Complying with the instructions conveyed to me in the communication of October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I respectfully submit my report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Tillary street, between Washington street and Raymond street, should be repaved with granite blocks.

I have had an examination made and find that the proposed improvement is necessary, and would involve the laying of 7,670 square yards of granite pavement on concrete foundation, with pitch and gravel joints; of 2,300 square feet of granite bridging, and of 5,950 lineal feet of curbing, the total estimated cost being \$28,800.

Presumably it is intended to charge the expense of this work to the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898. If so, the improvement cannot be effected this year, because there is no balance in the appropriation.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the proposed repaving of Hudson avenue, between Fulton street and the East river, recommended by a resolution of the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, which was transmitted to me with a letter dated October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I have the honor to report that the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, which is attached to the resolution of the Local Board, provides for repaving with asphalt, while the resolution of the Local Board substitutes granite-block pavement. In the opinion of the Engineer of the Department of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn, this substitution of granite for asphalt is desirable, inasmuch as the street is subjected to very heavy traffic and is under the elevated railroad for the greater part of the distance. The two blocks from Nassau to Sands street, however, were paved with granite last year, and should be excepted from the resolution. It is necessary to repave the remainder of the area included in the resolution with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation. Of this pavement 15,200 square yards will have to be laid, and in connection therewith 3,500 square feet of granite bridging will be required; also 11,680 feet of curb, the total estimated cost being \$56,000.

Neither the resolution of the Board of Aldermen nor that of the Local Board indicates how it is proposed to pay for this improvement. If it is intended to make the cost a charge against the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, the work cannot be carried out, because this appropriation is exhausted.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to make the following report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, directing that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the south side of Kosciuszko street, between Lewis and Stuyvesant avenues, known as Lot No. 84, Block 27, Twenty-first Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five feet in width, or the full width, where not already done, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots, this resolution having been transmitted to me with a letter dated the 14th instant from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements.

The improvement provided for in this resolution is necessary. The estimated cost of the work is \$30 and the assessed value of the property within the probable area of assessment is \$1,000.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the request conveyed to me in a letter dated October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I have the honor to report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Rush street, between Wythe and Division avenues, should be repaved with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary, but the resolution does not specify the source from which the work is to be paid for. If it is intended to charge the expense to the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies" for 1898, no funds are available to pay for the work.

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

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and placed on file:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—On the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, received with a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements dated October 14, providing that the carriageway of Pacific street, from Nostrand avenue to New York avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt on the present pavement, I have the honor to report that under authority of a resolution of the Common Council of the late City of Brooklyn, a contract for this improvement was awarded to Messrs. Cranford & Co., at an estimated cost of \$5,800. This contract was forwarded to the Comptroller October 21, 1898, for certification and registration. As soon as it is returned to this office, duly certified and registered, the work will be ordered on.

Very respectfully, JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated October 14 from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, I received a resolution of the Board of Aldermen for repaving with asphalt the carriageway of Pacific street, from New York avenue to Brooklyn avenue, Borough of Brooklyn. In reply, I beg to report that this improvement was duly authorized by the Common Council of the late City of Brooklyn, and a contract therefor was awarded to Messrs. Cranford & Company, the estimated cost being \$6,700. On October 21 I transmitted this contract to the Comptroller for certification and registration. When he returns it to this office, duly certified and registered, the contractors will be ordered to begin work.

Very respectfully, (Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways. The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read and referred back for the purpose of ascertaining what arrangements could be made to repave the block where the school is with noiseless pavement and keep the cost within the original contract price:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 28, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I have made a careful investigation regarding the resolutions adopted by the Local Board of the Third District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Court street, between Jerusalem and Schermerhorn streets, should be repaved with asphalt, which resolution was referred to me under date of October 14, 1898, with a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements. I find that a contract has been made and certified by the Comptroller of the late City of Brooklyn for repaving Court street, from Jerusalem street to Atlantic avenue, with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation. The two blocks, the repaving of which is provided for in the resolution of the Local Board just quoted, are included in the contract referred to. This contract, having been duly certified by the Comptroller, is legal. If it should be thought advisable to substitute asphalt for granite on these two blocks, with the contractor's consent, the change could probably be made without increasing the contract price, or even for less money than a granite pavement will cost. On Court street, however, there is quite heavy wagon traffic, and I am not disposed to recommend the change which would be necessary to comply with the resolution of the Local Board.

Very respectfully, (Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways. In the matter of the suggested change of grade of Avenue I, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing Mr. Higginbottom, counsel for the Wood-Harmon Company, and Mr. McElroy, City Surveyor, the matter was referred back to the Chief Topographical Engineer, to consult with the Chief Engineer of the Sewer Department and make a joint report to the Board.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, October 31, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—I am now in receipt of report from the Chief Engineer of this Department of a petition received in August last, through Hon. Frederick Bowley, President of Borough of Queens, for the extension of water-mains in High street, in the Third Ward of that borough. I concur in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, that in response to the petition water-mains be laid in that borough, on the following streets: In Broadway, between Lyster street and Fifteenth avenue; seventeen houses to be supplied with water, distance 900 feet, estimated cost, \$1,200. In Jamaica avenue, between Crescent and Hopkins avenues; forty-three houses to be supplied with water, distance 1,200 feet, estimated cost, \$2,000. In High street, between Sixteenth and Nineteenth streets; four houses to be supplied with water, distance 450 feet, estimated cost, \$700. I, therefore, respectfully present and recommend the adoption by your Board of the annexed resolution, authorizing 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 expenses thereof.

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

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, In pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, laws of 1897, and with the concurrence of the Municipal Assembly, that authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to enter into a contract by public letting for laying water-mains in Broadway between Lyster street and Fifteenth avenue; Jamaica avenue, between Crescent and Hopkins avenues; and High street, between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets, in the Borough of Queens. Administrative—Commissioners of Highways, Street Cleaning, Sewers, President Borough of Queens and President of the Board. Negative—None.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Water Supply were read, and the matters referred back to him for the purpose of making a full report in regard to hydrants, etc.:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the application of Mr. Robert Evans, Glendale, Queens County, for permission to lay 700 feet of 8-inch water-main in Ridgewood avenue, between Cooper and Central avenues, in the Borough of Queens, as shown on the accompanying diagram, which was received with letter of 14th instant, from the Secretary of your Board, for investigation and report, I respectfully report that there is no objection to the laying of the proposed water-main, on the line of which there are ten houses to be supplied with water, providing that the Citizens' Water Supply Company, which is to supply the water, shall agree to comply with the several resolutions of your Board, as to making no charge for hydrant rentals during the year 1898, as to charge for hydrant rentals thereafter, and as to furnishing water for sprinkling purposes.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—With the letter of the 24th ultimo, from the Secretary of your Board, I received, for investigation and report, the application of the Flatbush Water Works for permission to lay water-mains in Thirty-fourth street, from Avenue K to Vernon avenue, and Vernon avenue, from East Thirty-fourth street to Clive road, and Clive road, from Vernon avenue to Clarkson street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, as shown by an accompanying diagram. In reply, I have to state that there is no objection to the granting of the desired permission, provided that the Flatbush Water Works Company shall agree to comply with the resolutions of your Board, which require that no charge shall be made for hydrant rentals during the year 1898; that charges for hydrant rentals thereafter shall not exceed \$20 per annum for each hydrant, nor the present gross payment the company now receives, and that the company shall furnish water for sprinkling purposes free of charge.

Very respectfully, WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the application of the Staten Island Water Supply Company, for permission to extend its mains on the Old Stone road, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Richmond, as per accompanying diagram, I have to state that from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this department, I find that there is no objection to the proposed extension of water-mains, provided that the company shall agree to comply with the several resolutions of your Board, as to making no charge for hydrant rentals during the year 1898, as to charge for hydrant rentals thereafter, and as to furnishing water for sprinkling purposes.

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

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read, and the matter was laid over for two weeks:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, November 1, 1898.

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

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the action taken by your Board at its meeting on the 26th ultimo, in reference to the communication from the Acting Commissioner of Water Supply, dated September 23d ultimo, in reference to the adoption of a uniform scale of water rents, I herewith transmit printed scales of the charges for water supply established in the former City of Brooklyn and still existing in the present Bureau of Brooklyn; of the scale of charges established in 1892 for the late City of New York, now Borough of Manhattan and The Bronx; of the scale of charges for water supply from the College Point Water Works and the Flushing Water Works.

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

SCALE OF WATER RENTS.

BUREAU OF WATER RATES—DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS, ROOMS 7 AND 9, FIRST FLOOR, MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT BUILDING, BROOKLYN, N. Y., 1896.

Scale of Water Rents = Established by an Ordinance of the Common Council, adopted April 4, 1881.

Table with 5 columns: FRONT WIDTHS, and 5 sub-columns under STORIES IN HEIGHT: ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE. Rows list front widths from 16 feet and under to 30 and over 37 1/2 feet.

All rear buildings on any lot or lots, with front buildings thereon, shall pay an annual regular rate of one-half the regular rate fixed by the foregoing subdivisions for front buildings of similar height and width; but this provision shall not apply to buildings erected on corner lots, each of which buildings shall pay the regular rates, as stated in the foregoing subdivisions.

Street Washers—For each street washer, for washing windows and sidewalks, on the sidewalks or otherwise, the sum of \$2 per annum. Street washers shall be used only between the hours of 4 A. M. and 8 A. M. from March 1 to November 1, and from 4 A. M. to 9 A. M. from November to March; nor must they be converted into jets, or the water suffered to run to waste or leak or used to wash the fith of gutters down upon neighbors or into receiving-trains of sewers. A permit for a street washer gives authority to wash sidewalks, etc., of the premises for twenty-five feet only; it need beyond that distance an extra rate will be required to be paid upon property upon which the water is used. The use of a hose for the purpose of a street washer is prohibited, unless a special permit therefor is obtained. The sprinkling of roadways of streets from street washers is strictly prohibited.

Garden Hose—When hose is used for garden purposes, a charge of \$2.50 per lot will be made. Baths—Each house is entitled to one bath without charge. For each additional bath, \$7. Baths in public houses, boarding houses, bathing establishments, barber shops, and boarding schools, from \$5 to \$25 each, at the discretion of the Commissioner. Water-closets—Each house is entitled to one water-closet without charge. For each additional water-closet, \$2. Large Buildings—Churches, factories, storage, etc., shall be subjects of special contracts with the Commissioner; and all large buildings, with stores or offices on the ground floor, and halls or offices above, shall rate the same as though each store or subdivision on the ground floor front was, with the building above, a separate building.

SPECIAL, OR EXTRA WATER RATES,

as follows, are due and payable in advance, between the first and tenth days of May. Default in payment within the prescribed time subjects the entire premises wherein the water is furnished to be disconnected without notice.

- Bars—From \$5 to \$25 each.
Drug stores—From \$5 to \$25 each.
Soda fountains—From \$5 to \$25 each.
Laundries—\$5 for each tub.
Barbers—\$3 for each basin.
Butcher Stalls—\$2 to \$5 each.
Fish Stalls—\$3 to \$10 each.
Dining Saloons—50 cents for each table.
Ice-cream saloons—50 cents for each table.
Bakeries—For each barrel of flour or meal used, the sum of 1 cent per barrel.
Horses—For each livery horse, \$2.50 per annum. For each private horse, \$2 per annum. For each cart or other work horse, \$1 per annum.
Horse Troughs—\$5 per annum.

Fountains—Ordinarily used three hours per day, for a period of not more than four months in the year, shall be charged as follows: A one-sixteenth of an inch jet, the sum of 57 per annum; for one-eighth of an inch jet, the sum of \$15 per annum; for a one-quarter of an inch jet, the sum of \$40 per annum; for a one-half inch jet, the sum of \$90 per annum; for an inch jet, the sum of \$200 per annum. No fountain shall be permitted on any premises where the water is not taken for other purposes, and to an extent sufficient for those purposes; and if the water from the jet or fountain be permitted to flow into premises adjacent to, or in the neighborhood, where it may be used for other purposes, the supply shall be stopped, and the amount of payment forfeited.

