



BICYCLE PARADE PASSING THROUGH PARK PLAZA ENTRANCE.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
DURING THE YEAR 1895.

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"LITCHFIELD MANSION," PROSPECT PARK,

BROOKLYN, January 1st, 1896.

To the Honorable, the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to submit to your Honorable Body my Annual Report concerning the care of the Parks and Parkways of the City of Brooklyn and of the County of Kings, which have been under my charge during the year 1895.

There have been more than the usual developments in the way of care and improvement of the parks, and in addition there has been an acquisition of property which doubles the area of park lands existing at the beginning of the year, thus placing the city somewhat on a par with other great cities of the country. Steps have also been taken in the direction of increasing the pleasure drives, and the County now owns nearly all the property needed for the creation of the most charming drive in the world—the Bay Ridge Parkway, or, as it is popularly called, the Shore Drive. These purchases provide the people with forest and seashore parks and parkways that will afford them unlimited pleasure, and will add to the attractiveness of the city as a place of residence.

THE WORK IN PROSPECT PARK.

Much has been done to increase the charms and attractiveness of Prospect Park. Large additions have been made to the floral attractions, the shrubbery has been increased, and in the forest a thick undergrowth has been created to cover up the nakedness of the slopes. Many trees were planted, to replace those that had died from age or other causes, and the drives and paths were improved by the use of gravel and asphalt.

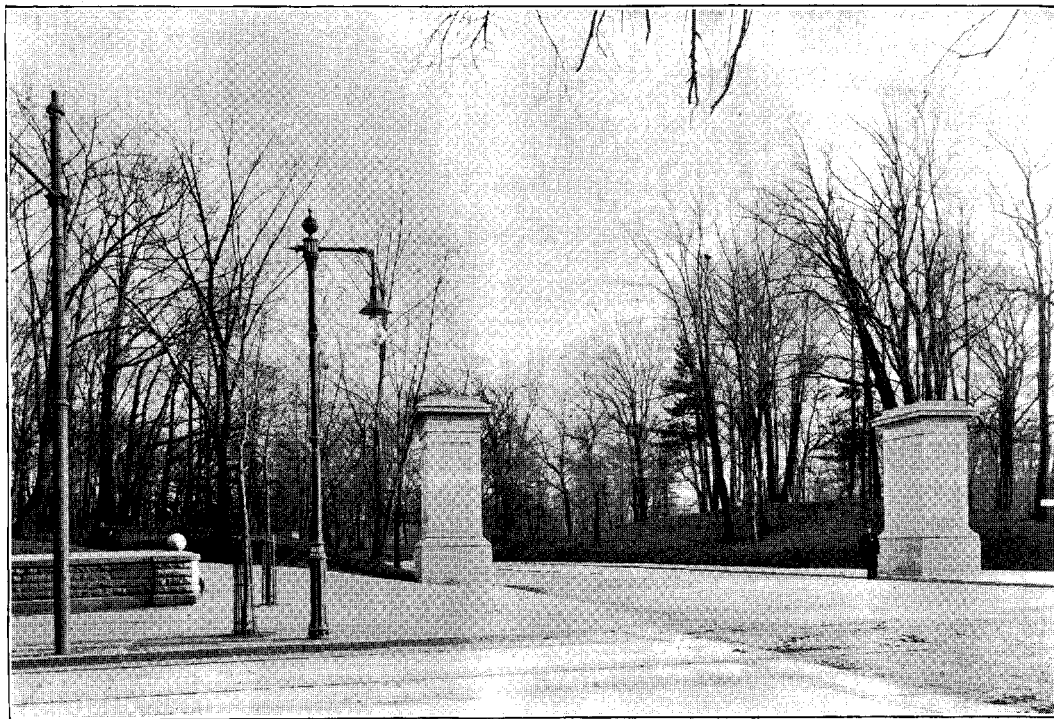
SOME OF THE ARTISTIC CREATIONS.

The art work received attention that will be productive of fine results in a short time. Along the Ninth avenue side of the Park a sandstone fence was built, from the Plaza to a point nearly opposite Fifth street, in accordance with a design prepared by McKim, Mead & White, architects. It is very attractive, and adds greatly to the appearance of the Park. At the Third Street Entrance limestone pedestals were constructed, which are to be ornamented with bronze panthers, designed and executed by Mr. A. P. Proctor, who spent many years in the West studying the habits of American wild animals, thus enabling him to reproduce them in a masterly manner.

In the Vale of Cashmere the pool, which is one of the features of the Park, was cleansed, and the old tar pavement, with its ragged edges and wooden curb, has been replaced by a granite curb and marble pedestals, adding much to the beauty of the place. A small "Diana," produced by Frederick MacMonnies, will be placed amid the shrubbery at one end of the pool. A new system of drainage has been introduced that will keep the water pure.

THE ROSE GARDEN.

The Playground, originally designed for children, near the Vale of Cashmere, has been converted into a charming spot, where there will be an annual display of roses. The ground here is shaped like a bowl, and consequently it is warm in the summer, and at all seasons it is protected from the winds. This fact, which made it too warm for a playground, is just the essential climatic requirement for a Rosery. The design, prepared by



THIRD STREET ENTRANCE, SHOWING NEW FENCE AND PEDESTALS.

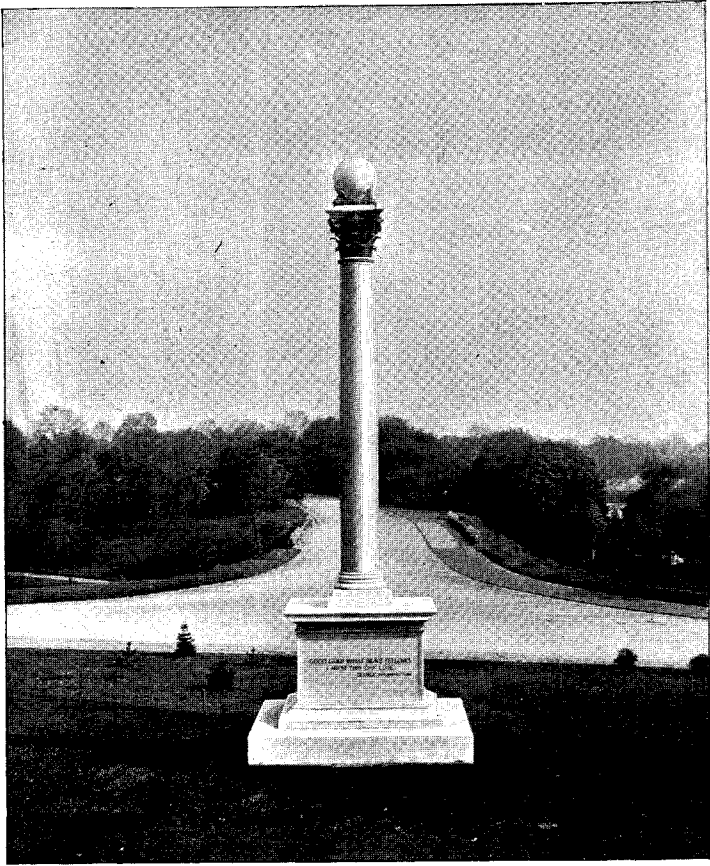
General Superintendent Ulrich, is exceedingly picturesque. The centre of the ground is occupied by three basins, in two of which will be cultivated aquatic plants, such as the Egyptian Lotus, the Victoria Regia and other species of water lilies. The third basin will be used as a fountain and goldfish pond. About these basins are banked the roses, and surrounding all are plants and shrubs of various kinds that keep in bloom through the spring, summer and fall. This garden will always be one of the greatest attractions in the Park.

A NEW MAIN ENTRANCE.

Early in the coming year a magnificent granite, marble and bronze entrance to the Park will be completed. The work is now progressing as rapidly as the season will permit. The plan of this entrance was designed by McKim, Mead & White, and is intended to conform as nearly as possible to the Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Arch. Two granite columns previously constructed at the Park entrance, in connection with the Memorial Arch, will be duplicated, one being placed on the Flatbush avenue corner and the other on the corner of Prospect Park West. Back of these columns, upon the rear line of the walk, will be constructed the fence and the shelter houses, which are exceedingly artistic in design. The four columns will be surmounted by bronze eagles, designed by Frederick MacMonnies.

The pedestals at the Coney Island Gate, through which people pass in going to and from the Ocean Parkway, have been ornamented with marble slabs and bronze wreaths. For these pedestals Frederick MacMonnies is preparing two groups of bronze horses. The casts have been prepared, and reveal the magnificent qualities of the design. The groups will be ready for the pedestals during the coming summer, and will prove a valuable addition to the city's art possessions.

One of the most interesting events of the year was the erection upon Lookout Hill of a monument in honor of Maryland's "Four Hundred," who, at the Battle of Long Island, on August 27, 1776, acted as a rear guard to and saved the American army from destruction during its retreat. The monument was presented by the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolu-



MARYLAND MONUMENT.

tion, and the pedestal was provided by the Department of Parks. The ceremonies were participated in by United States troops, patriotic societies, the Fourteenth Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., and a number of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Among the guests were Lieutenant-Governor Saxton, Mayor Strong, of New York; Mayor Schieren, of Brooklyn; Gen. Horace Porter and Col. William Ridgely Griffith. Those who participated in the literary exercises of the day were Col. Wm. Ridgely Griffith, of Maryland; Col. A. Pearre, Gen. Horace

Porter, Mayor Schieren, Lieutenant-Governor Saxton, and the Commissioner of the Department of Parks.

Much of the success of the occasion was due to the efforts of a committee of citizens of the city of Brooklyn, of which Gen. Stewart L. Woodford was Chairman; William Berri, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Col. Loomis L. Langdon, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Benjamin D. Silliman, Chairman of the Invitation Committee; Felix Campbell, Treasurer, and George A. Price, Secretary.

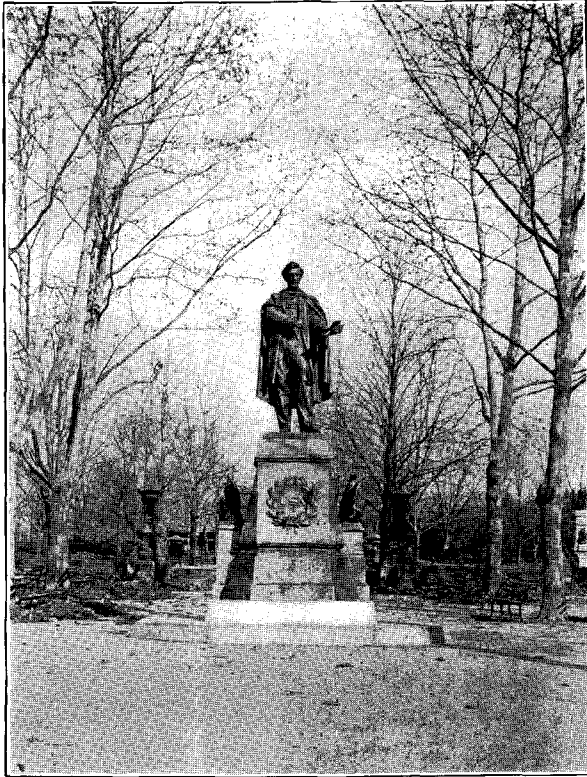
THE LINCOLN MONUMENT MOVED.

The Lincoln Statue, which was originally placed in the Park Plaza, fronting the fountain, was removed in June to the Flower Garden in Prospect Park, to preserve it from injury. The new site is one worthy of this statue erected as it was by Brooklyn citizens to the memory of the martyred President. It is in the centre of a broad pathway, surrounded by the noblest trees in the Park. It faces the lake, and upon the large plaza originally designed for the music concourse, people may gather in comfort on Decoration Day to honor the memory of the man who in the hour of the country's greatest peril faced all the dangers with a heroism never excelled, and saved the country, sealing his work with his life. It was my intention to have the statue moved into the Park prior to last Decoration Day, but the weather was such as to prevent the contractor from executing the work in time.

The Breeze Hill Garden, which has been much of an attraction since its creation, was greatly improved the past year by the addition of new paths, which enabled the visitors to more closely examine the old-fashioned flowers. The number and kinds of flowers were increased, and during the entire season the garden was a source of unceasing pleasure to those who visited it.

At the end of the lake, at which is located the Well House, a dock was constructed for the owners of miniature yachts, and additional room was provided for these trim craft, which add so much to the picturesqueness of the lake. A new flagstaff was erected and trimmed for the display of yacht signals.

The irrigating system introduced last year was found to be of great service during the dry season, and was therefore added to.



NEW LOCATION LINCOLN STATUE.

The sewerage system was enlarged, and the Third Street Entrance, which in the past has been a source of annoyance in rainy weather because of its lack of drainage, was regraded and connected with the Ninth avenue sewer through the co-operation of the City Works Department.

The greenhouse plant has been enlarged during the year, and the display of flowers has been more brilliant than ever before. The tulip and hyacinth exhibition in the spring and the fall exhibition of chrysanthemums elicited universal admiration and praise.

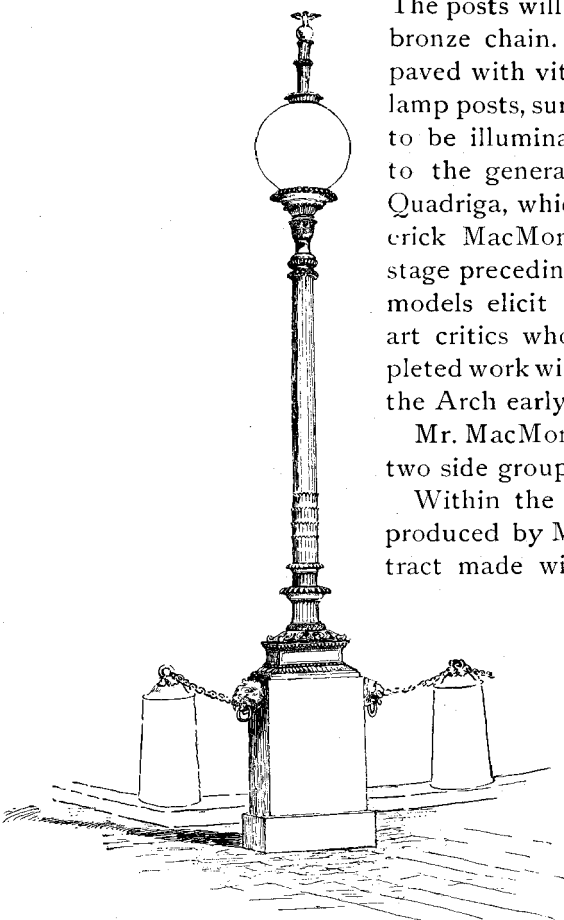
THE MEMORIAL ARCH.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Arch, which was placed under my charge last year, so far as maintenance is concerned, has been receiving considerable attention, and the work that has been suggested has met with the approval of my associates on the Commission, the Hon. Charles A. Schieren, Mayor; Col. Michael J. Cummings, Chairman of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of Brooklyn; and the Hon. Jackson Wallace, President of the Board of Aldermen. The granite posts which extended outward from two sides of the Arch have been taken down, reshaped, and their number increased so as to extend about the Arch in connection with a granite curb.

The posts will be connected with an artistic bronze chain. The interior walks are being paved with vitrified brick. Beautiful bronze lamp posts, surmounted by large glass globes, to be illuminated with electricity, will add to the general beauty of the Arch. The Quadriga, which is being designed by Frederick MacMonnies, has progressed to the stage preceding the casting in bronze. The models elicit the highest praise of all the art critics who have seen them. The completed work will be received and placed upon the Arch early in the coming spring.

Mr. MacMonnies is also at work preparing two side groups, in bronze, for the Arch.

Within the past month two Bas Reliefs, produced by Maurice J. Power, under a contract made with a prior commission, were placed in the interior of the Arch. They represent President Lincoln and General Grant on horseback, reviewing the army at Richmond. As yet they have not been officially accepted.



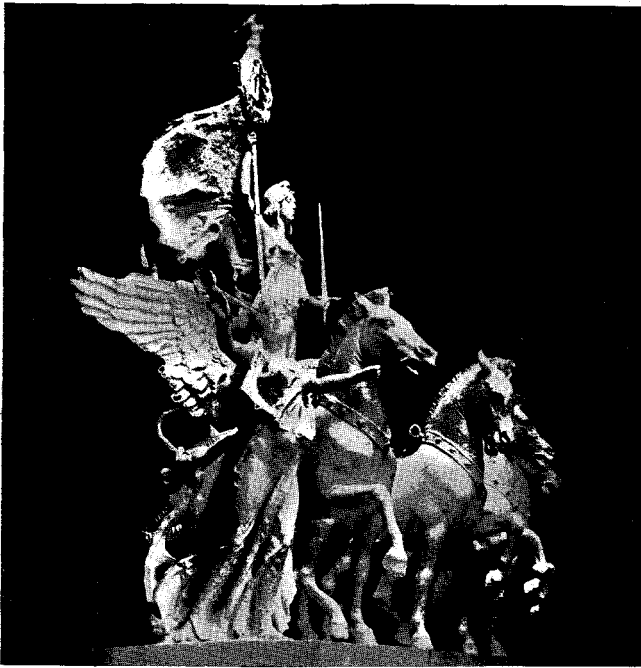
BRONZE LAMP AT ARCH.



QUADRIGA TO BE PLACED UPON THE ARCH.

THE PLAZA IMPROVEMENT.

A design for the general improvement of the Plaza has been received from the Landscape Architects Advisory, Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot. As yet no progress has been made in carrying it out, owing to the inability of the Department to secure needed co-operation of the railroad companies occupying the Plaza. Until these companies agree to make a necessary change in the location of their tracks the suggested alterations cannot be made



QUADRIGA, VIEW FROM THE WEST.

It is a matter of regret that the roads were ever permitted to use the Plaza, as the trolley poles and wires are destructive of picturesqueness.

The fountain in the Park Plaza, which has become rather rusty by reason of its age, was the subject of Aldermanic action early in the summer, a resolution having been adopted suggesting to the Park Commissioner the propriety of its removal. As this



QUADRIGA, VIEW FROM THE EAST.

would have been a costly undertaking, and as the funds to do the work were not available, the suggestion was not carried into effect. During the latter part of the summer the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company offered to illuminate the fountain with colored lights, and to supply the electricity free of cost. This being in accordance with a suggestion made by me last year, I accepted the proposition, and during the remainder of the summer the fountain and memorial arch were illuminated every evening. The spectacle was enjoyed by thousands.

IMPROVING THE EAST SIDE LANDS.

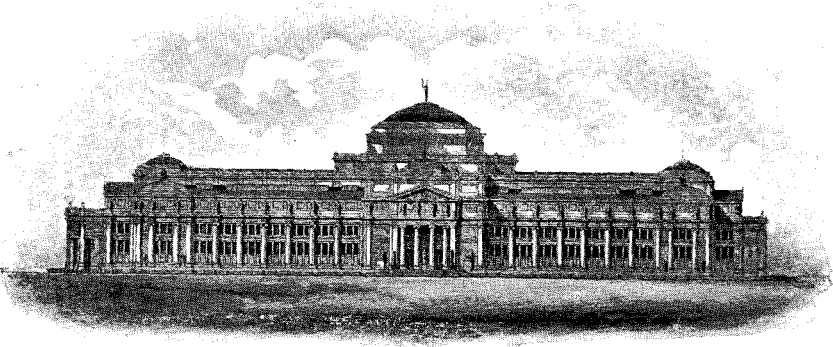
A very extensive improvement has been made during the year on the portion of the East Side Lands owned by the City, covering the block bounded by Eastern Parkway, Flatbush avenue, Washington avenue and the patent line which formerly separated the town of Flatbush from the city of Brooklyn. This

is the highest ground in the city, but exceedingly uneven. The work carried on consisted largely of grading, a very difficult task, owing to the hardness of the soil, which was chiefly made up of clay and large boulders. However, most gratifying progress was made. The sidewalks about the land were laid out, graded and lined with trees. On the Flatbush avenue side stone flagging was laid, an improvement that will be greatly appreciated by the residents of Flatbush in winter and in the spring time. Flagging was also laid on the Eastern Parkway side. The point at the junction of Flatbush avenue and Eastern Parkway, immediately fronting the reservoir, has been converted into a very attractive pleasure ground. The Commissioner of City Works, the Hon. A. T. White, is adding a flight of stone steps to the Water Tower connected with the reservoir, leading up from the Eastern Parkway. This will add to the harmony of the connection between the reservoir and the Park lands.

THE INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

A portion of the East Side Lands has been given by the City as a site for the edifice to be known as the Museum Building of the "Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences." This building is now being constructed, and when completed will occupy all that portion of the East Side Lands facing the Eastern Parkway, extending from the line of the reservoir grounds to Washington avenue, and back of the line of President street about one hundred feet. The plan for the building was created by Messrs. McKim, Mead & White in competition with other well-known architects. The building is to be of the classic style. It will cover 520 square feet. There will be four interior courts to provide light and ventilation. The building will be four stories in height and will contain scientific and artistic collections. When completed it will be one of the finest structures in the world.

The ceremonies connected with the breaking of ground occurred Saturday, September 14, 1895, at 4 P. M., when the first shovelful of earth was dug up by the Park Commissioner, who also acted as the presiding officer. Addresses were made by Hon. Jackson Wallace, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen; the



PROPOSED MUSEUM BUILDING FOR THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, acting President of the Institute; ex-Mayor David A. Boody, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford and others.

The laying of the corner-stone occurred on Saturday, December 14, 1895, beginning at three o'clock P. M. The Park Commissioner presided. The order of exercises were as follows:

- I. OPENING ADDRESS, - - - Hon. A. Augustus Healy
President of the Board of Trustees of the Institute.
- II. PRAYER, - - - - - Rev. Charles R. Baker
Rector of the Church of the Messiah.
- III. ODE, - - - - - Rev. John W. Chadwick
Pastor Second Unitarian Church.
- IV. THE PURPOSES OF THE MUSEUM,
Prof. Franklin W. Hooper, Director of the Institute
- V. THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE,
His Honor, Charles A. Schieren, Mayor of Brooklyn
- VI. ADDRESS ON THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE,
Rev. R. S. Storrs, D.D., LL.D
Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Institute.
- VII. ADDRESS, - - - - - Hon. St. Clair McKelway, LL.D
Member of the Board of Regents of New York State.
- VIII. ADDRESS, - - - - - Hon. Seth Low, LL.D
President of Columbia College.
- IX. HYMN, - - - - - "America"
- X. PRAYER AND BENEDICTION, - Rev. Sylvester Malone
Rector of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church.

THE PARK'S ATTRACTIONS.

The attractiveness of the Park as a pleasure ground was shown by the immense number of people who visited it during the summer to enjoy the games of lawn tennis and croquet. The number of Sunday-school picnics was greater than usual.

A MEMORABLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL PARADE.

The Sunday-school parade on Anniversary Day was a notable event. The day was charming and the Park in its new spring dress of green was at its best. It is estimated that at least forty thousand children passed the reviewing stand on the Long Meadow, where they were reviewed by Mayor Charles A. Schieren and his cabinet, ex-President Harrison, Mrs. McKee and her children, the officers of the Brooklyn Sunday-school Union, Prince Henry of Battenberg, and many prominent residents of Brooklyn.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The free concerts in the Park began early in June, and lasted until the 29th of September. The attendance at the concerts was larger than in preceding years, and the excellent music provided by the Twenty-third Regiment Band, under the leadership of Mr. Alfred D. Fohs, was greatly appreciated. The United Singers of Brooklyn, who last year presented the Park with a bust of Beethoven, which they won at a saengerfest, gave an open air concert in the Park in September, at which they introduced their prize song, thus delighting the large audience assembled to listen to them.

WHERE GAMES ARE ENJOYED.

The Parade Ground, which adjoins Prospect Park, is one of the most valuable possessions of the Department. It was designed for military use, but it is seldom required for that purpose, thus leaving it free for the use of pleasure seekers. Here the games of base-ball, foot-ball and cricket were enjoyed by thousands during the season. A new feature added this year was a series of polo games, which were intensely interesting, and attracted immense gatherings. During the summer the fence about the



OCEAN PARKWAY ENTRANCE, SHOWING PANELS.

Parade Ground, which had been standing a number of years, was extensively repaired and painted. New gates were also constructed. Additions were made to the shelter house, to provide better accommodations for those indulging in athletic games.

POLICE ON BICYCLES.

The police force was increased during the year by the addition of five men, making the total employed one hundred. On June 1st, the force, for the first time in its history, took part in the annual parade of the city police. They were attired in their gray summer uniforms, and their appearance elicited general commendation. A new feature in police work, introduced in the early part of the year, was the mounting of three policemen on bicycles, to do duty on the bicycle path. This proved such a success that it was rapidly imitated all over the country, and has now become a common feature of police work.

By an arrangement with the Tax Office, the Park Department was enabled to pay enough of its assessment for the asphaltting of Ninth avenue, from Third street to Fifteenth street, to enable the Department of City Works to proceed with the improvement. In addition to being of great benefit to the property owners, the asphaltting of this street will afford great relief to the Park, as it will provide a new road for bicycle riders to reach the Ocean Parkway without going through the Park, thus lessening the danger of collision with vehicles.

On April 17th, Mayor Charles A. Schieren planted a linden tree, to be known as the "Mayor's Tree," in Battle Pass.

Acting under authority of an act of the Legislature, a granite base has been erected in front of the Union League Club, on Bedford avenue, for the statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, to be placed upon it by the members of the club.

Under the same authority, steps have been taken to provide a monument of Gen. Henry W. Slocum, and the contract for its creation has been awarded to Mr. Frederick MacMonnies.

THE PARKWAYS.

The Ocean Parkway has been improved to as great an extent as the means at the disposal of the Department permitted.

About one and one-half miles of the main drive were re-graveled. Many trees were planted, to replace dead ones. Heavy trucks were forced to use the side roads, to save the main drive. By an act of the Legislature, a fund of \$50,000 was created, to commence the work of paving one of the side roads, for the use of heavy vehicles. Unfortunately, owing to an oversight on the part of the Board of Estimate, the Park Department was only able to obtain a little over \$41,000 of this sum. This money is being expended in the work. Early in the spring the road will be extended as far as Parkville. An additional appropriation will be needed to carry it further.

THE BICYCLE PATHWAY.

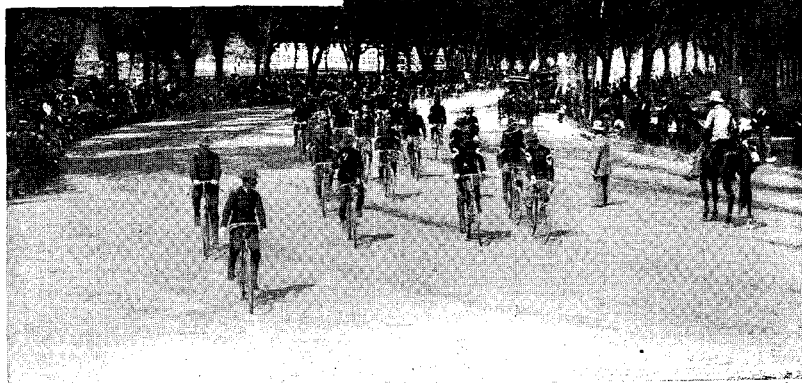
The Bicycle Pathway, constructed during the fall of 1894, was formally opened, from the Park to Coney Island, on the fifteenth day of June of this year. The event awakened great interest among bicycle riders, as this was an historic event, the road being the first one constructed in the United States exclusively for the use of wheelmen. A reviewing stand was built at Parkville, where were gathered the city officials, Mr. Albert H. Angell, President of the Good Roads Association, to whose untiring energy the success of the movement to secure the pathway was largely due, and many prominent citizens interested in the sport.

The parade was composed of three divisions. It was formed at the intersection of Bedford avenue and the Eastern Parkway. It was led by Lieut. Col. Charles H. Luscomb, of the Thirteenth Regiment, followed by a military escort made up of members of the Thirteenth and Twenty-third Regiments in fatigue uniform, and the members of the police force, using bicycles.

Then came the three divisions in the following order:

FIRST DIVISION.—*Long Island Clubs*.—Brooklyn Bicycle Club, Kings County Wheelmen, Long Island Wheelmen, Prospect Wheelmen, Brooklyn Ramblers, South Brooklyn Wheelmen, Amity Wheelmen, Bushwick Wheelmen, Recreation Wheelmen, New Utrecht Wheelmen, Twenty-third Regiment Wheeling Section, Whirling Dervishes, Florence Wheelmen, Paramount Wheelmen, Ocean Parkway Wheelmen, Falcon Wheelmen, High School

Wheelmen, Central Y. M. C. A., Concord Cycle Club, Williamsburgh Wheelmen, Nassau Wheelmen, Pequot Club, Midwood Club Wheelmen, League Touring Club, Brooklyn Acacia Wheelmen, Crescent Athletic Wheelmen, Polytechnic Prep. Wheelmen, Atlas Wheelmen, Aurora Grata



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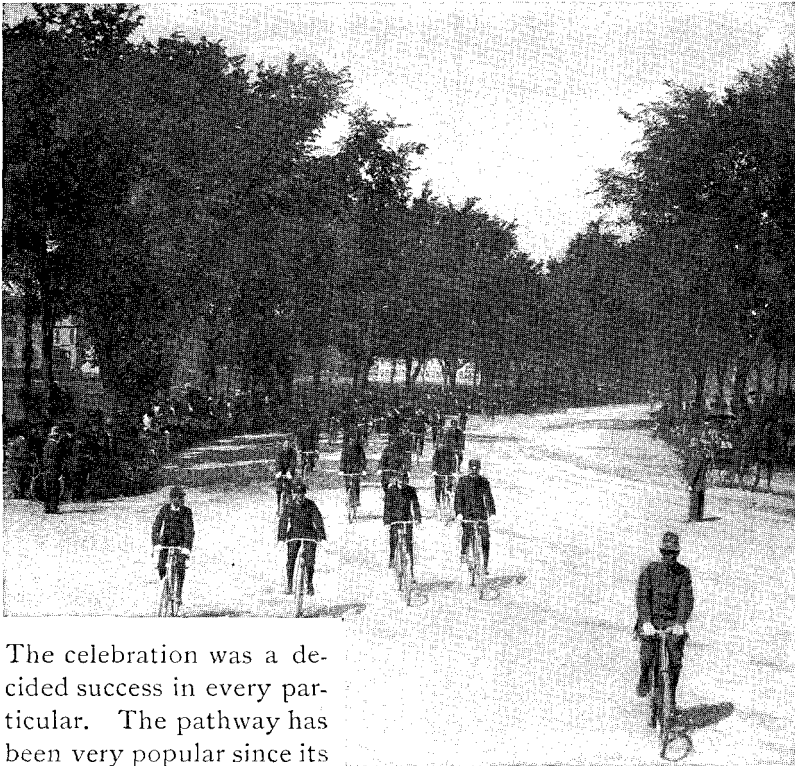
Club Wheelmen, Y. M. C. A. (26th Ward Branch) Wheelmen, Y. M. C. A. (Ninth Street Branch) Wheelmen.

SECOND DIVISION.—*New York, New Jersey and Visiting Clubs.*—Harlem Wheelmen, Riverside Wheelmen, Gramercy Wheelmen, New York Tourist Wheelmen, Greenwich Wheelmen, Excelsior Cycle Club, New York Wheelmen, Pastime Wheelmen, New York Athletic Club Wheelmen, Century Wheelmen of New York, Select Cycle Club, Triangle Wheelmen, Rover Cycle Club, Metropolitan Cycle Club, Elizabeth Wheelmen (N. J.), Hudson County Wheelmen (Jersey City, N. J.), Bergen Wheelmen (Jersey City), East Orange Cyclers, Union County Roadsters (Rahway), Castle Point Cyclers (Hoboken), Hillside Wheelmen (Jersey City), Alpha Cycle Club (Fort Lee), Newark Turners' Cyclers, Clio Wheelmen, Bayonne Rowing Association Wheelmen.

THIRD DIVISION.—Members of Good Roads Association, members of L. A. W., Unattached Wheelmen.

The procession attracted thousands of people, who lined the route and warmly applauded the wheelmen.

When the parade reached the end of the Eastern Parkway and swept across the Park Plaza beside the Memorial Arch and into the main entrance of the Park it was a most imposing spectacle. The route was along the West Drive to the Coney Island Gate, thence to the Bicycle Pathway, past the reviewing stand at Parkville, where Fohs' regimental band was stationed to cheer the riders on to Coney Island, where the parade terminated,



The celebration was a decided success in every particular. The pathway has been very popular since its construction. Many of the wheelmen have urged the building of a return pathway on the eastern side of the Parkway. That, however, is a subject for

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careful consideration. While a return pathway is desirable, if the pastime of wheeling continues to be as popular as it now is, it would be really well for the city authorities to take into consideration the advisability of constructing it, so as not to encroach too much upon the rights of pedestrians, by arranging for a flagged sidewalk on each side of the Parkway in front of the courtyard line.

The following ordinance in relation to the use of the pathway, was published and has been enforced during the year :

In pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Laws of the State of New York, and especially by the provisions of Chapter 583 of the Laws of 1888, I do make the following ordinance :

An ordinance regulating the use of bicycles and tricycles in Prospect Park, the Ocean Parkway and the Bicycle Pathway, and the use of said Park, Parkway and Bicycle Pathway for such purpose.

1. *Park Paths*.—No person shall ride or operate a bicycle or tricycle on the park paths in Prospect Park. Wheelmen walking upon the park paths may push their wheels along said paths, but in no case shall the wheels be taken upon the turf.

2. *Regulation of Riding*.—Wheelmen must observe the law of the road, keeping to the right of the road, and passing vehicles going in the same direction, to the left wherever practicable. Coasting is forbidden. Wheelmen must keep their feet upon the pedals and have thorough control of the handle bars of their wheels at all times when riding. When riding at night wheelmen must have a lighted lamp on the front part of their machines.