Building purposes—For each one-thousand bricks laid, or for stonework to be measured as brick, 5 cents per thousand. For plastering, 20 cents per hundred yards. For cement sidewalks, 10 cents per hundred square feet.

Meters—All water used through meters, except for shipping and outside the city limits, shall be at the rate of 7 1/2 cents per 100 cubic feet, meter measurement.

All persons who may take water by measurement through meter, shall make payment semi-annually, in advance, of such sum as shall be equivalent to the value of all water that they may desire to consume during the ensuing six months, and if, during that term, the value of water shall have been furnished, they shall, upon notification, make further advance or payment for any further quantity of water they may desire.

No water shall be supplied through meter until such advance payments have been made, and upon failure to make such additional advance payments within ten days of notification, the supply of water shall be cut off, and shall so remain until such payment as required is made, together with such sums as may be determined by the Commissioner, to defray the expense of turning off and on the water.

All persons taking the water shall keep their own service-pipes, stop-cocks and apparatus in good repair and protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water; and it is expressly stipulated by the Commissioner of City Works that no claim shall be made against him or the City, by reason of the breaking of any service-pipe or service-cock, or from damage arising from shutting off water to repair mains. In case of failure upon the part of any consumer of water to repair any leak occurring upon his or her service-pipe

within twenty-four hours after verbal or written notice has been served upon the premises, the water will be shut off from the same and will not be turned on until the sum of five dollars has been paid, together with such additional fine or charge as the Commissioner may impose.

The officers of the Department personally, and every person by them delegated for that purpose, to have free access at proper hours of the day to all parts of every building and steam vessel in which water is delivered and consumed. No person or persons not authorized by the Department shall connect or disconnect, or take apart, or in any way change or cause to be changed, or interfere with the action or regulation of a water-meter.

The penalty for violation of any of the ordinances, rules and requirements of the Department, in addition to fine, will be the prompt stoppage of the supply of water, nor will it be restored except upon payment of the expenses of shutting it off and putting it on, and a satisfactory understanding with party that no future case of complaint shall arise.

In all cases where the water has been turned off for non-payment of water rent, or for violation of these rules, by order of any officer thereof, it shall not be turned on again until the charge of five dollars be paid for expenses and default, together with such fine as may have been imposed by the Commissioner of City Works, or rent that may be due; if it is found that the water has been turned on again without having complied with the above requirements, it shall be lawful for the proper officer to cause the ferule to be drawn; and it shall not be inserted again until all back rents are paid up, and five dollars additional for drawing and replacing ferule.

These rules, regulations and penalties will be rigidly enforced; but the Commissioner of City Works may, in his discretion, depart from them, when special application is made for that purpose, as he may deem proper. All such applications must be made to the Commissioner or Secretary of the Department.

Fine for opening a fire-hydrant without permission, five dollars, and ten dollars for every hog-head of water taken or permitted to run therefrom.

Fine for selling or giving water to shipping, or for any other object or purpose, or for offering it for sale. Ten dollars for every hog-head sold or allowed to be taken, or ten dollars in the opinion of the Commissioner, for the offense, if but little has been taken, unless permission be obtained from the Commissioner of City Works.

Fine for using street washers, or water for washing windows, door steps, sidewalks or streets, at other than the hours permitted in these Rules and Regulations, five dollars.

All matters not hereinbefore mentioned are reserved for special contract by and with the Commissioner of the Department of City Works.

Various Lots.

Assessed at \$100 and under, 1 cent per running foot frontage; assessed at over \$100 and not over \$200, 2 cents; at over \$200 and not over \$500, 5 cents; at over \$500 and not over \$1,000, 10 cents; at over \$1,000 and under \$2,000, 15 cents; at \$2,000 and over, 20 cents.

The foregoing rates are payable annually, in advance, on the first day of May. Such regular rents as shall remain unpaid for thirty days shall be subject in default at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum by the day until paid, and such additional charge will be a lien upon the premises.

THEODORE R. WILDS, Commissioner.

AUGUSTUS C. TATE, Water Registrar.

REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A SCALE OF WATER RENTS AND RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF WATER FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

BY ORDER OF THOMAS F. GILROY, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Under chapter 470, Laws of 1882, sections 350, 351, 352 and 353, and as amended by chapter 559, Laws of 1887, as follows:

The Commissioner of Public Works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents for the supplying of water, which rents shall be collected in the manner now provided by law, and which shall be apportioned to different classes of buildings so and city in accordance to their construction, values, exposure to fires, ordinary uses for dwellings, stores, shops, public stables and other common purposes, number of families or occupants, or consumption of water, as near as may be practicable, and modify, alter, amend and increase such scale from time to time, and extend it to other descriptions of buildings and establishments. All extra charges for water shall be deemed to be included in the regular rents, and shall become a charge and lien upon the buildings up to which they are respectively imposed, and if not paid, shall be returned as arrears to the clerk of arrears. Such regular rents, including the extra charges above mentioned, shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings, respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water. Said rents, including the extra charge, aforesaid, shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as herein provided, but no charge whatever shall be made against any building in which a water-meter may have been or shall be placed as provided in this act. In all such cases the charge for water shall be determined only by the quantity of water actually used as shown by said meters. * * * The said Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to prescribe a penalty not exceeding the sum of five dollars for each offense, for permitting water to be wasted, and for any violation of such reasonable rules as he may, from time to time, prescribe for the prevention of the waste of water; such rules shall be added to the regular water rents.

The regular annual rents to be collected by the Department of Public Works shall be as follows, to wit:

Custom Water Rates for Buildings from 16 to 50 Feet, all Others Not Specified Subject to Special Rules.

Table with 6 columns: Front Width, One Story, Two Stories, Three Stories, Four Stories, Five Stories. Rows list various front widths from 16 feet and under to 37 1/2 to 50 feet.

The rent of all tenements which shall exceed in width fifty feet shall be the subject of special contract with the Commissioner of Public Works.

The apportionment of the regular rents upon dwelling-houses are on the basis that but one family is to occupy the same, and for each additional family, one dollar per year shall be charged.

Meters will be placed on all houses where there is an extra use of water; where required to ascertain the amount used and where waste of water is found, and they will be charged at rates fixed by the Department for all the water passing through them.

The extra and miscellaneous rates shall be as follows, to wit:

Bakeries—For the average daily use of flour, for each barrel, three dollars per annum.

Barber shops shall be charged from five to twenty dollars per annum each in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works; an additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each bath-tub therein.

Bathing tubs in private houses, beyond one, shall be charged at three dollars per annum each, and five dollars per annum each in public-houses, boarding-houses and bathing establishments. Combination stationary wash-tubs, having a movable division in the centre and capable of use for bathing, shall be charged the same as bathing-tubs.

Building Purposes—For each one thousand bricks laid, or for stone-work—to be measured as brick—ten cents per thousand. For plastering, forty cents per hundred yards.

Cows—For each and every cow, one dollar per annum.

Dining saloons shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Fish stands (retail) shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

For all stables not metered, the rates shall be as follows:

Horses, Private—For two horses there shall be charged six dollars per annum; and for each additional horse two dollars.

Horses, Livery—For each horse up to and not exceeding thirty in number, one dollar and fifty cents each per annum; and for each additional horse, one dollar.

Horses, Omnibus and Cart—For each horse, one dollar per annum.

Horse Troughs—For each trough, and for each half barrel or tub on sidewalk or street, twenty dollars per annum; each trough to be fitted with a proper ball-cock to prevent waste.

Hotels and boarding-houses shall, in addition to the regular rate for private families, be charged for each lodging-room, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Laundries shall be charged from eight to twenty dollars per annum in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Liquor and lager beer saloons shall be charged an annual rate of ten dollars each. An additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each tap or wash box.

Photographic galleries shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Printing offices, when not metered, shall be charged at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Soda, mineral water and root beer fountains shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

Steam engines, when not metered, shall be charged by the horse-power, as follows: For each horse-power up to and not exceeding ten, the sum of ten dollars per annum; for each exceeding ten and not over fifteen, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents each, and for each horse-power over fifteen, the sum of five dollars.

Water-closets and Urinals—To each building on a lot one water-closet having sewer connections is allowed without charge; each additional water-closet or urinal will be charged as herein-after stated. All closets connected in any manner with sewer shall be charged two dollars for each seat per annum, whether in a building or on any other portion of the premises. Urinals shall be charged two dollars per annum each.

All water-closets and urinals of every description shall be supplied with water from a measuring tank or cistern, and shall be charged two dollars each per annum. When not supplied from measuring-tanks or cisterns, the supply will be measured in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Meters.

Under the provisions of section 352, Consolidated Act 1882, water meters of approved pattern shall be hereafter placed on the pipes supplying all stores, workshops, hotels, manufactories, public edifices, at wharves, ferry-houses, stables, and in all places where water is furnished for business consumption except private dwellings.

It is provided by section 352, Laws of 1882, that "all expenses of meters, their connections and setting, water rates, and other lawful charges for the supply of Croton water, shall be a lien upon the premises where such water is supplied, as now provided by law."

All manufacturing and other business requiring a large supply of water shall be fitted with a meter.

Water measured by meter, ten cents per one hundred cubic feet.

The rate charged for steam-vessels taking water daily, or belonging to daily lines is one-half cent per ton (Custom House measurement) for each time they take water.

Steamers taking water other than daily, one cent per ton (Custom House measurement).

Permits for taps, etc., to take water are granted for six months.

No extensions will be granted on permits for taps that have been laid up.

No unexpired permits will be transferred to other boats.

Attention is called to chapter 6, article III., section 26, Revised Ordinances, New York, 1880:

"In Relation to the Opening of Hydrants without Permission."

"No person or persons, except the Mayor and Aldermen of the respective districts, shall, without previous permission in writing from the Commissioner of Public Works, uncover or open any hydrant belonging or attached to the Croton Aqueduct Works, except for the extinguishment of fires, except in cases of fires in the neighborhood; nor shall leave said fire hydrant open for a longer time than shall be limited in said permission; nor shall use the water for other purposes than may be mentioned in said permission, under the penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense, in the discretion of the magistrate before whom the complaint shall be made."

All matters not hereinbefore embraced are reserved for special contract by and with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Hydrants, Hose, Troughs, Fountains, &c., &c.

No owner or tenant will be allowed to supply water to another person or persons.

All persons taking water from the City must keep their own service-pipes, street-tap and all fixtures connected therewith, in good repair, protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent all waste of water.

The use of hose to wash coaches, omnibuses, wagons, railway cars or other vehicles or horses cannot be permitted.

No horse-troughs or horse-watering fixtures will be permitted in the street or on the sidewalk, except upon a license or permit taken out for that purpose. All licenses or permits must be annually renewed on the first of May. Such fixtures must be kept in good order and the water not allowed to drip or waste by overflowing the sidewalk or street, or to become dangerous in winter by freezing in and about such troughs or fixtures.

No hydrant will be permitted on the sidewalk or in the front area, and any hydrant standing in a yard or alley, attached to any dwelling or building, must not be left running when not in actual use, and if the drip or waste from such hydrant freezes and becomes dangerous in winter, the supply will be shut off, in addition to the penalty of five dollars imposed.

Taps at wash-basins, water-closets, baths and urinals must not be left running, under the penalty of five dollars for each offense, which will be strictly enforced.

Fountains or jets in hotels, parlor-houses, dining-saloons, manufactories or other buildings, are strictly prohibited.

The use of hose for washing sidewalks, stoops, areas, house-fronts, yards, court-yards, gardens, and about stables, is prohibited. Where premises are provided with wells, special permits will be issued for the use of hose, in order that the police or inspectors of this Department may understand that the permission is not for the use of Croton water.

Opening fire-hydrants to fill hand-sprinklers or other vessels will not be allowed.