3. *Bicycle Pathway*.—Neither horses, carriages, wagons nor pedestrians shall be allowed on the bicycle pathway. Wheelmen dismounting on the bicycle pathway must remove their wheels from the graded surface to the turf until ready to remount.

4. *Rate of Speed*.—No wheelman shall ride at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles an hour in the Park, or ten miles an hour on the parkway, or twelve miles an hour on the bicycle pathway between the Park and Coney Island. Racing on the bicycle pathway is hereby prohibited.

FRANK SQUIER,
Commissioner of Parks.



BEACH, BENSONHURST PARK.

For the use of the wheelmen during cold weather one of the summer shelters at the termination of the Bicycle Path at Coney Island has been enclosed and fitted up so as to provide warmth and light refreshments for those using the path.

LIGHT FOR THE PARKWAY.

I have been enabled by exercising strict economy to introduce electric lights on the Ocean Parkway, from Prospect Park to Coney Island, and have made a three years' contract, beginning January 1st, 1896, at the very low price of 28 cents per light per night with the Flatbush Gas Company.

During the early part of the year the Nassau Electric Railroad Company built a tunnel by consent of the Department under the Ocean Parkway at Church lane. The tunnel was not, however, sunk deep enough. This compelled a change in the grade of the Parkway, which has been quite expensive.

Permission has been given to the South Brooklyn Terminal Railroad to construct tunnels under the Ocean Parkway and Fort Hamilton avenue, the conditions being that the existing grade of both thoroughfares shall not be altered.

IMPROVING NEW PARKWAYS.

Bay Parkway is a new boulevard placed in the keeping of the Park Department. Formerly it was known as Twenty-second avenue. When turned over to the Park Department it was partly macadamized. The work is now being completed under contract. It will provide a charming drive from Prospect Park to the beach at Bensonhurst Park.

Fort Hamilton avenue has also been placed under the care of the Park Department. It will connect the Park with the new Shore Drive. A fund has been created by the Legislature for its improvement, but no steps in that direction have been taken, except the purchase of the franchise rights of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad to use the avenue. The company was paid \$10,000, and it has released its rights to the City in the following terms:

Know All Men By These Presents: That the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, a corporation organized under

the Laws of the State of New York, does by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, being Chapter 951 of the Laws of 1895, and entitled 'An Act in relation to the occupation of Fort Hamilton avenue in the city of Brooklyn by railroads, and to authorize the City of Brooklyn to provide for the removal of any railroad now occupying the same,' and in consideration of the sum of ten thousand dollars, the receipt of which from the City of Brooklyn is hereby acknowledged, hereby surrender and abandon whatever right and franchise it may have to lay its tracks and maintain and operate its railroad on Fort Hamilton avenue, on the Ocean Parkway from said Fort Hamilton avenue to the southwesterly circle of Prospect Park, and on that part of the said circle which lies west of Coney Island avenue, all in the city of Brooklyn, and does relinquish all right to lay railroad tracks and to maintain and operate a railroad upon, over or under said Fort Hamilton avenue, on the said Ocean Parkway within the limits mentioned, and on that part of the said circle lying west of Coney Island avenue.

The said railroad company also hereby agrees to remove, within a reasonable time, at the request of the Commissioner of Parks of the City of Brooklyn, all rails and other appliances now maintained by it upon said Fort Hamilton avenue, Ocean Parkway and upon said part of said circle, and to refrain in the future from laying any rails or from maintaining or operating any railroad thereon.

In witness whereof, the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by its President and Secretary this 17th day of July, 1895.

[SEAL] (Signed) HENRY W. SLOCUM, *President*.
WILLIS BROWER, *Secretary*.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.:
CITY OF BROOKLYN. }

On this 17th day of July, 1895, before me came Henry W. Slocum, with whom I am personally acquainted, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he resides at No. 111 East Fortieth street, in the city of New York, and is the President of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company above named; that he knows the corporate seal of said company; that the seal affixed to above instrument is such corporate seal; that it was affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said company, and that he signed his name thereto as President by the like authority and direction.

(Signed) LUKE O'TOOLE,
Commissioner of Deeds,
City of Brooklyn.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.:
CITY OF BROOKLYN. }

On the 18th day of July, 1895, before me came Willis Brower, with whom I am personally acquainted, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he resides at No. 356 Sixteenth street, in the city of Brooklyn, and is the Secretary of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company above named; that he knows the corporate seal of said company; that the seal affixed to above instrument is such corporate seal; that it was affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said company, and that he signed his name thereto as Secretary by the like authority and direction.

(Signed) LUKE O'TOOLE,
Commissioner of Deeds,
City of Brooklyn.

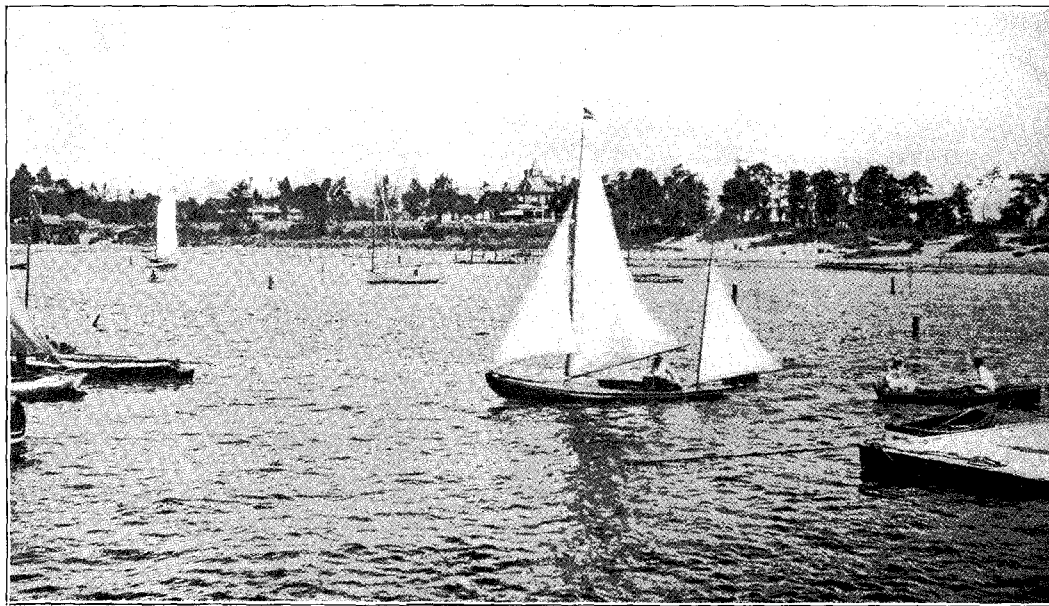
This document was filed by the Department of Parks in the Office of the Secretary of State, and in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County.

The City Works Department is now building a water main along Fort Hamilton avenue, and upon the completion of this work steps will be taken by the Park Department for the permanent improvement of this avenue.

THE EASTERN PARKWAY.

The Eastern Parkway has been re-graveled, a number of additional trees planted and one of the sidewalks so arranged that it can be used by ladies when riding bicycles, thus providing them a way of keeping out of danger on the steep grades of the driveway.

On January 10 a map for the extension and improvement of the Eastern Parkway, from its present terminus to Ridgewood Park, together with a map providing for the widening of Buffalo avenue from Eastern Parkway to East New York avenue, was approved by me and filed with the County Clerk, the Register and the Commissioner of the Department of City Works. A district of assessment was laid out and forwarded to the Board of Assessors. This action was nullified by the Legislature, which took the work of extension out of the hands of the City and gave it to the County, as will appear later on.



BENSONHURST PARK FROM THE SEA.

THE SMALL PARKS.

The care and attention which characterized the treatment of Prospect Park was also given to the smaller city parks.

At Washington Park a number of trees and shrubs were planted, the walks relaid, considerable fencing done to preserve the lawns, the shelter painted and repaired, and the lower portion of the music stand renovated. Concerts were given in this park during the summer months by the Fourteenth and Forty-seventh Regiment Bands, alternating, under the leadership of their respective leaders, Messrs. Louis Conterno and Louis Borjes. Arrangements have been made to protect the Tomb of the Martyrs, located in this park, by the construction of a beautiful wrought iron fence. It is expected before another year elapses that the Park Department, in conjunction with the Daughters of the Revolution, will be able to place a suitable monument over this resting place of the martyrs of the British prison ships.

At Winthrop Park many trees and flowering shrubs were planted, the lawns extended and beautified and new paths arranged. During the summer, concerts were given here, as in Washington Park, by the Fourteenth and Forty-seventh Regiment Bands. It is proposed during the coming year to provide this park with an ornamental fence.

At Bedford Park extensive work was done in planting and arranging the floral decorations. A finishing touch was given to the wrought iron fence erected last year by the construction of beautiful wrought iron gates, with granite posts at each of the Kingston avenue corners.

Through the co-operation of the Mayor I was enabled to obtain \$400 from the Revenue Fund, which was used in making much needed repairs to the building in this park, now occupied by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. These repairs were ordered by the Board of Health and the Building Department.

Extensive work has been done upon the Park in the Twelfth Ward, to which I have given the name of "Red Hook Park," to preserve the original name of that section of the city. The plot of ground owned by the Cutting estate, at the corner of Verona

and Richards streets, 100 x 125 feet, which cut out one corner of the park, and which was not acquired by my predecessor, was purchased this year for \$9,500. This squares the lines of the park. The squatters upon the land were removed, and the park is being brought to a proper grade, a task of great difficulty, owing to the nature of the fillings.

At Bushwick Park the proper grade has been established, the natural sandy soil covered with loam, paths laid out, a drainage system provided for, lawns created, hundreds of trees planted, a fence constructed and hedges planted.

At Sunset Park very little was done toward development, but the foundation of a retaining wall was constructed along the Fifth avenue side.

At Ridgewood Park the grading of the main drive was completed and a carriage concourse constructed in the centre portion of it, to provide a place from which people in carriages could come to a standstill to enjoy the beauties of the surrounding country. A new drive was partially built to the west of the reservoir property, leading out to Myrtle avenue and paths were cut out through the woods. The laying of curbs, the planting of trees and the macadamizing of the roads have been started. At my suggestion the Commissioner of the Department of City Works, who has very kindly acted in co-operation with me whenever it has been possible, has caused to be constructed about the edge of the new reservoir a magnificent wrought iron fence, ornamented with lamps which will be lighted by electricity, the current to be supplied by a dynamo placed in the pumping station. This will be of great beauty as well as of service in lighting up the park in the evening; it will also be one of the most picturesque sights in the city, as it will be visible for miles around.

At Tompkins Park there has been the usual work performed in the way of preservation and development, and during the summer months the fence was painted. A new feature in this park was the introduction of Saturday afternoon concerts, during the month of August, by the excellent military band maintained at Fort Hamilton, led by Gustav Koitzsch. The music was greatly appreciated.

At City Hall Park the lawns and flower beds were kept in the

same beautiful condition as in previous years. The Beecher Statue, which had become very much discolored by dust and rust from the elevated railroad, was cleansed, and the trees planted last year were trimmed and given the requisite attention to hasten their growth.

At City Park a number of dead trees were removed and replaced by healthy young ones. Considerable fencing was erected, to preserve the lawns. Bushes and flowers were planted, the shelters renovated and new fences constructed and painted. During the summer a large portion of the lawn was devoted to a playground for children, much to their gratification, and a plan and elevation has been for a shelter to protect children from the sun and rain.

At Carroll Park the fountains were repaired and fenced in, in order to prevent children from falling in. The trees, lawns, shrubbery and flowers received the usual attention.

At Municipal Park, which was started last year, considerable attention was given to the growth and development of the trees, shrubbery and flowers which had been previously planted, and to the lawns. This has become one of the beauty spots of the city.

A new gore park was constructed at the junction of North Second street, Maspeth and Bushwick avenues. This park was brought into existence by the improvement of North Second street. It will be known as "Woodpoint Park." This will perpetuate the name of the old country road that ran through that section of the city known as "The Woodpoint Road."

The other gore parks of the city, Underhill, Zindel, Stuyvesant, and Cuyler, received the usual attention necessary to keep them green and attractive.

At Coney Island Concourse men were kept busy during the summer freeing it from the refuse that floated in on the high tides. During the coming year steps will be taken to re-surface the driveway.

THE FINANCES.

At the beginning of the year an expert accountant was employed to adjust the accounts, which had become somewhat mixed during the previous administrations with those of the

Comptroller's office. The result placed at my disposal for the maintenance of the parks the sum of \$392,457.24. This included the appropriations for the year, together with the balances from the preceding year. This is the smallest amount allowed in years for park maintenance, as shown by these figures: In 1890, \$516,985.95; in 1891, \$527,071.60; in 1892, \$519,762.40; in 1893, \$514,563.27; in 1894 (the first year of my term), \$474,995.82, and in 1895, \$392,457.24.

Yet with this lesser sum of \$392,457.24, more parks have been cared for, a larger police force has been maintained, and the general results have met with public approval.

During the year there has been collected for the sale of lots on the East Side Lands, and from persons holding park privileges, the sum of \$18,692.95, which amount has been paid into the city treasury.

There have been expended for the maintenance of Parks and Parkways \$386,079.39, leaving a balance of \$6,377.85. There are still outstanding debts, contracted for during the past year, which will require this balance for their liquidation.

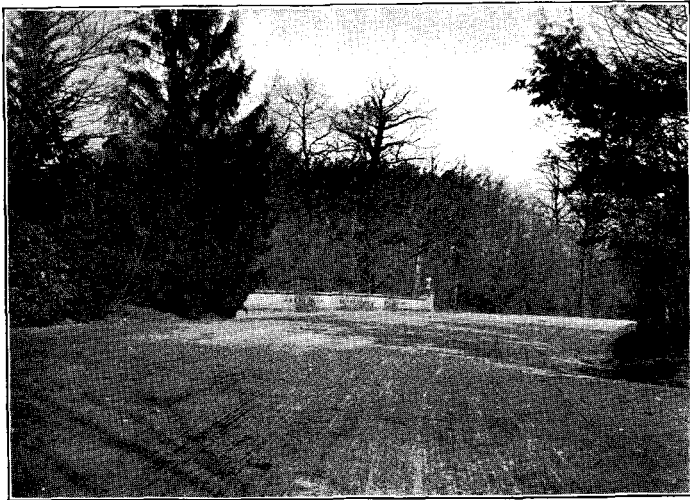
THE BOND ACCOUNTS.

There was to the credit of the Park Site and Improvement Fund at the beginning of the year the sum of \$9,064.01. Of this amount there has been expended the sum of \$3,699.94, for the base of the Maryland monument, the repairing of the pedestal surmounted by the Lincoln statue, at the time of its removal from the Park Plaza to the Flower Garden in Prospect Park, the decoration of the pedestals at the Ocean Parkway entrance with marble and bronze ornamentations, and the making of repairs on Prospect Park West. This leaves a balance of \$5,364.07.

There was at the beginning of the year the sum of \$18,808.89 to the credit of the Park Purchase Fund. Of this amount, \$15,274.36 were expended in covering legal expenses in connection with the purchase of the Twelfth Ward Park, by my predecessor, and the acquisition of the Cutting property, for the acquiring of which condemnation proceedings had been instituted, and the payment of \$4,600 to cancel a contract with James F. Gillen for the opening of Forty-third street, under the provisions

of Chapter 443 of the Laws of 1895. This leaves a balance of \$3,534.53, to the credit of the account.

The Park Improvement Fund was increased \$100,000 during the year, by the sale of bonds, making the total amount available, \$195,000. Of this sum, \$42,629.86 were expended for the building of a sandstone wall on Prospect Park West, with lime stone pedestals at the Third street entrance, the construction of a granite coping and marble pedestals in the Vale of Cashmere, and the making of a number of minor improvements of a per-



THREE ARCH BRIDGE, PROSPECT PARK.

manent character in the Park. This leaves a balance of \$152,370.14 to the credit of the fund, against which are contracts with Frederick MacMonnies, for bronze work to decorate two of the entrances to Prospect Park, and a contract with W. & T. Lamb, for the construction of a granite entrance to the Park at the Plaza, and a contract with Mr. A. P. Proctor for bronze panthers at the Third street entrance.

For the improvement of the East Side Lands there was a balance of \$50,000 left from last year. Of this sum, \$47,094.01 have been expended in leveling off and clearing the land, a task

of great proportions, owing to the immense hollows existing and the hardness of the hills, which were filled with great boulders. In addition to the grading, a double row of trees were planted along Flatbush and Washington avenues, a flagged sidewalk laid on Flatbush avenue, from the Eastern Parkway to the old city line, and the point at the junction of Eastern Parkway and Flatbush avenue, fronting the Reservoir, which previously was a hideous hill, at the very entrance to Prospect Park, has been planted and converted into a most attractive pleasure ground. The balance left in this account is \$2,905.99.

By an act of the Legislature the Park Commissioner was made Treasurer of the Commission in charge of the work of completing the Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Arch. There was a balance of \$106,350.21 to the credit of this fund at the beginning of the year, but existing contracts for the completion of the work call for all of this money. During the year \$15,000 have been expended.

The improvement of Fort Hamilton avenue having been put in the hands of the Park Commissioner, together with the work of completing the improvement of Bay Parkway (formerly Twenty-second avenue), the Legislature authorized the issue of bonds to the extent of \$10,000 to purchase the franchise rights of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company. The money was obtained and the rights purchased. The railroad company has removed its tracks. The Legislature also authorized the raising of \$120,000 by the sale of bonds for the improvement of Fort Hamilton avenue and Bay Parkway. Owing to the inaction of the Board of Estimate the Department lost one-sixth of this amount, making the amount available for the improvement of these two avenues \$108,333.32. Of this amount, \$37,123 will be expended in the improvement of Bay Parkway by reason of an existing contract, under which the work is now progressing. The improvement of Fort Hamilton avenue has not been carried on because the Department of City Works is now putting down an enormous water main along the avenue, and it was thought better to wait until this work was completed and the avenue properly settled.

For the improvement of the west drive of the Ocean Park-

way the Legislature authorized the expenditure of \$50,000, but for the same reason affecting the appropriation for the last two avenues mentioned, the Department lost one-sixth of the total amount, making the total amount available \$41,666.68. This improvement was made necessary because of the constantly increasing demand for a thoroughfare over which loaded wagons could pass in the direction of Coney Island. The amount allowed is not sufficient to construct a road all the way to Coney Island, but under a contract that has been made, a little more than two miles of a fine macadamized road will be built.

The Mayor and the Park Commissioner, by a legislative act, were made a joint commission to superintend the expenditures in connection with the construction of a Museum building for the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Bonds were sold in October last, and the amount realized was \$307,297.60. The contract will require the expenditure of \$254,763.

During the year \$143.00 was paid to the New Utrecht Water Company for water used on the parkways and in the park lakes during the dry season. The water company was not equal to the demands of the Park, and it will not renew its contract. It will only be a short time before the Department will be compelled to seek a new source of water supply.

There has been paid by the Department the sum of \$890.37 toward the assessment for repaving Prospect Park West, from Third street to Fifteenth street.

The Mansion in Bedford Park, in which is located the property owned by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, was pronounced unsafe by the Building Department and imperfect in sanitary arrangements by the Health Department. The Mayor, upon the presentation of these facts, directed that \$400 be taken from the Revenue Fund for the purpose of making the necessary repairs.

The financial statement, summarized, is as follows:

MAINTENANCE.

	Total Appropriations.	Expended.	Balance.
Maintenance of Public Parks..	\$392,457 24	\$386,079 39	\$6,377 85

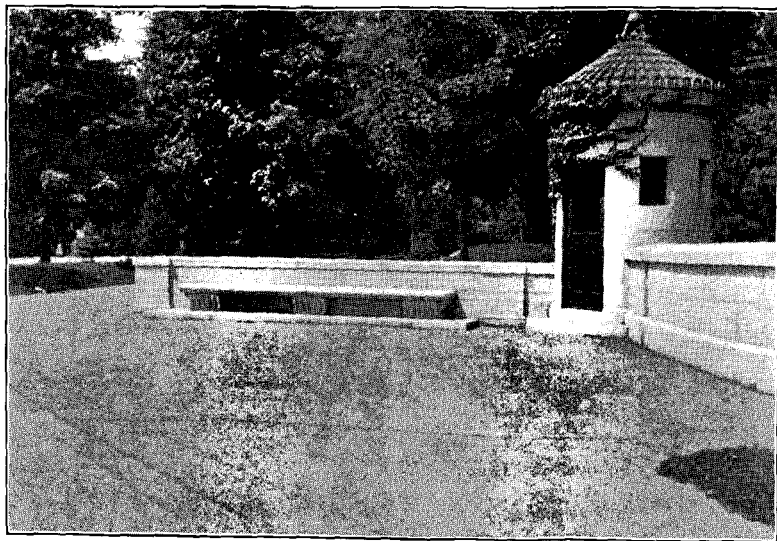
BOND ACCOUNTS.

	Sales, 1895.	Balance, 1894.	Expended.	Balance.
Park Site and Improvement Fund.		\$9,064 01	\$3,699 94	\$5,364 07
Park Purchase fund.		18,808 89	15,274 36	3,534 53
Memorial Arch.		106,350 21	15,000 00	91,350 21
Park Improvement Fund.	\$100,000 00	95,000 00	42,629 86	152,370 14
East Side Lands.		50,000 00	47,094 01	2,905 99
Franchise purchase, C. I. & B. R. R. Co.	10,000 00		10,000 00	
Improvement of Ocean Parkway.	41,666 68			41,666 68
Improvem't of Bay Parkway and Fort Hamilton avenue.	108,333 32		6,924 00	101,409 32
Museum of Arts and Sciences.	307,297 60		20,284 76	287,012 94

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNTS.

	Appropriations.	Balance, 1894.	Expended.	Balance.
Ninth avenue, repaving.		\$271 08	\$271 08	
Water Supply (Revenue Fund)		1,597 53	1,431 00	\$166 53
Ninth avenue, repaving (rebate).	\$171 35		171 35	
Repairs (Revenue Fund)..	400 00		400 00	

There has been turned over to the City Treasurer the sum of \$18,692.95, money received in return for Park privileges and the adjustment of East Side land titles.



POLICE SHELTER, PROSPECT PARK.

THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

During the year past seven million, five hundred and sixty thousand (\$7,560,000) dollars have been raised by the issue of County bonds for the purpose of purchasing land required for parks and parkways. Of this amount there has been expended up to the 31st of December, four million and fifty-eight thousand four hundred and ninety dollars and five cents (\$4,058,490.05).

The idea of utilizing the credit of the County for this purpose did not originate with me. It was conceived by the administration in control of the City's affairs in 1892. On May 3d of that year a bill passed by the Legislature received the approval of the Governor. Under its provisions the Commissioner of Parks of the City of Brooklyn was constituted a commissioner to select and locate such grounds in the County of Kings, or adjacent thereto, as might in his opinion be proper and desirable to be set apart for a public park or parks.

When it became evident that the city and county governments were soon to be consolidated, the idea of utilizing the credit of the County for the purchase of park lands was called to my attention, and by me presented to the Mayor for his consideration. The Mayor approving of it, he appointed as an Advisory Committee to assist me in the selection of the parks, Messrs. Andrew D. Baird, John B. Woodward, H. B. Scharmann, Theodore E. Dreier, W. W. Kenyon, Jacob W. Erregger and Walter Parfitt.

This committee of gentlemen promptly met, discussed the question at length, decided that it was most advisable to carry the suggestion of purchasing additional parks into effect, and the services of Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of Prospect Park and nearly all the other large parks in the country, were secured to assist in the selection. Public meetings were called by me; the first was held on the evening of December 3, 1894, and the second meeting was held on the evening of December 17, 1894. At these meetings over one hundred plots were offered, most of which was visited by the Committee and by Mr. Olmsted. Mr. Olmsted reported his selections to the Committee, and on March 2, 1895, the

Advisory Committee made its report to Mayor Charles A. Schieren and to me.

The report was as follows:

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, the Committee appointed by the Hon. Charles A. Schieren, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, to assist and advise with you in the matter of securing sites for new parks in the county of Kings, desire to submit the following report of our proceedings, together with our recommendations as to the plots of land which we deem desirable for acquisition.

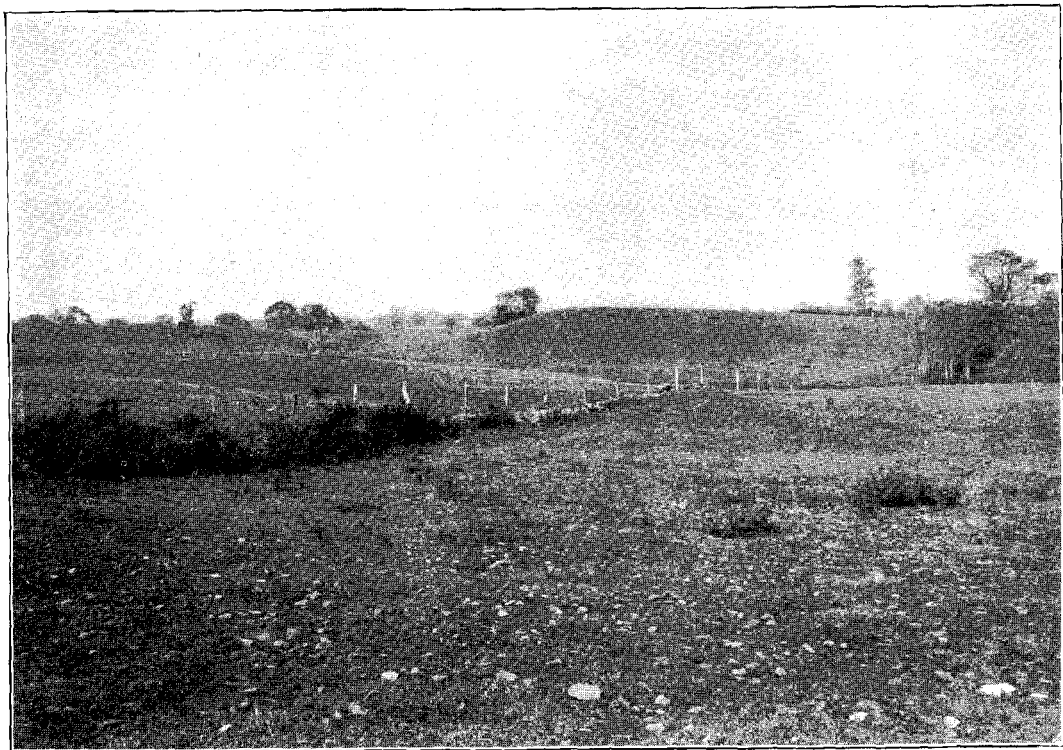
Soon after our appointment we began to consider the various plots of land that had been offered, at the public meetings called by you under the provisions of Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1892, governing our proceedings.

Altogether there were over seventy-five pieces of land offered, and, in addition to these, several other plots were considered, in sections that the Committee thought suitable for park purposes.

In giving these our attention, our labors were materially lightened by the assistance given by Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, who had previously examined the property and who reported upon the conditions existing in each locality, and the adaptability of each plot for the purposes required.

After all these plots had been placed upon a map of the county, and their relation to each other established, the Committee took into consideration two questions: First, that of the need of additional park lands and the amount to be required; and, second, the location of the new parks with relation to their easy approach by the parkways now established, or to be established, and by the railroads existing or which would probably exist in the near future, in order that they might be of easy access, thus furnishing the greatest possibilities for the pleasure and health of the people.

With relation to the need of additional parks, the Committee decided that the fact could not be negatively considered. Statistics demonstrated that the area of park lands in Brooklyn with reference to her population, was much less than that of any other leading city. In New York, the area of park land is 5,136 acres. This is a ratio of one acre of park land to each three hundred and sixty-two inhabitants. In Kings County there are 754 acres of park land to a population of one million. This demonstrates that to bring up the area of park land in Kings County to that of New York County would require the purchase of 2,000 additional acres of land. This fact demonstrated to the



VIEW DYKER BEACH PARK.

Committee not only the advisability but the positive necessity of at once acquiring land for new parks, and an additional argument in its favor was that the land could now be purchased at reasonable figures.

The location of the parks was comparatively easy, owing to the magnificent opportunities presenting themselves on every side. The Committee decided that several parks along the shores of Jamaica and Gravesend bays would be very desirable, owing to the fact there is a peculiar charm in water scenes greatly appreciated by the people, and they would also afford excellent facilities for boating and sailing. The Committee also deemed it very desirable to obtain as much high land and wooded country as could be consistently obtained in view of the appropriations to be made for the purchase of parks, and with this idea in view they have visited all that section of the ridge of hills lying between Highland Park and Richmond Hill. They found this territory had uncommonly fine distant views of sea and landscape, which could never be closed owing to its elevation. They also found that it was covered with well-grown trees, in open groves and dense woods, while the land was agreeably diversified. In addition to this they found it was accessible by electric and steam railroads, and could be easily connected by a parkway with the existing system of parks.

The Committee has therefore decided to recommend to you:

First—The purchase of between five and seven hundred acres of land along this ridge of hills, believing that it will afford a fine breathing spot, especially for the residents of the crowded sections of the Eastern District of Brooklyn, besides giving to the city of Brooklyn one of the finest natural parks in the world.

Second—Upon New York bay the Committee suggest to you the purchase of the "Bliss property," at Bay Ridge, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, and between First avenue and the shore. They believe that this will make a very fine shore park owing to the magnificent view obtained from it and the improvements already existing there. The cost of acquiring this property will be comparatively small, inasmuch as a large section of it has been designated as a part of the Bay Ridge Parkway.

Third—The second park upon the bay shore suggested by the Committee is the "Dyker Meadow" property, adjoining the Government property at Fort Hamilton, as has also been suggested by Mr. Olmsted. From this point there is a magnificent unobstructed view of Gravesend bay and the Atlantic ocean. The land possesses a fine sandy beach, nearly half a mile long, which would afford unlimited pleasure to the people visiting it. By the use of dredges a beautiful lake could be produced at a comparatively small expense, and taken in connection with the

Government property a park can be created at this point which would possess a great variety of attractions. As to the quantity of land to be purchased the Committee suggests that it would be wise to permit the Commissioner to use his own discretion.

Fourth—Another shore park which the Committee believe it would be wise to acquire, is the piece of land known as the "Lynch property" at Bensonhurst. The Committee are led to recommend this, not only because of the natural advantages of the land, but also because at the time of annexation the Legislature authorized the establishment of a park at this place. Therefore they believe it would be a particular act of justice for the Commissioner to acquire this land for park purposes.

Fifth—The Committee are of the opinion that it would be wise for the City to select a piece of woodland contiguous to the line of several railroads, that may be used for picnic purposes in order to relieve Prospect Park, which is not sufficiently large to accommodate the number of picnics annually held there by the various Sunday-schools, and which in consequence has been seriously damaged for several years past. There have been two pieces of woodland offered near the line of the Ocean Parkway and close to three lines of railroads, either of which the Committee believe admirably suited for the purpose, and the Committee recommend to the Commissioner that he purchase the plot which to him seems most desirable.

Sixth—Upon the shore of Jamaica Bay the Committee have found several very desirable plots, which they believe would make very attractive parks, and which would undoubtedly prove very popular resorts, easy of access from all parts of the city. In order that the best bargain possible may be made, the Committee are of the opinion that it would be better not to name any particular site. Therefore they simply recommend that a piece of land be obtained at Canarsie, with a shore front, suitable for the purpose.

The Committee have deemed it desirable to secure a number of small parks in different sections of the city, which in a short time will be closely built up; and, in accordance with this idea, they recommend the following pieces of land to be purchased:

First—In the Twenty-sixth Ward, a block of ground in the district known as "Brownsville," at such point as may be considered most advisable by the Commissioner. This part of the Twenty-sixth Ward at the present time contains a very large Hebrew population, and the Committee believe that the park would exert a very beneficial influence upon the neighborhood.

Second—The Committee also suggest that another small park be located in this ward, near the junction of Pennsylvania avenue and the New Lots road, a portion of the ward which in a few years will be built up with fine residences.

Third—In the Twenty-fifth Ward the Committee suggest that a small park be located in the neighborhood of Halsey street and Broadway. Several plots have been offered in that neighborhood, but the prices asked are deemed excessive, and therefore the Committee do not wish to specify any particular plot, leaving the matter open to competition.

Fourth—In the Eighteenth Ward the Committee suggest that the plot of ground bounded by Maspeth avenue, Sharon street, Olive street and Morgan avenue be purchased. This is a very fine plot of ground, containing a number of large trees, and possessing the elements of making an attractive playground.

Fifth—The Committee also suggest the purchase in this ward of a small piece of land, about two lots in extent, adjoining the small gore park at the junction of Metropolitan and Orient avenues, now owned by the City.

Sixth—In the Twenty fourth Ward the Committee suggest the purchase of three or four blocks at the junction of Eastern Parkway and East New York avenue, which will be at the junction of several proposed parkways. From this point a magnificent view of the Atlantic ocean and the intervening country is obtained, and it is an outlook that can never be obstructed.

Seventh—In the Twenty-eighth Ward the Committee recommend the block of ground in the neighborhood of Halsey street, Knickerbocker avenue, Covert and Hancock streets. This is high ground, and suitable for park purposes.

Eighth—In the Nineteenth Ward the Committee suggest the purchase of the small gore at the junction of Wallabout street and Bedford avenue.