The penalty for a violation of any of the preceding rules and regulations will be five dollars for each offense, and if not paid when imposed will become a lien on the premises in like manner as all other charges for unpaid water rents.

By order,

THOMAS F. GILROY, Commissioner of Public Works.

FLUSHING WATER WORKS.

METER RATES, COMMENCING MAY 1, 1894.

Thirty cents per 100 for the first 1,000 cubic feet used in each six months; 12 1/2 cents per 100 for the next 60,000 cubic feet used in each six months; 8 cents per 100 for all quantities in excess of 70,000 cubic feet used in each six months.

A minimum rate of \$2.50 for each six months is charged to all metered consumers who use less than that amount of water in the period mentioned.

RATES FOR NON-METERED PREMISES.

Payable Annually in Advance.

Dwellings.

All dwelling-houses supplied with water not passing through a meter pay annually the following rates, based on the number of square feet in the ground plan multiplied by the number of stories.

Table with 3 columns: Square feet range, Rate, Rate. Rows list square foot ranges from 1,400 to 7,000 and corresponding rates.

Extra Supplies for Dwellings.

All dwellings, whether occupied by one or more families, pay the following fixture rates in addition to house dimension or family rates:

Table with 2 columns: Fixture, Rate. Rows list water closet, bath tub, urinal, stationary wash tray, street and lawn sprinklers, self-acting sprinklers.

Store and Office Supplies.

Table with 2 columns: Fixture, Rate. Rows list sink or basin, other fixtures as per dwelling house schedule.

Stable Supplies.

Table with 2 columns: Fixture, Rate. Rows list carriage or saddle horses, work horses, cows, livery stables.

General Special Charges.

In addition to the fixture rates above mentioned, business places as below enumerated pay the following special rates:

Table with 2 columns: Business place, Rate. Rows list butcher shops, fish markets, drug stores, bar rooms with water service, bar rooms without water service, laundries, hot houses, motors, bakeries.

between Southern Boulevard and Hughes avenue, with branches in Clinton avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and One Hundred and Eightieth street, and in Crotona avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and One Hundred and Eightieth street, and in Belmont avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

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

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were read, and the matters laid over:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
October 28, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on October 27, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the southeast corner of Cook street and Evergreen avenue, known as lot No. 1, Block 180, Eighteenth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, (5) five feet in width, or the full width, where not already done, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot.

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

Attached is a copy of report from the Department of Highways.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, October 1, 1898.

Hon. THOS. R. FARRELL, Deputy Commissioner of Highways:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the communication from President Groat of September 26 and after the inspection of the premises, I would recommend that the sidewalk on the southeast corner of Cook street and Evergreen avenue, in front of Lot No. 1, Block 180, Eighteenth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, 5 feet in width. Estimated cost, \$160. Assessed value of lot, \$1,300.

Respectfully,
(Signed) N. P. LEWIS,
Engineer of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
October 28, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on October 27, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 27th day of October, 1898, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that Granite street, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen avenue, be graded and paved with granite-block pavement.

Attached is:

- 1. Copy of report from the Department of Highways.
- 2. Copy of petition.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, October 1, 1898.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

DEAR SIR—Herewith I return original petition from property-owners to the repaving of Granite street, from Bushwick avenue to Evergreen avenue, upon which the Engineer of this Department has reported as follows:

"I would report that the amount of work involved in the improvement is as follows:

- " 1,970 square yards of pavement.
- " 270 square feet of bridging.
- " 1,200 lineal feet of new curb.
- " 1,500 cubic yards of grading.

"The petition does not state what kind of pavement is desired. I presume, however, it would be either granite or trap-block. If granite is used, the estimated cost of the work is \$5,300. If trap-block is used, it is estimated that the cost will be \$4,600. A proper district of assessment would be one-half of the block on each side of the street, including an area of 115,200 square feet, of which the assessed value in 1897 was \$44,950."

Respectfully,
(Signed) THOS. R. FARRELL, Deputy Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH,
October 28, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on October 27, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the west side of Central avenue, twenty-four feet nine inches north of Suydam street, known as Lot No. 32, Block 48, Twenty-seventh Ward Map, be graded to the level of the adjoining street, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot.

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

Attached is:

- 1. Copy of petition.
- 2. Copy of report from the Department of Highways.

As the Department of Highways suggested in its report, the Local Board endeavored to have the property-owners reach a satisfactory arrangement, and the matter was referred to the Alderman of the district for that purpose at a meeting of the Local Board on July 28, 1898. The owner of the lot complained of refused, however, to build a retaining wall, or to pay half the expense for doing so, the complainant having offered to pay the other half.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, May 31, 1898.

Hon. THOS. R. FARRELL, Deputy Commissioner of Highways:

DEAR SIR—The communication of President Groat of May 13 asks for a report on the grading of lot on the west side of Central avenue, 24 feet north of Suydam street, known as Lot No. 32, Block 48, Twenty-seventh Ward Map.

This lot is now occupied by a frame building, with brick foundation. The level of the yard at the front of the building, which is about 20 feet back from the building-line, is 2 feet 2 inches higher than the curb; while the back yard is 3 feet 2 inches higher than the curb.

I do not believe that it is proper or necessary to take any action toward digging down this lot, which has a dwelling on it. The ordinances of the City of Brooklyn provide for the maintaining of the grade of yards above the established grade, if the owner will maintain a retaining wall such as may be necessary to protect his neighbor. This is a question which ought to be settled between the two property-owners, and I do not see that the City is called upon to take any action.

Respectfully,
(Signed) N. P. LEWIS,
Engineer of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
October 28, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on October 27, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 27th day of October, 1898, believes that Maujer street, between Florence place and Morgan avenue, should be repaved with granite blocks, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Attached is copy of petition.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH,
October 25, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on October 21, 1898, duly advertised, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 21st day of October, 1898, believes that McDonough street, between Stuyvesant avenue and Keil avenue, should be repaved with asphalt, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.

Attached is copy of proposed ordinance referred by the Municipal Assembly to the Board of Public Improvements, and by said Board to the Local Board.

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

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

(No. 1460.)

By Alderman McNeil—

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the repaving of Bayard street, from Lorimer street to Union avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, with granite-block pavement.

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

That Bayard street, from Lorimer street to Union avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the commissioner of highways.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and placed on file:

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,
November 1, 1898.

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

SIR—In reply to the letter from the President of the Borough of Queens, stating that the work of the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Queens, is impeded for want of a set of topographical maps and set of grade and monument maps, which were prepared under chapter 765 of the Laws of 1871 and amendments thereto, and which are said to be held from the City by Peter Van Alst, who was a member of the commission for preparing said maps, I wish to state that the Chief Topographical Engineer of the Board of Public Improvements went to the house of Mr. Peter Van Alst on May 9, 1898, and received from him 31 topographical maps and 20 grade and monument maps made under contract by Mr. George S. Greene, Jr., and also 13 topographical maps and 18 grade and monument maps made under contract by Mr. Peter Van Alst, in total 83 maps, which cover the whole of the former Long Island City.

The above-mentioned letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,
LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concours.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, October 29, 1898.

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

GENTLEMEN—Herewith is respectfully transmitted to you, copy of petition to continue Lawrence avenue to Burnside avenue, in Lawrence, Long Island, together with map and resolution adopted thereon by Local Board on 28th instant.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, At a public hearing before this Board, October 28, 1898, upon petition to continue Lawrence avenue to Burnside avenue, in Lawrence, Fourth Ward, this Borough, no person appeared in opposition thereto, now in view thereof,

Resolved, That the matter be and the same is hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York for its prompt and laudable action thereon.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, October 31, 1898.

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

GENTLEMEN—Herewith annexed please find copy of petition, with resolution attached, which was adopted at meeting of the Local Board on the 28th instant, and which is hereby submitted for your favorable consideration and action in the premises.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK BOWLEY, President,
BROOKLYN, October 26, 1898.

To the Local Board, Borough of Queens:

GENTLEMEN—I am the owner of a considerable piece of land, as shown on map accompanying this, located in East Williamsburgh, now in the Second Ward, Borough of Queens.

It is my desire to cut streets through same, as appear on said map, and for the purpose of obtaining the necessary consent to the said map in the office of the Clerk of Queens County, and thus establish said streets, respectfully submit same for your favorable action and transmission to Board of Public Improvements for its approval.

Awaiting prompt response to above expressed desire, remain,

Yours truly,
JOHN GALLAGHER, No. 367 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Resolved, That the petition of John Gallagher for this Board to recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, that it approve of the map as submitted by him as preliminary requisite to filing same in the office of the Clerk of Queens County, whereby to establish the streets as shown thereon through his property in East Williamsburgh, Second Ward, this borough be and the same is hereby granted and the recommendation aforesaid is hereby made.

The transfer of Patrick McLaughlin, Laborer, from the Department of Bridges to the Department of Water Supply, was approved by the Board.

On motion, the next meeting of the Board was fixed for Thursday, November 10.

Adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARDS OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

MINUTES.

Pursuant to call by President Haffen, the members of the Local Board, Twenty-first District, met at 2 P. M., November 3, 1898, at the office of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, Municipal Building, Crotona Park.

Present—President Haffen, Councilman Murray, Councilman Hottenroth and Alderman McGrath.

Minutes of meeting held October 27 last read and adopted.

HEARINGS.

East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Street, Regulating and Grading, from Third Avenue to Vanderbilt Avenue.

Petition of M. J. McDermott and others, dated October 4, 1898, was read, and on motion of Councilman Murray, it was

Resolved, That this Board hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the work be done.

East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Street, Opening, Regulating, Grading, Etc., from Third Avenue to Park Avenue.

Petition of Benjamin Berger and others by their attorneys, Messrs. Ginsburg & Mathot, was read.

It was considered that while the City did not have title to the street, yet the improvement might be made under the provisions of chapter 576 of the Laws of 1895, permitting sewer construction and regulating and grading in streets fifty feet in width which had been in use since 1874,

and which streets were included in the adopted street system and the lines of which corresponded to the originally filed property maps. It was decided, nevertheless, to require the Board of Public Improvements to prepare bills to East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, from Third to Park avenue, and the regulating and grading was also recommended.

Having Out of a new Street between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth Streets, from Third to Washington Avenue.
Petition read. Petest presented. Petition withdrawn.

Freeman Street, Asphaltine, from One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Street to Southern Boulevard.
Petition by John C. Weiss, agent, and others, representing 1,554 feet was read. Notice of a hearing on this matter was published in the City Record of March 21, 1898, and hearing held at March 31, 1898. The Local Board then recommended that this street be asphalted providing the Commissioner of Highways reported favorably in regard to the grade.

The Commissioner of Highways, under date of October 31, 1898, reported as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 130 NASSAU STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 31, 1898.

Hon. LOUIS F. HAYES, President, Borough of The Bronx:

DEAR SIR—Referring to the request conveyed to me in a letter from your Secretary, dated April 1, for an estimate of the cost of paving with asphalt Freeman street, from One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to the Boulevard, and for a report in reference to the grade of said street between the points mentioned, I beg to say that the grade of that part of Freeman street is suitable for an asphalt pavement, the heaviest grade being but a little over 3 per cent. The estimated cost of the work is \$112,000, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$245,000.

The Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of The Bronx, reports that some of the property owners who signed the petition for this improvement have reconsidered the matter and are not now in favor of it. I communicate this fact to you, because it may influence the action of the Local Board. Should the property owners desire the improvement, I know of no reason why it should not be recommended and authorized.

I inclose a sketch showing the proposed work and the probable limits of assessment.

Very respectfully,

JAMES F. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The Secretary announced that the owners in favor of asphaltine represented 1,554 feet. The owners in opposition represented 750 feet.

Resolution ordered sent forward to the Board of Public Improvements recommending the work.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Minford Place Water-main.

Petition of John F. Irving and others was read. On motion of Councilman Huttenroth, it was resolved, That this Board hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the work be done.

Thomas Street Water-main.