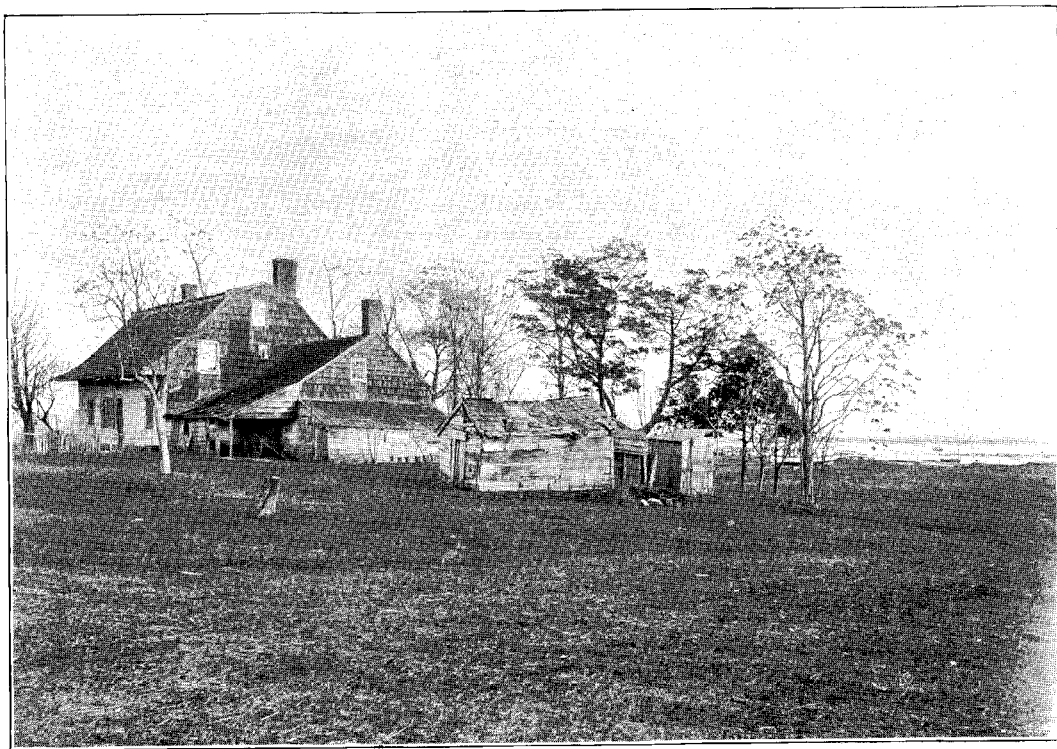
The Committee are of the opinion that in securing the lands mentioned, the City of Brooklyn will obtain a number of pleasure grounds and breathing spots for the people that will not only be appreciated by the present generation, but also by those to come, and that the County will be compensated a thousand fold for the expenditure to be made.

In round figures the Committee suggest that about one thousand acres of land be secured, and in their opinion the cost will be about two million six hundred thousand (\$2,600,000) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW D. BAIRD,
JOHN B. WOODWARD,
H. B. SCHARMANN,
THEO. E. DREIER,
W. W. KENYON,
JACOB W. ERREGGER,
WALTER PARFITT,

Committee.



CANARSIE PARK, LOOKING SEAWARD.

NEW PARKS PURCHASED.

Of the parks suggested by the Committee, I ultimately decided to purchase the following: Dyker Beach Park, Bensonhurst Beach, Lincoln Terrace, Canarsie Beach, Brooklyn Forest, New Lots Playground, Cooper Park, Irving Square, and Saratoga Square.

In compliance with the law, I, upon the 24th of May, 1895, presented the following report to the Supreme Court, Justice Edgar M. Cullen presiding, and upon the 8th day of June, 1895, argument was heard by Justice Charles F. Brown, who confirmed the report, and authorized the purchase of the lands suggested.

THE REPORT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

To the Supreme Court:

I, Frank Squier, the Commissioner of Parks of the City of Brooklyn, having been appointed by Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1892, and Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1895, a Commissioner to select and locate such grounds in the county of Kings, or adjacent thereto, as might in my opinion be proper and desirable, to be reserved and set apart for a public park or parks, do respectfully report:

First—On the sixteenth day of November, in the year 1894, I caused to be published for ten days successively (except Sunday), in the *Brooklyn Daily Times*, the *Brooklyn Citizen*, the *Standard-Union*, and the *Brooklyn Freie Presse* and *Brooklyner Zeitung*, and also for ten days successively in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, each of which was and is a daily newspaper published in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, the notice of hearing, required by section 3 of Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1892, as will further appear by the affidavits of publication hereto annexed and marked "Exhibits A, B, C, D and E."

The following is a copy of such notice:

PUBLIC PARKS IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS OR ADJACENT THERETO.

To all whom it may concern:

Take notice, that a hearing will be given at the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn, on the third day of December next, at 8 o'clock P. M., to all parties interested in a site or sites for a park or parks to be located and established in the county of Kings or adjacent thereto.

All persons appearing at said hearing with the intention to suggest a site or sites are requested to bring with them and file with the Commissioner written briefs containing a full description of the property suggested. This notice is given in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1892.

Dated Brooklyn, November 16, 1894.

FRANK SQUIER,
Commissioner.

Second—On the third day of December, in the year 1894, at 8 o'clock in the evening, I was present in the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn, and a hearing was then given, as by said notice required. This hearing was fully attended, and the following sites were suggested or offered for a park or parks, to be located and established in the county of Kings or adjacent thereto:

254 acres, bounded by Eighteenth and Twenty-second avenues, and by Sixtieth and Seventy-fifth streets. Price, \$3,800 an acre. Offered by Sidney V. Lowell, as attorney for Messrs. Murphy and McCormack.

The extreme end of the southerly side of Eastern Parkway. No price mentioned. Suggested by S. W. Hurley, Esq.

The Dyker Land and Improvement Company, 187 acres, known as the "Dyker Meadow," adjoining Fort Hamilton. Price, \$1,900 an acre, with a percentage for profit. Offered by Gen. George W. Wingate, as attorney.

The land between Shore road, Gravesend bay, Twenty-first and Twenty-second avenues. Price, between \$70,000 and \$80,000. Offered by Albert E. Lamb, as attorney for five owners.

Lots 40 and 41, bounded by Maspeth and Morgan avenues, Sharon and Guilford streets. Price, \$55,000. Lot No. 40, \$32,000, and Lot No. 41, \$23,000. Offered by N. A. Conklin, on behalf of the heirs of William Cooper.

Land bounded by First avenue, the Bay, Sixty fifth and Sixty-eighth streets. Price, between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. Offered by Frank Bailey, as attorney for E. W. Bliss.

Land at the terminus of the Flatbush avenue trolley line, at the junction of Flatbush avenue and Kings highway, 28½ acres. Price, \$2,500 an acre. Offered by Edgar Bergen, Esq., as attorney for himself and others.

Bay Ridge Park, on Fort Hamilton boulevard. No price mentioned. Suggested by Fred. C. Cocheu.

One hundred acres, at the junction of Ocean boulevard and Twenty-second avenue. No price mentioned. Suggested by M. Townsend.

Two blocks, bounded by Eastern parkway, Schenectady avenue, Troy avenue and President street. No price mentioned. Suggested by W. H. Taylor.

Land on Jamaica avenue, fronting Ridgewood Park. No price mentioned. Offered by Walter E. Meserole, for Messrs. Schenck, Monfort and Colyer.

Two blocks, bounded by Fourteenth and Sixteenth avenues, and Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by Geo. A. Allen, Esq.

The Cortelyou farm, in the Twenty-ninth ward, 38 acres. Price, \$4,250 per acre. Suggested by Sidney V. Lowell, for C. N. Moody & Co.

Land at Woodlawn, fronting P. P. & C. I. R. R. Suggested by William P. Rae & Co. No price mentioned.

Also, 937 lots for the New Utrecht Improvement Co. No price mentioned. Suggested by William P. Rae & Co.

The Garrison farm, Gravesend, 165 acres. Price, \$2,000 per acre. Suggested by John Reis & Co.

Land bounded by Sixth avenue, Fort Hamilton avenue, Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by executors of the Halden estate.

Land bounded by Irving avenue, Halsey, Eldert and Covert streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by the Ridgewood Exhibition Co.

Land bounded by Voorhees and Jerome avenues, East Twenty-third and East Twenty-eighth streets, 455 lots. No price mentioned. Suggested by William P. Rae & Co.

A portion of Seagate, Coney Island Point. No price mentioned. Suggested by William P. Rae & Co.

Land bounded by Seventh avenue, Eighty-sixth street, Fifteenth and Eighteenth avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by Franklin A. Wilcox.

Three plots, location not given. Suggested by W. Lichner.

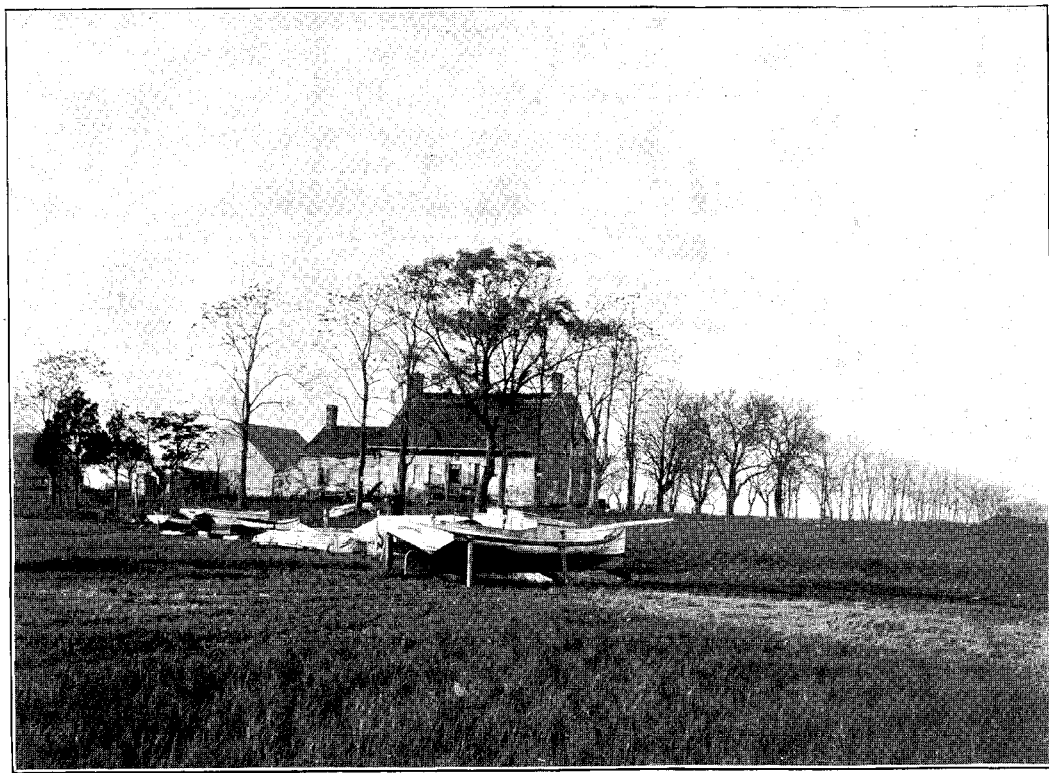
Two hundred acres on Ocean avenue, \$2,500 an acre. Offered by Adrian Vanderveer.

Land bounded by Ocean avenue, Kings highway, Coney Island avenue, and as far south as desired. No price mentioned. Suggested by James N. Brewster.

Third—The said hearing so held by me on the third day of December, in the year 1894, was by me duly and at such hearing publicly adjourned until the seventeenth day of December, in the year 1894, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to be held at the same place.

On the twelfth day of December, in the year 1894, I caused to be published for two days successively in the *Brooklyn Daily Times*, the *Brooklyn Citizen*, the *Standard-Union*, the *Brooklyn Freie Press* and *Brooklyn Zeitung*, and the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, each of which was and is a daily newspaper published in the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, a notice of such adjourned hearing, as will further appear in the affidavits of publication hereto annexed and marked "Exhibits F, G, H, I and J."

The following is a copy of such notice:



CANARSIE PARK, FROM THE BAY.

PUBLIC PARKS IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS OR ADJACENT THERETO.

To all whom it may concern:

Take notice, that an adjourned hearing will be held at the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn, on Monday, the seventeenth of December next, at 8 o'clock P. M. All parties interested in the matter are invited to be present.

Dated Brooklyn, December 12, 1894.

FRANK SQUIER,
Commissioner.

Fourth—On the seventeenth day of December, in the year 1894, at 8 o'clock in the evening, I was present at the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn, and the said adjourned hearing was held, as by said notice required. This hearing was also fully attended, and the following additional sites were suggested or offered for a park or parks, to be located and established in the county of Kings or adjacent thereto.

Land bounded by Eastern Parkway, Schenectady avenue, Troy avenue and Crown street, \$500 per lot. Offered by W. H. Taylor.

Land between First and Second avenues, Seventy fourth and Seventy-eighth streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by citizens' petition.

Land on Brooklyn Heights. No location mentioned. No price suggested. Offered by Mr. C. H. Reimer.

Two hundred acres, facing Bergen Island. \$1,200 per acre. Offered by G. Kouwenhoven, for the executors of the Kouwenhoven Estate.

Gowanus Canal. Offered by Robert S. Marshall.

Five hundred lots in South Bensonhurst. Price, \$125,000. Offered by Thomas J. Cummins.

Land bounded by Irving and Ridgewood avenues, Woodbine street and Putnam avenue. \$1,000 per lot. Offered by Wm. P. Rae & Co.

Twenty-five acres on Ocean Parkway, adjoining Washington Cemetery. \$2,500 per acre. Offered by C. N. Moody & Co.

Forty acres, bounded by Twenty-second avenue, West Fifth street, Sixty-fourth street and Eighth street. \$2,000 to \$3,500 per acre. Offered by John Reis & Co.

Gore blocks at the junction of Chauncey, Sumpter, Hull and Fulton streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by J. Balz. Also requested by petition of citizens.

Land bounded by Christopher and Powell streets, Riverdale and Lott avenues. Price, \$100,000. Offered by Charles H. Smith.

Land bounded by Bristol street, Rockaway, Hegeman and Lott avenues. Price, \$42,500. Offered by Charles H. Smith.

Land bounded by Rockaway avenue, Thatford street, Hegeman and Lott avenues. Price, \$25,000. Offered by Charles H. Smith.

Land bounded by Fairview avenue, Stanhope and Linden streets, town of Newtown, $30\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Price, \$5,000 an acre. Offered by C. N. Moody & Co.

Land of Long Island Water Supply Co., Highland boulevard, Ridgewood Park and Durel street. Price, \$68,680, with options. Offered by J. C. & H. C. Smith & Koepke.

Land bounded by Kings highway, Gravesend Neck road, Coney Island road and Ocean avenue, 20 to 100 acres. No price mentioned. Suggested by P. H. McNulty.

Land bounded by Dean street, Hopkinson and Howard avenues, and Eastern parkway. No price mentioned. Suggested by Alfred Ogden.

Land belonging to the Kent estate, Fifty-ninth street and Second avenue, facing the bay, 25 acres. Price, \$423,000. Offered by C. N. Moody & Co.

Land bounded by Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, First avenue to bay. Price, \$200,000. Offered by C. N. Moody & Co.

Land bounded by Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, First avenue and the bay. Price not stated. Offered by C. N. Moody & Co.

Land of the West Brooklyn Land and Improvement Co., blocks 36, 31 and 26. Price, \$88,550. Also blocks 48, 42, 43 and 49. Price, \$118,900. Offered by Land Company.

Land bounded by Nineteenth and Twentieth avenues, Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets. Price, \$30,000. Offered by J. Lott Nostrand.

Land bounded by Knickerbocker and Irving avenues, Palmetto street and Putnam avenue, 205 lots. No price mentioned. Suggested by Fred. C. Cocheu.

One hundred acres on Remsen avenue, Boulevard, near Jamaica bay. No price mentioned. Suggested by T. Schenck Remsen.

Land bounded by Irving avenue, Manhattan Beach R. R., Covert and Halsey streets; 8.31 acres. Price, \$60,000. Offered by S. H. Hastings.

Land bounded by Riverdale and Newport avenues, Christopher and Sackman streets. Price, \$25,000. Offered by Elizabeth R. Goodrich.

Land bounded by Ocean parkway, Gravesend avenue, Coney Island creek and the Village road, 130 acres. Price, \$2,000 per acre. Offered by Sarah E. Cole and others, through Hubbard & Rushmore, attorneys.

Bensonhurst Park. Price, \$143,000. Offered by James T. Lynch and others.

Four blocks at Bath Beach. Price, \$110,000. Offered by Matilda Schoener, through Cary & Robertson, attorneys.

Eighty acres on the bay fronting Plum Island. No price mentioned. Offered by Alanson Tredwell.

Land on Ocean parkway and Twenty-second avenue. Price, \$200 per lot. Offered by James A. Townsend.

Land bounded by Sullivan, Dwight, King and Richards streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by Rev. Dr. Stiehle.

Land between Seventy-third and Seventy-sixth streets, Fort Hamilton and Sixth avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by Bay Ridge Park Improvement Co.

Land bounded by North Twelfth, North Fourteenth streets, Bedford and Kent avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by James Edgar and others, petition.

Land bounded by Halsey, Howard, Saratoga avenue and Marion streets. Price, \$150,000, or \$2,142.85 $\frac{5}{7}$ per lot. Offered by F. A. Boardman; also by George W. Brown; also by Wm. H. Friday.

Land adjoining Peter Cooper Park, Orient and Metropolitan avenues. Price, \$4,200. Offered by George H. Remsen.

Property on Seventieth and Seventy-first streets, between Second and Third avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by John E. White.

Land at the head of Paerdegat stream, facing Flatbush avenue. No price mentioned. Suggested by C. N. Moody & Co.

Land extending from Seventy-third street to the junction of Fort Hamilton and Seventh avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by Fred. C. Cocheu.

Land bounded by Sackman and Powell streets and Livonia avenue. Forty lots, \$600 per lot. Offered by Edw. F. Linton.

Six and a half acres. Price, \$2,000 per acre. At Richmond Hill, L. I. Offered by Edward F. Linton.

Land bounded by Crescent and Fulton streets, Ridgewood and Railroad avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by Edward F. Linton.

Logan street, New Lots road, Hegeman avenue and L. I. Water Supply Co., 15 acres. Price, \$3,000 per acre. Offered by Wm. H. Jackson

Land bounded by Glenmore avenue, Eastern parkway, Market and Pine streets. No price mentioned. Suggested by the German-American Improvement Co.

Land bounded by New Jersey, Miller, Riverdale and Dumont avenues. No price mentioned. Suggested by the German-American Improvement Co.

Land bounded by Park place, Utica avenue, Douglas street

and Rochester avenue. No price mentioned. Suggested by I. M. Bon.

Land bounded by Hamburg, Kickerbocker and Jefferson avenues and Weirfield street. No price mentioned. Suggested by T. G. Sellew.

Part of Plum Island. No price mentioned. Suggested by Barnaby & Co.

Landed bounded by Bay Ridge, Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues and Seventy-fifth street, 50 acres. Price, \$100,000. Offered by Wm. Spence, Esq.

Estate of O. B. Jennings, Eleventh, Twelfth and Bay Ridge avenues. Price, \$3,000 per acre. Offered by Wm. Spence, Esq.

Land known as "The Anchorage," bounded by Fifty-sixth to Sixty-fifth streets, First avenue to the bay. No price mentioned. Suggested by Theodore L. Arnold.

Sidney V. Lowell, as attorney for Murphy & McCormack, reduced price on 254 acres offered at hearing of December 3, 1894, from \$3,800 per acre to \$3,500 per acre.

William Moore, Esq., filed a protest against selection of land bounded by Kingston and Albany avenues and Dean and Bergen streets.

Fifth—All of the foregoing pieces of property so offered or suggested as sites suitable and desirable for a public park or parks, were visited and inspected by the consulting landscape architects of the Department of Parks of the City of Brooklyn, Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, and a report was made by said architects to me as to the adaptability of each piece for the required purpose, and as to the advisability of its selection.

In this report Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, among other things, say:

"In order to advise you what sites would be desirable for additional parks, consideration should be given, first, to the present and future needs of the county, and to the extent of land it would be reasonable to secure, either now or in the near future; second, to suitable locations for large parks, local parks, parkways to serve as approaches to or connections between the parks, squares and playgrounds.

"First—As to the present and future needs of Kings county, we have no reason to suppose that any less area of park lands should be secured in proportion to population than is now possessed by New York. The last annual report of the New York Park Department gives the area of park lands under its control as 5,126 acres. The population of New York in 1893 is estimated by the State Board of Health as 1,860,803. This gives a ratio of 362 inhabitants to each acre of park land. At this ratio Kings

County, with an estimated population of 1,000,100, should have 2,762 acres of park lands. There are at present parks in Kings county with an aggregate area of 754 acres. It is obvious, therefore, that about 2,000 acres of park land ought to be secured at once if Kings County is to have relatively as much park land as New York County.

"Second—As to suitable locations for parks. Strips of land along the shores will be worth far more than any land that can be secured inland. No effort should be spared to secure for the public as much shore as possible. In addition to shores, however, a sufficient park area should be secured inland to meet the requirements of convenience of access and to supply the need for picnic groves, playgrounds and picturesque rambles.

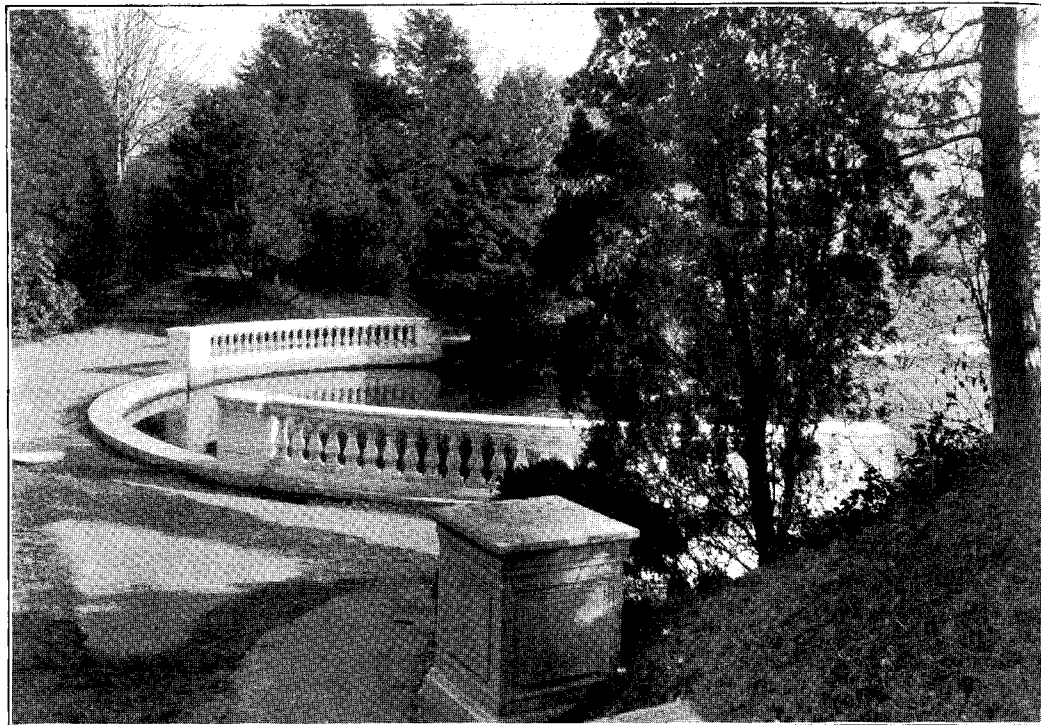
"With these various requirements in mind, and greatly restricted as we must be by limitations of expense, and, after a general review of all parts of the county, we are prepared to advise unhesitatingly the locations for two large parks, one inland and one on the seashore.

"For an inland park, the Richmond Hill district, east of Cypress Hills, possesses greater advantages than any other tract of equal size, within or adjoining the county. It has uncommonly fine distant views, which, owing to the elevation of the land, will to a great extent always remain open; it has well-grown trees, both in open groves and dense woods; the land is agreeably diversified; it is already unusually accessible, by both electric and steam railways; and, finally, considering all these advantages, it can be obtained at a very reasonable cost.

"There are difficulties in selecting a location for a great park on the seashore, owing to the fact that most of the shore commanding views of the Atlantic ocean is already occupied in such a way that it cannot be taken for park purposes, except in a few places of small extent.

"Our advice as to large parks, therefore, is to secure at once the Richmond Hill tract, on the ridge east of Cypress Hills Cemetery, as a forest park for immediate use.

"Canarsie Park, on Jamaica Bay, would be easily increased in value by being connected by parkways, northwestward with Eastern Parkway and southwestward with Ocean Parkway. The views here are fine, but the land itself is low and uninteresting. However, there is a considerable area of dry land, which can be made immediately useful for great playgrounds, and upon which a border of trees can be started at once. Several lines of electric and steam railroads come within a short distance of it. At present prices, the County can afford to secure this tract, while it is extremely doubtful if it could do so a few years hence.



VALE OF CASHMERE, PROSPECT PARK.

"Dyker Meadow Park would adjoin the government property at Fort Hamilton. The northern and western part of this tract is slightly elevated land, with a few good trees. From this part of it there is an unobstructed view of Gravesend bay and the Atlantic ocean. The remainder of the tract is soft marsh, with a small creek flowing through it. A fine, sandy beach, nearly half a mile long, is by far the most valuable part of this tract, and should certainly be secured for the public enjoyment, even if the land in the rear cannot be obtained at a reasonable price. There is every reason to suppose that much of the adjoining government land can be used by the public as a local park and playground without detriment to the purposes for which the government holds it. The land south of Cropsey avenue could be dredged out in part, to form a salt water pond. The material thus obtained could be used to fill the marshes to a suitable level for playgrounds. Such a park, facing as it does upon a fine, great beach, and used in connection with part of the government property, would be as large a local park as could reasonably be demanded in that party of the county.

"In our opinion it is only necessary to secure at this time, for small parks and playgrounds, such pieces of land as have some special features, such as trees, which are not likely to be obtainable later, or such as are more conveniently located than any lands which would likely to be unoccupied later, or such as are needed as a concession to the idea of a substantially equal distribution of some of the advantages of local parks."

Sixth—After receiving the report of Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, I made a personal examination of the sites recommended and approved by them, as well as of many of the sites which had been suggested or offered at the public hearings hereinbefore referred to. I also personally inspected and examined a large number of sites in various parts of the city of Brooklyn which had not been suggested or offered. In view of the present condition and future growth and wants of the County of Kings, I do hereby select and locate the following sites in said county, or adjacent thereto, as being in my opinion proper and desirable to be reserved, set apart and taken by said county for public parks:

I. About five hundred acres of land, along the ridge of hills, between Cypress Hills Cemetery and Richmond Hill. This will afford a fine breathing spot, especially for the residents of the crowded sections of the Eastern District of Brooklyn, besides giving to the County of Kings one of the finest natural parks in the world. For the boundaries of this property see Map "A," which is made a part of this report.

II. A part of the property known as "Dyker Meadow," ad-

joining the land of the United States Government at Fort Hamilton. The advantages of this land for park purposes have been heretofore set forth in the report of Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot. For the boundaries of this property see Map "B," which is made a part of this report.

III. The land at Bensonhurst, now commonly known as "Bensonhurst Park." This is selected not only because of its natural advantages, its fine beach and water front, but also for the reason that at the time of the annexation of New Utrecht to the City of Brooklyn a park was to have been established at this place under a previous act of the Legislature. For the boundaries of this property see Map "C," which is made a part of this report.

IV. A piece of land having a shore front upon Canarsie Bay. This will make a very popular park, accessible from all parts of the city at small expense. For the boundaries of this property see Map "D," which is made a part of this report.

V. The block bounded by Blake, Miller and Dumont avenues and Bradford street. For the boundaries of this property see Map "E," which is made a part of this report. B-56

VI. The block bounded by Halsey and Macon streets, Howard and Saratoga avenues. For the boundaries of this property see Map "F," which is made a part of this report.

VII. The block bounded by Maspeth and Morgan avenues, Sharon and Guilford streets. For the boundaries of this property see Map "G," which is made a part of this report.

VIII. The land bounded by Eastern parkway, Buffalo and Rochester avenues and President street. For the boundaries of this property see Map "H," which is made a part of this report. B-54

IX. The block bounded by Knickerbocker and Hamburg avenues, Halsey and Weirfield streets. For the boundaries of this property see Map "I," which is made a part of this report.

X. The block bounded by Riverdale and Christopher avenues, Newport and Sackman streets. For the boundaries of this property see Map "K," which is made a part of this report.

The selections numbered V., VI., VII., VIII., IX. and X. are intended for small parks, and are all located in such parts of the city of Brooklyn, in said county of Kings, as will make them exceedingly popular and of great public benefit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK SQUIER,

Commissioner.

Dated Brooklyn, May 12, 1895.

SOME LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

While the purchasing was proceeding under authority of the Supreme Court, as given above, an injunction was obtained from the City Court of Brooklyn by P. H. Flynn, upon his allegation that the prices being paid were excessive. This suit was beneficial instead of harmful, as it demonstrated to the public the honesty of the proceedings. The case was heard before Justice Nathaniel H. Clement, of the City Court, who, on the 5th of October, 1895, decided as follows: "The affidavits submitted to us seem to show conclusively that the defendant has not paid and does not intend to pay for the lands included in the Richmond Hill Park any more than a fair price. On the facts the plaintiff has failed to make out a case. I do not feel called upon to decide the constitutional questions raised by the learned counsel for the plaintiff, for the following reasons: First, the County of Kings is not made a party to the action. No complete judgment can be rendered unless the summons and complaint are amended and the County brought in. (*Osterhuddt vs. Supervisors of Ulster County*, 98 N. Y., 239; *Hurlburt vs. Banks*, 1 *Abbot's B. C.*, 157). Second, the plaintiff seeks solely to enjoin the purchase of the Richmond Hill Park on the ground that the defendant is acting under a law which is unconstitutional. It appears that the defendant is, under the same law, now purchasing the land for eight or nine other parks in this city. If he is acting without authority in the purchase of the land at Richmond Hill, he is equally without authority in the purchase of the other parks. Third, the granting or refusing of a preliminary injunction is to a certain extent discretionary. The plaintiff was represented by counsel in the Supreme Court on the confirmation of the report of the defendant, which located the new parks. The defendant has purchased or has options on a large part of the park in question. The plaintiff has stood by and allowed the defendant to proceed without raising any question as to the legality of his acts. While the plaintiff may not have lost his rights to raise the constitutional questions on the trial of the action, it seems to me that the granting of an injunction would inflict more harm on the public than its refusal. The motion to continue the injunction denied."

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

This was not altogether satisfactory to Mr. Flynn. Through his business associate, Frederick C. Cocheu, on October 9th he obtained a temporary injunction from Justice William J. Gaynor of the Supreme Court, restraining a further purchase of lands, alleging as a reason the unconstitutionality of the act authorizing the purchase. The trial of the issue occurred before the Hon. Willard Bartlett, and again the course pursued was vindicated. The learned judge in his decision says:

"This is a taxpayer's suit to enjoin Frank Squier, as Commissioner of Parks, from taking any further proceedings to purchase for park purposes the tract of land in the adjoining County of Queens, known as the Richmond Hill property. The only ground upon which the plaintiff proceeds is the allegation that the statute under which the Commissioner asserts the right to acquire this property is unconstitutional. There is no charge or suggestion of fraud, corruption, or wasteful expenditure. The statute in question is Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1892, which is entitled 'An Act for the establishment and government of a public park or parks in the County of Kings, or adjacent thereto, and providing that the same shall be a public work of the County of Kings, and to authorize said county to provide the means therefor by the issue of bonds.' The first objection made to the validity of this act is that the Legislature cannot compel a county to incur an indebtedness for a park without its consent.

"The answer to this point is that the county appears to acquiesce in the command of the Legislature, instead of objecting to it or restraining it.

"The Board of Supervisors by a local enactment, set out at length in the defendant's papers, has recognized the Commissioner as an officer properly charged by law with the duty of establishing parks for the benefit of the county, and at its expense. This is pretty clear evidence that the burden is not being imposed upon the county against its will. Furthermore, no one in its behalf, either here or anywhere else, seems ever to have opposed the project.

"Under these circumstances the case cannot be regarded as one of compulsion, and the Michigan authorities, cited by the learned counsel for the plaintiff, are not applicable (Board of Park Com. vs. Common Council of Detroit, 28th Michigan, 228; Park Com. vs. Mayor, 29th Michigan, 343).

"The second objection is that the act of 1892 is unconstitutional because it attempts to create an indebtedness which is not incurred for county purposes.

"The Constitution provides that no county, city, town or village shall be allowed to incur any indebtedness except for county, city, town or village purposes (Constitution, Article VIII., Section 10).

"If the establishment of a county park is not a county purpose, the statute which the plaintiff attacks is violative of this prohibition. The argument in his behalf, on this branch of the case, is based on the proposition that counties exist solely for political or governmental purposes, and that a county has none of the capacities of a quasi private corporation, such as a city exercises in supplying its inhabitants with water and light and public recreation grounds.

"The Constitution itself contains no definition of the term 'county purposes,' and we must look elsewhere to ascertain its meaning. The revised statutes declared that each county had power to purchase and hold land within its own limits and for the use of its inhabitants (R. S., Part I., Chap. XII., Title I, Article First).

"Literally this provision was broad enough to include the acquisition of park lands within the boundaries of the county. It was repealed in 1892 by the county law, which defines a county and states the purpose of its formation in these words: 'A county is a municipal corporation, comprising the inhabitants within its boundaries, and formed for the purpose of exercising the powers and discharging the duties of local government and the administration of public affairs, conferred upon it by law (Laws of 1892, page 1744).

"The last clause is a more comprehensive statement of the powers of counties than was to be found in the Revised Statutes. It seems to me sufficient to embrace the establishment of a series of public pleasure grounds, even though some portion thereof be outside the county limits, whenever the Legislature chooses to confer upon the county the right to acquire and control the same.

"That a city might take park lands in another county than that in which it was situated was decided in the case of the new parks in New York. (In the Matter of the Application of the Mayor of the City of New York, 99 N. Y., 569.) If a county may take park lands at all I see no reason why it may not also be allowed to go into another county.

"The strict limitation of county purposes insisted on by the plaintiff ignores the demands of the public welfare growing out of the peculiar conditions which prevail in populous country districts where the needs or wishes of the people in the way of recreation often closely resemble the conditions that exist in cities.