Petition of John F. Irving and others was read. On motion of Councilman Huttenroth, it was resolved, That this Board hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the work be done.

East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Street, Gas-main, Lamp-post, Gas Lamps, etc., between Third Avenue and Park Avenue.

Petition of Benjamin Berger and others was read. On motion of Alderman McGrath it was resolved that a suitable resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements recommending the work.

East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Street, Water-main, from Third Avenue to Park Avenue.

Petition of Benjamin Berger and others was read. On motion of Alderman McGrath it was resolved that a suitable resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements recommending the work.

Third Avenue and Washington Avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth Streets.

A number of property-owners appeared and called the attention of the Board to what was alleged to be a nuisance at the Innery yard on Third and Washington avenues, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets. It was represented that the yard was left open at night and that it was a place of resort for disorderly persons.

President Hayes said he would have the matter investigated and that such action would be hereafter taken as would be considered proper.

It was also stated in connection with the complaint that the sidewalk at this location needed to be re-laid. President Hayes announced that this feature of the matter would also receive attention.

IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Murray called the attention of the Board to the fact that as far as he knew no resolution passed by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, recommending any new street improvement, had been made the subject of an ordinance by the Board of Public Improvements for transmission by the Municipal Assembly.

President Hayes stated that President Halahan of the Board of Public Improvements had declared that it was the policy of the City for the present to keep down public expenditure in this line as much as possible, owing to the City's financial limitations.

Councilman Murray remarked that assessable work, such as fencing and flagging had been authorized, and yet no sewer construction had been authorized, although the construction of sewers was necessary in many localities in the interest of the public health. After some further discussion, on motion of Councilman Huttenroth, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommended in its report as prescribed by the Charter to the Board of Public Improvements, the following:

July 7, 1898, Fulton avenue regulating and grading and paving, from One Hundred and Seventieth to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street.

July 7, 1898, Fulton avenue, sewer, from One Hundred and Seventieth to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, with branches between Third and Fulton avenues.

July 7, 1898, East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, between Fulton and Third avenues, regulating, grading and paving.

August 4, 1898, East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, paving and repaving, from Madison Avenue Bridge to Third avenue.

April 14, 1898, East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, paving, from Exterior street to Third avenue, and

Whereas, No ordinance authorizing any of the above-mentioned improvements has been submitted yet to the Municipal Assembly, and

Whereas, We deem it essential in the interest of the city, as well as in the interest of the property owners immediately affected, that contracts for these improvements be awarded at the earliest date possible.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements be and it is hereby respectfully requested to submit, without further delay, to the Municipal Assembly ordinances authorizing the regulating, grading and paving of Fulton avenue, from One Hundred and Seventieth to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street; paving and repaving East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Madison Avenue Bridge to Third avenue; paving East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Exterior street to Third avenue; Fulton avenue sewer construction, between One Hundred and Seventieth and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth streets, with branches between Third and Fulton avenues; East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, between Third and Fulton avenues, regulating, grading and paving.

Grand Avenue and Evelyn Place, Gas-main.

On motion of Alderman McGrath, it was

Resolved, That a gas-main be laid and lamp-posts erected, gas-lamps placed thereon and lighted where necessary, on Grand Avenue and Evelyn Place, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to said Board of Public Improvements.

Adjournment.

JOSEPH P. HENNESSY, Secretary.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Meeting of the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, held in the Hackett Building, corner of Jackson Avenue and Fifth Street, in Long Island City on October 7, 1898.

Present—Frederick Bowley, President of the Borough with Aldermen Wm. F. James and Joseph Geiser.

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Secretary read the following:

SEPTEMBER 19, 1898.

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, Long Island City, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—For a number of years the residents and property-owners of Rockway Beach, Arverne, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Lawrence and Cedar Hurst have been agitating the question

of abating the nuisance on Barren Island. Numerous complaints have been filed, suits have been brought and proceedings instituted before the State Board of Health, Municipal Board and various public officials. All to no purpose.

Under section 400 of the Charter of the Greater New York, you as the head of the Borough of Queens have jurisdiction in the matter. I therefore, as a property-owner of Arverne, lodge this complaint with you concerning the nuisances maintained on Barren Island to the detriment of the health and the comfort of the residents of Arverne. The factories have been declared a nuisance not only by the Municipal Board of Health but in a proclamation of the Governor of the State of New York.

Yours very truly,
EBEN DIMON.

The President announced that the Local Board would now hear all persons desirous to speak upon the subject complained of in the foregoing, of which the following named gentlemen availed themselves in denunciation of the nuisance maintained on Barren Island to the detriment of the peace, comfort, good order, their health and property in the district affected thereby, opposite to said island within the boundaries of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, concluding with appeal to this Board to cause the abatement of such public nuisance.

H. ARMERMAN, Arverne.
A. P. ANSPERT, Arverne.
ISADOR STERN, Arverne.
MR. AVERY, Arverne.
EBEN DIMON, Arverne.
JAMES HEANY, Arverne.

The following was read:

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—The undersigned practicing physicians, residing on the north side of Fifth street, between Jackson and Vernon avenues, First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, desire hereby to respectfully represent:

That the buildings, dwellings and flats on both sides of said Fifth street, together with the large brick church and Lyceum are, generally speaking, a valuable class of structures, the fronts of the residences being of brownstone and pressed brick, three and four stories high with basements, streets asphalted and electric lights. That the depth of the larger buildings on the north side of said Fifth street are such as to extend considerably towards and near the rear end of the lot or fence line. That all the land lying northerly of such rear fence or lot line between said avenue to the southerly line of Sixth street is owned by the Long Island Railroad Company, upon which, starting within a few feet of said lot, fence or dividing line, said company has a series of railroad tracks, over which during the days and nights of the whole year the freight trains are made up, cars are drilled back and forth, freight trains coming in and going out, and every year this appears to be on the increase. That the fuel used to generate steam for motive power on the locomotives employed by said company to move its freight trains is what is known as bituminous or soft coal.

In connection with the foregoing we hereby complain that the heavy black smoke that is constantly belched forth from the smoke stacks of the steam boilers at the locomotives, whether standing just alongside of the bridging of Vernon and Jackson avenues, under which the trains pass or directly opposite and in close proximity to the rear windows of the buildings along its line, or moving to and fro, is in our opinion an intolerable public nuisance, seriously affecting the peace, the homes and the comfort, also detrimental to the health, and an impediment to the speedy recovery of the sick, who are thus subjected to such smoke nuisance and its accompaniments.

Holes are burnt in clothes hung out to dry on the pulley lines, by the fiery particles of soft coal or cinders forced out with the dense cloud of black smoke emitted from such engines; and the soot that results from such smoke not only soils such clothes but also the homes and the household effects in the dwellings abovesaid. The condition of affairs has caused many very good tenants to move, and makes it extremely difficult for the owners of the houses to re-let them, which otherwise would be the most desirable property in the neighborhood. As to the general disregard of the said company for either public or private rights, would but remark, that we are informed that the County Judge and the District Attorney were recently obliged to caution them against interrupting the business of the court by the uncalled for blowing of locomotive whistles, which they have since found it an easy matter to materially abate when confronted by those who not only can speak for their rights but know also how to enforce the power vested in them.

From you, as the elective representative of the people, we respectfully ask, that we having submitted our grievances, that you will apply the power also vested in your Board towards affording us the relief in the premises, by condemning the matter herein complained of as a public nuisance, and through the proper authorities cause the same to be abated forthwith, for which we will be

Yours gratefully,

J. B. KENNEDY, M. D.
JOHN H. BARRY, M. D.
F. H. BUMSTER, M. D.
PATRICK MCKEOWN, M. D.

Representative of the Long Island Railroad Company was present, who stated to the Board, that this subject as to the use of soft coal on the locomotives of said company in the Greater New York had been taken up recently by the Board of Health of The City of New York, and proposed that this company be made subject to the conclusions arrived at by said Board of Health. The hearing in support of the complaint was had whereupon the counsel to the Railroad company made request to obtain copy of complaint and testimony taken, which privilege was granted; whereupon, on motion of Councilman Van Nostrand (who had arrived in the midst of the hearing) the matter was laid over for two weeks. The following was ordered to be filed as part of the record in the matter of complaint and hearing as to the Barren Island nuisance.

OCTOBER 1, 1898.

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens:

DEAR SIR—We beg leave to transmit to you herewith copy of the report of the State Board of Health upon which His Excellency, the Governor, acted in issuing his proclamation of January 12, 1898. I also inclose herewith a copy of the proclamation of the Governor relative to the nuisance on Barren Island. Trusting this matter will be serviceable in connection with the hearing advertised to take place on October 7, we remain

Yours respectfully,

LENELIAN & DAWLEY,
Counsellors at Law, No. 115 Broadway, New York City.

The Committee on Bridges on Van Alst and Vernon avenues, First Ward, this borough, made report through communication of Julius von Hauerbein, Engineer, wherein it is stated that the Hon. John L. Shea, Commissioner of Bridges of The City of New York, asserted that the War Department would not allow any new low grade bridge to be built, therefore the proposition of constructing two bridges, one viaduct at Van Alst avenue, and a low grade bridge at Vernon avenue, could not be considered any longer. The plan for a viaduct bridge over Newtown Creek, from foot of Vernon avenue this borough to Manhattan avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, are now in the office of the Bridge Commissioner. It concludes with the recommendation that in order to minimize the amount of inconvenience to adjacent property, that the approach to the viaduct bridge to be constructed on Vernon avenue be commenced at the south-westerly side of the building line of Third street, so as to leave Third street wholly unobstructed. On motion report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The following was received, read and filed.

CLOSING OF DRAWBRIDGE OVER NEWTOWN CREEK, AT VERNON AVENUE,
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, October 4, 1898.

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens, Long Island City:

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ult. inclosing a copy of preamble and resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, urging that the time for closing Vernon avenue bridge be set from 6.30 A. M. to 7 A. M., 12 M. to 12.30 P. M. and 6 P. M. to 6.30 P. M., pending the construction of a more suitable bridge as contemplated. You state that since the adoption of the said resolution the Commissioner of Bridges for your borough informs you that he is in favor of fixing the time for closing the bridge as follows:

6 A. M. to 7 A. M., 12 M. to 1 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 7 P. M., you concur in these views and ask action accordingly. Replying thereto, I beg to inform you that the matter has been accorded careful consideration, and upon recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, I have this day approved regulations closing the draw of the bridge in question from 6.30 A. M. to 7 A. M., 12 M. to 12.30 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 6.30 P. M. on week days, this regulation to be in effect only pending the completion of a more suitable bridge as contemplated by the Local Board.

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

The further consideration of the petition for the improvement of Park place from Potter avenue to Woolsey avenue, First Ward, this borough was taken up. The Deputy Commissioner of Highways furnished this Board with a map of the present and established surface grades, from which it appears that to grade down to the city grade it would leave abutting premises on an average height of eight feet. To this the attention of some of the petitioners who were present was called, who thereupon urged that at least the sewer asked for should be constructed as being most essential. It was concluded well to lay the matter over for one week and so ordered.

The following was read, ordered received and filed, and further action taken thereon as below shown:

MASPEITH, L. L., September 28, 1898.

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens:

DEAR SIR—I have at present fourteen dwelling-houses in the course of construction on the west side of Fake avenue between Jay avenue and Prospect street, Maspeith, now the Second Ward

of this borough, which is attended with a great deal of uncertainty and inconvenience, and a menace to its being a profitable investment on account of the unfinished condition of the avenue in which the contractor for the improvement thereof left some since the coming in of the Greater New York.

The sidewalk in part is high above the grade, curb not fully set, the roadbed graded down to sandy bottom, and the paving with granite blocks not fully done. The contractor's name is Kelly of New York. He carried out about two-thirds of his contract in 1897 and then stopped as aforesaid.