"To say that such localities could not have county parks, would be to say, in most cases, that they could not have any. In my opinion, it is clearly within the power of the Legislature to treat the acquisition of park property for the benefit, primarily, of the inhabitants of a particular county as a county purchase. This view is sustained by the only direct authority, cited by the counsel on either side (*St. Lewis County vs. Griswold*, 58 Missouri, 175). But in the absence of authority, I should reach the same conclusion.

"If the Federal Government may maintain a park and the State Government may maintain a park, I can perceive no good reason in law why the Legislature may not authorize the maintenance of a park by a county.

"The motion to continue the preliminary injunction is denied."

THE SUPERVISORS ACT.

The Legislature, in 1894, created a County Department of Parks. This was in the law providing for the purchase of land necessary for a shore drive (Chapter 758 of the Laws of 1894, Section 5). The first portion of this section reads: "The Department of Parks of said city (Brooklyn) is hereby constituted a department of parks of said county (Kings), and shall have and possess all the powers and duties now held and exercised by said department in relation to any parkway, road, highway, boulevard or concourse in said county, over and relating to the lands, highways, parkways, roads or other property, franchises or rights, authorized to be acquired by the provisions of this act."

The Board of Supervisors of the county took cognizance of this law, as stated by Justice Bartlett in his decision, on the first day of July, when they adopted an act creating a county civil service commission to prepare lists of persons to be employed in the county parks and upon the county highways, and appointing as officers of the county department, Frank Squier, Commissioner; Henry L. Palmer, Deputy Commissioner; and William A. Booth, Property and Labor Clerk.

The injunction having been removed, I proceeded with the purchase of the park lands and have secured about all that is required.

The size and approximate cost of the new parks is as follows: Brooklyn Forest, 535 acres, \$1,100,000; Dyker Beach Park, 144

acres, \$230,000; Bensonhurst Beach, 8 acres and 16 acres under water, \$88,000; Lincoln Terrace, 12 acres, \$120,000; Canarsie Beach, 40 acres, \$100,000; New Lots Playground, 6 acres, \$16,000; Cooper Park, 10 acres, \$55,000; Irving Square, 6 acres, \$70,000; Saratoga Square, 7 acres, \$119,000.

ABOUT THE NEW PARKS.

Brooklyn Forest, which is the largest of the new parks, exceeds in area Prospect Park and will contain about 535 acres. It begins at the eastern boundary of the city and extends easterly as far as the beautiful settlement in the township of Jamaica, known as Richmond Hill, and will be about two and one-eighth miles in length. Its southern boundary line is about one thousand feet north of the Jamaica plank road, which it parallels. It is intersected by Myrtle avenue, which forms a junction with the Jamaica plank road at Richmond Hill. The northern boundary of the park for some distance is Myrtle avenue and the rest of the way the Williamsburgh and Union turnpike mark the northern line. The land is almost entirely covered with a fine growth of timber, which gives it its value for park purposes. In a few years all this noble growth would have been destroyed by ambitious projectors of suburban home enterprises, and the only available opportunity of securing a forest park for the city of Brooklyn would have been lost forever. As it is, much injury has been done by these speculative personages, but fortunately it is not irreparable. The views from this park are superb. To the southward is the broad plain rapidly filling up with homes for the people, and beyond is the beautiful Jamaica bay dotted with islands and in the summer season covered with innumerable yachts. Still further beyond is Rockaway Beach, with the ocean rolling in upon its shores. To the northward is a rich farming country stretching out to the shores of the Long Island Sound, the waters of which may be seen. Nowhere in the world can a more beautiful natural park be found, and in securing this park Brooklyn has added an unrivaled attraction to her list of advantages over other cities. The idea that suggested its acquirement grew out of the belief that the crowded territory made up of the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-fifth, Twen-



FOREST PARK.

ty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth wards needed just such a place of recreation, easily and cheaply reached, as this is, by the lines of trolley roads running to it. That the people of this district appreciate the beauties of this park is demonstrated by the fact that upon every pleasant holiday and Sunday thousands of them visit it. Every tree upon it is worth the price paid for the land on which it grows, for it could not be replaced without years of costly attention. It will require but little expenditure to make this park available for public use. My idea of the plan of development is to connect this park with Ridgewood Park and the Eastern Parkway, by the construction of a drive which will extend to Richmond Hill, where it is intended to connect with a road running to Willett's Point, where a shore park can be established, and giving the people a continuous drive of about twenty-five miles from the sea to the sound, across a very beautiful country.

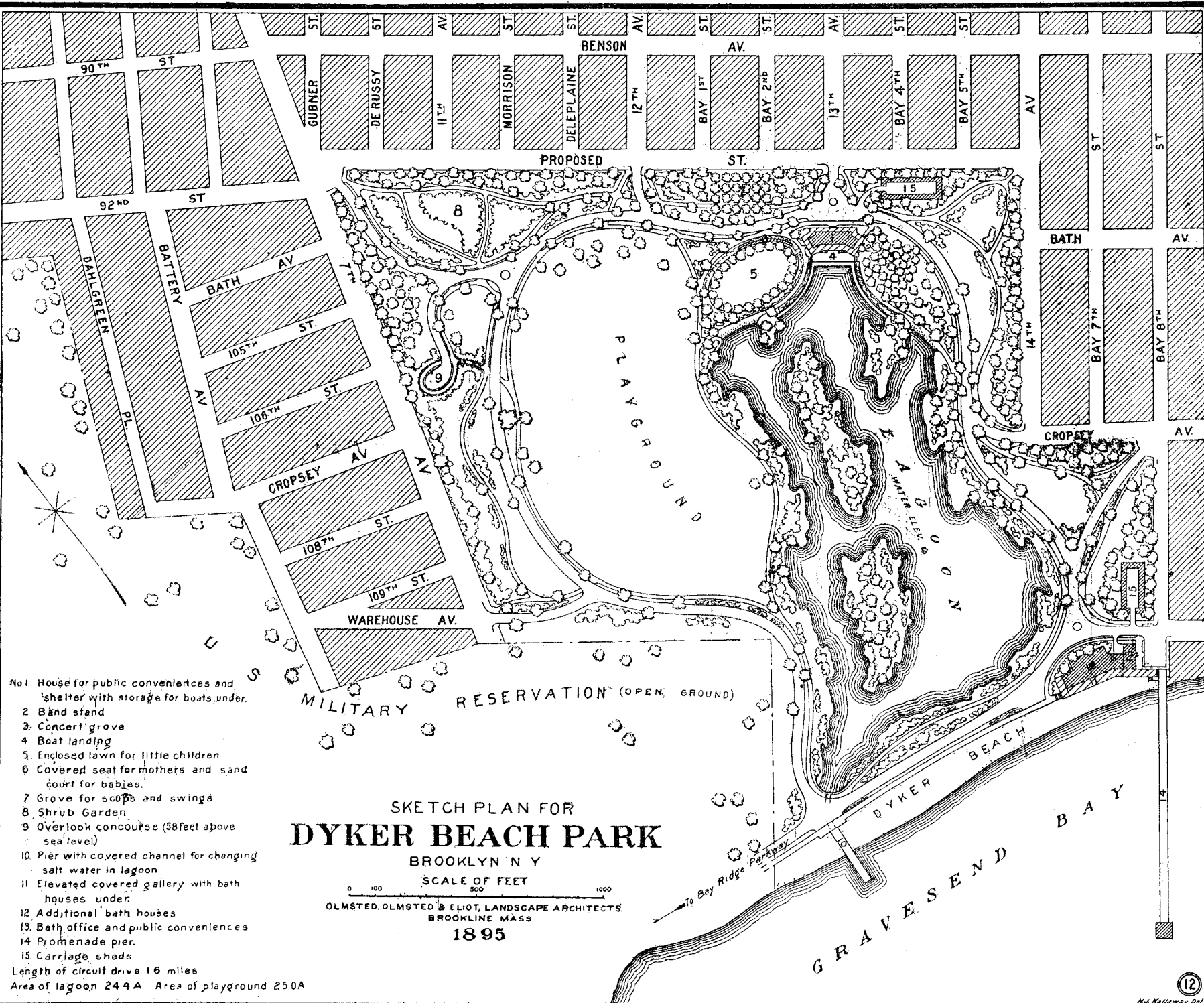
SEASIDE PARKS.

Dyker Beach Park is situated upon the shore of the lower bay and adjoins Fort Hamilton. It will make a magnificent seaside park. It is at the terminus of several trolley roads and is one of the objective points toward which thousands of Brooklyn people travel during the summer season for a day's outing. Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, the celebrated landscape architect, says that it will be the finest seaside park in the world, providing more and varied



VIEW DYKER BEACH PARK.

kinds of pleasure than can be found by the people anywhere else. Of course it will be impossible to develop it in a year. It will take time to bring out all its possibilities. The plan I have in mind is one of gradual development. The fine beach can be utilized at once for bathing purposes, the facilities being provided at the lowest possible cost. Means for enjoying the fine fishing can also be easily provided. The highlands can





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the harbor. The Government grounds at Fort Hamilton adjoin the park and form an additional attraction to visitors.

Bensonhurst Beach is opposite Norton's Point and provides a local park with a seashore front for the section of the city formerly known as Gravesend and New Utrecht. It was selected at the urgent request of hundreds of people who have built their houses in that section of the city and who believe that the park will be of great value to them and their children now and in years to come, and will be enjoyed by the thousands who will then inhabit that part of the city, which will always be a most desirable residential section.



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be used for various kinds of field sports. Already we have provided for the establishment of golf links, and early in the coming year we will provide the necessary arrangements for base-ball and foot-ball. The view of the lower bay from this park is unsurpassed, and visitors can enjoy the spectacle of vessels passing in and out of



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Canarsie Beach Park is one of the best in this collection of parks. It is made up of upland and meadow land, and is located where it is easily reached from all parts of the city, either by trolley or steam roads, at little expense. Upon this ground is the historic mansion of the Schenck family, who purchased the land from the Canarsie Indians. This house will be pre-

served, and will always be one of the park's attractions. The highlands will be utilized for games, and arrangements will be made to provide visitors with the means of enjoying the fine fishing and boating that for years past have made Canarsie one of the most attractive spots in the county for pleasure-seekers.

LOCAL BREATHING SPOTS.

New Lots Playground is situated in the part of the Twenty-sixth Ward known as Brownsville, a section of the city now containing several thousand inhabitants, dwelling in three and four story tenements, to whom this breathing spot will be of untold benefit. The scheme of development contemplated is of a simple character, to give the children of the neighborhood as much freedom in play as possible.

Cooper Park, in the Eighteenth Ward, is located in a thickly settled portion of the city. It covers two large city blocks, and needs but little work upon it to make it a charming pleasure ground. It belonged to the Charles Cooper estate, and was at one time the home of the great philanthropist, Peter Cooper.

Irving Square, situated in the Twenty-eighth Ward, is an admirably located park, in the centre of one of the most populous wards of the city, where its charms will be greatly appreciated. The plan for its development has been prepared, and work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

Saratoga Square was the only available piece of land to be found in the Twenty-fifth Ward. In its present condition, it is a place visited by large numbers of people, for the purpose of enjoying games of various kinds. It is large enough to afford ample scope for landscape treatment of the most beautiful character, and will be, when completed, one of the most attractive parks.

Lincoln Terrace is located on the Eastern Parkway, at the junction of several boulevards to be developed in the course of a few years. This park will preserve to the public a magnificent view of Jamaica bay and the intervening country. In a few years it will be the centre of a thickly settled neighborhood of the finest character.



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REPORT OF THE
THE SHORE DRIVE.

I am pleased to be able to report that I have already secured nearly all the land requisite for the construction of the Bay Ridge Parkway, or the Shore Drive, as it is more popularly called. The



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law for the purchase of this land was approved by the Governor May 22d, 1894. Under its provisions, Mayor Charles A. Schieren appointed as the commission to lay out this public driveway and parkway, Messrs. John B. Woodward, Elijah R. Kennedy, George Ingram, William Brown, John Condon,

Solomon W. Johnson and Simeon B. Chittenden. This commission selected Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot as the architects to arrange for landscape effects.

On February 20th of the present year this committee, in compliance with the law, filed its report, together with a map, showing the land and riparian rights to be acquired for the purposes of the driveway.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Appointed pursuant to Chapter 758, Laws of 1894, to determine the boundaries and make a plan of a Driveway and Parkway.

BROOKLYN, February 14, 1895.

Honorable FRANK SQUIER,
Commissioner.

SIR:—The undersigned Commissioners, appointed pursuant to Chapter 758, Laws of 1894, having determined and laid out a public driveway and parkway in this county, with such public places, borders, and appurtenances as we consider best for the public interest; and being about to file in the office of the Department of Parks a plan of such public driveway and parkway, including in such plan such riparian rights and land under water as we deem best for the public interests, whether commercial or otherwise; and having designated upon said plan the

location of such piers, wharves or docks as we have deemed proper; now report that the probable cost of "the land and riparian rights, including the land under water to be acquired for such purposes" as are contemplated by the statute, is two and one-half millions of dollars (\$2,500,000).

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There was also filed with this report a supplementary report, directed to the Mayor of the city, which explained the views of the commission with reference to the construction of the road and its general details.

This report was as follows:

BROOKLYN, February 18, 1895.

The Honorable CHARLES A. SCHIEREN, *Mayor*.

SIR:—The undersigned commissioners, appointed by you pursuant to Chapter 758, Laws of 1894, give you notice that the provisions of Section 2 of the act have been fully complied with. The plan of "a public driveway and parkway * * * with such public places, borders and appurtenances" as we "consider best for the public interest" has been filed "in the office of the Department of Parks," together with "a report as to the probable cost of the land and riparian rights, including land under water, to be acquired," and "a duplicate thereof" has been filed "in the office of the County Clerk." For more convenient reference we hand you copies of our report for yourself and the other city and county officers mentioned in the act, and lithograph copies, on a reduced scale, of the plan or map.

The purpose of the statute and of our appointment is well understood to be the determining of boundaries and details for a "parkway" along the shore of New York Bay and the Narrows, together with such additions and "appurtenances" as will, in our judgment, best serve "the public interest." The boundaries fixed by us, and now submitted to the city and county officials mentioned, can be understood only by examining the map and by visiting the district where the parkway is located. It seems de-

sirable that you should, when considering the matter, be aware of the principles and reasons that controlled us in the performance of our duties. In the first place, it was decided to recommend the taking of all land under water alongside the parkway. The land in question will cost nearly or quite half the expense of acquiring all the property embraced in our plan; but we feel that unless the land under water is to be taken the entire project might better be abandoned. What is the main element of attractiveness to the long popular Shore Road? It is the view. The buildings and monuments of New York; over and beyond Governor's Island the graceful outlines of the Bridge; the suggestive distances up the Hudson; the Palisades, the cities, and the long reach of the Jersey shore; the wooded hills of Staten Island; the broad expanse of the lower bay, and the Navesink Highlands beyond; the ocean; the ever-varying scenes of activity on the water; pleasure craft of all sorts; local, national, and international contests of oar and sail; great ships carrying forth the products of our entire land, or returning laden from foreign ports; processions of stately steamships; mighty navies flying the stars and stripes or the flags of friendly nations—these make up a superb panorama far excelling the outlook from any park or point of observation contiguous to any great city in the world. No one would dare suggest destroying or marring the Riverside Drive of New York; yet here is a parkway with prospects incomparably more magnificent than those of the Riverside Drive, but which will inevitably be destroyed if this wide strip of land under water remains the property of private owners. What could they do with it, except use it for oil works, warehouses, grain elevators, sugar refineries, and other factories such as line the rest of the water front of Brooklyn? We do not propose to prevent access to navigable water to that part of the city lying back of the parkway, but, obedient to the statute, we have designated "upon the plan the location of such piers, wharves, or docks" as will accommodate the neighborhood. They will not interfere with the view from the parkway, and, in time, they will produce considerable revenue for the city.

Since the land at present under water is to be acquired, if our plan is approved, it seems most natural to use this land, as far as practicable, for gaining suitable width for the parkway. The enterprise we have in hand is not merely a driveway, or a road for equestrians, or a path for bicyclists, or a promenade and esplanade. It is to comprehend all these; and it will have ample spaces where people may assemble for rest and recreation, shelters, boat houses, bath houses, and other indispensable buildings for public comfort. In fact, here is to be a parkway or park embracing nearly as many acres as Prospect Park. We are ad-

vised that for considerable distances it will cost no more to fill up the land under water than to take land on the east side of the existing road, with the resultant damages to buildings and lots. Therefore from the northern end of the parkway to Eighty-ninth street the eastern boundary is, much of the way, substantially the same as that of the present road. South of Eighty-ninth street different conditions exist. From here to Fort Hamilton the ridge is so high that filling up the water side would be much more expensive than buying sufficient land on the east side of the road, and would be tedious and unsightly. We have, as far as seemed practicable, avoided disturbing the beautiful private grounds along the Shore road, alterations of the eastern boundary having been made only to obtain graceful contours in lieu of lines that have been established partly by accident and partly by strictly utilitarian considerations. But, from Eighty-ninth street to Fort Hamilton the property owners are familiar with the purpose of the local authorities to open and grade Narrows avenue, and on the Town Survey Commission map it is shown eighty feet wide, the greater part of which must be taken inside present fence lines. Even here, however, our plan takes less than Narrows avenue and spares the lots as much as possible; and we rely on ultimately filling up the land under water, raising it a few feet above high water mark, and then duplicating the accommodations of the higher grades. A parkway along the top of the bluff, and another close to the water—the two connected by roads and paths—may be made to surpass in beauty all city parkways of which we have any knowledge.

At the south end we have provided a dignified and handsome terminus. Carriages must have room to stand and to swing round for the return drive; wheelmen and equestrians must have places to dismount and rest; and the masses of people who will be brought here by surface and elevated railroads and by boats must have an ample concourse where they may find shelter and seats. The ground included in our plan will enable all these requirements to be supplied.

One question is asked by every one who visits the Shore Road: After you have made your beautiful parkway along the shore how are you going to get to it? We have answered this in a way that will, we believe, become a source of pride and pleasure to the entire city. The two great channels that lead from the populated portions of the city down toward the Shore Road are Fourth avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue. The problem for us was how to connect these with the parkway. South of the Manhattan Beach and Sea Beach railroads there is no street available until you come to Seventy-fifth street, which is nearly half a mile below the beginning of the Shore Road. Between the railroads

and Seventy-fifth street the streets are only sixty feet wide. It seemed to us absurd to connect Fort Hamilton avenue, which is one hundred feet wide, and Fourth avenue, which is one hundred and twenty feet wide—both bearing horses, carriages, bicycles and pedestrians by thousands—with the most beautiful parkway in the world, by an ordinary city street sixty feet wide. We thought of widening Sixty-seventh or Sixty-eighth street; but that would have left on one side of the street, if not on both, for the distance of more than half a mile, lots not deep enough for building purposes, and therefore certain to remain neglected and unsightly for many years. Again, it seemed to us extremely desirable to avoid grade crossings of the trolley railroads. We have, therefore, proposed to take an entire block between two streets, from Fort Hamilton avenue to First avenue. The statute calls for detailed plans of the improvement only after the authorities shall have passed on our first report. Nor have we really fully determined on such details. But we may say that from Fort Hamilton avenue to Fourth avenue it will be practicable to pass over all the intersecting avenues, and from Fourth avenue nearly to the shore to go under the intersecting avenues, with but little cost for filling up the eastern section and even less for excavating the section nearer the bay; and all without disturbing the grade of any street or avenue (except, perhaps, First avenue), without impairing the value of a single building lot, but creating a magnificent parkway which will add immensely to the value of the property of the vicinage.

We have estimated the cost of acquiring the property embraced in our plan at two and a half millions of dollars. The project has been long under consideration, and we believe the people expect it to be carried out, at whatever necessary cost, desiring only to be assured that not more than the proper value shall be paid for the property to be taken. We are warned that certain parties will oppose the plan now reported, or any similar plan. They would have Brooklyn as an independent city less attractive than the cities with which it must compete for population, or, as a section of a vast metropolis, the least attractive section of that metropolis. Central Park alone about equals all the park spaces of Brooklyn combined. Yet New York has Morningside Park, Riverside Drive, numerous other parks, and about seven thousand recently acquired acres of parks and parkways above the Harlem river. Among them all there is no section possessing such natural advantages as the district we propose to develop and beautify. New York is preparing to improve its system of rapid transit so as to make its new parks and annexed district more easily accessible. But the Bay Ridge Parkway, and the territory contiguous, will offer more desirable sites for resi-

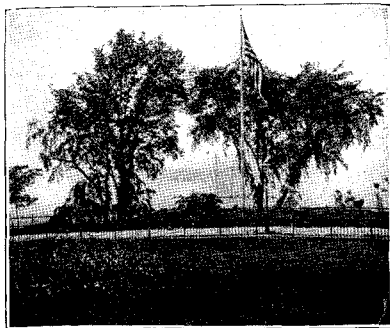
dence than any land above Central Park, being, by way of the established ferry from the Battery to Sixty-fifth street, much more convenient of access from Wall street and vicinity than the district above the Harlem can ever be. From Sixty-fifth street it will be quite practical and natural to connect with the parkway by a bridge across the railroad tracks. We are confident, therefore, that the development of our plan will not only provide pleasure grounds of unrivaled beauty, but will prove a good investment for the city.

In preparing our plan we have had the services of Frederick Law Olmsted, LL. D., and the other partners and staff of the firm of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot. During our long consideration of the subject many unforeseen questions have arisen. It is with great satisfaction that we inform your Honor that, in every matter embraced in the plan and in this report, the Landscape Architects and the entire Commission are in complete and hearty accord.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. WOODWARD,
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GEORGE INGRAM,
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SOLOMON W. JOHNSON,
SIMEON B. CHITTENDEN.

On March 11th, 1895, as provided by the law, the Mayor, Comptroller, Auditor, Corporation Counsel, Park Commissioner, Supervisor-at-Large, and County Treasurer, met to hear objections to the plan of the proposed parkway and driveway. On the 13th day of March these officials filed a certificate approving the plan of the parkway and driveway. It then became my duty, under the law, to forthwith proceed to acquire the land. This was mandatory, allowing no discretion on my part. I appointed L. M. Lent and William J. Tate as my agents to secure options upon the



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property required. I appointed Martin Joost, J. Lott Nostrand and Robert B. Woodward a commission to assist in appraising the land desired. I also appointed Colonel Albert E. Lamb, of the firm of Johnson & Lamb, to be my counsel. To facilitate the operations an amendment to the law was passed by the last Legislature, and approved by the Governor

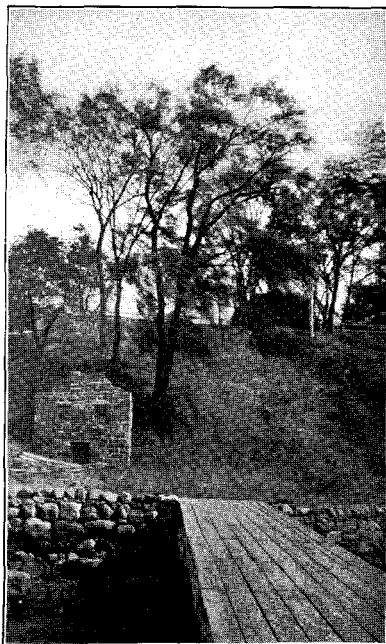
June 5th, 1895, being Chapter 931 of the Laws of 1895.

All of the land needed will have been acquired by early spring and the work of development begun.

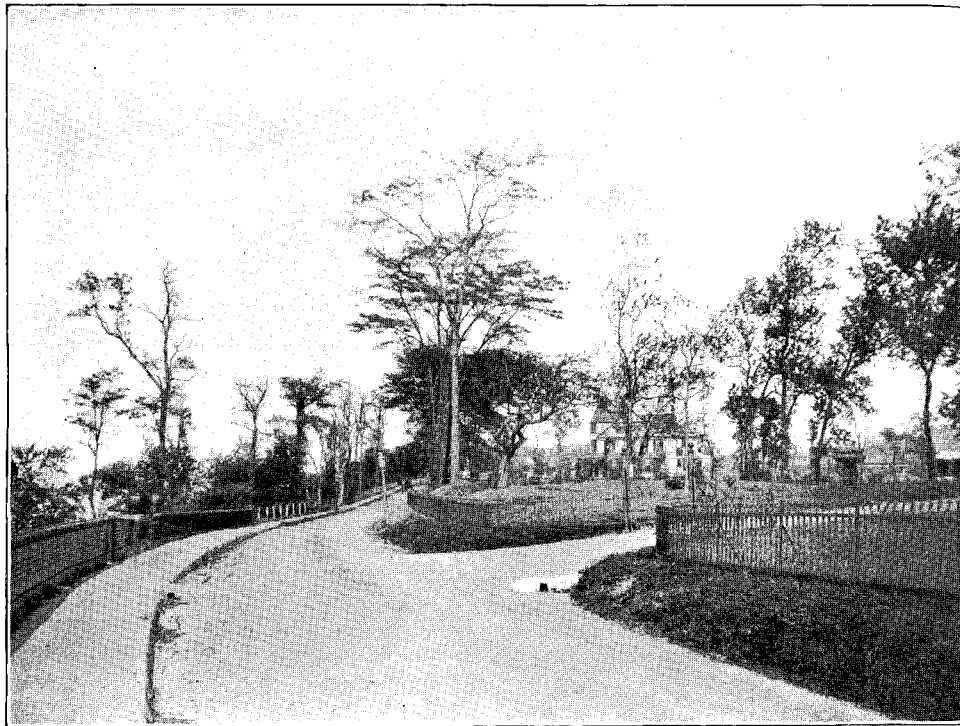
THE EASTERN PARKWAY EXTENSION.

As previously stated in this report, the work of extending the Eastern Parkway from its present terminus to Ridgewood Park was taken out of my hands, as Commissioner of the Department of Parks of the City of Brooklyn, and made a County matter, under the amended law, which is Chapter 44 of the Laws of 1895. On the 18th of May new maps were prepared under this law, approved and subsequently filed with the County Clerk, the Register and the Department of City Works.

Charles H. Hyde was appointed counsel. On the 6th day of August application was made before Justice William J.



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Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of commissioners to appraise the compensation to be made to the owners of, or persons interested in, the real estate within the lines of the proposed extension of the Eastern Parkway and the widening of Buffalo avenue as provided in the act. The Justice, on August 7th, appointed William Walton, Francis Gross and Edward J. O'Flynn as the commission.

This commission are now holding sessions, and have been for some time, to ascertain the value of the property to be acquired.



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Until they make their report and it receives the confirmation of the Court, I can take no further steps in the matter. I have, however, urged the commission to proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Under the provisions of Chapter 640 of the Laws of 1895, I, as the County Park Commissioner, was directed to assume charge of the following streets: Eastern Parkway, east of Howard avenue and south of East New York avenue to Stone avenue; Stone avenue, from Dean street to Riverdale avenue; Riverdale avenue to New Lots road; New Lots road to Dumont avenue; Dumont avenue to Fountain avenue; Bushwick avenue, from

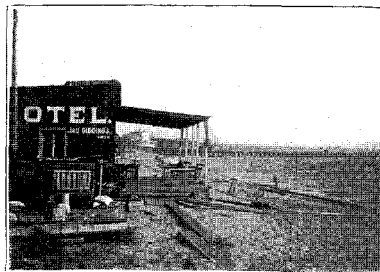
Gillen place to Jamaica avenue and Pennsylvania avenue, throughout its entire length and to Jamaica bay; Rockaway Parkway, from its intersection with Buffalo avenue, in said city, to the road to Flatlands, and the road to Flatlands to Jamaica bay, in the town of Flatlands, in the county of Kings.

The control of these streets and avenues and parkways was not desired by me, as most of them are in a frightful condition, owing to the recent sewer improvements that have been made, requiring in some places a fill of sixteen feet to bring them to grade. To remedy these defects as far as possible, I have called for an issue of bonds in the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

FINANCES.

Below is given a resume of the County accounts:

	Total Appropriations.	Expended.	Balances
Parade Ground.....	\$2,579 31	\$2,579 31
Coney Island Concourse	2,557 96	2,557 96
County Roads.....	17,823 56	2,026 50	\$15,797 06
County Parks.....	2,410,000 00	1,772,231 73	637,768 27
Bay Ridge Parkway (Shore Drive)	3,600,000 00	2,283,852 66	1,316,147 34
Eastern Parkway Extension..	1,200,000 00	2,406 45	1,197,593 55
Twenty-sixth Ward and Flat- lands—			
To improve streets.....	350,000 00	350,000 00



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CITY EXPENDITURES.

To Whom and for What Money was Paid During 1895 in the
City Department of Parks.

1895.

Jan. 19—N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service.....	\$74 50
H. L. Palmer, sleigh.....	25 00
James Slavin, manure.....	57 00
West of England Condiment Co., horse spice.....	5 00
E. B. Ackerman, dental operations on horses... ..	5 00
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	297 60
Estate of H. S. Christian, lime.....	5 25
Estate of H. S. Christian, brick.....	11 25
Porter's Son & Co., station lamps, etc.....	129 45
F. Donovan & Son, feed	29 55
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	17 70
Bartlett & Co., half-tons for Report of 1893.....	80 00
<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , printing Report of 1893.....	201 25
James Brazzell, manure.....	207 50
A. D. Matthews & Sons, blankets.....	20 50
Fiss & Doerr, one bay horse.....	200 00
Alexander Johnston, manure	36 00
Thomas Cassidy, manure.....	88 50
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	31 00
Moller & Schumann, Eureka spar finish.....	32 00
Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	116 71
George Palmer, manure.....	39 00
Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	18 00
Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	16 96
Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	4 62
New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	57 37
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	48 80
John Dempsey, manure.....	100 00
B. Lennon, harness supplies.....	19 55
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	79 80
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	8 58
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	11 97
N. Langler & Sons, oak spokes.....	13 00
Momeyer & Story Co., fence	207 48
Lucian T. Bell & W. F. Doyle, D. V. S., veterinary services	67 50
William Rose, manure	18 00
M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials....	89 55
Harris & Maguire, water pipe.....	216 40
Parfitt Bros. architects, professional services.....	375 00
26—R. H. Smith, paymaster, office disbursements.....	114 52

Jan.	26—	John Fox, manure	\$50 00
		Stott Garden Implement Co., fir tree soap, etc.....	15 75
		Estate of H. S. Christian, cement.....	16 80
		William, Burke, rubber apron.....	5 00
		Hyde & Co., map of Brooklyn	5 00
		L. M. Royce & Co., horse medicine.....	14 23
Feb.	2—	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	56 00
		Beers & Resseguie, lumber	3 44
		James Brazzell, manure.....	170 00
		James Campbell, charcoal.....	6 00
		James Campbell, charcoal ..	6 00
		F. Donovan & Son, feed	88 23
		Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light	48 80
		National Paint Works, paint.....	164 00
		Joseph Ruppert, wheelwright's supplies.....	26 49
		Joseph Ruppert, wheelwright's supplies	32 08
		Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, disbursements	28 77
		Schluchner Bros., blasting powder.....	5 25
		J. M. Thorburn & Co., seeds	48 03
		C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron and steel	30 50
		Thomas Walsh, manure.....	125 00
		Thomas Walsh, manure	125 00
		C. D. Willits, coal	10 00
	12—	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	438 40
		Thomas Curtin, manure.....	74 00
		Kenyon & Newton, spruce joists.....	12 00
		Lynch & Weber, feeding animals.....	100 00
		New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
		L. W. Seaman, Jr., & Son, labor and materials at well.....	171 17
		Frederick W. Starr, lumber	149 36
	16—	J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	18 45
		C. H. Tiebout & Sons, chrome green.....	8 00
		T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	193 24
		James Dean, plants	54 00
		Thomas Cassidy, manure.....	33 00
		Frederick MacMonnies, side groups, Memorial Arch.....	5,000 00
	23—	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials.....	114 57
		M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials.....	1 23
		John M. Bulwinkle, stationery.....	24 74
		Moller & Schumann, paints, etc.....	47 02
		H. Aschenbach, lap robes and leather.....	108 25
		Jos. Ruppert, buggy shafts.....	4 75
		George Palmer, manure.....	31 50
		C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	22 18
		"Engineering Record," advertising.....	30 00
		"Real Estate Record and Builders' Guide," advertising.....	20 00
		"American Architect and Building News Co.," advertising.....	13 80

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March 2—	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements.....	\$83 00
	L. M. Royce & Co., horse medicine.....	12 20
	M. Reynolds Plumbers Supply Co., plumbing materials	194 45
	Samuel W. Cornell, lawn mower wheels.....	11 40
	James Campbell, charcoal	6 00
	John Dempsey, manure.....	125 00
	F. Donovan & Son, horse feed.....	73 33
	F. Donovan & Son, horse feed.....	99 80
	R. Ulrich, expenses.....	145 75
	J. J. Little & Co., printing bicycle rules.....	32 50
	J. E. Smith, secretary, office disbursements.....	67 25
	Pitcher & Manda, plants.....	8 25
9—	Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	77 71
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light	183 33
	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	34 40
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber.....	56 45
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	422 40
	Christian & Clarke, fire brick.....	5 95
	D. Farrington, pruning saws, etc.....	7 50
	Thomas McCann, manure.....	62 00
	Charles Tollner, frames.....	20 00
	De Leeuw & Oppenheimer, stationery and printing	15 75
	George B. Goodwin & Bro., coal.....	4 50
	George B. Goodwin & Bro., coal.....	9 00
	Pitcher & Manda, orchid baskets	29 95
	J. S. Woodhouse, plow shares.....	6 00
	Thomas Cassidy, manure.....	4 50
	F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., pencils, etc.....	16 99
16—	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , printing.....	3 45
	Thomas O'Keefe, manure	80 00
	Patterson & Corwin, professional services, Comptroller's office.....	320 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	38 50
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	31 63
	James Brazzell, manure	130 00
26—	<i>Architecture and Building</i> , advertising.....	13 20
	F. E. Brandis Sons & Co., transit	235 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service.....	112 50
	National Paint Works, paint.....	169 00
	George W. Millar & Co., toilet paper	12 90
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	246 39
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	245 31
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	235 53
April 1—	John Lewis Childs, gladioli	64 20
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, hardware and iron.....	85 74
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	233 85
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies	19 15

April 1—	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements	\$83 69
	National Paint Works, paint	108 00
	James Slavin, manure	100 00
	John Dempsey, manure	11 00
	George Palmer, manure	21 00
	Christian & Clarke, cement and brick	20 25
6—	James Dean, plants	60 00
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies ..	18 25
	F. Donovan & Son, oats, etc	224 92
	F. Donovan & Son, corn, etc	198 80
	Hyde & Co., map of Brooklyn	5 00
	Lynch & Weber, feeding animals	100 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas	34 00
	Imperial Rubber Co., hose	88 00
	Hine & Robertson Co., grate bars	78 50
	F. E. McAllister, watering pots	4 50
	Christian & Clarke, brick and lime	11 42
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light	183 33
	T. Brabson, hose couplings	91 80
	Knickerbocker Rubber & Supply Co., oil	17 25
	L. M. Royce & Co., horse medicines	11 30
	Henry R. Worthington, machine repairs	58 02
	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light	48 80
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	77 05
13—	H. P. Campbell, sponges	6 50
	Christian & Clarke, cement	28 00
	Moller & Schumann, linseed oil	30 60
	James Campbell, charcoal	6 00
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, dies, etc	1 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, stove bolts	2 10
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	13 10
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	41 70
	Thomas Meehan & Sons, plants	12 55
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber	80 00
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber	247 36
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber	108 37
	C. C. Abel & Co., for P. Sebrie & Sons, imported plants	109 49
	C. C. Abel & Co., for P. Sebrie & Sons, imported plants	195 53
17—	R. H. Smith, Paymaster, disbursements	51 15
	Charles Tollner, cartage on frames	2 00
20—	H. J. Baker & Bro., fertilizer	106 18
	H. J. Baker & Bro., fertilizer	108 00
	F. E. Brandis Sons & Co., engineer's materials	12 25
	George J. Collins & Co., requisition book	10 75
	Citizens' Electric Ill. Co., light	297 60
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	128 10
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	109 83

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April	20—Siebrecht & Wadley, plants.....	\$30 00
	J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	147 50
	W. F. Young, P. D. F., absorbine.....	9 00
	Thomas McCann, top soil.....	96 50
	Jos. Ruppert, wheelwright's supplies.....	12 64
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials....	47 04
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials....	226 18
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	247 83
	26—R. Ross Appleton, Tax Collector, assessment for closing Tre- mont street.....	395 61
	<i>American Contractor</i> , advertising.....	18 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares.....	13 50
	Pitcher & Manda, moss.....	11 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service.....	37 50
	Moller & Schumann, turpentine.....	18 55
	Brooklyn Industrial Home for Blind Men, brooms.....	17 50
	Christian & Clarke, Portland cement.....	61 60
	F. E. Brandis Sons & Co., leveling rod.....	16 00
	Ellwanger & Barry, linden trees.....	35 00
	Jos. Ruppert, wheelwrights' supplies.....	3 90
	William H. Harrison & Sons, willow cuttings.....	10 00
	James Dean, shrubs.....	100 00
	Ellwanger & Barry plants.....	186 50
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials....	116 70
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, paint.....	54 81
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	51 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	6 50
	30—R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements.....	93 04
May	4—L. M. Royce & Co., horse medicines.....	5 75
	Revere Rubber Co., boiler packing.....	22 75
	Edward Barr & Co. (Limited), iron pipe.....	58 79
	Edward Barr & Co. (Limited), iron pipe.....	40 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	33 00
	C. H. Lilly, flag pole.....	110 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, plow shares.....	2 85
	Cortland Wagon Co., truck poles.....	20 70
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	65
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	80
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	46 28
	J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	147 50
	F. E. McAllister, bulbs.....	24 60
	Edison Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	44 00
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber.....	117 06
	Lucian T. Bell and W. F. Doyle, D. V. S., professional ser- vices.....	80 00
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials....	139 23
	11—Nathan Lane's Sons, letter heads.....	11 50

May 11—Christian & Clarke, cement.....	\$16 80
Christian & Clarke, cement and whiting	38 00
Old Colony Nurseries, willows.....	6 10
Michael Weber, top soil.....	150 00
Michael Weber, top soil	100 00
William Fennell, row boat.....	67 00
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal.....	29 43
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal.....	84 09
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
Martin & Longmire, cedar trees.....	23 00
G. Van Dine, straw.....	52 32
Henry Miller, plants	120 00
Thomas Monahan, top soil	100 00
Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne, French plants from Barbier Bros.	23 94
Pitcher & Manda, plants	85 00
Pitcher & Manda, plants	5 50
West of England Condiment Co., horse spice.....	5 00
F. Donovan & Son, feed	220 86
F. Donovan & Son, feed	29 75
Citizens' Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	288 00
18—Siebrecht & Wadley, rhododendrons.....	150 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, rhododendrons.....	100 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, roses	12 50
Siebrecht & Wadley, rhododendrons.....	250 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, silver maples.....	210 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, Norway maples	225 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, plants	49 50
Siebrecht & Wadley, pines	245 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, roses	220 00
Ellwanger & Barry, roses and trees.....	141 60
Pitcher & Manda, plants	91 40
Pitcher & Manda, plants	195 75
J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	63 75
J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	22 40
Louis D. Beck, gravel	87 50
Louis D. Beck, gravel	230 00
Louis D. Beck, gravel	232 50
Louis D. Beck, gravel	237 50
Louis D. Beck, gravel	235 00
Louis D. Beck, gravel	240 00
McKim, Mead & White, professional services	769 25
John M. Fox, top soil	11 50
C. D. Willits, coal.....	10 00
A. H. Hews & Co., flower pots.....	234 00
A. H. Hews & Co., flower pots.....	186 00
H. Ashenbach, harness supplies.....	38 41
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	50 92

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May 18—	North American Iron Works, columns	\$10 00
	Dunham Bros., shafts.....	7 00
	C. W. Lindblad, repairs.....	10 00
25—	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements	106 26
	Rosenstock & Mayer, police trousers.....	80 50
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., pipe.....	100 56
	Fred. W. Kelsey, evergreens	162 45
	Fred. W. Kelsey, rhododendrons	235 40
	Fred. W. Kelsey, rhododendrons.....	203 10
	New Utrecht Water Co., water	82 68
	New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	62 46
	New Utrecht Water Co., two four-inch plugs.....	2 00
	John Dempsey, manure.....	50 00
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	12 10
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	2 40
	The Anchor Post Co., iron posts.....	200 00
	Siebrecht & Wadley, trees.....	210 00
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	245 57
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., pipe, etc.....	247 39
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., pipe, etc.....	58 90
	A. D. Matthews & Sons, bunting.....	26 32
	A. D. Matthews & Sons, bunting.....	5 27
	J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	6 13
	H. P. Campbell, naphthaline balls	5 95
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies.....	22 60
	Fred. W. Kelsey, trees, etc.....	204 61
June 6—	Alexander Rain, official services.....	13 00
	Columbian Architectural Iron Works, post tops.....	30 00
	F. E. McAllister, tobacco stems.....	2 98
	Kenyon & Newton, lumber.....	168 41
	Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	32 00
	Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	15 75
	Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	21 00
	Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	88 00
	Henry Stein, sprayers.....	4 05
	James Dean, plants	100 00
	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	48 80
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal.....	155 73
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	242 52
	Tom Moore, granite posts	210 00
	Tom Moore, granite posts	210 00
	Tom Moore, granite posts	210 00
	Nathen Lane's Sons, stationery.....	17 05
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , printing.....	4 00
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials	73 50
	Forker & Baldwin, flags.....	35 63
	American Ball Nozzle Co., nozzles	5 00

June 6—	American Ball Nozzle Co., sprinklers.....	\$12 00
	F. V. Lindon, repairing clocks.....	19 50
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	28 63
	J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	45 00
	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	11 90
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	198 50
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	14 40
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	196 50
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	202 50
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	183 75
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	224 25
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	5 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	220 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	210 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	215 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	245 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	110 00
	Tom Moore, settee legs.....	248 00
	Tom Moore, settee legs.....	100 00
	R. & D. Person, brick.....	202 50
	R. & D. Person, brick.....	157 50
	Thomas Ineson, algae jell.....	43 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	225 00
8—	Audley Clarke, gravel.....	179 50
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
	Stevenson & Marsters, badges.....	142 50
12—	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	149 40
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	238 98
15—	Predmore Bros., moss.....	5 00
	Revere Rubber Co, hose.....	21 00
	Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	42 00
	James Dean, plants.....	39 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service.....	37 50
	Lynch & Weber, feeding animals.....	100 00
	American Ball Nozzle Co., sprinklers.....	11 80
	R. Ross Appleton, Tax Collector, assessment for repaving Ninth avenue.....	890 37
18—	M. Weber, top soil.....	100 00
	M. Weber, top soil.....	150 00
24—	J. S. Woodhouse, scrapers, etc.....	69 75
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 15th.....	208 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 16th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, music for police parade.....	176 00
	A. D. Matthews & Sons, cheese cloth.....	10 03
	Christian & Clarke, cement and lime.....	13 65
	James Slavin, sods.....	7 50
	F. E. McAllister, raffia.....	2 00

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June 24—Dunham Bros., water barrel cart.....	\$10 00
Brooklyn Industrial Home for Blind Men, brooms.....	17 50
Louis Conterno, concert	105 00
Anchor Post Co., posts.....	206 25
National Paint Works, paint.....	107 00
Revere Rubber Co., hose.....	21 00
M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials.....	138 21
Tom Moore, gates.....	240 00
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, water cart.....	250 00
Louis Borjes, music.....	110 00
Flemer & Felmly, trees.....	175 00
Flemer & Felmly, trees.....	87 50
John Dempsey, manure.....	7 50
Stevenson & Marsters, police badges.....	25 00
I. H. Dahlman, bay horse.....	200 00
I. H. Dahlman, bay horse.....	175 00
I. H. Dahlman, bay horse.....	150 00
Edward Orr, detective work.....	128 35
T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware	241 23
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, rims	1 80
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	83
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, tire	8 30
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	7 50
S. H. Tiebout & Sons, sledge... ..	3 84
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	23 60
26—R. H. Smith, Paymaster, disbursements	194 24
29—J. S. Woodhouse, plows	15 30
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel wedges.....	20 53
Dunham Bros., water barrel	10 00
Pioneer Iron Works, repairs to boiler	68 31
J. Condon, plants.....	53 00
J. Condon, plants.....	190 00
J. Condon, plants.....	54 00
Thomas McCann, top soil	117 00
Charles L. Lincoln, repairs at Bedford Park.....	165 00
Charles Pfeiffer, repairs at Bedford Park.....	173 00
James Preston, moving Lincoln statue	141 50
Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 22d.....	211 00
Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 23d	216 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas	29 63
F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., surveyor's materials.....	11 00
John M. Bulwinkle, stationery.....	56 68
John Gilkinson, top soil	100 00
John Gilkinson, top soil	150 00
George K. Zeiner, plants	42 00
George K. Zeiner, plants	30 00
J. E. Smith, secretary, office disbursements	32 44

June 29—	Joseph A. Manda, Jr., plants	\$25 00
	William Tricker & Co., plants	74 00
July 9—	Frederick W. Starr, lumber	175 06
	Edison Electric Ill. Co., electric light	44 00
	John Dempsey, manure	37 50
	Christian & Clarke, whiting	27 50
	Christian & Clarke, cement	28 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 30th	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, June 29th	206 00
	Louis Conterno, concert, July 6th	110 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, June 29th	110 00
	F. Donovan & Son, feed	210 60
	F. Donovan & Son, feed	185 91
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , printing	1 75
	Revere Rubber Co., hose	15 00
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware	239 88
	George P. Hall & Son, photographs	5 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares	6 00
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	21 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light	183 33
	Beers & Resseguie, cutting wood	3 50
	Siebrecht & Wadley, moss	6 00
	Revere Rubber Co., hose	15 75
	Peter Neary & Son, base for Lincoln monument	234 00
	Peter Neary & Son, plinth for Lincoln monument	68 00
	New Utrecht Water Co., water	244 65
	New Utrecht Water Co., water	211 88
	Frederick MacMonnies, second payment on quadriga contract	5,000 00
	J. C. Vaughan, nozzles	2 00
	J. C. Vaughan, wild flower seeds	19 35
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	37 50
	North American Iron Works, six drinking fountains	94 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron	33 64
	Cortland Wagon Co., water barrel cart	10 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	78 95
	Lucian T. Bell and W. F. Doyle, D. V. S., professional services	76 00
	John Gilkinson, top soil	150 00
	John Gilkinson, top soil	100 00
16—	Citizens' Electric Ill. Co., electric light	297 60
	Citizens' Electric Ill. Co., electric light	288 00
	Rosenstock & Mayer, blouses and pants	62 50
	F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds, engineer's supplies	28 53
	Christian & Clarke, brick	13 00
	The Richard Grant Co., hickory poles	2 40
	L. M. Royce & Co., bug poison	2 20
	H. P. Campbell, bug poison	3 24

July 16—	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 6th.....	\$216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 7th.....	216 00
	Edward A. Dubey, sign.....	12 00
	James Campbell, charcoal.....	6 00
	James Manee, flag pole.....	10 00
	Christian & Clarke, coal tar.....	20 00
	Joseph A. Manda, Jr., peat and moss.....	15 75
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, wheels.....	15 63
	Louis Borjes, concert, July 13th.....	110 00
	Richard Whalen, team work.....	102 50
23—	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	5 25
	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	31 15
	H. P. Campbell, bug poison.....	6 25
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 13th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 14th.....	216 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, July 20th.....	110 00
	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements.....	172 96
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies.....	10 30
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies.....	26 41
	James Curtin, manure.....	6 00
	George W. Millar & Co., toilet paper.....	12 00
	J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	19 50
	J. S. Woodhouse, plows.....	7 12
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, cotton waste.....	32 76
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, whiffletrees.....	3 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel.....	30 76
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, chains and bars.....	12 38
	Louis Conterno, concert, July 20th.....	110 00
	W. & T. Lamb, first payment on contract for Ninth avenue fence, etc.....	15,042 00
	McKim, Mead & White, professional services, Plaza entrance plans.....	1,644 57
30—	Louis Borjes, concert, July 27th.....	110 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 27th.....	211 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 28th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 21st.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, July 20th.....	216 00
	Gustav Koitzsch, concert, July 27th.....	110 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	232 50
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	230 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	225 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	92 50
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	237 50
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	235 00
	Richard Whalen, teams.....	137 50
	Richard Whalen, teams.....	150 00
	W. H. Quinn & Co., reed brooms.....	57 00

July	30—T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	\$208 93
	F. E. McAllister, seeds.....	88 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	37 50
	Henry Werner, sawing cedar poles	4 50
	J. S. Woodhouse, barrel spray and pumps.....	42 50
	Henry Werner, oak posts and caps.....	200 00
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, hammers, etc.....	7 48
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	2 04
	Anchor Post Co., posts.....	187 50
	Henry Bonnard Bronze Co., cleaning Beecher statue.....	35 00
	F. E. McAllister, bamboo sticks, etc	11 00
	H. P. Campbell, sprayer	6 75
	H. P. Campbell, bug poison.....	24 10
	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	26 25
	Christian & Clarke, cement	5 25
	Hammond's Slug Shot Works, thrip juice.....	6 00
	Charles H. Speth, ledger.....	18 00
	William Burke, carriage carpets	15 00
	William Burke, carriage carpets	5 00
	George W. Millar & Co., manilla pads	6 06
	Brooklyn Industrial Home for Blind Men, brooms.....	17 50
Aug.	1.—Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, purchase of franchise rights on Fort Hamilton avenue.....	10,000 00
	6.—Franklin Bartlett, as Attorney for Lydia S. Cutting, as Ex- ecutrix, for land in the Twelfth Ward park.....	9,500 00
	Lynch & Weber, feeding animals....	100 00
	Edison Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	48 80
	F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., tracing cloth, etc.....	16 42
	Louis Conterno, concert, August 3d.....	110 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 3d.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 4th.....	216 00
	Gustav Koitzsch, concert, August 3d.....	110 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, rubber hose.....	10 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares	6 00
	N. Y. and N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	37 13
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , printing.....	4 50
	F. E. McAllister, Liliun Harrissii.....	25 00
	C. D. Willits, coal	5 00
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	172 82
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	187 25
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	206 03
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber	177 16
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	243 65
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	248 35
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal.....	129 81
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	20 18

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Aug. 6—	Richard Whalen, teams	\$122 50
13—	Christian & Clarke, whiting.....	27 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, August 3.....	110 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, August 10	110 00
	Louis Conterno, concert, August 3	110 00
	Gustave Koitzsch, concert, August 10.....	110 00
	H. P. Campbell, bug poison.....	23 00
	Manning, Maxwell & Moore, iron pipe.....	173 94
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., light.....	297 60
	Mica Roofing Co., pitch.....	240 00
	Mica Roofing Co., asphalt.....	39 81
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery.....	78 51
	H. Aschenbach, harness.....	43 12
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	209 92
	Charles L. Lincoln, repairs at Bedford Park mansion.....	62 00
	Richard Whalen, teams	110 00
	George P. Hall & Son, Park photographs	9 00
20—	Mica Roofing Co., pitch.....	44 16
	Mica Roofing Co., asphalt.....	81 57
	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	26 25
	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares.....	6 00
	Gustav Koitzsch, concert, August 17	110 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, August 17.....	110 00
	Louis Conterno, concert, August 17th.....	110 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 10th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 11th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 17th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 18th.....	216 00
	Michael J. Dady, gravel.....	177 00
	Michael J. Dady, brick.....	223 60
	Michael J. Dady, cement.....	176 60
	Michael J. Dady, team hire.....	126 40
	Michael J. Dady, excavating.....	229 81
	Michael J. Dady, paving.....	148 02
27—	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials	185 75
	A. D. Matthews & Sons, muslin.....	5 76
	The Anchor Post Co., iron posts.....	195 00
	Richard Whalen, teams	50 00
	Christian & Clarke, Rosendale cement.....	8 40
	The Anchor Post Co., iron posts.....	225 00
	A. D. Matthews & Sons, muslin	7 43
	Moller & Schumann, varnish	51 24
	Louis Conterno, concert, August 24th.....	110 00
	J. S. Woodhouse, scrapers.....	46 20
	Smith Bros., boiler repairs	62 00
	Gustav Koitzsch, concert, August 24th	110 00
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware	247 98

Aug. 27—	Forker & Baldwin, American flags.....	\$57 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, August 24	110 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	31 25
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	225 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	230 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	235 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	240 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	245 00
	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements.....	177 96
	J. E. Smith, secretary, disbursements.....	32 80
Sept. 4—	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light	48 80
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	2 85
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	5 40
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	6 53
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, metallic paint	40 55
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, hubs.....	3 75
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, blacksmiths' supplies	3 98
	Jos. Ruppert, buggy shafts.....	8 05
	Louis Conterno, concert.....	110 00
	Beers & Resseguie, sawing wood ..	3 59
	Christian & Clarke, Portland cement.....	22 50
	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares.....	12 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	22 88
	Moller & Schumann, linseed oil.....	44 65
	Manning, Maxwell & Moore, pipe	185 51
	William Burke, repairs to phaeton	55 00
	Kenyon & Newton, turned posts.....	24 00
	Fiss & Doerr, one bay horse.....	130 00
	Fiss & Doerr, one bay horse.....	175 00
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	173 11
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	240 00
	New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	117 24
	New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	83 16
11—	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 24th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 25th.....	216 00
	Mica Roofing Co., pitch.....	118 80
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	195 03
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coal	81 51
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber	186 88
	J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	19 28
	Leonard & Ellis, oil.....	50 50
	Louis Conterno, concert, September 7th	100 00
	Louis Borjes, concert, August 31st.....	110 00
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber.....	76 00
	Tom Moore, stall guards, etc.....	232 75
	Tom Moore, box guards, etc.....	110 80
	Robert C. Fisher & Co., pedestal for Maryland monument..	1,500 00

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Sept. 11—	J. C. Vaughan, grass seed.....	\$120 00
	Brooklyn Industrial Home for Blind Men, brooms.....	17 50
	Richard Whalen, teams.....	60 00
	New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	201 76
	New Utrecht Water Co., water.....	232 03
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	297 60
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
	George W. Millar & Co., toilet paper.....	12 00
	George W. Millar & Co., toilet paper.....	12 00
18—	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , Park reports.....	240 00
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , cuts.....	10 50
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , paper.....	56 50
	Cranford & Co., tar flooring.....	142 65
	Cranford & Co., tar flooring.....	187 50
	Poulson & Eger, iron railings.....	245 00
	Poulson & Eger, erecting railing.....	40 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 27.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, August 31.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 1.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 2.....	211 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 7.....	201 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 8.....	211 00
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	200 98
	John M. Bulwinkle, stationery.....	32 70
	William Bock, music stands.....	40 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service.....	37 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, wheels.....	5 13
	The Anchor Post Co., posts.....	150 00
	The Anchor Post Co., posts.....	12 00
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch.....	115 20
	Mica Roofing Company, tar.....	5 00
	Thomas E. Pearsall, legal services, 1892 and 1893.....	700 00
24—	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	230 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	240 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	225 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	245 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	235 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	193 75
	Moller & Schumann, liquid dryer.....	15 00
	M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., pipe.....	172 36
	H. Aschenbach, harness supplies.....	150 20
	Lucian T. Bell, M. D., V. S., professional services.....	95 00
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, springs.....	2 60
	J. C. Vaughan, flower seeds.....	62 90
	Manning, Maxwell & Moore, pipe.....	223 91
	Manning, Maxwell & Moore, pipe.....	74 24
Oct. 1—	J. S. Woodhouse, plowshares.....	9 00

Oct.	1—James Donovan, sand.....	\$50 00
	Frederick W. Starr, lumber	49 74
	F. E. McAllister, bulbs.....	40 00
	F. E. McAllister, bulbs.	5 00
	Christian & Clarke, whiting	27 50
	8—Nathan Lane's Sons, time ledger	21 10
	R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements.....	141 95
	New Utrecht Water Co., water	68 84
	New Utrecht Water Co., water	68 93
	Citizen's Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	288 00
	Kelsey & Loughlin, coke.....	12 00
	The West of England Condiment Co., horse spice	5 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	29 50
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light.....	183 33
	The Anchor Post Co., posts, etc.....	29 00
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	128 97
	F. Donovan & Son, feed	233 25
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	245 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	240 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	235 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	230 00
	Louis D. Beck, gravel.....	195 00
	Charles E. Ball, repairs to heater	19 00
	Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Twelfth ward park title.....	78 75
	Frederick MacMonnies, third payment on quadriga ..	5,000 00
	W. & T. Lamb, second payment on fence, etc.....	9,481 00
	15—A. R. Baird, curbstones.....	200 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 14th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 15th.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 21st.....	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 22d	216 00
	Alfred D. Fohs, concert, September 29th.....	216 00
	A. R. Baird, curbstones.....	200 00
	C. D. Willits, coal	10 00
	Frederick W. Starr, tree stakes	67 16
	J. S. Woodhouse, cultivator	7 20
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	36 45
	Baker, Voorhies & Co., session laws of 1895.....	8 50
	Edison Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	44 00
	John H. Vellia, top soil	39 00
	Tom Moore, Higbee oat cleaner	27 50
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	57 50
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone service	77 40
	22—Charles L. Lincoln, professional services.....	25 00
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, tree-box iron.....	126 28
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, tree-box iron.....	157 31
	John H. Vellia, top soil	32 25

Oct.	22—Manning, Maxwell & Moore, pipe	\$156 48
	James Donovan, top soil.....	208 50
	Rosenstock & Mayer, police pants	113 75
	J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	19 94
	James Campbell, charcoal.....	6 00
	Frederick W. Starr, whitewood.....	4 60
	Lynch & Weber, feeding animals.....	100 00
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., moving telephone.....	6 00
	Christian & Clarke, Portland cement.....	33 75
	29—John Gilkinson, top soil.....	200 00
	The <i>Engineering Record</i> , advertising	56 00
	William T. Comstock, advertising	27 60
	John Dempsey, manure.....	64 50
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, tree-box rivets.....	7 00
	Moller & Schumann, oil and alcohol	26 56
	T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	201 00
Nov.	6—J. S. Woodhouse, plow beam.....	4 50
	H. Aschenbach, blankets.....	15 00
	A. R. Baird, curbing.....	200 00
	A. R. Baird, curbing	200 00
	A. R. Baird, curbing.....	200 00
	A. R. Baird, curbing.....	200 00
	Mica Roofing Co., pitch.....	110 56
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	241 06
	F. Donovan & Son, feed.....	122 47
	Manning, Maxwell & Moore, valves.....	13 46
	George W. Millar & Co., toilet paper.....	12 00
	F. V. Linton, fixing clocks.....	19 50
	George Evans & Sons, bellows leather	11 05
	Christian & Clarke, cement.....	6 75
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	297 60
	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	11 30
	Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas	34 88
	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.....	48 80
	N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light	183 33
	12—R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements	108 12
	John F. Schmadeke, coal.....	248 35
	P. L. Cortelyou, Norway maples.....	6 00
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	21 20
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	73 04
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	22 32
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	108 32
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	37 12
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	46 48
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	23 36
	Mica Roofing Company, pitch	91 04
	H. Aschenbach, stable blankets.....	75 00

Nov.	12—	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery.....	\$34 09
		C. D. Willits, coal	5 00
		Christian & Clarke, cement.....	5 25
		John Gilkinson, top soil	200 00
	15—	F. E. McAllister, bulbs.....	100 63
		J. E. Smith, secretary, office disbursements	36 00
		Robert C. Fisher & Co., marble and bronze work.....	1,450 00
		John Maillie, work on Bay parkway.....	6,800 00
	19—	Harris & Maguire, manure.....	74 00
		Harris & Maguire, manure	97 50
		Charles H. Speth, requisition book.....	10 75
		M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., vitrified pipe	130 01
		Christian & Clarke, brick.....	32 50
		Brooklyn Industrial Home for Blind Men, brooms.....	17 50
		George W. Palmer, manure.....	70 00
	26—	C. H. Tiebout & Sons, steel	65
		C. H. Tiebout & Sons, bolts.....	4 60
		Flemer & Felmy, trees	12 90
		John H. Vellia, top soil	120 00
		M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., vitrified pipe	220 50
		F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., surveyor's materials	3 75
		Christian & Clarke, lath....	1 25
		T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware.....	238 65
		James F. Gillen, closing Forty-third street.....	4,600 00
Dec.	3—	Edison Electric Ill. Co., electric light	44 00
		Flatbush Gas Co., gas.....	152 88
		Flatbush Gas Co., gas.....	143 64
		Flatbush Gas Co., gas.....	226 80
		F. Donovan & Son, feed	195 86
		F. Donovan & Son, feed	92 85
		J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	14 00
		The Brooklyn Union Gas Co., gas.....	34 13
		Christian & Clarke, cement	4 00
		John Gilkinson, top soil.....	125 00
		John Gilkinson, top soil.....	125 00
		W. & T. Lamb, fence, balustrades, etc.....	4,915 00
		Peter F. Lynan, flagging Flatbush avenue.....	2,500 00
		Peter F. Lynan, flagging Flatbush avenue.....	148 66
		R. H. Smith, paymaster, disbursements	83 76
	10—	H. Aschenbach, wool skin, etc.....	11 25
		John J. Fenton, clipping horses.....	28 00
		N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., light	183 33
		Edwin C. Swezy, professional services.....	30 00
		Lynch & Weber, feeding animals.....	100 00
		John M. Bulwinkle, stationery.....	35 00
		Fred. W. Kelsey, trees	182 50
		Louis Bossert, hot-bed sashes.....	112 50

Dec. 10—Citizens' Electric Ill. Co., electric light.....	\$288 00
Frederick MacMonnies, second payment on groups at Ocean parkway entrance	5,000 00
P. J. Carlin & Co., first payment on account Brooklyn Insti- tute of Arts and Sciences building.....	20,201 16
17—F. E. McAllister, shrubs	4 00
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	10 76
C. D. Willits, coal.....	10 00
Walter T. Klots & Bro's Sons, cement.....	23 75
John Gilkinson, top soil	129 00
24—J. F. Schmadeke, coal.....	226 40
M. Reynolds Plumbers' Supply Co., plumbing materials	11 64
J. F. Schmadeke, coal	227 52
T. B. Willis & Bro., hardware	113 22
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	18 94
C. H. Tiebout & Sons, iron.....	3 66
F. Donovan & Son, feed	226 83
J. D. & C. C. Lincoln, stoves.....	10 50
George W. Palmer, ashes for paths	100 00
Kelsey & Loughlin, coal.....	107 25

I have the honor to remain, yours very truly,

FRANK SQUIER,

Commissioner.



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THE PAYMASTER'S REPORT.

January 1, 1896.

Hon. FRANK SQUIER,

Commissioner :

I have the honor herewith to submit the amount of the pay-rolls for the year 1895.

1895.	City.	Amount.	Police.	Labor, Skilled, Unskilled, Hired Teams, Horses and Carts.
Jan. 5	Pay-Roll No. 730	\$4,148 79	\$1,832 11	\$2,316 68
12	" " " " " " 731	4,221 41	1,833 50	2,387 91
19	" " " " " " 732	4,372 56	1,839 00	2,533 56
26	" " " " " " 733	4,305 16	1,795 00	2,510 16
Feb. 2	" " " " " " 734	4,330 52	1,873 38	2,457 14
9	" " " " " " 735	4,193 27	1,779 88	2,413 39
16	" " " " " " 736	4,459 00	1,823 88	2,635 12
23	" " " " " " 737	4,239 14	1,840 37	2,398 77
March 2	" " " " " " 738	4,463 65	1,884 36	2,579 29
9	" " " " " " 739	4,317 46	1,815 61	2,501 85
16	" " " " " " 740	4,384 42	1,858 24	2,526 18
23	" " " " " " 741	4,912 13	1,881 60	3,030 53
30	" " " " " " 742	5,269 84	1,909 10	3,360 74
April 6	" " " " " " 743	5,588 80	1,925 60	3,663 20
13	" " " " " " 744	6,235 92	1,893 05	4,342 87
20	" " " " " " 745	7,123 85	1,876 55	5,247 30
27	" " " " " " 746	7,153 93	1,879 30	5,274 63
May 4	" " " " " " 747	6,428 67	1,862 80	4,565 87
11	" " " " " " 748	7,197 15	1,887 55	5,309 60
18	" " " " " " 749	6,682 46	1,917 30	4,765 16
25	" " " " " " 750	7,134 86	1,918 55	5,216 31
June 1	" " " " " " 751	6,796 43	1,931 05	4 865 38
8	" " " " " " 752	7,858 27	1,898 05	5,960 22
15	" " " " " " 753	8,289 46	1,901 55	6,387 91
22	" " " " " " 754	8,439 21	1,898 05	6,541 16
29	" " " " " " 755	7,261 95	1,885 05	5,376 90
July 6	" " " " " " 756	7,489 59	1,906 80	5,582 79
13	" " " " " " 757	8,587 57	1,962 30	6,625 27
20	" " " " " " 758	8,023 79	1,971 80	6,051 99
27	" " " " " " 759	8,685 41	1,979 80	6,705 61
Aug. 3	" " " " " " 760	8,417 49	1,953 05	6,464 44
10	" " " " " " 761	8,163 80	1,967 05	6,196 75
17	" " " " " " 762	8,209 53	1,955 80	6,253 73
24	" " " " " " 763	8,555 95	1,983 30	6,572 65
31	" " " " " " 764	8,481 33	1,958 55	6,522 78
Sept. 7	" " " " " " 765	7,668 10	1,986 05	5,682 05
14	" " " " " " 766	8,206 47	1 969 55	6,236 92
21	" " " " " " 767	7,668 08	1,980 55	5,687 53
28	" " " " " " 768	8,055 15	1,955 80	6,099 35
Oct. 5	" " " " " " 769	7,749 03	1,958 55	5,790 48
12	" " " " " " 770	6,718 13	1,961 30	4,756 83
19	" " " " " " 771	7,251 92	1,964 05	5,287 87
26	" " " " " " 772	7,478 94	1,945 80	5,533 14
Nov. 2	" " " " " " 773	6,128 15	1,894 30	4,233 85
9	" " " " " " 774	6,723 39	1,868 55	4,854 84
16	" " " " " " 775	6,356 04	1,892 55	4,463 49
23	" " " " " " 776	6,079 08	1,887 05	4,192 03
30	" " " " " " 777	4,786 02	1,895 55	2,890 47
Dec. 7	" " " " " " 778	4,707 80	1,909 05	2,798 75
14	" " " " " " 779	4,327 38	1,605 55	2,721 83
21	" " " " " " 780	3,890 49	1,711 80	2,178 69
28	" " " " " " 781	3,713 10	1,841 55	1,871 55
		\$331,870 04	\$98,506 53	\$233,363 51

Salary Pay-Rolls for the Year 1895.

1895.			
Jan.	17.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of January.....	\$2,078 29
Feb.	14.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of February	2,078 29
March	14.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of March	2,078 29
April	16.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of April	2,091 63
May	15.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of May	2,091 63
June	17.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of June.....	2,108 30
July	16.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of July	2,108 30
Aug.	13.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of August	2,108 30
Sept.	11.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of September.....	2,108 30
Oct.	15.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of October.....	2,108 30
Nov.	15.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of November	2,108 30
Dec.	10.	Salary pay-roll, for the month of December	2,108 30

Total.....\$25,176 23

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. SMITH,

Paymaster.