The people of the town voted in favor of such improvements to the amount of \$620,000 and our subsequent taxes were accordingly higher. It is claimed that all the bonds authorized for such improvements were sold and that there is an unexpended cash balance from proceeds of sale thereof on hand. Under the former system of local government information on such affairs could be readily had, but with the change of affairs we are at a loss as to whom to apply to. Naturally the people so circumstanced would drift towards you as the President of the Borough, to help them out, which accounts for this my appeal to you, that you afford me the relief that I stand in need of, towards making my undertakings which materially benefit and improve the locality where I operate, a success.

Awaiting your businesslike response, remain

Yours respectfully,
C. SCHWABHOLD & CO.

On motion it was ordered, that in as much as the subject was chiefly one of finance, that copy thereof be transmitted to the Comptroller for his investigation, and with request that he kindly make response at an early date.

Communication from Oake's Manufacturing Company dated October 6, 1898, was read, whereupon the following was duly adopted:

Whereas, The Oake's Manufacturing Company under date of October 6, 1898, complains that the public water supply to the residences and manufacturing establishments north of Winthrop avenue in the First Ward of this Borough is insufficient, and out of that better quality for domestic use and steam purposes as is furnished to the other sections of the ward aforesaid; and

Whereas, Said company also therein set forth and complains that its plant is rated extra fire hazardous by reason of the total absence of any fire hydrants in the vicinity of its works in which they claim to have one hundred men employed.

Now in view of the foregoing, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That this Local Board in meeting assembled this 7th day of October, 1898, does recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that it authorize and direct the Commissioner of Water Supply to take such steps as will meet the full requirements of the subject matter complained of by said company.

The President appointed Friday the 28th instant as the time for hearing on the petition received by him and filed in his office for continuance of Lawrence avenue to Burnside avenue Lawrence, Long Island, Fourth Ward, this Borough.

On motion the following was duly adopted:

Whereas, The petition for the construction of public sewer on High street, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth streets, in College Point, now the Third Ward of this Borough, was received by the President of this Borough, and placed on file in his office for inspection, and time appointed by him for hearing thereon before the Local Board, of which notice was published in the City Record, and,

Whereas, At such time for hearing thereon, no person appeared in opposition thereto; and having received from the respective departments the plans and estimated cost of such sewer, and the amount of assessed values of property along such proposed improvement and subject to assessment for the expense thereof, and having given the matter due consideration, it is

Resolved, That this Local Board in meeting assembled this 7th day of October, 1898, does hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be instituted towards carrying out the desires of the property owners for such sewer.

Alderman Geiser, on behalf of committee appointed to meet Daniel F. White and make investigation of basin on Metropolitan and Flushing avenues, Newtown, reported that the ground had been gone over and in order to relieve the adjoining lands from being made a receptacle of the surface drainage of said avenues, discharged from said basin thereon, it will be necessary to connect the discharge with piping and conduct for some distance to Newtown Creek.

Consulman Van Nostrand expressed the opinion that it would be well to move slow in the matter until all hearings were examined before establishing a precedent on such like, as there are very many of a similar nature in this borough, which to respond to in such manner would subject the City to great expense, whereupon the subject was laid over.

On motion, the minutes of the last meeting were approved, and adjournment declared to 14th instant.

JOSEPH FIESEL, Secretary.

The Local Board of the Borough of Queens, pursuant to adjournment had, held its meeting in the Hackett Building, on October 14, 1898, at which were present Councilmen Cassidy and Van Nostrand, Aldermen Cozier and James, and President of the Borough Frederick Bowley. Minutes of previous meeting were, on motion, approved.

Communication from Daniel F. White was read and ordered to be placed on file, whereupon the following was duly adopted:

Whereas, From the report made by the committee appointed to investigate the verbal complaint made to this Board by Daniel F. White, as to the street basin at Metropolitan and Flushing avenues having its outlet at and discharges all the surface water therefrom upon his land, it appears so to be, and said committee having recommended that the discharge from said basin be conducted by piping to the sewer on Metropolitan avenue; therefore,

Resolved, That the matter be and the same is hereby referred to the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers of this borough, and requested that the matter receive his prompt attention.

The following was adopted unanimously:

Whereas, Owners of the lands and premises on Park place, between Potter and Wooley avenues, in the First Ward, this borough, petitioned this Board to have said place graded, paved, curbed, flagged and sewered; and

Whereas, Upon the hearing had thereon it appears by the maps furnished by the Department of Highways that the elevation of the natural surface grade upon which the petitioners' buildings have been erected upon abutting lands along said place is so high above the established city grade that to excavate or cut down thereto will leave their premises upon an elevation detrimental to the interest thereof, and which can be obviated only by a readjustment of the grade levels more in conformity with the natural lay-out of the surface of the lands in said Park place and in the vicinity thereof; and so concurred in by such of the petitioners as were present thereat; and

Whereas, We are satisfied that by reason of the lots along said place being but 65 feet deep, thus bringing the dwellings, privy-ruts, cesspools and cisterns in such close proximity to each other as to endanger the health and lives of the occupants of such dwellings, that absolute necessity exists for the speedy construction of public sewer therein, and

Whereas, The Deputy Commissioner of Sewers has submitted to this Board a plan of sewer in such place, which Park place was opened and dedicated to Long Island City, years after the City Maps of Sewers were filed, and hence not included in such City sewer system, nor does Park place appear on the original city map of streets, etc., as filed.

Now in view of the foregoing, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, in meeting assembled this 14th day of October, 1898, does hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements, that it cause the adoption of said map or plan of sewer as part of the City System of Sewerage for such district, and take such necessary action as will promptly bring about the construction of the sewer so urgently required by the petitioners as aforesaid.

The following was offered:

Whereas, It appears by report made by Committee on Bridges that in its opinion it would be in keeping with the exercise of good judgment that the approach to Vaudart Bridge on Vernon avenue in Long Island City, should not extend further than the south-westerly building line of Third street, and is so concurred in by this Board; therefore

Resolved, That the President be and he hereby is respectfully requested to cause the foregoing recommendation to be communicated to the Commissioner of Bridges, City of New York.

Whereupon discussion was had in connection with the subject which resulted in the adoption of motion.

That this Board as a whole assemble at point set forth in preamble to foregoing on Friday 21st instant at 9.30 A. M., to look over the situation more thoroughly before final action be taken on report.

The President having received petition to open, etc., Stevens street, from Fulton avenue to Main street, Long Island City, and to continue Lawrence street in Lawrence, Long Island, he directed that same be placed on file in his office for inspection, and designated Friday, October 28, 1898, as time for public hearing thereon.

Communication received from Chief Topographical Engineer, City of New York, dated October 12, 1898, relating to application of private property-owners on De Bevoise avenue, Long Island City, for permit to construct sewer at their own cost, and concluding with, "I will try my best to have maps prepared at once for filing, showing new grades, etc., and have the same ready in a short time," was read and ordered on file.

Adjourned to October 21, 1898.

JOSEPH FIESEL, Secretary.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Central Park, New York—Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 55 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

Abstract of Registers from Self-recording Instruments for the Week ending October 29, 1898.

Barometer.

Table with columns: DATE, TIME, Reduced to Freezing, Mean for the Day, Maximum, Minimum, and Remarks. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week... 30.042 inches. Maximum... 30.200 " Minimum... 29.875 " Range... .325 "

Thermometers.

Table with columns: DATE, TIME, Dry Bulb, Wet Bulb, Mean, Maximum, Minimum, and Remarks. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week... 55.9 degrees. Maximum... 67 " Minimum... 44 " Range... 23 "

Wind.

Table with columns: DATE, DIRECTION, VELOCITY IN MILES, FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT, and Remarks. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Distance traveled during the week... 1426 miles. Maximum force... 17 1/2 pounds.

Table with columns: DATE, FORCE OF WIND, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, CLOUDS, RAIN AND SNOW, and OZONE. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Total amount of water for the week... 3.25 inches. Duration for the week... 27 hours, 0 minutes.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A. M., and 2 P. M. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

DANIEL DRAPER, Ph. D., Director.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE RECOVERY OF PENALTIES.

Statement and Return of Money received by ADRIAN T. KIERNAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties, for the Month of October, 1898, rendered to the Comptroller, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 117, Article II, Chapter II, of the Revised Ordinances of 1897, and of Sections 259 and 1550 of Chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

Table with columns: Date, What For, Judgment, Collected and Paid, Costs, Total. Lists various legal actions and amounts collected.

Table with columns: Amount paid over to Board of Public Charities, in the case of The People ex rel. The Commissioners of Public Charities vs. Theodore Sanders and Hiram Beermann, etc. Lists various amounts and dates.

ADRIAN T. KIERNAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS OF DEPARTMENT, WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 1898.

Table with columns: Date, Name, Position, Amount. Lists appointments and payments for various roles like Hospital Helper, Driver, Head Nurse.

Table with columns: Date, Name, Position, Amount. Lists various appointments and payments, including roles like Driver, Hospital Orderly, Chambermaid, etc.

APPROVED PAPERS

Resolved, That the names of the following persons, recently appointed Commissioners of Deeds, be corrected so as to read, as follows: Winstrop McKim to read Winthrop McKim. George L. Woolley to read George L. Woolley. Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 1, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, ZEROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK, November 5, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx has this day made the following appointments: William Wilke, No. 359 St. Ann's avenue, Temporary Gardener, at \$1.75 per day. Albert J. Kuehl, No. 594 Robins avenue, Toolman, at \$1.75 per day. Samuel H. Merritt, No. 900 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, Stoken, at \$2 per day. Respectfully yours, MAX K. KAHN, Private Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 546 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, November 5, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—I hereby notify you for publication, the following: Increase of Salary. Martin J. Note, Axeman, from \$600 to \$720 per annum, to take effect November 1, 1898. Respectfully, JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING, No. 289 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, November 5, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: DEAR SIR—Pursuant to provision of the Charter, I beg to notify you that the following persons have been appointed Laborers at \$2 per day for work in the vicinity of Katonah, N. Y., their assignment to duty being November 4, 1898: James Ford, Frederick N. Clark, Frank C. Bedell, Darby Ford, John A. Merritt, Walter B. Palmer, George Brandage, August Cook, Stewart B. Butler, William Rockett, Jr., William H. Martin as Foreman at \$3.50 per day. The following persons have also been appointed as Drivers with teams at \$4 per day, for work in the same vicinity, their assignment to duty being November 5, 1898: Daniel Hunt, John L. Merritt, William Gilmore. Very respectfully, JEFFERSON GROUP, Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., November 5, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—The appointments of Philip Kalmbach, Ship Carpenter on Blissville Bridge; Edward Blanchard, Ship Carpenter on Vernon Avenue Bridge; James Carolan, Ship Carpenter, on Meeker Avenue Bridge; Charles Schumacher, Ship Carpenter on Grand Street Bridge;—heretofore temporarily appointed to said position have been made permanent, to date from September 1, 1898. Respectfully, JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., November 7, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—You are hereby notified that James J. Maloney, of No. 102 Reid avenue, Brooklyn, Bridge Tender on the bridge crossing Newtown creek at Grand street, has been changed to the position of Laborer on said bridge, at a compensation of \$2.50 per day, to date from November 7, 1898. Respectfully, JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STEWART BUILDING, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., November 7, 1898. Supervisor of the City Record: SIR—You are hereby notified that Thomas M. Moran, of No. 301 East One Hundred and Sixth street, has been appointed as Souder on bridges over the Harlem river and in the Borough of Manhattan, at a compensation of \$2.50 per day, to date from November 7, 1898. Respectfully, JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE—BUREAU OF LICENSES, NEW YORK, November 7, 1898. Number of licenses issued and amounts received therein for the week ending Saturday, November 5, 1898:

Table with columns: Date, Number of Licenses, Amounts. Lists data for Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Table with columns: Date, Number of Licenses, Amounts. Lists data for Borough of Brooklyn.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL—CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, November 5, 1898. Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the stated meeting held Friday, November 3, 1898, a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, on Thursday, November 10, 1898, at 1 o'clock P. M. MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, 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. DOWNS, Private Secretary. Bureau of Licenses. No. 4 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. DAVID J. BOGHE, Chief. GEORGE W. BRUW, Jr., Deputy.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 124 and 125 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN C. HERTZ and EDWARD OWEN.