The General Superintendent's Report.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
LITCHFIELD MANSION, PROSPECT PARK,

BROOKLYN, December 31, 1895

HON. FRANK SQUIER,

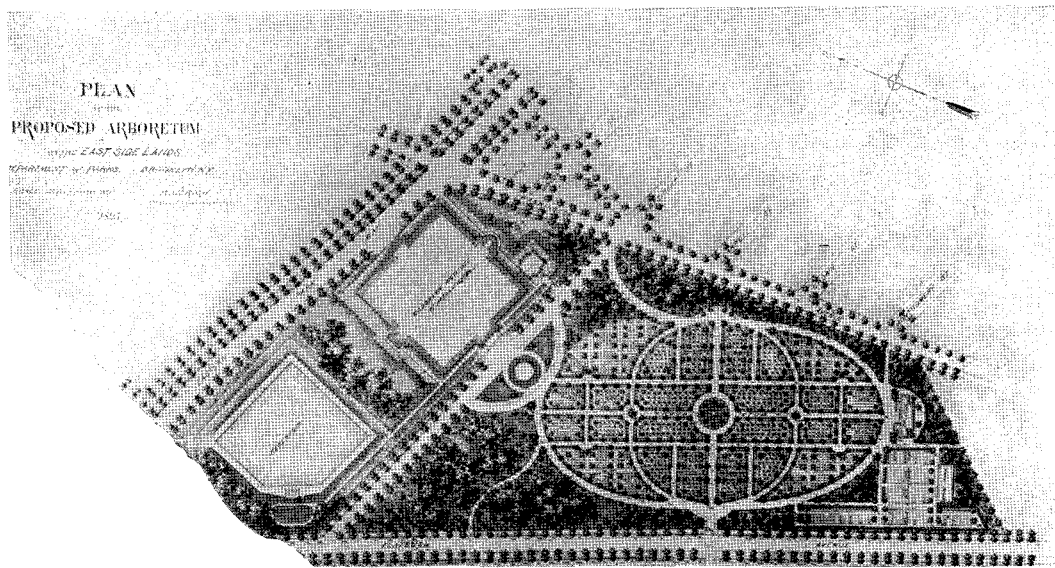
Commissioner of the Department of Parks.

DEAR SIR :—I am pleased to report that most of the improvements which were begun last year under your direction and upon plans prepared or approved by you have been successfully carried out, and are now either completed or in a stage of progress that is exceedingly satisfactory.

We have had the advantage of favorable weather throughout the entire season, and this has enabled us to carry on the work of grading uninterruptedly until the middle of November. Most of the work of this nature has been done in Ridgewood Park, Bushwick Park, Sunset Park, the Twelfth Ward Park and East Side Lands. In Ridgewood Park the sub-grading of the main drive, about a quarter of a mile in length, has been completed. The work of curbing and guttering the drive has been begun. The main drive in its centre has been widened so as to provide a carriage concourse, from which a magnificent view of the adjoining portion of the city and of Jamaica bay and of the Atlantic ocean can be obtained by visitors. The work was begun in July, and an average of twenty men, five teams and eight carts have been employed during the season. They have removed 15,640 cubic yards of sandy clay, mixed with boulders and gravel, an average distance of one-quarter of a mile, in the work of finishing the main drive; 2,000 cubic yards of the same material in filling a large hollow in the northern portion of the Park that was filled

PLAN
OF THE
PROPOSED ARBORETUM

ON THE EAST SIDE LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
1897



with stagnant rain water and, in addition, they removed considerable earth in grading roads made last year. During a portion of the season some of the men employed at Ridgewood Park were detailed to grade a small triangle in the Eighteenth Ward, which the Park Department converted into a small park.

In Bushwick Park the grading was begun at the end of March. An average of ten men were employed, in addition to ten scraper teams and one cart; 7,850 cubic yards of sand were moved. Excavations were made for the planting of 312 shade trees and 2,200 feet of hedge, and the same replaced with 638 cubic yards of good top soil. The land reserved for lawns, about four and one-half acres in extent, was covered one foot deep with top soil. About 3,000 cubic yards were used.

In Sunset Park work was carried on from the middle of May to the end of October. An excavation 460 feet long, six feet wide and four feet deep was made for the foundation of a strong retaining wall along Fifth avenue. About 409 cubic yards of material were moved. The work of building the foundation was necessarily slow, owing to delay caused by the handling of very heavy boulders, which required drilling and blasting.

In the Twelfth Ward Park grading was started in June and carried on until October. About 9,000 cubic yards of material, consisting of cinders and all sorts of rubbish, dumped there in years past, were moved. An average of ten men and four teams were employed. It will require the removal of 8,000 additional cubic yards of material to complete the sub-grading of this park.

The grading of the East Side lands was commenced in February at the part fronting the reservoir, at the junction of Flatbush avenue and Eastern parkway. Some 9,000 cubic yards of earth used at this point was obtained from contractors, who delivered it free of cost. During the summer months an immense amount of work was done on the remaining portion of the land. Hills eight to ten feet high were graded down to the established sub-grade of two feet above the curbstone line of the sidewalk. The material thus obtained, consisting of sandy clay and boulders, many of so large a size as to require blasting before handling, was used in filling a large hole at the southern end of the land.

An average of eighty-five men, thirteen teams and five carts were thus employed. The work on the land fronting the reservoir is virtually completed. There have been constructed, graded and graveled 1,130 lineal feet of walks, twenty to twenty-five feet wide; one and one-half acres of lawn graded and sown and the remainder laid out for plantations. The sidewalk on Flatbush and Washington avenues has been graded fifty feet wide, the entire length of the property. Excavations were made along these avenues for the planting of 325 trees. Flagging was laid from a point opposite the entrance to the water tower on the Eastern parkway to Flatbush avenue, and along Flatbush avenue to the old city line, near Malbone street. Altogether 15,690 square feet of flagging were thus used. In addition to the grading mentioned more than 4,000 cubic yards of earth were removed from the site which will be occupied by the Museum building now being constructed for the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

In Prospect Park there was considerable grading done during the year. The herbaceous flower garden on Breeze Hill was regraded, the land around the Lincoln and the Maryland monuments cut down to produce suitable effects, and the embankment along Prospect Park West, from the Third street entrance to the Park Plaza, was reformed to conform to the new wall erected on this side of the Park. The construction of this wall also necessitated the regrading of the sidewalk for a distance of about a third of a mile. Considerable grading was done along the road outside of the Park from the Flatbush entrance to the Ocean Parkway entrance, and the surplus material thus obtained, measuring over 600 cubic yards, was utilized in raising the grade of the Ocean Parkway at Church lane.

During the year, the Children's Playground was converted into a Rosery, in connection with basins for tropical and semi-tropical aquatic plants. The place being low and sheltered from the severe wind, and being surrounded by large trees and thick shrubbery, is admirably adapted for its new purpose. The creation of this garden entailed a large amount of grading, the place being covered with gravel and boulders to a depth of from two to three feet. One thousand cubic yards were excavated in the formation of thirty-four oblong flower beds, two aquatic basins

and one fountain basin. The material thus obtained was used in the construction of two terraces. The excavations were refilled with proper soil and manure, and the remainder of the land was covered with loam from one to two feet deep. There were 2,300 cubic yards of top soil, 406 loads of manure and 302 loads of leaf mould used.

DETAIL OF THE PLANTING.

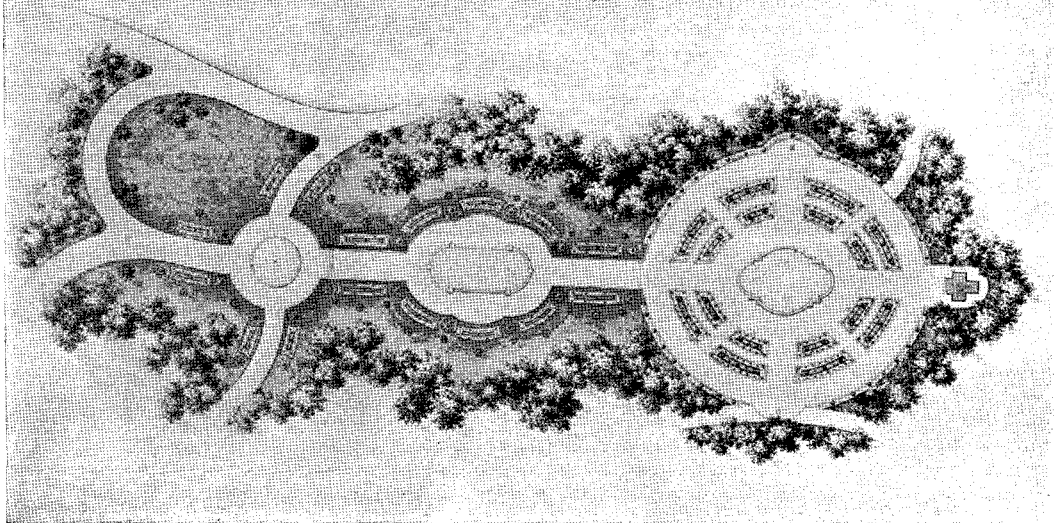
Much more attention was paid to planting this year than for some years past. In the Rosery strong and brilliant effects were obtained by having some of the beds filled with roses of one color and one particular sort, in corresponding parts of the garden. To prevent a tame and monotonous result, my plan of the Rosery provided for the use of standards of various heights and habits, and climbers trained to poles, producing a variety of outline. The roses selected for planting were of the hardy kinds, and represented all varieties known for cultivation. The number used in filling thirty-four beds and seventy-five small circles, was 900 hybrid perpetuals, 600 Japanese, Chinese, moss, etc., 100 climbing, and 75 standard roses. With few exceptions, the bushes are remarkably fine, and next season there will be an exhibition of roses in the Park which will be sure to elicit the praise and admiration of all visitors. Some 1,600 spring flowering trees and shrubs, such as magnolias, double-flowering cherries, red-buds, lilacs, spiræas, deutzias, rhododendrons, kalmias, azaleas, and a selected assortment of hardy annuals, were planted, to produce a shrubbery border in harmony with the surrounding landscape, and also to provide ever-blooming effects during the spring, summer and autumn. The construction of the basins and the shelter to be used in connection with an apparatus for heating water to a temperature needed for the growth of tropical aquatic plants, was postponed until next year.

The planting in Prospect Park was carried on from early in March until the middle of June, and from October to December. It included thousands of plants and trees, ranging from one inch to forty feet high. The perennial flower garden on Breeze Hill was entirely replanted, and many thousands of new and rare plants, particularly of the herbaceous class, were added to the

PROPOSED PLAN
of
ROSEY AND BASINS FOR AQUATIC PLANTS
PROSPECT PARK
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

SCALE 2 1/2" = 100' H.C.

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large collection. The result was very gratifying and was greatly appreciated by the public. On the steep slopes, adjoining the Terrace Bridge and the lake borders, eight hundred trees and bushes, and thousands of willow cuttings, were planted. It is to be greatly regretted, however, that many of the willow cuttings (planted last fall) were destroyed during the skating season. Over 150 trees of various kinds and 125,000 plants and bushes, consisting of hardy shrubbery and climbers, were planted in various parts of Prospect Park.

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS.

The appearance of the buildings was greatly improved by being painted, renovated and decorated.

Early in the spring it was found that the stable was in exceedingly bad condition. All the stalls were removed, the floors taken up and four feet of mud dug out. The space thus created was filled with cinders, thoroughly tamped, upon which were laid yellow pine timbers, 4 x 6, and the space in between filled with asphalt. A yellow pine flooring, two inches thick, tongued and grooved, was laid and thoroughly tarred. The whole floor was covered with two-inch spruce planks. The traps and gutters were connected with the sewer, six-inch vitrified pipe being used. In fitting up the stable there were used twenty-four oak turned posts, twenty-four stall guards and partitions, nineteen closets, twenty four mangers, six racks for drying blankets, a patent oat cleaner, and one hundred and fifty feet of iron gutters. The stairs were remodeled, double doors constructed, two oak door sills provided and the interior ceiled with yellow pine ceiling. A temporary stable and shed were constructed for use during these repairs. The outside of the stable and of the large workshops were painted, the sash reglazed and the plumbing put in proper order. The brick work around the furnace in the Litchfield Mansion was taken down during repairs and rebuilt.

The upper room of the Croquet Shelter was converted into a ladies' toilet room, and in doing this there were used two closets with tanks, one marble slab wash-basin, thirty feet of 2-inch lead soil pipe, twenty feet of 1½-inch soil pipe, twenty-five feet of

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, twenty-five feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, fifty feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, seventy-five pounds of solder and lead fittings, forty feet of 4-inch iron pipe, fifteen feet of 2-inch iron pipe, eighteen tees and elbows.

At the Flower Garden Shelter a skylight, 8 by 10 feet, was put in the roof of the restaurant to improve the light. The ceiling in the middle room was replaced with two hundred square feet of narrow wood ceiling, the steam heater was repaired, twenty large glass panels put in, the closets and water pipes repaired, and a bicycle rack thirty feet long was erected in rear of the shelter.

At the Lake House new flooring and partitions were put in, twelve new closets with the necessary attachments constructed in the room for men, and during the skating season 6,000 feet of 2-inch spruce lumber were used in providing extra accommodation for the skaters.

At the Farm House five new sashes and eight screens were provided for the windows, two washtubs were put in the basement, and the range, closets and water pipes were repaired. The buffalo cage was reconstructed, the deer paddock was renovated, twenty-four posts, 200 feet of wire 6 feet high, and several watering tubs being used, and the cage for the bears was repaired. Two additional sheds were erected to protect the elk from the severe weather, and all of the sheds were painted.

At the Picnic House the water pipes were encased in wood, one hundred and twelve picnic tables 4 feet wide, 13 feet long, together with one hundred and thirty wooden horses were constructed; the drinking fountains, tennis lockers and closets repaired, and the Carrousel building repaired and painted.

At the Rose Garden 3,000 feet of wooden curbing were made of 2-inch material, and a system of surface drainage provided which required the use of 1,000 feet of 2-inch galvanized iron pipe, 2,000 feet of 1-inch galvanized iron pipe, fifteen 1-inch garden valves, one 2-inch gate, two 1-inch stopcocks, one hundred and forty-seven feet of 4-inch vitrified pipe, twelve brick silt basins, two hundred and five feet of 5-inch vitrified pipe and one hundred and ninety-one feet of 6-inch vitrified pipe.

In the Vale of Cashmere a drainage system was constructed, which took seven large brick silt basins, two hundred and ten feet

of 18-inch and sixty feet of 12-inch cement pipe, forty feet of 8-inch, and three hundred feet of 3-inch vitrified pipe, and seven cast-iron basin heads.

At the Greenhouse the old floor of the workshop was replaced by a new one; the floor of the engine room was replaced with one constructed of iron girders, brick arches and cement covering; one hundred and ninety feet of lattice work, made and fitted on to the benches in the display house; six hundred feet of new benches were constructed; a flight of stairs built in the display house; two hundred and twenty-five feet of flagging laid; the shed for storing pots extended twenty-six feet; the cold frames enlarged by being raised two feet six inches; eighteen stands were made for palms; three hundred boxes for seed planting; six hundred feet of hot beds, and one hundred and fifty feet of sash were made; glass cases were made; four hundred and fifty feet of benches were constructed in the propagating house, together with eighty-three brick foundations; six hundred and fifty feet of water pipe were laid, and the Greenhouse was repainted and reglazed where needed.

The rustic carpenters constructed a railing on the bridge near the Swan Boat Lake; made a table and settee near the Farm House; a rustic seat for the Umbrella Shelter on Breeze Hill; two easels for the Flower Garden Shelter; rebuilt the rustic shelter near the "Nelly" tree at Battle Pass; repaired the rustic bridge near Duck Island; the shelter east of the lake; two watch boxes, and made necessary repairs to the shelter on the West Drive, which was also re-thatched, 2,000 pounds of straw being used. A bridge, 4 x 6 feet, was constructed over the gutter on the driveway to the Mansion.

At Breeze Hill a small nursery was constructed, for the purpose of growing hardy herbaceous plants, to be used in the perennial garden. This required seven hundred and twenty-eight feet of hot-bed frames, two hundred and nineteen sashes, all of which (excepting fifty) were made, glazed and painted by the Park employees; five hundred seed boxes and two hundred feet of water pipe.

WORK OF THE MACHINE SHOP.

In the Machine Shop the following work was done: Five snow plows repaired; ten painted; shafts made for sleighs; water sprinklers repaired and painted; twenty-five snow-pushers made and painted; eight cart wheels made and painted; four carts repaired and painted; four two-horse road scrapers made and painted; nine scraper poles; fourteen sets of whiffletrees; one spring truck; twelve seats; ten tanks; ten footboards; nine sprinkler poles; four ice scrapers, with poles; ten stone boats; sixteen water-cart wheels; eight leaf crates; three sets of shafts; eight water barrels; forty long-tool handles; two gun carriages, with wheels; one lumber truck; four push carts; ten sets of mowing machines, shafts, poles and whiffletrees; one hundred ax and maul handles; two hundred and fifty signs made and painted; four trucks; two wagons; thirty-six wheels; two hundred rakes; four plows; one harrow; one street sweeper; one steam roller; three Buckeye mowers; nineteen lawn mowers, and fifty-three small mowers were kept in repair.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

The miscellaneous work done in Prospect Park was as follows: seventeen large hydrants, sixty-five feet of gutter near the stable, forty feet of gutter at the Farm House, water mains on West Drive and Ocean Parkway, 3,000 settees, the lake tool house, thirty music racks, twelve hydrants, the large cess-pool near Gate 3, the fireplace at the Farm House, and the fences about the Park were repaired. A number of curbstones were cut down for bicycles; 1,200 feet of irrigation pipe were laid; a sewer connection was made at the Third street entrance, which required eighty-five feet of vitrified pipe; 3,000 feet of picket fence and 5,000 feet of pipe fence were painted; 406 square yards of brick pavement laid at Bedford avenue and Eastern Parkway; a foundation for the Lincoln Monument, 16 x 16 x 4½ feet was built; also a foundation for the Maryland Monument, 9 x 10 x 9½ feet; 5,000 feet of pipe railing constructed; 1,500 long tree stakes and 400 dahlia stakes made, together with 8,000 small stakes for surveyors; a new dock for miniature yachts was built; 2,600 feet of

runs for tying boats at Lake House constructed ; 2,300 feet of pipe fence removed to make way for new stone fence ; stands built for Decoration Day, Anniversary Day, for the German United Singers of Brooklyn, and for the several ceremonies connected with the construction of the Museum Building for the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, and a new brick cover was made for the cesspool at Gate 3.

There were provided for the East Side lands, three hundred feet of plank approaches, three feet wide ; four hundred tree stakes, two hundred and fifty tree boxes, 2,918 feet of galvanized pipe, and the lumber necessary for making repairs to the tar sheds. In the small park at the junction of Eastern Parkway and Flatbush avenue there were laid two hundred and seventy-five feet of 2-inch and one hundred and seventy-five feet of 1-inch and fifty feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch galvanized pipe. Twenty-four stone approaches were laid on the Eastern Parkway, at crossings, for the convenience of bicycle riders.

On the Ocean Parkway 5,280 feet of flagging, six feet wide, was relaid on sidewalks ; twenty-three hydrants and ten breaks in the water-main repaired ; a stand built for reviewing the bicycle parade ; four signs made ; plank approaches extended two feet on the bicycle path ; and at the Parade Ground 4,000 feet of fence were repaired and painted, one hundred posts put up and the buildings repaired.

At Coney Island the shelters were put in proper repair.

At the Twelfth Ward Park a tool shed was built.

At Sunset Park a foundation wall, 460 feet long, five feet wide and four feet deep, was built and a tool shed constructed.

At Carroll Park 1,243 feet of fence was painted, one hundred and fifty feet of pipe fencing built, three hundred and fifty feet of cement walk laid, two hundred square feet of sidewalk reset, two fountain basins lowered, one closet put in ladies' shelter, and three closets repaired.

At City Hall Park the tree railings were painted and the fountain basins cemented and repaired.

At Washington Park 3,500 feet of pipe railing were put up, eighteen iron gates repaired, a shingle roof put on shelter, one hundred square feet of ceiling put up in the ladies' shelter, the hydrants repaired and the lower part of the music stand painted.

At the City Park 2,983 feet of fence were painted, and 2,130 feet of water pipe laid.

At Bedford Park a drinking fountain was supplied, together with one hundred and fifty feet of water pipe and one hundred and fifty feet of sewer pipe.

At Tompkins Park a tool shed, 16 x 8 feet, was built and painted, one hundred and fifty feet of block wall reset, 1,180 feet of fence painted, and two fountains and closets repaired.

At Winthrop Park the fence, drinking fountains and closets were repaired.

At Highland Park a cover was built over the pump and a connection made with the reservoir.

At Bushwick Park 2,250 feet of fence were erected and painted, the shelter removed to the centre of the Park, six hundred tree stakes supplied, together with two hundred and seventy tree boxes, and 2,850 feet of galvanized iron pipe laid.

At Underhill Park four hundred and fifty feet of iron fence and the fountain were repaired.

In the Eighteenth Ward a fence was erected around the new triangular park, and fifty feet of pipe laid.

MATERIALS USED DURING THE YEAR.

The materials used during the year were as follows: 177,255 feet of lumber, about 15,000 feet of fencing pipe, 3,500 feet of irrigation pipe, 3,473 cubic yards of Roa Hook gravel, 4,123 loads of top soil, 882 loads of manure, 8 tons of bone dust, 234 barrels of chemical tar, 58 boxes of glass, 197 barrels of cement, 19 barrels of lime, 629 tons of coal, 5,500 pounds of white lead and 10 barrels of paint.

The amount of water pumped into the lake by the park pump was 103,158,448 gallons. The amount received from the New Utrecht Water Company, from March to September, was 16,213,275 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

R. ULRICH,

General Superintendent.



DYKER BEACH.

REPORT OF THE LABOR AND PROPERTY CLERK.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
" LITCHFIELD MANSION," PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN,
January 1st, 1896.

Hon. FRANK SQUIER,

Commissioner of the Department of Parks :

DEAR SIR:—I herewith respectfully submit the following inventory of the stock and miscellaneous articles belonging to the Department of Parks, distributed among the various parks, under my care as Property Clerk.

THE LIVE STOCK.

The live stock of the Department consists of twelve truck horses, five cart horses, twelve police horses, one horse for Commissioner's use, one horse for Superintendent's use, and five horses used by the different foremen of the park, making a total of thirty-six horses at the present time. At the time of making my last report the Department owned thirty-three horses, which number has been increased by the purchase of two teams and four horses for the use of the police, and decreased by the sale of three horses, and the death of two on account of old age. The number of horses, as per last report, thirty-three ; increase by purchase, eight ; total, forty-one ; decrease by sale and death, five ; leaving a total of thirty-six.

THE MENAGERIE.

The other live stock of the Department, which makes up the menagerie, consists of the following : Sixteen Egyptian geese, eleven ducks, one swan, nine peafowl, three white turkeys, four doves, two eagles, fourteen elk, five white deer, six brown deer, one Brahma cow, one buffalo bull, forty-nine sheep, one shepherd dog, eleven rabbits.

THE ROLLING STOCK.

The rolling stock consists of one excavator and pump, seventeen two-horse sprinklers, three one-horse sprinklers, one steam

roller, five horse rollers, four dirt trucks, two spring trucks, two leaf trucks, six one-horse carts, one top greenhouse wagon, two business wagons, three top buggies, two phaetons, one exercising cart, one buckboard wagon, one sweeping machine, two sleighs, thirteen hand carts, four water barrels on wheels, one horse rake, two horse tedders, one freight truck, nineteen horse mowers, three Buckeye mowers, thirteen scrapers, one scuffle, five large snow plows, six small snow plows and three ice planes.

STABLE ARTICLES.

Nine sets of double harness, five sets of cart harness, three sets of business harness, nine sets of mowing harness, seven sets of buggy harness, one set of hoisting harness, twenty-eight stable blankets, twenty fawn blankets, five carriage blankets, two blankets to cover plants in greenhouse wagon, six lap robes, five fur robes, eight stable sheets, two sweat blankets, one buggy whip, one permanent scale in stable yard, one small scale, one hay cutter and a miscellaneous stock of stable utensils, medicines, etc.

HARNESS MAKERS' STOCK.

Ten sides of leather, one new cart saddle, one and one-half yards of English flannel, two sheepskins, one new cart collar, three sets of lawn boots, two pairs of new cart hames, one pair of fly nets and a miscellaneous lot of harness makers' tools, etc.

PROPERTY IN CIVIL ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Two Brandis transits, one Brandis level, one Blunt level, three leveling rods, four plumb bobs, three steel tapes, one set of drawing instruments, one set of assorted colors in tin case, four brushes, twenty-three surveyor's marking pins, one pocket compass, five drawing boards, six triangles, one German silver protractor, six celluloid curves, twenty-two wooden curves, two steel straight edges, six T squares, ten iron paper weights, four engineer's scales, a lot of drawing paper, tracing paper, tracing cloth, inks, pens, etc., and about 1,500 maps, tracings and working plans of proposed improvements.

IN THE TOOL ROOM.

Sixteen wooden rakes, seven iron rakes, two wire rakes, eighty-eight iron shovels, eighteen picks with handles, sixteen picks without handles, fourteen mattocks with handles, twelve mattocks without handles, twenty-five pitchforks, twenty-seven road brooms, eighteen hoes, eleven scythes complete, two scythe snaths, seventeen spades, ten road scrapers, six hedge cutters, fifteen shears, seven sickles, two wooden forks, five pruning saws, five hand saws, five rammers, three iron mauls, eleven bars of iron, five tamping bars, six axes, four axe handles, five sprinkling cans, thirteen iron pails, five dippers, four garden trowels, 100 feet of rubber hose, seven wire brushes, six wooden rollers, twenty-four iron drills, assorted; six leaf baskets, two signal lights, one iron auger, one square, one wrench, one post-hole borer, six long-handled shovels, two long-handled pruning shears, one rubber hose pipe, one brass hose pipe, seven sickles, two oil-skin suits, four hedge cutters, one thirty-pound sledge hammer, two sets of blocks and falls, a lot of iron chain, assorted; a lot of quassia chips, ten assorted handles, one mason's level, one tape line, fourteen wheelbarrows, one ladder, one mason's level, two hedge shears, one oil can, one hundred and forty basin heads and 3,906 settees in Prospect Park.

IN LAWN TENNIS LOCKER ROOMS.

One thousand three hundred and forty-nine lawn tennis nets, checked; one wooden rake, one broom, two dust brushes, one iron shovel, one sprinkling cart, one one-gallon oil can, one galvanized pail, four lanterns, four hand lamps and 1,100 brass checks.

STONE BREAKER HOT BEDS.

Two hundred feet of rubber hose, one pickaxe, four shovels, three pitchforks, two iron rakes, two water cans, three round sieves, one wheelbarrow, one sickle, two hand saws, one large sieve.

FLOWER GARDEN WATER BOWL.

One spade, one iron rake, one iron shovel, one broom and one galvanized iron pail.

WILLINK ENTRANCE.

One wheelbarrow, one iron shovel, one wooden rake, one broom and one iron rake.

BREEZE HILL FLOWER GARDEN.

One watering cart, one hand cart, two lawn sprinklers, two garden forks, two iron rakes, two shovels, one spade, three garden hoes, three forks, one sickle, one syringe, one watering pot, three corn brooms, three hundred and fifty feet of rubber hose and a lot of miscellaneous articles.

LAKE HOUSE SHELTER.

One iron shovel, one wooden rake, two hundred feet of rubber hose, one iron scoop shovel, one snow shovel, one broom, five lamps and reflectors, one axe, two coal hods and one galvanized iron pail.

LADIES' ROOM AT LAKE HOUSE.

Five bracket lamps, ten chairs, one table, two coal hods, one stove shovel, one broom and one iron shovel.

FLOWER GARDEN SHELTER.

One lawn mower, one gutter broom, eight hoes, three edging knives, three spades, two shovels, one scoop shovel, two shears, one pruning saw, one scythe, one sledge hammer, two iron rakes, eight wooden rakes, one pickaxe, two crowbars, two garden forks, one round sieve, one pair sheep shears, one pruning hand saw, two small oil cans, one monkey wrench, one scythe stone, one garden hoe, one sickle, one hatchet, one push cart, one wheelbarrow, one step ladder, five hundred feet of rubber hose, twelve wooden snow shovels, one hay fork, one ten-gallon watering pot, one broom, one scoop shovel, one spade, two rakes, seventy-five feet of rubber hose, seven horse blankets and two signal lamps.

LAMP HOUSE AND MUSIC STANDS.

Nine pickaxes, nine spades, six iron shovels, four pitchforks, eight wooden rakes, five scuffle hoes, eight mortar hoes, two

crowbars, ten long-handled shovels, one stepladder, forty chairs, four galvanized pails, four tin dippers, two scoops for cleaning basins, six shovels with round blades, two hay forks, three iron rakes, five iron scoop shovels, six sickles, five scythes, six gutter brooms, eight corn brooms, eight pairs of rubber boots, six mole traps, two muskrat traps, one ten-foot ladder, three oil-cloth blankets, two wheelbarrows, two leaf baskets, two hand rasps, one cold chisel, three hand wrenches, one monkey wrench, one claw hammer, two small stone hammers, two sledge hammers, one hand saw, one buck saw, two wire scoops for cleaning lake, two basin hooks, fifty-eight cocoa door mats, three lamps with reflectors, two signal lamps, one coal hod and stove shovel, one one-gallon oil can and one oil can for lawn mowers.

EAST SIDE LANDS.

One hundred and twenty-seven picks, one hundred and thirty pick handles, eighty-five bank shovels, forty bank shovels in poor condition, twenty five square shovels in good condition, fifteen rakes, ten pitchforks, three spades, two hoes, three street brooms, five pairs of heavy whiffletrees, six pairs of light whiffletrees, ten light crowbars, five heavy crowbars, six light chains, four heavy chains, one hatchet, one stone sledge, one claw hammer, one maul, one stove, twelve pails, sixteen water dippers, twelve pounds of blasting powder, two coils of fuse, eighteen stone drills, three hundred and fifty feet of rubber hose, three plows, three pairs of rubber boots, two lanterns, three pairs of grass shears, six steel wedges, four leaf baskets, nine plowshares, one anvil, one forge, twelve pairs of tongs, one bellows, two files, seven blacksmith's hammers, one sickle, one screw wrench, one brass syringe, three water sprinklers, five brass nozzles, one hand saw, one pruning saw, four wheelbarrows, one tape line and four corn brooms.

CUMBERLAND AND CITY HALL PARKS.

One wheelbarrow, two spades, two lawn mowers, two watering pots, two pairs of sheep shears, two scuffle hoes, two scythes, five shovels, three hay rakes, three hundred feet of rubber hose and twelve benches.

BEDFORD PARK.

Three saws, three sickles, one monkey wrench, two pairs of sheep shears, one pair of pruning shears, one hammer, one trowel, one grindstone, one oil can, four brooms, two axes, three shovels, seven wooden rakes, one pitchfork, three hoes, two iron rakes, one watering can, three snow shovels, one spade, one scoop shovel, two water pails, one scythe, one wooden square, two wooden straight edges, three hundred feet of rubber hose, two ladders, four lawn mowers, one cactus sprinkler, two large sprinklers, two wheelbarrows, one lot of rope, two whetstones, one file, one ice pick, one leaf basket, one limb hook, two nozzles, two wire brushes with handles, one border cutter, one weed cutter, one weed pick, one brass syringe, one round broom, one stove, one ax, one screw driver, two pruning knives, two machine wrenches, two drinking cups, three weed knives, one ball sprinkler and forty settees.

TOMPKINS PARK.

One water cart, one leaf cart, two wheelbarrows, one leaf basket, three ladders, four lawn sprinklers, four hundred feet of rubber hose, two iron rakes, two pruning saws, three axes, five wooden rakes, two pairs of shears, three pairs of sheep shears, one pair of pole shears, one pair of pruning shears, one hammer, four oilers, two garden trowels, three pitchforks, two scuffle hoes, three wire brushes, six bank shovels, five spades, three water pails, five sickles, one cross-cut saw, three pickaxes, one iron scoop, one basin scoop, one monkey wrench, one crowbar, two sprinkling cans and one hundred and four settees.

WASHINGTON PARK.

Seven bank shovels, five spades, two garden forks, one manure fork, two axes, two iron mauls, six pickaxes, six snow shovels, one pair of bull-nose shears, one pair of hand shears, two scythes, three pairs of sheep shears, two sickles, three pruning saws, one buck saw, one scuffle hoe, one hundred feet of rubber hose, one hand mower, one garden trowel, one mason's trowel, three oilers, two grub mattocks, four iron water pails, three sprinkling cans, one leaf basket, three iron rakes, six wooden rakes, two monkey

wrenches, one steel broom, one basin scoop, one mortar hoe, six scoop shovels, one water barrel, one leaf cart, six garden barrows, one ball-nozzle sprinkler, one revolving sprinkler, three ladders and three hundred and twenty settees.

WINTHROP PARK.

Two hundred and fifty feet of rubber hose, one nozzle for hose, two mowing machines, one scythe, six sickles, three shovels, two spades, five iron rakes, six wooden rakes, six pails, two watering cans, two basin scoops, one basket, two hoes, two forks, two snow shovels, two picks, three brooms, one axe, one hammer, one saw, three whetstones, two red lanterns, three lamps, one stove, two crowbars, one screwdriver, one oil can, one wrench, one mallet, four wire brushes, one mop, one five-gallon oil can, one pair of plyers, one pair of cutting plyers, one pair of rubber boots, one pair of shears, one flag, two wheelbarrows, four iron locks, two brass locks, two square lanterns and ninety settees.

CARROLL PARK.

Two wheelbarrows, one hundred feet of rubber hose, three iron rakes, two wooden rakes, two wire rakes, three brooms, one sprinkling pot, one pail, three shovels, two spades, two forks, two garden trowels, one pair of sheep shears, two pruning knives, one saw, one hoe, one hammer, one axe, one oil can, one pair of plyers, three sickles, one pickaxe, one iron bar, one screwdriver, one wrench, one leaf basket, two hose sprinklers, one mop, one scrubbing brush, two paper picks, one American flag and one hundred and four settees.

CITY PARK.

One mowing machine, three iron rakes, three wooden rakes, one pair of pole shears, one scythe, two pickaxes, five snow shovels, four steel brushes, three spades, six iron shovels, three forks, one sprinkler, two watering pails, three hand saws, two axes, three brooms, fifty feet of fire hose, two hundred feet of rubber hose, three files, two scythe stones, three sickles, one monkey wrench, one machine wrench, one pair of pruning shears,

two wheelbarrows, two oil cans, three pairs of sheep shears, two drinking cups, one pair of bull-nose shears, two grub axes, one leaf basket, and one hundred and twenty-four settees.

HIGHLAND PARK.

Two ladders, one extension ladder, one lumber saw, one stone boat, three sledge hammers, three scythes, twelve rakes, six long-handled forks, two brush hooks, one leveling board, one auger, two monkey wrenches, five sets of whiffletrees, two clawhammers, one grindstone, twenty-four wheelbarrows, thirty feet of iron chain, fifteen axes, thirty-nine picks, ten square shovels, forty-eight round shovels, four crowbars, two hundred feet of rope, one hundred feet of rubber hose, seven grub axes, three pruning saws, one water pump, one water tub, twelve drills, two drill hammers, six scoop shovels, two hand saws, six pails and four brooms.

BUSHWICK PARK.

Two garden spades, seven manure forks, thirty shovels, eleven pickaxes, thirteen pickaxe handles, two mattaxes, two scythes, one snath, three wooden rakes, three iron rakes, three hoes, two pieces of garden hose, one maul, one crowbar, two keys for turning on water, two water pails, one dipper, one spirit level, two axes, one hatchet, one plumb bob, one tape measure, one monkey wrench, one cultivator, eight wheelbarrows, one paint brush, one straight edge, one scythe stone, one ladder, one harrow, one pair of double whiffletrees, one corn broom, and four wheel scrapers.

NEW STOCK IN STORE ROOM AT "LITCHFIELD MANSION."

Eighteen reed brooms, three coils tarred marlin, nine garden reels, six tape rods, thirty-seven scythe stones, seven balls of twine, two sprinkling pots, three book rests, eight dust pans, one box Dixon's stove polish, four packages and half pound bug destroyer, one twine reel, seventeen picks, thirty-four mattaxes, five grub axes, ten gallons of liquid dryer, fifteen pounds chrome yellow, forty pounds raw sienna, two hundred and forty pounds of lamp black, one hundred pounds of red lead, one hundred pounds of white lead, five gallons of liquid dryer, three buck saws,

one box of lamp chimneys, thirty-two broom handles, one barrel of lamp chimneys, one water cooler, one-half keg of iron rivets, one small scale, five coils of jute packing, forty corn brooms, fourteen stable forks, three long handled pruning saws, twelve manure forks, seven hoes, sixteen brush hooks, fifteen ground forks, two panes of glass, twenty-one plow handles, eleven long handled shovels, fifteen round pointed shovels, seventeen iron rakes, nineteen oil cans, seven lamps, one gas globe, thirty-four lamp reflectors, eleven lamp chimneys assorted, thirty blue signal globes, twenty one white signal globes, forty-two red signal globes, fourteen mops, one bundle of mop yarn, six mole traps, one feather duster, three floor brushes, three fire shovels, three rat traps, sixteen scythe blades, eleven sickles, seven funnels, four tin measures, one jug, one oil can, five globes, three lamp shades, one student's lamp, seven lamp brackets, fourteen square shovels, eight spades, eleven scoop shovels, one lot of assorted handles, ten galvanized pails, one lot of ax handles, seventeen pick handles, eleven maul handles, one box of mole traps, two panes of heavy glass, ten scythe handles, one small furnace, ten mole traps, one wheelbarrow, two scuffle hoes, twenty-four wooden rakes, eighteen wire rakes, one coil of rope, two pulley blocks, one bubble fountain, two ball-nozzle fountains, five alarm boxes, one fish globe, one tin lamp, one lawn sprinkler, nineteen tin cups, fourteen wire brushes, two surveyors' chains, one square lamp, five sieves, four chisels, one brace, three water keys, five mats, three crowbars, twenty-two picks for steam roller, sixteen glass gauges, four water faucets, one paper cutter, one soap dish, two bushings, twenty-four pins for steam roller, eleven boxes of polishing paste, twelve balls of lamp wick, nine lamp burners, one lot of assorted lamp wicks, twelve candles, two steam gauges, eleven painters' dusters, three dust brushes, thirty-one scrubbing brushes, eight saw handles, seven varnish brushes, seven striping pencils, two flat painters' brushes, ten sash tools, twelve $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch fitches, eight 1-inch fitches, thirteen paint brushes, five $\frac{9}{12}$ dozen lamp burners, seven sheep shears, twenty-four hack-saw blades, one screw driver, one hammer, one chisel, one tape line, one package of safety pins, twenty-four lantern burners, twenty pole shear blades, one box hose washers, two pruning shears, seventeen machine wrenches,

four monkey wrenches, ten pruning saws, seventeen border knives, four scuffle hoes, twenty-three garden trowels, eight tin measures, two soap dishes, six small hose nozzles, three large hose nozzles, one garden syringe, one surveying chain, forty-eight taper saw files, six weeding hooks, thirty-six saw files, thirty key files, four square bastard files, two sickles, twenty-six rasps, thirty-three assorted files, a lot toilet paper, four door springs, four bits, eight wrenches, thirteen toilet-paper holders, three pairs of rubber boots, nineteen sponges, one table, one chair, one stool, one ink well, four branding irons, three garden barrows, five canal barrows, thirty-six snow shovels, one heavy iron chain, one hand truck, two rolls of wire netting, six old scythes, thirty-one screen shovels, one piece of iron drain pipe, one small stove, one old bell, three boxes of tiling, one gravel screen, one-half barrel of chloride of lime, four station lamps, three bags of salt, one canvas awning and ninety lamp chimneys.

VALUE OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS.

The following is a list of the Parks and Parkways under the control of the Department of Parks, together with their estimated value:

Prospect Park	\$27,735,000 00
Washington Park	1,890,000 00
Bedford Park	150,000 00
Tompkins Park	400,000 00
City Park	325,000 00
Municipal Park	265,000 00
City Hall Park	100,000 00
Carroll Park	390,000 00
Winthrop Park	325,000 00
Ridgewood Park	250,000 00
Sunset Park	200,000 00
Twelfth Ward Park	150,000 00
Bushwick Park	150,000 00
Underhill Park	25,000 00
Zindel Park	50,000 00
Stuyvesant Park	8,000 00

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Cuyler Park	\$75,000 00
Cooper Gore.....	4,000 00
Woodpoint Park.....	4,000 00
East Side Lands	1,250,000 00
Brooklyn Heights Parks	200,000 00
Gravel Pit, Windsor Terrace.....	10,000 00
Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway.....	15,000 00
Purchased by the County :	
Parade Ground.....	1,290,000 00
Concourse Park, at Coney Island	1,000,000 00
Dyker Beach Park.....	300,000 00
Bensonhurst Beach	88,000 00
Lincoln Terrace	120,000 00
Canarsie Beach.....	105,000 00
New Lots Playground	16,000 00
Cooper Park	55,000 00
Irving Square.....	70,000 00
Saratoga Square.....	121,000 00
Brooklyn Forest.....	1,250,000 00
Parkways :	
Ocean Parkway	2,000,000 00
Eastern Parkway.....	3,000,000 00
Fort Hamilton avenue	1,000,000 00
Bay Parkway (22d avenue)	1,000,000 00
Seventy-fifth street.....	300,000 00
Bay Ridge Parkway (Shore Drive).....	3,500,000 00
Eastern Parkway Extension.....	1,500,000 00
Streets in the Twenty-sixth ward and the Town of Flatlands, as follows :	
Eastern Parkway, east of Howard avenue and south of East New York avenue to Stone avenue; Stone avenue, from Dean street to Riverdale avenue to the New Lots road; New Lots Road to Dumont avenue; Du- mont avenue to Fountain avenue; Bush- wick avenue, from Gillen place to Jamaica	

avenue; Pennsylvania avenue, from Jamaica avenue to Jamaica Bay; Rockaway Parkway, from Buffalo avenue to the road to Flatlands; and the road to Flatlands to Jamaica Bay \$1,000,000 00

SIZE OF THE PARKS.

Prospect Park contains $516\frac{1}{8}$ acres; Washington Park, 30 acres; Bedford Park, 4 acres; Tompkins Park, $7\frac{3}{4}$ acres; City Park, $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres; Municipal Park, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; City Hall Park, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; Carroll Park, 2 acres; Winthrop Park, 7 acres; Ridgewood Park, 26 acres; Sunset Park, $14\frac{1}{4}$ acres; Twelfth Ward Park, 6 acres; Bushwick Park, 6 acres; Underhill Park, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; Stuyvesant Park, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; Cuyler Park, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; Cooper Gore, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; Woodpoint Park, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre; East Side Lands, 50 acres; Brooklyn Heights Parks, 5 acres; Gravel Pit, Windsor Terrace, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre; Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway, 5 acres; Parade Ground, 40 acres; Coney Island Concourse, 70 acres; Dyker Beach, 144 acres; Bensonhurst Beach, 8 acres; Lincoln Terrace, 12 acres; Canarsie Beach, 40 acres; New Lots Playground, 6 acres; Cooper Park, 10 acres; Irving Square, 6 acres; Saratoga Square, 7 acres, and Brooklyn Forest, 535 acres.

Ocean Parkway is $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles long; Eastern Parkway, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Eastern Parkway Extension, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Fort Hamilton Avenue, 4 miles; Bay Parkway, 3 miles; Seventy-fifth Street, 2 miles; Bay Ridge Parkway (Shore Drive), 3 miles, and streets in the Twenty-sixth ward and the town of Flatlands, 10 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BOOTH,

Property and Labor Clerk.



VIEW IN FOREST PARK.

WORK OF THE POLICE.

ANNUAL REPORT IN RELATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT—MUSIC IN THE PARKS—THE NUMBER OF VISITORS—GAMES PLAYED—OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION.

HON. FRANK SQUIER,

Commissioner of the Department of Parks :

SIR—I submit herewith my annual report of the work accomplished by the men constituting the police force, together with such other information in relation to games, etc., as is of general interest and which comes under police supervision.

The police force during the year 1895 consisted of one captain, eight sergeants and ninety-one patrolmen, distributed as follows :

Prospect Park.....	1 Captain, 7 Sergeants, 65 Patrolmen.
Washington Park.....	1 Sergeant, 6 Patrolmen.
Ocean Parkway.....	6 Patrolmen.
Tompkins Park.....	3 Patrolmen.
Carroll Park.....	3 Patrolmen.
Eastern Parkway.....	3 Patrolmen.
City Park.....	2 Patrolmen.
Bedford Park.....	2 Patrolmen.
Winthrop Park.....	1 Patrolman.

Three patrolmen died, one resigned and one was dismissed for cause during the year. These vacancies were filled by five appointments from the eligible list.

DAYS' TIME LOST DURING THE YEAR 1895.

	Sick.	With leave.	Without leave.	Sus- pen- ded.	Total time lost without pay.	Sick time allowed.	Total time lost.
January ...	247½	22	.	..	269½	101½	371
February..	182	25	1	18	226	106	332
March	129½	9	.	..	138½	124½	263
April	37	15	.	..	52	176	228
May	45	1	.	..	46	103	149
June.....	53	9	.	6	68	91	159
July	35	31	.	18	84	70	154
August....	112	11	.	..	123	37	160
September.	34	19	.	..	53	35	88
October ...	36	30	.	..	66	16	82
November .	114	20	1	20	162	26	188
December..	110	27	.	..	130	9	139
Totals.....	1,135	219	2	62	1,418	895	2,313

Each patrolman on the force was allowed seven days and each sergeant ten days' vacation during the months of August, September and October with pay, and also two days' vacation during the month of December without pay, neither of which are included in the above table.

THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS.

There were 317 arrests during the year in the various parks, as follows: 168 in Prospect Park, 61 in Washington Park, 21 in City Park, 8 in Carroll Park, 4 in Winthrop Park, 38 on Ocean Parkway, 8 on Eastern Parkway, 8 on Coney Island Concourse, and 1 in Bushwick Park. Of these arrests 130 were for violation of park ordinances, 83 for intoxication, 13 for disorderly conduct, 4 for malicious mischief, 15 for larceny, 26 for reckless cycling, 2 for suspicious conduct, 12 for reckless driving, 4 for indecent exposure, 1 for gambling, 3 for fighting, 5 for assault, 1 for attempted suicide, 2 for crimes against nature, 2 for abandonment, 2 for highway robbery, 2 for indecent assault, 1 for felonious assault, and 9 for vagrancy.

PARADES IN THE PARK.

The following parades occurred in and about Prospect Park: May 24th, Anniversary Parade of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union; May 26th, Decoration of the Lincoln Statue; August 27th, Parade of Military and Civic Societies at Unveiling of Monument to Maryland Martyrs.

THE FREE CONCERTS.

The following concerts were given in the parks during the summer months: Saturday concerts in Prospect Park, 15. First concert, June 15th; last concert, September 21st. Sunday concerts in Prospect Park, 16. First concert, June 16th; last concert, September 29th. In Washington Park there were 15 Saturday concerts. First concert, June 15th; last concert, September 21st. In Winthrop Park there were six Saturday concerts. First concert, June 15th; last concert, September 7th. In Tompkins Park there were five Saturday concerts. First, July 27th; and last concert, August 24th.

SUMMER PICNICS.

During the year there were 379 picnics, representing an attendance of 40,012 persons, as follows: Sunday school picnics, 162; attendance, 32,740. Public school picnics, 5; attendance, 335. Private school picnics, 8; attendance, 425. Social picnics, 204; attendance, 6,512. Whole number of picnics, 379; total attendance, 40,012.

In May there were 60 picnics, representing an attendance of 4,625 persons; in June, 107 picnics, with an attendance of 13,162; in July 131 picnics, attendance, 13,950; in August, 57 picnics, attendance, 5,980; and in September, 24 picnics, attendance, 2,295.

FIELD SPORTS.

There were 3,834 games of baseball played on the Parade Ground, as follows: In April, 20; in May, 897; in June, 842; in July, 759; in August, 720; in September, 470; in October, 99; and in November, 116.

There were 116 games of cricket, as follows: In May, 73; in June, 1; in August, 7; in September, 28; and in October, 7.

There were two games of polo in September.

There were 167 games of lacrosse, as follows: In May, 28; in June, 72; in July, 67.

There were 686 games of foot-ball, as follows: in September, 10; in October, 352; and in November, 324.

THE NUMBER WHO ENJOYED THE PARKS.

There were 13,796,333 visitors during the year in Prospect Park. There were 3,004,975 on Sundays, and 2,286,515 on concert days. The largest number of visitors in one day was on Sunday, July 21st, when there were 227,149. The number of visitors at the other parks has not been kept, but it is more than half as many as the number visiting Prospect Park.

The average number of bicycles passing through Prospect Park was about 2,000 per day.

In January there were 69,186 carriages, 4,763 equestrians, 579,256 pedestrians, 32,420 sleighs. In February there were 61,907 carriages, 3,339 equestrians, 652,170 pedestrians, 47,776 sleighs. In March, 135,942 carriages, 5,968 equestrians, 559,454 pedestrians, 818 sleighs. In April, 124,244 carriages, 11,763 equestrians, 530,442 pedestrians. In May, 220,444 carriages, 16,637 equestrians, 1,158,253 pedestrians. In June, 236,992 carriages, 20,430 equestrians, 1,452,802 pedestrians. In July, 288,219 carriages, 21,180 equestrians, 1,790,565 pedestrians. In August, 304,446 carriages, 27,177 equestrians, 1,742,444 pedestrians. In September, 220,155 carriages, 21,501 equestrians, 1,144,885 pedestrians. In October, 136,483 carriages, 14,562 equestrians, 731,384 pedestrians. In November, 133,982 carriages, 18,652 equestrians, 680,069 pedestrians. In December, 348,804 carriages, 12,947 equestrians, 233,902 pedestrians.

THE LIST OF ACCIDENTS.

The total number of accidents during the year was 333, as follows: Miscellaneous accidents to carriages and sleighs, 141; accidents to bicycles, 19; accidents to saddle horses, 9; collisions

between carriages and other vehicles, 61; collisions between carriages and trees, 4; collisions between bicycles, 18; collisions between bicycles and carriages, 40; accidents from falling in Prospect Park 19, in Washington Park 2 and in Carroll Park 1; accidents from falling from trolley cars on Ninth avenue and Coney Island Road, 3; accidents by being knocked down and injured by bicycles, 5; accidents from being knocked down and injured by carriages, 2; injuries in playing ball, 3; number of persons who fell in lake and were rescued by the police, 6.

There were 23 persons taken sick in Prospect Park, 1 in Tompkins Park, 13 in Washington Park, and 1 in Carroll Park, all of whom were taken to the hospital or to their homes. Twenty-eight lost children were restored to their parents, and eight demented persons, found wandering in the park, were restored to their homes.

There were two suicides, both by firearms, one in Prospect Park and one in Washington Park.

Two persons attempted suicide in Prospect Park, one by drowning and one by poison.

There were two abandoned infants found in Washington Park, one of which was turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the other to the City Nurse. The dead body of an abandoned infant was found in Washington Park and taken to the morgue.

Twenty runaway horses, with wagons attached, in which life and property were in danger, were caught by the police.

The number of ambulance calls during the year was sixty-nine.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. McNAMARA,

Captain of Police.



VIEW BAY RIDGE ROAD.

WHAT THEY COST.

A DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES MADE IN
ACQUIRING LAND FOR THE COUNTY PARKS, THE
BAY RIDGE PARKWAY AND THE EASTERN
PARKWAY EXTENSION.

The following is a detailed statement of the amounts expended for each of the County parks, the land needed for the Bay Ridge Parkway and the Eastern Parkway Extension, together with a statement of the expense account to January 1, 1896:

EXPENDED FOR PARKS.

The sums paid up to date for each park and the amount paid each individual are as follows:

DYKER BEACH PARK.

The Dyker Meadow Land and Improvement Company.....	\$229,942 00
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BENSONHURST BEACH.

Mary A. Lynch.....	\$18,000 00
Amelia and George Gunther.....	22,000 00
James D. Lynch.....	18,000 00
Harriet Thornburgh.....	9,000 00
Cornelius Furgueson, Jr.....	3,000 00

Total.....	\$70,000 00
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NOTE.—There are two pieces of land yet to be acquired for this park by condemnation proceedings, one plot owned by Maria C. Burke and one owned by Robert Benson.

LINCOLN TERRACE.

Robert L. Woods.....	\$6,500 00
Charles Hart.....	3,000 00
Mary T. Palmer.....	25,000 00

Ann M. Selleck.....	\$17,500 00
Kate Hurst	10,000 00
Henry M. Ferneding.....	10,000 00
Alonzo E. DeBaun.....	7,500 00
Maggie Dieffenbach.....	2,850 00
Winnifred Dieffenbach.....	2,925 00
Margaret Higgins.....	1,600 00
Hosea Higgins	1 400 00
Mary Wilkins.....	3,000 00
Christian Ficke.....	2,500 00
John W. Walls.....	1,050 00
Elias B. Howard.....	1,200 00
James D. Ranken.....	4,000 00
Charles S. Taber.....	1,500 00
Isidor M. Bon	1,400 00
Griffin Edwards.....	6,000 00
Alexander Underhill.....	2,000 00
Phoebe Sayres.....	1,050 00
Charles F. Lott.....	1,500 00
James L. Armstrong.....	2,500 00
Total.....	\$115,975 00

NOTE.—There are three pieces yet to be acquired by condemnation proceedings, one owned by Elijah Bundick, one by J. A. Appleton and one by William Thompson.

CANARSIE BEACH.

Arthur Quinn.....	\$14,500 00
Rapelje & Ireland.....	24,350 00
Michael J. Dady.....	29,000 00
H. C. Conrady	4,400 00
Geo. W. Hanley.....	6,000 00
Thomas E. Pearsall, Attorney for Joanna Schenck.....	13,000 00
Henry Bassan.....	2,750 00
Total	\$94,000 00

NOTE.—There are three pieces yet to be acquired by condemnation proceedings, one owned by W. Schenck Cooper, one by Daniel Isola and one by Michael Ackerman.

NEW LOTS PLAYGROUND.

Elizabeth Goodrich	\$16,000 00
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COOPER PARK.

Charles W. Cooper	\$55,000 00
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IRVING SQUARE.

Henry Roth	\$70,000 00
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SARATOGA SQUARE.

James C. Brower	\$121,975 00
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BROOKLYN FOREST.

Brooklyn Land and Improvement Co.....	\$37,718 00
The Union Land and Improvement Co.....	11,572 00
The Union Land and Improvement Co.....	27,311 45
Dean Alvord.....	98,777 50
E. J. Granger.....	6,908 40
First National Bank of Westfield, Mass.....	48,000 00
Isabella Fischer	18,371 45
Union Terrace Co	19,782 50
Edward Boucier	29,632 00
David S. Leggett.....	46,918 00
J. E. & F. D. Backus	28,226 50
Mary E. & William Man.....	24,314 00
Hamlin Babcock	20,000 00
Brooklyn Hills Improvement Co	219,630 00
David Springsteen.....	9,604 00
Joseph J. Tompkins.....	633 00
James and Margaret H. Underhill.....	2,419 90
Jacob Denton.....	55,338 25
Maria Wyckoff.....	23,646 60
Columbia Park Association.....	29,000 00
Isaac C. Debevoise	115,634 75
Thomas F. Hayes.....	3,600 00
Brooklyn Hills Improvement Co	1,100 00
Brooklyn Hills Improvement Co	800 00
Peter Lott	29,509 20

Adam Rothar	\$13,900 00
Woodhaven Water Supply Co	40,668 00
Maria Wyckoff.....	11,137 50
Charles F. Traynor.....	260 00
Sarah P. Tompkins.....	2,560 00
The Union Terrace Company.....	7,700 00
Suburban Homestead Association.....	10,610 00
James and Abraham Van Siclen.....	25,052 40
Edward F. Linton.....	12,476 00
W. C. Wilson.....	2,075 00
Ellen M. Hay.....	1,000 00
Frank P. and Mena Downing.....	1,260 00
John S. Ellis, Ex'r Waterbury Estate.....	21,304 00
Anna Leinfelder.....	1,000 00
William Neuss.....	1,000 00
William Grey.....	725 00
James Smith.....	350 00
Florence J. Yarwood.....	450 00
Thomas Kidd.....	900 00
Catharine Brown.....	1,100 00
August Rahdie.....	750 00
Joseph Cuneo.....	2,375 00
Columbia Park Association.....	1,500 00
“ “ “	1,125 00
“ “ “	1,950 00
“ “ “	675 00
Seth K. Blair.....	750 00
Charles Apgar.....	750 00
James M. Ross.....	1,950 00
Walter G. Whitmore.....	1,950 00
William G. Debevoise.....	325 00
John Ford.....	400 00
H. L. Dougherty.....	325 00
Brooklyn Equal Share Association.....	9,000 00
St. John's Cemetery.....	8,000 00
Samuel Stern.....	750 00
Joseph H. Gorsline	2,922 00
Charles R. Myers.....	1,035 00

M. N. McCrate.....	\$1,400 00
Suburban Homestead Association.....	1,350 00
Harriet P. Wardell.....	1,300 00
George P. Wardell.....	1,625 00
Charlotte J. Richardson.....	4,500 00
Mary Schmidt.....	2,500 00
John Gruber.....	1,700 00

Total.....\$1,114,882 40

NOTE.—There are still to be acquired for this Park eleven separate parcels ranging from one to ten acres, and a small number of lots from individual owners. Some of this land will be acquired by purchase, the balance by condemnation proceedings.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

The amount expended for legal advice, defence in suits, fees to real estate agents and for protection of property acquired and the preparation of plans for the development of parks, from the beginning of the acquisition of land until the 1st of January, 1896, is as follows :

1895.

July 30	Johnson & Lamb, legal fees	\$3,000 00
	D. K. Bramble, coach hire	30 00
	Walter E. Parfitt, expenses	9 60
	Walter M. Meserole, engineering fees. . .	300 00
	Edwin C. Swezey, engineering fees.....	200 00
	John J. Fenton, coach hire.....	40 00
	Frank Squier, expenses.....	5 60
Aug. 2	Brooklyn <i>Daily Eagle</i> , advertising	37 50
	The <i>Standard Union</i> , advertising	76 50
21	Marvin & Co., safe.....	200 00
Sept. 10	Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, prof. services.	1,206 99
27	D. H. Fowler, real estate agent fees....	500 00
Oct. 15	Walter M. Meserole, engineering fees... ..	2,700 00
	Lynch & Weber, refreshments.....	15 00
31	James Jackson, expenses.....	5 00
Nov. 13	R. Ulrich, maps.....	100 00
26	J. Tyler Watts, insurance fees.....	18 75

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Dec. 9	F. W. Wolfert, car fares.....	\$5 00
	D. H. Fowler & Co., fees for services....	1,717 50
12	Charles B. Wheeler, " "	2,500 00
	William J. Wheeler, " "	2,500 00
	Charles G. Davison, " "	2,500 00
16	Edwin C. Swezey, topographical maps..	1,200 00
18	Johnson & Lamb, legal fees.....	5,000 00
21	Geo. Schwenger & Co., supplies.....	2 63
	Jarvis Jackson, supplies.....	1 96
	J. D. & C. C. Lincoln, range, etc.....	19 85
	The <i>Standard Union</i> , advertising.....	120 00
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24	William A. Booth, car fare.....	14 85
Total.....		\$24,146 73

THE PAY ROLLS.

July 31	Pay Roll, No. 1	\$100 00
Aug. 31	" " " 2	100 00
Sept. 30	" " " 3	124 00
Oct. 31	" " " 4	210 00
Nov. 30	" " " 5	220 00
Dec. 31	" " " 6	286 00
Total.....		\$1,040 00

BAY RIDGE PARKWAY (SHORE DRIVE).

The sum paid up to date for land for the Bay Ridge Parkway (Shore Drive) amounts to \$2,867,549.66, divided as follows :

E. W. Bliss.....	\$315,000 00
David S. Beasley.....	32,390 25
Elizabeth A. Thorne.....	3,000 00
L. H. Schenck.....	12,668 60
A. Ruehl Hotel Company.....	80,000 00
Isaac E. Bergen.....	69,315 00
Cornelius B. Van Brunt.....	35,888 00
Ruléf Van Brunt.....	38,820 00
Charles C. Bennett.....	12,714 00

N. L. M. Bennett.....	\$6,680 00
Adolphus Bennett.....	37,520 00
Wm. R. Bennett.....	36,958 00
Francis C. Matthieson.....	37,302 35
Armstrong Bros. & Co.....	105,000 00
Adolphus, Mary and William Bennett.....	2,252 00
William N. Robinson.....	5,635 25
Henry E. Bowns.....	37,852 00
Hiram S. Thorne.....	1,500 00
George A. Higgins.....	3,058 75
George H. Bressette.....	2,121 00
Edward Freel.....	94,736 00
James P. Farrell.....	8,477 00
Jacques Van Brunt.....	60,316 20
Charles C. Bennett.....	250 00
William B., Thomas F., Annie E. and Maria A. Wardell.....	1,635 00
John Dickinson.....	43,781 75
Tunis G., John C. and Jacques V. B. Bergen.....	64,029 00
Charles H. Schott.....	1,317 00
Isabella D. Mackay.....	382 00
Kate Duryea.....	61,339 00
Ernest Evald.....	1,558 00
P. J. McKenna.....	50 00
Thomas F. Moran.....	1,500 00
J. H. Wardell.....	26 00
William H. Wardell.....	3,045 00
Mary A. McBride.....	1,211 20
Cornelius B. Van Brunt.....	1,020 20
Frederick W. Carlin.....	2,513 75
Ella B. Tolar.....	3,000 00
George Cochran Broome and John L. Broome.....	20,805 00
Thomas D. Hurst.....	1,600 00
Frank Moss, Ex'r Maltby Lane estate.....	175,000 00
Van Brunt Bergen.....	61,500 00
Michael and Mary A. Walsh.....	32,500 00
Theophilus Sivil, James H., Elisha W., Sarah E. and Sarah Wardell and Jane M. Schuyler.....	1 00

Madame Adelina Ravin d' Elpeux	\$ 1,018 25
Cornelius B. Van Brunt	91 80
Wynant W. Bennett.	67,160 00
George Richlein	12,000 00
Chas. W. Ornstedt.....	2,535 00
Jefferson M. Levy and Smith Ely	16,776 12
Philip Purcell	3,140 00
Hilda C. Norelius.....	2,600 00
Frederick Holder.....	2,100 00
Isabella Winch	1,965 00
Thomas E. Tripler.....	1,237 00
A. Warner Shepard	41,000 00
Samuel C., Charles V. and Henry C. Hopkins and Emiline C. Livingston.....	4,640 00
Créscant Athletic Club.....	57,000 00
Christian Westermann.....	1,416 75
Eunice R. Frank.....	9,740 50
James Lenihan	2,100 00
Margaret Cullen.....	750 00
John Hutton.....	1,170 75
William J. Carroll.....	3,750 00
Catharine Burns... ..	3,050 00
James Leahey.....	1,000 00
Johanna O'Brien	3,596 75
William Blair.....	3,090 00
Josephine E. Sauer	3,400 00
Henry Mackay.....	6 00
Anne C. Lindeman	11,250 00
Helen L. Johnson.....	175,000 00
Margaret A. Wardell.....	26 00
Harvey A. Eames	16,868 71
James J., John R. and Frederick Weir and Jessie W. Heinigke.....	11,462 81
Ellen Eagan	46 25
John F. Tyson.....	118 95
Alexander Delorac.....	4,602 50
Michael McCormack.....	241 50
Chas. H. Small.....	586 00

Frederick W. and Henry C. Davison.....	\$2,063 87
Henry A. Molatzsch	19,382 00
Philip Leonhardt	2,941 35
John M. Kellar.....	32,725 00
Amelia H. Hope	33,646 75
Hannah D. White	69,920 75
James Dean.....	81,500 00
John Paterson.....	1,266 00
Philip J. Connell.....	2,875 00
Elizabeth P. Auld	2,875 00
Lewis S. Horton	3,210 00
Mary Hart.....	1,250 00
Thomas C. Higgins.....	1,543 75
Mary C. Sternheuser.....	1,740 00
George H. Wardell	5,000 00
Margaret Meehan.....	2,000 00
Peter and Mary A. Keegan.....	42,500 00
Henry Mackay.....	194 00
Charles C. Mackay.....	7,850 00
Michael Gates and Sarah A. Kennard.....	40,000 00
Marie Antoniette, Mary A., Mary S. and Thomas H. Gelston.....	222,500 00
Charles W. and Phebe F. Church.....	192,500 00
Eliza Wild.....	73,363 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

The sum expended for surveys, counsel fees, agents' fees, Title Guarantee and search fees and incidental expenses to January 1, 1896, is as follows:

1895.

Aug. 22	L. M. Lent, real estate agent's fees.....	\$1,000 00
	William J. Tate, real estate agent's fees.....	1,000 00
	Charles L. Lincoln, professional services.....	100 00
Sept. 20	Johnson & Lamb, legal services.....	3,000 00
Oct. 15	L. M. Lent, real estate agent fees.....	1,000 00
	William J. Tate, real estate agent fees..	1,000 00
Oct. 30	Edwin C. Swezey, C. E., professional services.....	1,500 00

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Dec. 3	William J. Tate, real estate agent fees..	\$2,000 00
	Charles L. Lincoln, professional services.	116 50
6	George Hanna	23 00
9	William H. McCabe.....	110 00
	Walter M. Meserole, C. E., professional services	72 00
	Edwin C. Swezey, professional services..	40 00
12	L. M. Lent, real estate agent fees.....	1,000 00
18	Johnson & Lamb, legal services	5,000 00
21	John M. Bulwinkle, supplies.....	8 25
Total.....		\$16,969 75

NOTE—There still remain to be acquired for the Bay Ridge Parkway twenty sections, owned by H. Evarts Tracy and Mary H. Brown, C. I. Mackay, J. M. Muspratt heirs, E. and J. Rorke, T. M. Bennett, J. H. Van Brunt, C. H. Van Brunt, P. J. McKenna, Lizzie Poulson, Brooklyn City Railroad Company, Theo. B. Sedgwick estate, Anton and Martha Weck, Marcia E. Lyons, Eliza Ferry, Thomas Hannigan, Burial Ground lots, Thomas Frere, Eliza M. McKinney, Thomas O. Lloyd, Annie Lowe, and Kings County Gas and Illuminating Company.

EASTERN PARKWAY EXTENSION.

The expenditures incurred to January 1, 1896, in relation to the extension of the Eastern Parkway were as follows:

1895.

Aug. 15	Walter M. Meserole, C. E., professional services.....	\$1,816 05
22	The <i>Standard Union</i> , advertising.....	76 50
	The <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> , advertising..	76 50
Dec. 21	Walter M. Meserole, C. E., professional services.....	130 95
	A. T. Byrne, C. E., professional services.	150 00
	<i>Brooklyn Daily Times</i> , advertising.....	61 20
	John M. Bulwinkle, stationery.....	8 25
	S. W. Salt, coach hire.....	42 00
	" " " "	45 00
Total.....		\$2,406 45



DYKER BEACH PARK.

LAWS
RELATING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,

Passed by the Legislature during the year 1895.

ALSO,
THE SUPERVISORS' LAW,

Continuing the County Department of Parks and Creating Officers.

PROVIDING GRANT AND SLOCUM MONUMENTS.