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS. THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary. Address: THOMAS L. FETTER, Stewart Building, Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

THE COUNCIL. RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council, E. J. SCULLY, City Clerk. Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 10 A. M. to 12 M. BOARD OF ALDERMEN. THOMAS F. WOODS, President. MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS

Room 202 Stewart Building, 2nd floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN J. KYAS, Chairman; J. FOXER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, JOHN P. WINDOLPH and THE MAYOR, and CHRISTOPHER, Commissioners; HARRY W. WALKER, Secretary; A. FRISBY, Chief Engineer.

BOROUGH PRESIDENTS.

Borough of Manhattan. Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 10, 11 and 12 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. ALBERT W. PEERS, President. IRA KIRWAN, Secretary. Borough of The Bronx. Office of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, corner Third Avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. LOUIS E. HAYES, President. Borough of Brooklyn. President's Office, No. 7 Borough Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. EDWARD M. GOUDY, President. Borough of Queens. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President. Office, Long Island City, 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. until 12 M. Borough of Richmond. GEORGE CROWWELL, President. Office of the President, First National Bank Building, New Brighton, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

No. 133 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM M. HESS, Public Administrator.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

No. 345 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. MAURICE F. HULAHAN, President. JOHN H. MANSY, Secretary.

Department of Highways.

No. 123 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways. WILLIAM N. SHANNON, Deputy for Manhattan. THOMAS B. FAREWELL, Deputy for Brooklyn. JAMES H. MALONEY, Deputy for Bronx. JOHN P. MADOLE, Deputy for Queens. HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy and Chief Engineer for Richmond, Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York Avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Sewers.

No. 263 and 265 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers. MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy for Manhattan. THOMAS J. BYRNES, Deputy for Bronx. WILLIAM BRIDGES, Deputy for Brooklyn. MATTHEW J. COLLIER, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens. HENRY P. MORRISON, 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. SHAW, Commissioner. THOMAS H. YORK, Deputy. SAMUEL R. PROSACCO, Chief Engineer. MATTHEW H. MOORE, Deputy for Bronx. HARRY BEAM, Deputy for Brooklyn. JOHN E. BACKUS, Deputy for Queens.

Department of Water Supply.

No. 120 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply. JAMES B. HASLUN, Deputy Commissioner. GEORGE W. BURBALL, Chief Engineer. W. G. BYRNE, Water Register. JAMES MORRETT, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn, Municipal Building. JOSEPH FITCH, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Queens, Old Town Hall, Flushing. THOMAS J. MULLIGAN, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of The Bronx, Crotona Park Building. HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Richmond, Office, "Richmond Building," corner Richmond Terrace and York Avenue, New Brighton, S. I.

Department of Street Cleaning.

9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES MCCARTNEY, Commissioner, No. 345 Broadway, Manhattan.

F. M. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Manhattan, No. 345 Broadway. PATRICK H. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Brooklyn, Room 12 Municipal Building. JOSEPH LINERTZ, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of The Bronx, No. 675 East One Hundred and Fifty-second street. JOHN P. MADOLE, Deputy Commissioner for Borough of Queens, Municipal Building, Long Island City.

Department of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies. No. 345 Broadway, Room 124, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies. PETER J. DOOLAN, Deputy Commissioner for Manhattan. WILLIAM WALTON, Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn. HENRY SUTPHIN, Deputy Commissioner for Queens. EDWARD I. MILLER, Deputy Commissioner for Richmond.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Comptroller's Office. Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. BIRD S. COLEB, Comptroller. MICHAEL T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller. EDGAR J. LEVY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller. EDWARD GIBSON, Collector of Assessments and Arrears. DAVID O'BRIEN, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets, Borough of Manhattan. DAVID E. AUSTIN, Receiver of Taxes. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan. JAMES B. BOVCE, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn. JOHN P. GOLDBERRY, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Manhattan. WILLIAM MCKINNY, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Brooklyn. MICHAEL O'KEEFE, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Brooklyn. WALTER H. HOLT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond. JOHN J. FURBERGTON, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Richmond. GEORGE BRAND, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Richmond. EDWARD J. CONNELL, Auditor, Borough of The Bronx. FREDERICK W. BURKAWAN, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Queens. FRANCIS R. CLAIN, Auditor, Borough of Queens.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain. No. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. PATRICK KRISAN, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster. No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN H. TRIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of Corporation Counsel. Straits-Zeltung Building, 3d and 4th floors, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M. JOHN WHALEY, Corporation Counsel. THOROUGH CUNOLLY, W. W. LAIRD, JR., CHARLES BEADY, Assistants. ALBERT F. JONES, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn.

Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes. Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties. No. 119 and 121 Nassau street. ADRIAN T. KIRWAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Bureau of Street Opening. Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway. JOHN P. DUNN, Assistant to Corporation Counsel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office. No. 200 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. BERNARD J. YORK, President of the Board; JOHN B. SEXTON, JACOB HESS, HENRY E. ARELL, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES. Central Office. First of East Twenty-sixth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN W. KALLER, President of the Board; Commissioner for Manhattan and Bronx. THOMAS S. BRIDGES, Deputy Commissioner. ADOLPH SIMS, JR., Commissioner for Brooklyn and Queens. ARTHUR A. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner. JAMES FINNEY, Commissioner for Richmond. Plans and Specifications, Contracts, Proposals and Estimates for Work and Materials for Building, Repairs and Supplies, Bills and Accounts, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. Out-door Poor Department. Office hours, 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. Central Office. No. 148 East Twentieth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. FRANCIS J. LANTY, Commissioner. N. O. FARRING, Deputy Commissioner. JAMES J. KEVIN, Deputy Commissioner for Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. Headquarters. Nos. 127 and 129 East Sixty-seventh street. JOHN J. SCAMMELL, Fire Commissioner. JAMES H. TULLY, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Brooklyn and Queens. AUGUSTUS T. DOCHANY, Secretary. HUGH BONNER, Chief of Department, and in Charge of Fire-alarm Telegraph. JAMES DALY, Deputy Chief, in Charge of Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. GEORGE E. MURRAY, Inspector of Combustibles. PETER SISKY, Fire Marshal, Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond. ALONZO BRYMAN, Fire Marshal, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Central Office open at all hours.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. MICHAEL C. MURPHY, President, and WILLIAM T. JENNIS, M. D., JOHN H. COBURN, M. D., THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICE BOARD, ex-officio, and the HEALTH OFFICER OF THE PORT, ex-officio, Commissioners; EDMOND CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. BOARD OF EDUCATION. No. 146 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. CHARLES BULELEY HUBBELL, President; A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary. School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx. No. 146 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan. CHARLES BULELEY HUBBELL, President; ARTHUR McMILLIN, Secretary. School Board for the Borough of Brooklyn. No. 131 Livingston street, Brooklyn. J. EDWARD SWANSTROEM, President; GEORGE G. BROWN, Secretary. School Board for the Borough of Queens. Flushing, L. I. G. HOWLAND LEAVITT, President; JOSEPH H. FITZPATRICK, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES. Pier "A," N. R., Battery place. J. SERGEANT GRAM, President; CHARLES F. MURPHY, Treasurer; PETER F. MEYER, Commissioners. WILLIAM H. BURKE, Secretary. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS. Main Office, No. 220 Fourth avenue, Borough of Manhattan. THOMAS J. BRADY, President of the Board of Buildings and Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx. JOHN GUNZELER, Commissioner for the Borough of Brooklyn. DANIEL CAMPBELL, Commissioner for the Boroughs of Queens and Richmond. A. J. JOHNSON, Secretary. Office of the Department for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, No. 220 Fourth avenue, Borough of Manhattan. Office of the Department for the Borough of Brooklyn, Borough Hall, Borough of Brooklyn. Office of the Department for the Boroughs of Queens and Richmond, Richmond Hall, New Brighton, Staten Island, Borough of Richmond; Branch Office: Room 1, second floor, Town Hall, Jamaica, Long Island, Borough of Queens.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M. THOMAS L. FETTER, President of the Board; EDWARD C. SHERWIN, ARTHUR C. SALMON, THOMAS J. PATTERSON and WILLIAM GIBELL, Commissioners.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS. No. 345 Broadway (N. Y. Life Insurance Building), Rooms 1023 and 1024. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 10 A. M. to 12 M. JOHN T. NAGLE, M. D., Chief of Bureau. Municipal Statistical Commission: FREDERICK W. GARD, LL. D., HARRY PAXSON WILSON, THORSTEN N. MOTLEY, JULIUS G. KUGLERMAN, RICHARD T. WILSON, JR., EUGENE HARVEY.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Criminal Court Building, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. CHARLES H. KNOK, President, ROBERT E. DEYO and WILLIAM N. DYCKMAN, Commissioners. LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Office, No. 320 Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. EDWARD CAHILL, THOMAS A. WILSON, JOHN DELMAR, EDWARD MCCUE and PATRICK M. HAYBERT, Board of Assessors.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT. THE MAYOR, Chairman; THOMAS L. FETTER (President), Department of Taxes and Assessments, Secretary; the COMPTROLLER, President of the Council, and the CORPORATION COUNSEL, Members; CHARLES V. ADER, Clerk. Office of Clerk, Department of Taxes and Assessments, Stewart Building.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. THOMAS J. DUNN, Sheriff; HENRY P. MELVANY, Under Sheriff.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE. East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ISAAC FROMME, Register; JOHN VON GLAHN, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS. Room 127 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JOHN PURCELL, Commissioner.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF JURORS. No. 111 Fifth avenue. H. W. GRAY, Commissioner.

NEW YORK COUNTY JAIL. No. 70 Ludlow street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. PATRICK H. PICKETT, Warden.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. WILLIAM SOMMER, County Clerk. GEORGE H. FAHRBACH, Deputy.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE. And Bureau of Printing, Stationery and Blank Books. No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, on which days 9 A. M. to 12 M. WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Supervisor; SOLON BERRICK, Deputy Supervisor; THOMAS C. COWELL, Deputy Supervisor and Accountant.

NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION. Commissioners' Office, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, New York, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. LEWIS NIXON, President; JAMES W. BOYLE, Vice-President; SMITH E. LANG, Secretary; JULIAN D. FAIRCHILD, Treasurer; JOHN W. WICKER, THOMAS S. MOORE and THE MAYOR, Commissioners. Chief Engineer's Office, No. 34 Broadway, Brooklyn, E. D., 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY. New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ASA BIRD GARDNER, District Attorney; WILLIAM J. MCKENNA, Chief Clerk.

CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS. Room 28, Schermerhorn Building, No. 95 Broadway. Meetings, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 3 P. M. DANIEL LORD, Chairman; JAMES M. VARNUM, WILLIAM E. STYLANDUS, Commissioners. LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

CORONERS. Borough of Manhattan. Office, New Criminal Court Building. Open at all times of day and night. EDWARD T. FITZGERALD, JACOB E. BAUSCH, EDWARD W. HARTY, Assistants. Borough of The Bronx. ARTHUR McOWEN, THOMAS M. LYMAN. Borough of Brooklyn. ANTHONY J. BODNER, GEORGE W. DELAP. Borough of Queens. PHILIP T. CROSSIN, Dr. SAMUEL S. GOV, JR., LEONARD ROUPE, JR., JAMICA, L. I. Borough of Richmond. JOHN SEAVER, GEORGE C. TRASTER.

SURROGATES COURT. New County Court-house. Court opens at 10:30 A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M. FRANK T. FITZGERALD and JOHN H. V. ARNOLD, Surrogates; WILLIAM V. LANEY, Chief Clerk.

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SUPREME COURT. County Court-house, 1023 & 1024 N. Y. Life Insurance Building. Special Term, Part I, Room No. 9. Special Term, Part II, Room No. 15. Special Term, Part III, Room No. 29. Special Term, Part IV, Room No. 45. Special Term, Part V, Room No. 27. Special Term, Part VI, Room No. 21. Special Term, Part VII, Room No. 25. Special Term, Part VIII, Room No. 34. Trial Term, Part I, Room No. 26. Trial Term, Part II, Room No. 17. Trial Term, Part III, Room No. 18. Trial Term, Part IV, Room No. 18. Trial Term, Part V, Room No. 12. Trial Term, Part VI, Room No. 12. Trial Term, Part VII, Room No. 30. Trial Term, Part VIII, Room No. 24. Trial Term, Part IX, Room No. 24. Trial Term, Part X, Room No. 24. Trial Term, Part XI, Room No. 24. Nominations Bureau, Room No. 27. Justices—ABRAHAM R. LAWRENCE, CHARLES H. TRACY, CHARLES F. McLEARY, FREDERICK SMYTH, JOSEPH F. DALY, MELAS BEACON, ROBERT A. PATER, LEONARD A. GUGGENHEIMER, HENRY W. HUBSTADTER, HENRY DEWEY, JR., JOHN J. FRIEDMAN, WILLIAM N. COHEN, P. HENRY DEWEY, DAVID McADAM, HENRY R. BICKMAN, HENRY A. GUGGENHEIMER, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, WILLIAM SOMMER, Clerk.

CITY COURT. Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park. General Term. Trial Term, Part I. Part II. Part III. Part IV. Special Term Chambers will be held 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, Brownstone Building, 200 3d Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. JAMES M. FORDMOSER, Chief Justice; JAMES H. McCAFFREY, LEWIS J. COHEN, EDWARD F. O'DWYER, JOHN P. SCHUBERT and W. M. K. OLCOTT, Justices. THOMAS F. SMITH, Clerk.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS. Building for Criminal Courts, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, Borough of Manhattan. Court opens at 10 A. M. Justice, First Division—ELMER B. HICKMAN, WILLIAM DEWEY, JAMES E. JACOB, JOHN HAYES, WILLIAM C. HUGHES, WILLIAM M. FULLER, Clerk; JESSIE H. JONES, Deputy Clerk. Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Second Division—Trial days—Borough Hall, Brooklyn, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, Jamaica, Borough of Queens, Tuesdays, at 10 o'clock; Town Hall, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond, Thursdays, at 10 o'clock.

Justice—John Courtney, Howard J. Farkas, JOHN L. DEWANEY, JOHN FLEMING, THOMAS W. FITZGERALD, JOSEPH L. KRISMAN, Clerk; CHRISTOPHER F. WELLS, Deputy Clerk. Clerk's office, Borough Hall, Borough of Brooklyn, open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. Held in the building for Criminal Courts, Centre Elm, White and Franklin streets. Court opens at 11 o'clock. RICHARD B. COWLEY, City Judge; JAMES FITZGERALD, Judge of the Court of General Sessions; JOHN W. COOK, Recorder; JOSEPH E. NEWCOMB and MARTIN T. McMAHON, Judges of the Court of General Sessions. EDWARD R. CARROLL, Clerk. Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Supreme Court, Part I, Original Trial Term. Held in the building for Criminal Courts. Court opens at 10:30 A. M. EDWARD R. CARROLL, Clerk. Hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

CRIMINAL DIVISION, SUPREME COURT. New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 10:30 o'clock A. M. EDWARD R. CARROLL, Clerk. Hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

APPELLATE DIVISION, SUPREME COURT. Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P. M. CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice; GEORGE C. HARRERT, CHRISTOPHER B. McLAUGHLIN, EDWARD PATTERSON, MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, GEORGE L. INGRAM, WILLIAM ROSSNEY, Justices. ALBERT WAGSTAFF, Clerk. WILLIAM LAMB, JR., Deputy Clerk.

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS. Courts open from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. City Magistrate—HENRY A. BRACK, ROBERT C. CONNELL, LEWIS B. CRANE, JOSEPH M. DEUEL, CHARLES A. FLANNERY, HERMAN E. KUNICH, CLARENCE W. MEADE, JOHN O. MOTT, JOSEPH POOL, CHARLES E. SOMES, JR., THOMAS F. WESTWORTH, W. H. OLNSTRAEM. First District—Criminal Court Building. Second District—Jefferson Market. Third District—No. 65 Essex street. Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue. Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place. Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third Avenue. Seventh District—Fifty-fourth street, west of Eighth Avenue. Second Division. Borough of Brooklyn. First District—No. 328 Adams street. JACOB BRENNER, Magistrate. Second District—Court and Butler streets. HENRY BRISTOW, Magistrate. Third District—Myrtle and Vanderhilt avenues. CHARLES E. TRALIG, Magistrate. Fourth District—Nos. 6 and 8 Lee Avenue. WILLIAM KRAMER, Magistrate. Fifth District—Ewen and Powers streets. ANDREW LEWON, Magistrate.

With District—Oliver and 10th Avenue. Lewis R. Warren, Magistrate.

Fourth District—New Brighton, Staten Island. James Conroy, Magistrate.

Fifth District—Nos. 21 and 23 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City. Matthew J. Smith, Magistrate.

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In The City of New York, with their respective pieces of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance...

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract...

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract...

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

The Board of Public Charities reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, as provided in section 24, chapter 425, Laws of 1894.

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact...

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the amount, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective pieces of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate...

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

MORNING—"MORNING JOURNAL," "TELEGRAPH." Evening—"Daily News," "Evening Sun," "Weekly Union," "Irish American," "German," "Magazine Journal."

WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Supervisor, City Record, January 24, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, BUREAUX OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, November 7, 1898.

LIST OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AND LIST OF REPAIRS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, BUREAUX OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, November 7, 1898.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE FOLLOWING HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS TO BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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, indorsed "Bid for Hospital Supplies (or Repairs)," with his or their name or names and address, which should also be written on the face of the specifications designated therein, and the date of presentation, in the hand of said Department, on the day of the opening, on or before the day and hour above stated, at a bid time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

The award will be made to the lowest bidder. In the case of numbers 2175 and 2176, 2177, 2178, and 2179, in which there is only one bid, the award will be made to the lowest bidder on the combined prices under the respective groups of numbers.

The Department reserves the right to make more or less, or none at all, of any of the articles, according as it may be deemed to be in the public interest.

All bids must be based upon the descriptions furnished or specified by the Department, and not on samples 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 November 15 until the bids are opened.

A—Drugs and Chemicals. N.B.—No bid for any article in this list will be accepted from any person or firm not known to the Department as a bona-fide manufacturer, wholesale dealer or importer of the articles he bids on. Where it is so explicitly mentioned, articles must be delivered in the original packages of the manufacturer. Prices are to include cartage, except where other provision is made.

Line No. 2175. 10 pounds Arn Hydrochloric, strictly C. P., 1 lb. A., 1 lb. B.

Line No. 2176. 1 pound Urea per sulphate, C. P., gran., Merck's 1 lb.

Line No. 2177. 2 pounds Ferric, Fluid, Jumbo Seed, F. D. & Co., 1 lb. org. b.

Line No. 2178. 1 pound Ferric, Fluid, Orris Root, 1 lb. org. b.

Line No. 2179. 40 pounds Gum Opium, best Smyrna, 2 pounds Iron Chloride, Ferric, cryst., 1 lb. org. b.

Line No. 2180. 200 pounds Lime Chlorinated, not below 25 per cent., 1 lb. org. b. in 2-cases.

Line No. 2181. 2 pounds Lithion Carbonate, 1 lb. c.

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of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons who are content to receive the same.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State banks of The City of New York...

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after writing notice that the same has been awarded to him...

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimates in addition to writing the same in figures. Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller...

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1242 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, viz.:

TWELFTH WARD.

DYCKMAN STREET—SEWER, between Harlem River Drive-way and Kingsbridge road. Area of assessment: Both sides of Dyckman street, from Kingsbridge road to Harlem River Drive-way, and Sherman avenue, between Dyckman street and Kingsbridge road.

EIGHTH AVENUE—SEWER, west side, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, and in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, between Eighth and Bradhurst avenues, with curves in One Hundred and Forty-ninth and One Hundred and Fiftieth streets. Area of assessment: West side of Eighth avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-eighth street to a point distant about 45 feet north of One Hundred and Fiftieth street; both sides of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Eighth and Bradhurst avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET—SEWER, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues, and west side of Amsterdam avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Eighty-seventh streets; on south side of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from Amsterdam avenue to a point 185 feet westerly therefrom; also west side of Audubon avenue and east side of Eleventh avenue, to the extent of one foot north, from the northerly side of One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street.

NINETEENTH WARD.

LEXINGTON AVENUE—SEWERS, east and west sides, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, and south side of Fifty-sixth street, between Lexington and Park avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on November 4, 1898, and entered on the same date in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and under the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments. Interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1202 of said Greater New York Charter. Said section provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and all payments made thereon on or before January 3, 1899, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 4, 1898.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, No. 37 CHAMBERS STREET, STURWART BUILDING, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 4, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS whose taxes to the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for the year 1898 remain unpaid on the 31st day of November of said year, that unless the same shall be paid to the Receiver of Taxes, at his office, No. 37 Chambers street, in the Borough of Manhattan, and at Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, in the Borough of The Bronx, respectively, on or before the 31st day of December of said year, he will charge, collect and collect upon such taxes so remaining unpaid on that day, in addition to

the amount of such taxes, one per centum on the amount thereof, as provided by section 1212 of the Greater New York Charter (chapter 378, Laws of 1897). DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1242 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, in the BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, viz.:

EIGHTH AND NINTH WARDS.

WASHINGTON STREET—SEWERS, between King and Leroy streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Washington street, between King and Leroy streets.

ELEVENTH WARD.

AVENUE C—SEWERS, between Second and Fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Avenue C, between Second and Fourth streets.

TWELFTH WARD.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET—SEWER, between Columbus avenue and Central Park West. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 35, 36 and 37 of Block 578, 1307, and Lot No. 29 of Block 1308.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on October 27, 1898, and entered on the same date in the Record of Titles of Assessments Confirmed, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and under the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments. Interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1202 of said Greater New York Charter. Said section provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and all payments made thereon on or before December 24, 1898, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 4, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, ROOMS 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, OCTOBER 7, 1898.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Rolls in the following entitled matters have been completed, and the authority for the collection of the various assessments mentioned therein has this day been delivered to the Receiver of Taxes, and are now due, and all persons liable to pay such assessments are required to pay the same without delay at his office, under the penalty of the law.

Opening Seventy-fifth street, from the Shore road to Fort Hamilton avenue.

Opening Seventy-first street, from Sixth avenue to Eighth avenue.

Opening Eighty-second street, from Fourth avenue to Twelfth avenue.

Closing Kings Highway, from Fort Hamilton avenue to Seventh avenue.

Closing De Bruyns lane, from Eighty-sixth street to Benson avenue.

Fencing Nassau street, west side, between Norman avenue and Meserole avenue.

Fencing Park place, south side, between Franklin avenue and Classon avenue.

Flagging Munn street, south side, between Saratoga avenue and Howard avenue.

Flagging Melancon street, south side, between Howard avenue and Saratoga avenue.

Flagging Pacific street, south side, between Columbia street and East river.

Flagging Rochester avenue, east side, between Dean street and Bergen street.

Flagging Rochester avenue, west side, between Dean street and Bergen street.

Flagging Rochester avenue, east side, between Pacific street and Dean street.

Flagging Rochester avenue, west side, between Pacific street and Dean street.

Flagging Saratoga avenue, east side, between Macos street and McElmough street.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAW.

Chapter 383, Laws of 1882, title 7, section 10, and title 2, section 9, as amended by chapter 399, Laws of 1895, and chapter 388, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 937, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, and chapter 315, Laws of 1898.