CHAPTER 291, LAWS OF 1895.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT OF GENERAL HENRY W. SLOCUM IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPER PEDESTAL FOR A MONUMENT TO GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREFOR.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law April 11, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. The Mayor of the City of Brooklyn and the Commissioner of Parks of the said city, and their successors, are hereby authorized to erect a monument of General Henry W. Slocum, in the City of Brooklyn, upon such plans and at such location as they may select, at an expense not to exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars; and they are hereby further authorized to provide and construct a suitable pedestal, with foundation, base and coping for the statue of General Ulysses S. Grant, upon the presentation of the same to the City of Brooklyn by the Union League Club of said city, at an expense not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

SECTION II. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the Mayor and Comptroller of said city are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the City of Brooklyn, to be known as "Memorial Monument Bonds," to be signed, sealed and countersigned as other bonds of said city. None of said bonds shall be sold at less than par, and they shall be issued in such series and be made payable at such times as said Mayor and Comptroller may determine. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds, including any premium which may be obtained thereon, shall be paid into the city treasury, to be expended from time to time as may be required for the purposes of this act, upon the certification of said Mayor.

SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

RELATING TO SUNSET PARK.

CHAPTER 443.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF CITY WORKS OF
THE CITY OF BROOKLYN TO CANCEL AND COMPROMISE A
CERTAIN CONTRACT.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law April 27, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. The Commissioner of City Works of the City of Brooklyn is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to cancel and compromise a certain contract heretofore entered into between the City of Brooklyn and James F. Gillen for grading Forty-third street from Fifth avenue to the city line in said city. Upon the certification by the said Commissioner to the Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn of any amount agreed upon between said Commissioner and said contractor, as a compensation to the contractor, by reason of the cancellation of the said contract, the said Comptroller shall pay to the said contractor or his assigns the sum so agreed upon, and the money required for that purpose shall be taken from the fund known as the "Park Purchase Fund."

SECTION II. This act shall take effect immediately.

EASTERN PARKWAY EXTENSION.

CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO WIDEN, EXTEND, LAY OUT AND OPEN AND TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN AND THE VILLAGE OF FLATBUSH," AND ALSO TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law April 27, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. Section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to widen, extend, lay out and open and to improve certain streets in the City of Brooklyn and the village of Flatbush, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION II. The Department of Parks of the County of Kings, organized under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter seven hundred and fifty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the selection, laying out, construction and maintenance of a public driveway and parkway, and for the acquisition of riparian rights in connection therewith in any county of this State which contains a city, the population of which city is in excess of eight hundred thousand, and the boundaries of which city are not coterminous with those of said county, and also providing the means of payment therefor and maintenance therefor, and creating a department of parks for said county," is hereby authorized to lay out, open and improve as a public street the Eastern Parkway ; to commence at about the present terminus of said parkway in the city of Brooklyn, and to terminate at or near the present city reservoir property at Ridgewood Heights in said county, on such course between those two points as the officer at the head of said Department of Parks shall in his discretion determine, and to open and improve as a public street Buffalo avenue, as widened by section one of this act.

SECTION II. Section three of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION III. Said Department of Parks of the County of Kings is hereby authorized to grade, pave and otherwise improve the said

Buffalo avenue, to East New York avenue, and Eastern Parkway, or either of them, and for that purpose the officer at the head of said department is authorized to make contracts for such grading, paving and improvement.

SECTION III. Section four of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION IV. Whenever the officer at the head of said department shall determine to act under the powers conferred upon said department by this act, he shall cause a map or maps to be made showing the proposed extension and improvement of the Eastern Parkway and of the widening and improvement of Buffalo avenue, and shall file said map or maps, duly certified by him, in the office of the Register of the County of Kings and of the County Clerk, and shall also transmit a copy of said map or maps to the Department of City Works of the City of Brooklyn, and thereupon said streets shall be deemed to be extended, widened and laid out in conformity with said maps.

SECTION IV. Section five of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION V. The said Department of Parks shall have power to acquire title in fee of the land within the lines of the streets or avenues laid out as provided in the preceding sections in the manner and by the special proceedings prescribed in this act, and the officer at the head of said department is hereby authorized to employ a competent person to act as counsel in conducting any legal proceedings required to be taken under this act and to fix his compensation, and the title to such land when acquired shall vest in the County of Kings.

SECTION V. Section six of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION VI. For the purpose of acquiring title to such land the head of said Department of Parks may make application in the name of the County of Kings to the Supreme Court in the Second Department, at a special term of said court, for the appointment of commissioners of appraisal. Before making such application a general notice directed to the owner or owners of the land within the lines of the street or avenue laid out as provided by this act, and of such part or section of the same as is sought to be condemned, and to all other persons interested therein or affected by the improvement authorized to be made by this act, shall be published in three daily newspapers published in said county for ten days, of the time and place when and where the said application will be made. On presenting to the Supreme Court, as aforesaid, proof by affidavit of the publication of said notice or notices, the court shall, if no sufficient cause be shown against granting the application, make an order for the appointment

of three disinterested and competent persons, residents of and freeholders in said county, as commissioners to ascertain and appraise the compensation to be made the owners of or persons interested in the real estate within the lines of the street or avenue laid out, as provided by this act, or of such portions or sections of the same as may be sought to be condemned under the provisions of this section, and shall fix the time and place for the first meeting of such commissioners. The said court may also appoint another or others to act in the place of any one or more of such commissioners who may die, decline to serve, remove from the county, be or become interested in the improvement, or from any cause, may be or become disabled or incompetent to serve. The said Commissioners of Appraisal shall be sworn before a justice of the Supreme Court faithfully and impartially to perform the duties which shall devolve upon them by virtue of said appointment, and are hereby authorized to cause such maps to be made as may be necessary in the performance of their duties and to employ competent persons therefor. On such maps shall be designated by feet and inches, as near as may be, the street or avenue laid out as provided by this act, or such portion or section thereof as such commissioners are appointed to appraise, and by numbers the several pieces of land and buildings necessary to be taken for the improvement, and the map or maps so prepared when delivered shall form a part of the report of the said commissioners.

SECTION VI. Section seven of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION VII. The said Commissioners of Appraisal shall proceed with all reasonable diligence in the performance of their duties, and for that purpose they shall have power to enter upon any premises affected by the said improvement ; to hear the allegations and proofs of the parties interested at such times and places as they may appoint, and to continue such hearing by adjournment from time to time as they may deem proper. Any one of their number may administer oaths to the witnesses who may appear before them, and they shall make a report to the Supreme Court signed by them or a majority of them, of the proceedings before them, with the minutes of the testimony taken before them, if any. Said report shall be made in a tabular form, in columns, in which shall be given the number on the map of the pieces of land required for the improvement, the names of the persons interested in the property taken for the improvement and the nature of their interest, and the amount awarded to the different parties, and so many and such other different columns and tabular statements as may be necessary to state the true interests of the parties in the premises.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Eight.

SECTION VIII. After the said report shall be completed, it shall be filed by the said commissioners in the office of the Clerk of the

County of Kings. They shall then cause a notice to be published in three daily newspapers published in said county that the same has been completed and filed, and that they will meet at a time and place therein to be specified, not less than ten days from the first publication of such notice, to review their report. During that time the said report may be examined free of expense by all persons interested. At the time and place specified in said notice any person may offer objections in writing to the said report and accompany the same with such affidavits as he may think proper. The said commissioners shall thereupon, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, review the said report and correct the same where they shall deem it proper, and shall again file the same in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings. The head of said Department of Parks shall then cause a notice to be published in the corporation newspapers that the said report has been completed and filed, and that application will be made in behalf of the City of Brooklyn to the Supreme Court at a special term thereof, at a time to be specified in such notice, not less than ten days from the first publication thereof, to have the said report confirmed. During the said ten days the said report shall remain open to the inspection free of expense of all persons interested; and any such person may within that time appeal from said report. Such appeal shall be by notice, to be served on the Corporation Counsel within the period last mentioned, and at least six days before the time at which the said report is to be presented for confirmation. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied with copies of the affidavits which shall have been delivered to the commissioners, if it shall be intended to use or refer to the same on such appeal, and also with a brief statement in writing of the grounds of objection to the said report, and of the manner in which it is contended that the same ought to be altered.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Nine

SECTION IX. Such appeal shall be heard by the court to which the said report shall be presented for confirmation at the time the same shall be so presented. The affidavits, copies of which shall have been delivered and served as aforesaid, and no others, may be read against confirming the said report, and affidavits may also be read to sustain the same. No cause against confirmation shall be heard unless an appeal shall have been taken in the manner provided by the preceding section of this act. If no sufficient reason to the contrary shall appear to the court, it shall confirm the report. If, in the opinion of the court, the report ought not to be confirmed, it may refuse to confirm it. In the event of such a refusal the court shall, in a proper case, refer the report back for revision and correction to the same or other commissioners, who shall proceed to revise and correct the same, and cause it or a new report to be filed in the office of the clerk of said county. The Corporation Counsel shall thereup-

on cause a new notice to be published in the manner required by the preceding section of this act, of the filing of such report, and of his intention to apply for the confirmation thereof. The said report may be appealed from within the time and in the manner provided in said section. Such appeal shall be proceeded upon, and the said report again disposed of in the manner prescribed in this section upon the first reference back to the said commissioners. In cases where the court can direct specific alterations to be made in the report, it shall, upon good cause therefor shown, direct such alterations to be made in its presence, and it may thereupon absolutely confirm the report without further notice.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Ten.

SECTION X. The commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid shall be allowed six dollars each for each and every day actually and necessarily employed about their duties.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Eleven.

SECTION XI. Upon the final confirmation of the report of the said commissioners, it shall, together with the map, be delivered to the said Department of Parks, and it shall be filed in said department and remain as a record therein, and upon the filing of said map and report and the issue of the bonds authorized by this act, the title to the land in said avenue or street, or such parts thereof as shall have been condemned in accordance with the proceedings hereinbefore set forth, shall vest in fee simple in the County of Kings.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Twelve.

SECTION XII. In order to provide the means to pay for the land taken for said improvement and all expenses incurred for grading, paving and otherwise improving the same, the County Treasurer of said county is hereby authorized and directed to issue, from time to time, as may be required by said Commissioner of Parks for the purposes aforesaid, bonds of said county bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four per centum per annum, and issued in such series and for such periods as said County Treasurer and the Supervisor-at-Large of said county may determine, and there shall be inserted in the tax budget of said county each year a sufficient amount to pay interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and a sum sufficient to pay the principal thereof as the same may become due and payable. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be paid into the treasury of said county, and shall be paid out from time to time for the purposes herein provided upon vouchers certified by the officer at the head of said Department of Parks.

There shall be added to said act a section to be known as Section Thirteen.

SECTION XIII. This act shall take effect immediately.

REPORT OF THE
THE COUNTY PARKS.

CHAPTER 474.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNMENT OF A PUBLIC PARK OR PARKS IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, OR ADJACENT THERETO, AND PROVIDING THAT THE SAME SHALL BE A PUBLIC WORK OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEANS THEREFOR BY THE ISSUE OF BONDS."

Accepted by the City.

Became a law May 1, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. Section four of chapter four hundred and sixty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act for the establishment and government of a public park or parks in the County of Kings, or adjacent thereto, and providing that the same shall be a public work of the County of Kings, and to authorize said county to provide for the means therefor by the issue of bonds," is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION IV. Upon the confirmation of said report the Park Commissioner of the City of Brooklyn, acting as a commissioner, as designated and appointed by the first section of this act, shall have power, as such, to purchase and acquire in fee the lands and premises described in said report, or the portion thereof constituting any of the parks so selected and located. And all lands so purchased and acquired shall be taken and held in the name of the County of Kings, and used as public parks of said county. Such Park Commissioner may expend the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or such part thereof as he deems proper and advantageous, in improving for park purposes any of the lands so acquired. The said lands and premises so taken, and such improvement thereof, shall be a public work of the County of Kings.

SECTION II. Section six of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION VI. The said commissioner shall from time to time certify to the County Treasurer of Kings County the amount of money then required and necessary to defray the expenses of acquiring said land and premises, or any portion thereof, by purchasing or otherwise, as aforesaid, and the expenses of all proceedings connected therewith. In the amount so at any time certified, such commissioner may

include such portion of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, allowed to be expended by section four of this act, as he may deem then required and necessary for the purposes for which it is provided. As soon as practicable after receiving the certificate from the said commissioner of the expenses of establishing the said public work, as herein provided for, the County Treasurer of Kings County shall issue and sell the bonds of the County of Kings for the necessary amount specified in said certificate or certificates, bearing interest payable half yearly at a rate not greater than four per centum per annum. The bonds shall be denominated "Kings County Park Bonds," and shall be numbered consecutively, and shall each be made to secure the payment of the same amount of money, and none of them shall have more than fifty years to run, and they shall be so made and issued that after ten years from the time the same are issued, they shall be made payable in annual installments as nearly equal as practical, within the next fifty years next succeeding the date of the issue thereof. The interest upon said bonds and the principal amount secured thereby shall be raised by taxation in said county. For the purpose of ascertaining how many of such bonds shall be made payable as aforesaid, in any one year, such commissioner shall make a preliminary estimate and statement of the probable amount that will be required for the acquisition of lands for the purposes of this act, and for the expenses of proceedings connected therewith as aforesaid; and the amount of bonds made payable in each year, as aforesaid, shall be adjusted according to such preliminary estimate and statement. If the amount required for such public work exceeds or falls below the amount stated in such preliminary estimate and statement, the difference shall be adjusted by issuing more or less (as the case may be) of such bonds which have the longest term to run. During the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and in sufficient time to enable said County Treasurer to issue and sell the bonds, such commissioner shall make and file with the County Treasurer an estimate of the entire amount of money required for such public work, in addition to that already provided by the issue and sale of bonds as herein provided, and thereupon and in the same year such County Treasurer shall issue and sell bonds sufficient to realize the amount of money so estimated and stated; and the money realized from the issue and sale of such bonds shall be held by such treasurer until paid to such commissioner, upon his requisition therefor, as in this act provided.

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SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

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A PEDESTAL FOR GENERAL WARREN.

CHAPTER 542.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPER PEDESTAL FOR A MONUMENT TO GENERAL GOUVERNEUR K. WARREN, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law May 3, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. The Mayor of the City of Brooklyn and the Commissioner of Parks of said city, and their successors, are hereby authorized to provide and construct a suitable pedestal with foundation, base and coping for the statue of Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren, upon the presentation of the same to the City of Brooklyn by the Gouverneur K. Warren Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, and of said city, at an expense not to exceed four thousand dollars.

SECTION II. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section one of this act, the Mayor and Comptroller of said city are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the City of Brooklyn, to be known as "Memorial Monument Bonds," to be signed, sealed and countersigned as other bonds of said city. None of such bonds shall be sold at less than par, and they shall be issued in such series and be made payable at such times as said Mayor and Comptroller may determine. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds, including any premium which may be obtained thereon, shall be paid into the city treasury, to be expended from time to time as may be required for the purposes of this act, upon the certification of said Mayor.

SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

MAKING PARKWAYS.

CHAPTER 640, LAWS OF 1895.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CARE, CUSTODY, CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT THEREOF.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law May 13, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. On and after the passage of this act, the care, custody and control of Eastern Parkway, east of Howard avenue and south of East New York avenue to Stone avenue ; Stone avenue from Dean street to Riverdale avenue ; Riverdale avenue to New Lots road ; New Lots road to Dumont avenue ; Dumont avenue to Fountain avenue ; Bushwick avenue from Gillen place to Jamaica avenue and Pennsylvania avenue throughout its entire length and to Jamaica bay ; Rockaway Parkway from its intersection with Buffalo avenue in said city to the road to Flatlands, and the road to Flatlands to Jamaica bay, in the Town of Flatlands, in the County of Kings, are vested in the Department of Parks, of the County of Kings, created by Chapter 758, Laws of 1894, and the officer at the head of said Department of Parks is hereby authorized to grade, pave gutter and improve said parkway and streets or highways, or either or any part of either of them, upon such plans as he may determine, and to enter into contracts for that purpose.

SECTION II. The officer at the head of said Department of Parks is hereby authorized to widen either of said highways to such extent as he may determine by filing in the office of the County Clerk of said county a map, duly attested, showing the highway, street or road as widened, and a duplicate thereof in the said Department of Parks ; and thereupon said highway, street or road shall be of the width thereon designated.

SECTION III. The officer at the head of said Department of Parks is hereby authorized to purchase, acquire and hold, for and on behalf of the County of Kings, the land necessary to be taken for the widening of any parkway, avenue, street or road, as provided in this act, as laid down on any map filed in pursuance of the provisions of section two of this act ; and in case he cannot acquire the same by purchase he is hereby authorized to acquire the same by proceeding

pursuant to Chapter ninety-five of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act to Amend the Code of Civil Procedure," known as the "condemnation law;" and the Supreme Court may make such order as to the manner of conducting such proceedings as shall be necessary to render the same valid for the purposes required.

SECTION IV. In order to provide the means to pay for the lands taken for any such widening, and any and all expenses in connection therewith, and to pay for the grading, paving or otherwise improving said parkways, road, avenues and streets, the County Treasurer of said county is hereby authorized and directed to issue, from time to time, upon the requisition of the officer at the head of said Department of Parks, bonds of said county, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four per centum per annum, and in such series and for such period as said County Treasurer and the Supervisor-at-Large of said county shall determine. There shall be inserted in the tax budget of said county each year a sufficient sum to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and a sufficient sum in any year to pay the principal of such bonds as may become due and payable. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be paid into the treasury of said county, and shall be paid out from time to time for the purposes herein provided upon vouchers certified by the officer at the head of said Department of Parks

SECTION V. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE SHORE DRIVE.

CHAPTER 931.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION, LAYING OUT, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC DRIVEWAY AND PARKWAY, AND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IN ANY COUNTY OF THIS STATE WHICH CONTAINS A CITY, THE POPULATION OF WHICH CITY IS IN EXCESS OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND, AND THE BOUNDARIES OF WHICH CITY ARE NOT COTERMINOUS WITH THOSE OF SAID COUNTY; AND ALSO PROVIDING THE MEANS OF PAYMENT THEREFOR, AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF, AND CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS FOR SAID COUNTY.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law June 5, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. Section four of Chapter seven hundred and fifty-eight of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the selection, laying out, construction and maintenance of a public driveway and parkway, and for the acquisition of riparian rights in connection therewith, in any county of this State which contains a city, the population of which city is in excess of eight hundred thousand, and the boundaries of which city are not coterminous with those of said county; and also providing the means of payment therefor, and maintenance thereof, and creating a department of parks for said county," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION IV. Immediately upon the final confirmation and filing of the plan and report hereinbefore provided for, the said commission provided for in the first section of this act shall prepare plans and specifications for the development, laying out, ornamenting or otherwise improving the property set forth and designated in said plan and report; and upon the completion thereof the same shall be certified to by said commission, and filed in the Department of Parks in said city, and the said plan and report shall be final and conclusive as to the matters therein set forth. In order to secure the progress of the work required by this act, such commission, before the completion of such final plans and specifications, may make and file partial plans and specifications, which may be corrected and modified from time to time as they may elect. The development,

ornamenting and improving such property shall be done and carried on in accordance with such plans and specifications, except as to details or parts not therein provided for. All expenses incurred by such commission for the work in this section provided for shall be charged to and paid from the fund provided by section seven of this act.

SECTION II. Section six of said act is hereby amended to read as follows :

SECTION VI. In order to provide the means to pay for the purchase of lands, property, estate, riparian rights, including lands under water, authorized to be acquired by this act, and any expenses which may be incurred in acquiring the same, or for the payment of such land, property, estate and riparian rights which may be acquired by the proceedings authorized in this act, in case the same cannot be purchased by agreement, the County Treasurer of said county is hereby authorized and directed, from time to time, upon receiving from such officer at the head of such Department of Parks a certificate stating the amount of money then required to be raised for such acquisition and payment and the expenses incurred therefor, to borrow and raise the amount of money so certified; and for that purpose to issue and sell the bonds of said county, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, issued in series of one hundred thousand dollars each, the first series to become due and payable in the year nineteen hundred, and each succeeding series to become due and payable at yearly intervals thereafter; and there shall be inserted in the tax budget of said county, for the several years for which said bonds are made payable, a sufficient sum for the purpose of paying the principal of said bonds, as they mature, and in each year a sufficient sum to pay such interest as may become due and payable on said bonds. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be paid into the treasury of said county, and shall be paid out from time to time for the purposes herein provided, upon vouchers certified by the officer at the head of said Department of Parks and the attorney and counsel of said city. Such bonds issued by said county shall be designated by the name of the county, and as public driveway and parkway bonds, and they shall each be made to secure an equal amount of money, and those of each series shall be designated as of that series, and numbered consecutively. During the year eighteen hundred and ninety five, and in sufficient time to enable such County Treasurer to sell the bonds, such officer at the head of the said Department of Parks shall make and file with such County Treasurer, an estimate and statement of the amount of money, if any, in addition to what has been raised by the issue and sale of bonds, that will be required for the purposes of acquiring and paying for lands, estate and water rights, as provided in this act; and such County Treasurer shall thereupon immediately, and in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, make, issue and sell bonds as herein provided, and raise and provide the money stated in such esti-

mate and statement; and the money so raised shall remain in the treasury of said county for the purposes of this act, until drawn and expended as herein provided. Any such land, estate and water rights may be acquired by the proceedings, by condemnation herein authorized, in case such officer at the head of such Department of Parks is unable to agree with the owner thereof as to the price to be paid therefor, or if for any other reason a purchase cannot be presently and promptly made. Such officer at the head of such department, with the assent of such attorney and counsel of the corporation, may employ counsel to act as may be directed in such acquisition, and in proceedings therefor.

SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

POWERS OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

CHAPTER 947.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF TITLE SIXTEEN OF CHAPTER FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REVISE AND COMBINE IN A SINGLE ACT ALL EXISTING SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS AFFECTING PUBLIC INTERESTS IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN," RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law June 6, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. Section two of Title sixteen of Chapter five hundred and eighty-three of the Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An Act to revise and combine in a single act all existing special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of Brooklyn," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION II. The said Department of Parks shall have the exclusive government, management and control of all the parks, squares and public places in the city; and full and exclusive power to govern and manage the Ocean Parkway from the Circle to the southwesterly angle of Prospect Park to the ocean, and direct and regulate the public use thereof, as also the Circle and Concourse at either terminus; and also Eastern Parkway in the Ninth and Twenty-fourth Wards of said city, and to govern, manage and direct the same and to regulate the public use thereof, and of such parts of the several roads, streets

or avenues as run through or intersect the same; and to pass and enforce laws and ordinances for the proper use, regulation and government thereof; and for all the purposes of such government, management and direction of public use, such parts of said roads or avenues as pass through or intersect said circles shall be deemed to be a part of Prospect Park; and it shall be under like control and management as said parkway; and the maintenance of said Ocean Parkway and Concourse shall be a charge upon the City of Brooklyn. And the said Department of Parks shall have, subject to the limitation aforesaid, full and exclusive power.

1. To lay out, regulate, improve and maintain the public parks of said city, and Ocean Parkway and the Concourse aforesaid, and also Eastern Parkway, in the Ninth and Twenty-fourth Wards of said city, and to govern, manage and direct the same and the public use thereof.

2. To make ordinances, rules and regulations for their proper management and government.

3. To appoint such engineers, surveyors, clerks and other officers and such police force as they may deem expedient, and to prescribe and define their respective duties and authority, and to fix and regulate the compensation to be paid to the several persons so to be employed by them.

4. To locate, erect and maintain fountains on the said parks or parkways, or either of them, as well as upon the streets and avenues which form the boundaries thereof, or intersect the same; to erect and maintain iron and other fences around the said parks; to flag and reflag the sidewalks of said streets, roads or avenues on the side which is adjacent to the said parks; to increase the width thereof, and to set and reset curb and gutter stones, shade trees and lamp posts thereon.

5. To determine the particular location of any railroad track which is now or may hereafter be placed upon such road, street or avenue, or upon any road, street or avenue under the control of said department; provided, however, that no such railroad track or tracks shall be placed upon any such road, street or avenue without the consent thereto of the Commissioner of Parks.

6. To seize and impound any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, geese or other animals found running at large upon any of the public parks or parkways of the City of Brooklyn; to impose a penalty, not exceeding five dollars, with reasonable expenses, upon any animal so seized, and to enforce the payment thereof in such a manner as they shall by ordinance direct.

7. To let any buildings and the ground belonging to the City of Brooklyn which may be within the limits of any public park for a term not to exceed one year, or until the same shall be required for public use.

8. To sell any buildings, improvements or materials within the limits of the said last mentioned park and belonging to said city, which in the judgment of said department shall not be required for the purposes of said park, or for public use, and the proceeds of such sales shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, to the credit of the department, and devoted to the improvement of said Prospect Park.

9. They may also, in the name of the city, or of the said department, at their option, bring any action which they may deem proper to recover damages for the breach of any agreement, express or implied, relating to or growing out of the management or improvement of the said parks, parkways or other places, territory or streets under their control, for penalties for the violation of any ordinance; or for injuries to personal property appertaining to the said parks, places, territory or streets, and to recover the possession of such property. The said department shall have charge and management for the purposes of police and improvement of the land in the Town of Flatbush, in the County of Kings, taken pursuant to the statute for a parade ground for the County of Kings. And all ordinances or rules which said department shall at any time adopt for the regulation, use and management of the said parks shall immediately thereafter be published for at least ten days in two daily newspapers printed in said city.

SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

TO PURCHASE RAILROAD RIGHTS.

CHAPTER 951.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE OCCUPATION OF FORT HAMILTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN BY RAILROADS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BROOKLYN TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY RAILROAD NOW OCCUPYING THE SAME.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law June 6, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, two-thirds being present.

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

SECTION I. No railroad company shall hereafter lay any tracks, or maintain or operate any railroad, whether surface, elevated or underground, along Fort Hamilton avenue, in the City of Brooklyn, or any part thereof.

SECTION II. The City of Brooklyn is hereby authorized to pay to the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company such sum of

money as may be agreed upon between the directors of said Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company and the Park Commissioner of said city, not exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars, in consideration of the surrender by said railroad company of whatever franchise and right, if any, it may have to lay its tracks and maintain and operate its railroad on Fort Hamilton avenue in said city, and said railroad company is hereby authorized to receive said sum and to surrender any such franchise and rights. Such surrender shall be evidenced by an instrument in writing, executed by the president and secretary of said company, under the seal of the corporation, acknowledging the receipt of the money so authorized to be paid, and relinquishing all right to lay railroad tracks and to maintain and operate a railroad upon, over, under or across said Fort Hamilton avenue; which instrument shall also contain an agreement on the part of said railroad company to remove all rails and other appliances now maintained upon said avenue by said company, and to refrain in the future from laying any rails or from maintaining or operating any railroad thereon; said instrument, when duly executed, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State and a duplicate thereof in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Kings. If no funds shall be otherwise available to make the payment so authorized by this act the necessary money for that purpose shall be taken from the revenue fund of said city.

SECTION III. This act shall take effect immediately.

TO IMPROVE PARKWAYS.

CHAPTER 1,000.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF OCEAN PARKWAY, FORT HAMILTON AVENUE AND BAY PARKWAY, IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.

Accepted by the City.

Became a law June 12, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I. The City of Brooklyn is hereby authorized, as hereinafter provided, to pave the west side road of Ocean Parkway, or any portion of the same; Fort Hamilton avenue from Ocean Parkway adjacent to Prospect Park to the Shore road, and Bay Parkway, from Ocean Parkway to Gravesend bay; and for the purpose of such pavement on Ocean Parkway to expend a sum not exceeding fifty

thousand dollars; and for the purpose of such pavement on the other two highways to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Such money shall be raised by certificates of indebtedness, issued in the name of the said city and over its seal, and signed by the Comptroller and Mayor, and attested by the City Clerk of said city, and payable by the said city as follows: One-sixth in January, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and one-sixth in January in each of the five succeeding years, with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi annually. An amount sufficient to meet the principal and interest of such certificates, as it falls due, shall be raised in the annual taxes of said city; but any interest on such certificates falling due in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, may be paid from the money raised thereby. Such pavement shall be of the kind commonly known as macadam pavement, or asphalt pavement, or partly either of said pavements, and on the said road on Ocean Parkway it may be either wholly or in part vitrified brick, as may be selected and provided by the Park Commissioner of said city. Such work shall be done by contract, and by and under the direction and supervision of such commissioner. All of such contracts shall be made after ten days' advertisement in the corporation papers of said city, and by such commissioner shall be awarded to and made with the lowest responsible bidder, with such specifications, deposits and terms of payment as may be provided for in specifications and terms to be prepared by such commissioner, and which shall be mentioned and referred to in such advertisement. The certificates of indebtedness to provide the money necessary to do such work, and pay all expenses incidental thereto, shall be issued as hereinbefore provided, and sold by the Comptroller on the requisition of such Park Commissioner.

SECTION II. This act shall take effect immediately.

EAST SIDE LAND FUNDS.

CHAPTER 1,007.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER MEANS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRADING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS OF CERTAIN PARK LANDS IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS THEREFOR."

Accepted by the City.

Became a law June 12, 1895, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION I For the purpose of meeting the expenses of the grading and improvement of park lands, as provided in Chapter five hundred and eighty-seven of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the grading and other improvements of certain park lands in the City of Brooklyn, and to provide the means therefor," the Mayor and Comptroller of said city are hereby authorized to prepare and issue bonds of said city, to be called "East Side Park Lands Grading Bonds," signed, sealed and countersigned as other bonds of said city. The total issue of said bonds shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, which amount shall be in addition to that already authorized by said act, and shall be issued for such periods and in such series as the Mayor and Comptroller shall determine. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be paid into the city treasury to be expended, from time to time, as may be required for the purposes authorized by said act in the same manner as other money is drawn from said treasury.

SECTION II. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE SUPERVISORS' LAW RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF COUNTY PARKS.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS AND TO REGULATE EMPLOYMENT THEREON, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, OF THE LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO, KNOWN AS THE COUNTY LAW, AND THE ACTS AMENDATORY THEREOF, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH SECTION NINE OF ARTICLE FIVE, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Passed July 1, 1895.—Approved by the Supervisor-at-Large, July 5, 1895.

The People of the County of Kings, represented in the Board of Supervisors, do enact as follows :

SECTION I. On or before the fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, the Supervisor-at-Large of the County of Kings, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, shall appoint a Civil Service Commission for said county, to consist of three members, who shall, immediately after their organization by the election of a president and secretary, proceed to examine and classify such persons as are or may be employed, or may be applicants for employment upon or in the public works of Kings County, said commission to continue in force until the completion of said public works authorized by existing statutes to be carried out under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks of the County of Kings. Any vacancy in said commission caused by death or resignation may be filled at any time in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

SECTION II. The said Civil Service Commission, as hereinbefore constituted, shall make such regulations for its own government and guidance and for the examination and appointment of persons on the public works of Kings County as a majority of said commission in their best judgment shall consider and determine, to comply and conform most practicably to the mandates of the constitution and the requirements and regulations of the State Civil Service Commission of civil service laws; and no appointments on public works of the county shall be made except from the list prepared by the aforesaid Civil Service Commission hereby created and established, and no place shall be given on said list to any person who is not a citizen of the United States and a resident within the State and within the County of Kings for two years past. The Commissioner of Parks shall pay no wages from moneys raised by obligations against the county, nor shall the County Treasurer to any person employed in the public works of the county whose name does not appear on the

aforesaid eligible list; and each pay roll prepared of said county employees shall bear the certificate of at least one member of the aforesaid commission.

SECTION III. The members of the Civil Service Commission created by this act, or a majority of them, shall have the power to secure such clerical and other assistance as may be necessary to conduct the examinations and perform the duties hereby imposed upon them, and to fix the compensation for any service so rendered; but no allowance shall be made to any commissioner for any duties he may perform as a member of the Civil Service Commission, except to the secretary thereof, who shall be paid monthly at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, and excepting such incidental expenses as may be incurred in the line of official duty. The said commission shall have its office in the Court House of the County of Kings until some more suitable place be provided or arranged for in connection with the offices that are or may be occupied by the Commissioner of Parks of the County of Kings.

SECTION IV. This act shall not be construed as giving the aforesaid Civil Service Commission any jurisdiction, not herein expressed, in conflict with those inherent in the officer at the head of said Department of Parks of the County of Kings, to wit: Frank Squier, who is hereby continued and confirmed, with Henry L. Palmer and William A. Booth as Deputy Commissioner and Property and Labor Clerk respectively, of the aforesaid Department of Parks of the County of Kings, under which the aforesaid public works are to be carried on, to execute to consummation in their entirety all the provisions of law vesting in the aforesaid Commissioner of Parks control of certain public works of the county in relation to parks and highways. Nor shall this act be construed as vesting any special powers, other than those expressed in the title of office, in any or either of the above officers of the Department of Parks, nor of according to them any right to claim or receive any salary, or salaries, other than at which the same are hereby fixed and shall remain respectively, to wit, as follows: Frank Squier, Commissioner, \$5,000; Henry L. Palmer, Deputy Commissioner, \$3,000; William A. Booth, Property and Labor Clerk, \$2,500, or to receive any other or extra compensation from the county.

SECTION V. The expenses incurred under the provisions of this act are and shall be deemed to be for the lawful uses and purposes of the County of Kings, as required by the constitution, and the Treasurer of Kings County shall pay the same from the premium account, from time to time, when no other appropriation is made therefor, upon vouchers properly certified as required by this act. Before January the first, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, the said Civil Service Commission, after due consultation with the Commissioner of Parks of the county, shall estimate

the cost entailed, or to be entailed, under the provisions of this act, and the sum so estimated shall be reserved and set apart from the premium account, from which the expenses of the current calendar year shall have previously been paid, and for the purposes and obligations herein set forth and hereby assumed for the period over which the public works outlined in existing statutes shall extend.

SECTION VI. This act shall take effect immediately.