On all taxes and on all assessments except assessments for grading and paving, which shall hereafter be paid to the Receiver of Taxes before the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall become due and payable, an allowance shall be made to the person or persons making such payments at the rate of seven and three-tenths per centum per annum for the unexpired portion thereof. On all taxes, assessments and water rates paid after the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall have become due and payable, there shall be added to and collected, as part of every such tax, assessment or water rate, interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, to be computed from the time the same become due and payable, to the date of said payment.

By order of BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller, DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes, JAMES B. BOUCK, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CENTER, ELM, FRANKLIN AND WHITE STREETS, NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 5, 1898.

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

Monday, November 16, 1898, 10 A. M. EXAMINER TO THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Subjects: Arithmetic, grammar and composition, general intelligence, special qualifications, experience.

Tuesday, November 15, 1898, 10 A. M. SUPERVISING ENGINEER. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical knowledge. Candidates must have knowledge as to the construction, management and repairs of both marine and stationary engines (and must hold license for both), and of the installation of steam-heating, ventilation, boilers, plumbing and drainage.

Wednesday, November 16, 1898, 10 A. M. MEDICAL INSPECTOR. Subjects: Experience, mathematics, technical drawing up of a report.

Thursday, November 17, 1898, 10 A. M. CLERK IN THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, spelling, dictation, letter writing, and a special paper with reference to the law of assessments.

Friday, November 18, 1898, 10 A. M. ORDERLY MALE AND FEMALE, CHARITIES. Subjects: Reading, writing, arithmetic, experience, dictation.

Monday, November 22, 1898, 10 A. M. ORDERLY MALE AND FEMALE, CORRECTION. Subjects: Reading, writing, arithmetic, experience, dictation.

Tuesday, November 23, 1898, 10 A. M. LABORATORY ATTENDANT. Subjects: Duties, experience, arithmetic.

Tuesday, November 23, 1898, 10 A. M. LABORATORY ATTENDANT (BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY). Subjects: Duties, experience, arithmetic.

Wednesday, November 24, 1898, 10 A. M. MILK INSPECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Friday, November 26, 1898, 10 A. M. INSPECTOR OF GAS METERS. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Monday, November 29, 1898, 10 A. M. TELEPHONE OPERATOR. Subject: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Tuesday, November 30, 1898, 10 A. M. OIL COLLECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Wednesday, November 30, 1898, 10 A. M. DISINFECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Thursday, December 1, 1898, 10 A. M. NURSE. Subjects: Duties, experience, reading, writing and arithmetic.

Friday, December 2, 1898, 10 A. M. STENOGRAPHER AND TYPEWRITER MALE. Subjects: Accuracy, speed, spelling, writing and arithmetic.

Monday, December 5, 1898, 10 A. M. INSPECTOR OF OFFENSIVE TRADES. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Friday, December 9, 1898, 10 A. M. FRUIT INSPECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Monday, December 13, 1898, 10 A. M. POOL INSPECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Tuesday, December 14, 1898, 10 A. M. FISH INSPECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Wednesday, December 15, 1898, 10 A. M. MEAT INSPECTOR. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Thursday, December 16, 1898, 10 A. M. JANITOR. Subjects: Duties, experience, handwriting, reading and arithmetic.

Friday, December 17, 1898, 10 A. M. JANITRESS. Subjects: Duties, experience, handwriting, reading and arithmetic.

Monday, December 19, 1898, 10 A. M. TOPOGRAPHICAL DRAUGHTSMAN. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Wednesday, December 22, 1898, 10 A. M. INSPECTOR OF LAMPS AND GAS. Subjects: Handwriting, arithmetic, experience and technical.

Friday, December 24, 1898, 10 A. M. EXAMINER OF CLAIMS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Subjects: (To be announced later.)

ARE PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN the vicinity of New York Bay, 250 pounds material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., such as is collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge, by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, 346 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

JAMES MCCARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

NORMAL COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

A STATED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the Normal College of The City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 126 Grand street, Borough of Manhattan, on Tuesday, November 23, 1898, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL, Chairman.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary.

Dated, Borough of Manhattan, November 8, 1898.

SUPREME COURT.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

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

Notices in this case were filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, on the 22d day of November, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of title 4 of chapter 17, of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

Dated, Borough of Manhattan, New York, October 31, 1898.

HENRY A. GUMBLETON, DENNIS MEYOVY, FRANCIS HIGGINS, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DENSO, Clerk.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

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

Notices in this case were filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, on the 22d day of November, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 999 of title 4 of chapter 17, of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

Dated, Borough of Manhattan, New York, October 31, 1898.

assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 30 and 32 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 24th day of November, 1898, at 10 o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimates and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 30 and 32 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, there to remain until the 24th day of December, 1898.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situated, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the southerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from the easterly side of Third avenue to the westerly side of Union avenue; on the south by the northerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from the easterly side of St. Ann's avenue to the westerly side of Union avenue; on the east by the westerly side of Union avenue, from the southerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to the northerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street; and on the west by the easterly side of St. Ann's avenue, from the southerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street to its intersection with the easterly side of Third avenue; thence by the easterly side of Third avenue to the southerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part III, to be held in the County Court-house in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 10th day of December, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated, Borough of Manhattan, New York, November 4, 1898.

WILBER MCBRIDE, Chairman, LORENZO S. PALMER, PETER F. RAFFERTY, Commissioners.

JOHN P. DENSO, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, No. 148 EAST TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 9, 1898.

PROPOSALS FOR MEDICINES, ETC.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING Medicines, Liquors, etc., in conformity with Specifications, will be received at the office of the Commissioner of Correction, in The City of New York, No. 148 East Twentieth street, until

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1898.

- 1. To be delivered to Dr. Char. Rice, Chemist, Department of Public Charities, General Dispensary, Bellevue Hospital, East Twentieth street, for the Department of Correction. Quantities to be as per bill. 2. 25 pounds Paraffin Balls, 1 pound Balls. 3. 25 pounds Castor Oil, 15 pounds Oil. 4. 25 pounds Calomel, 15 pounds Pot. Wine, price to be per wine gallon. 5. 1 barrel Cold and Sherry, price to be per wine gallon. 6. R. B.—Both of the preceding items must contain not less than 20 per cent. of absolute alcohol by volume, and must possess a good wine flavor and taste. 7. 1 barrel California Brandy at least four years old, directly out of wood—price per proof gallon—with ganger's certificate. 8. 1 cask French Brandy, Old or Hennessy, or Martell or Remy-Martin, storage of 1895, directly out of barrel, fully aged, with ganger's certificate, price per proof gallon. 9. 1 dozen Hot Water Bags, "Alpha," 5 yards. 10. 1 gross Surgical Needles. Will be taken at once.

The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, endorsed "Bid or Estimate for Medicines, etc.," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the Commissioner of Correction, or his duly authorized agent, and read.

The Commissioner of Correction reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates, or to accept or to reject the same, as he may see fit, and as provided in section 54, chapter 416, Laws of 1895.

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

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, such as the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article if it amounts to \$1,000 or over.

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

Each bid or estimate of \$1,000 or over shall be accompanied by the amount, in writing, of two hundred dollars or its equivalent, in security, justly deposited in the City of New York with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent

and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 15th day of November, 1898.

Dated New York, November 7, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, No. 146 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, desiring it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grades of Hamilton avenue, from a point at Smith street to a point southerly of the south end of the bridge over Gowanus canal...

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 476 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, desiring it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Hamilton avenue, from a point at Smith street, to a point southerly of the south end of the bridge over Gowanus canal...

Beginning at a point 223 feet northerly from the northern end of bridge, the elevation to be 6.87 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore;

21. Thence southerly to the bridge over the Gowanus canal, the elevation of the flooring of the bridge to be 22.83 feet above mean high-water datum.

22. Thence southerly to a point distant 246 feet from the southern end of bridge, the elevation to be 2.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

All elevations refer to the datum line adopted by Bureau of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board at No. 146 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, on the 16th day of November, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the City Record and Corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 15th day of November, 1898.

Dated New York, November 7, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, No. 146 BROADWAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, desiring it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out a public place, bounded by Jackson avenue, Van Alst avenue and Ninth street, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, and that a meeting of the said Board will be held in the office of the said Board at No. 146 Broadway, on the 16th day of November, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out will be considered by said Board; all of which is more particularly set forth and described in the following resolutions adopted by said Board on the 21st day of October, 1898, notice of the adoption of which is hereby given, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 476 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, desiring it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a public place, bounded by Jackson avenue, Van Alst avenue and Ninth street, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the northern line of Jackson avenue with the eastern line of Van Alst avenue;

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Van Alst avenue for 42.75 feet to the southern line of Ninth street.

2d. Thence easterly along the southern line of Ninth street for 58 feet to the northern line of Jackson avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the northern line of Jackson avenue 137.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out of the above-named public place at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board, at No. 146 Broadway, on the 16th day of November, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out of the above-named public place will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the City Record and Corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 15th day of November, 1898.

Dated New York, November 7, 1898.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 300 MULLEBURY STREET, NEW YORK, October 21, 1898.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following horses will be sold at Public Auction, at the salesrooms of Messrs. Van Tassel & Kearney, No. 130 East Thirteenth street, on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1898,

- at 10 A. M.: "Vick," No. 30. "Macco," No. 31. "Ales," No. 32. "Roscoe," No. 33. "Jerry," No. 34. "Jim," No. 35. "Harry," No. 36. "Princes," No. 37. "Sam," No. 38. "Buck," No. 39.

By order of the Board of Police. JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1898.

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

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, Borough of Brooklyn.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE DEPUTY PROPERTY CLERK of the Police Department of The City of New York—Office, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn. For the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boots, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

CHARLES D. BLATCHFORD, Deputy Property Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Nos. 112 and 114 BROADWAY, October 27, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1898,

at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the Head of the Department, and read, for REBUILDING SEWERS IN THE LATE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA, NOW THIRD WARD OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

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

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

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

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct.

All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF SEWERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED, IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bids or estimates, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Hackley Building, Jackson avenue, First Ward, Borough of Queens.

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 146 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, October 27, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at No. 146 Broadway, Room 114, until one (1) o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1898.

The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, in Room 114, No. 146 Broadway, at the hour above-mentioned.

MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

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

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

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

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a

sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Plans for above work can be seen at office of Morgan & Sistrer, Architects, No. 1 Madison avenue, who will give all necessary instructions and information in regard to the work.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Room No. 11, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn.

HENRY S. KEARNEY, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

VAN TASSELL & KEARNEY, AUCTIONEERS, on behalf of the Fire Department, will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at their salesrooms, Nos. 130 and 132 East Thirteenth street, Borough of Manhattan,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1898,

at 12 o'clock noon, the following property belonging to the Fire Department of The City of New York:

Four horses, no longer fit for use in the Department, Nos. 329, 321, 780 and 568.

JOHN J. SCANNELL, Fire Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, New York, November 8, 1898.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING this Department with the Fire Engine below specified will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 137 and 139 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1898,

at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

ONE DOUBLE EXTRA FIRST SIZE STEAM FIRE ENGINE, WITH LA FRANCE PUMPS AND BOILERS.

For the Steam Fire Engine above mentioned the amount of security required is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and the time for delivery sixty days.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are fixed and liquidated at Ten (10) Dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

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

he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, New York, November 8, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING the materials and labor and doing the work required for Constructing and Erecting a Building for the Fire Department on the premises south side of East Twelfth street, 108 feet 10 inches west of University place, Borough of Manhattan, will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 137 and 139 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A. M.

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at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

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

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications and drawings, which form part of the proposals.

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

Proposals must be made for all the work contained in the specifications.

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

The building is to be completed and delivered within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the execution of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired are fixed and liquidated at Ten (10) Dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of The City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of Twelve Thousand (12,000) Dollars; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

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

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Five Hundred (500) Dollars. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, New York, November 8, 1898.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING this Department with the Fire Apparatus below specified will be received by the Fire Commissioner, at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 137 and 139 East Sixty-seventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A. M.

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