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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
ON  
PUBLIC PARK PLAYGROUNDS  
AND RECREATION CENTRES

For the year ending December 31, 1911

Hon. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR, Mayor  
Hon. CHARLES B. STOVER, Commissioner  
WILLIAM J. LEE, Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation

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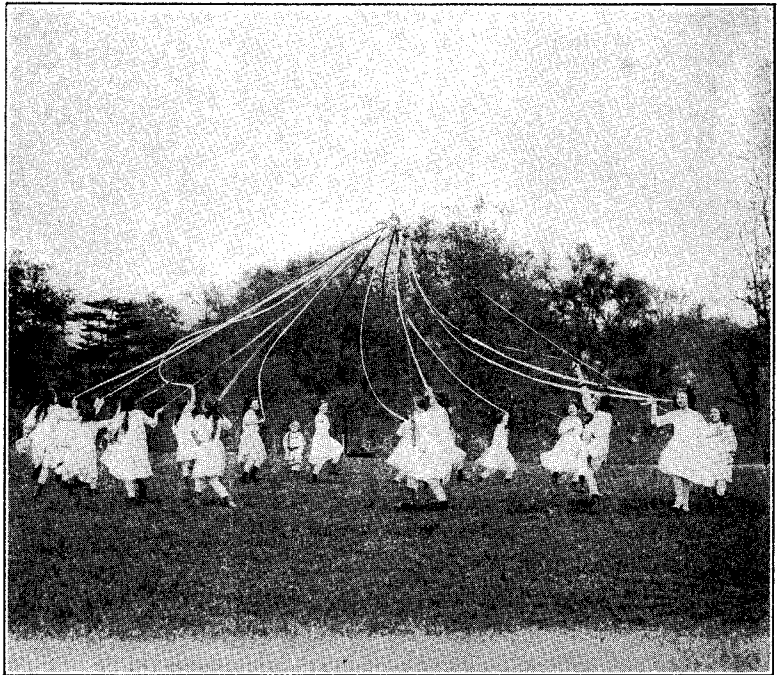
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FESTIVAL OF "THE PARADE OF THE STATES," HAMILTON FISH PARK,  
JULY 1, 1911. ALL PARK PLAYGROUNDS REPRESENTED.



MAY POLE DANCE ON GREEN, CENTRAL PARK.

HON. CHARLES B. STOVER,

Commissioner of Parks,

Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

Dear Sir.—I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Bureau of Recreation for the year 1911. The wisdom and correctness of your views in establishing the Bureau of Recreation in the summer of 1910 is justified by the results. It has been sustained by the entire press of this city, reflecting popular sentiment. The tremendous gain in the attendance of both children and adults in the park playgrounds making a new record (there were no detailed figures for comparison previous to the year 1910) shows an increase of 100 per cent. I would respectfully call your attention to the tabular statements of attendance, games, festivals, etc., compiled from the daily reports of the playground leaders. These reports have been given very careful study and investigation this year by me and by the field staff.

In the thirty park playgrounds that were conducted under the direct supervision of this Bureau, and opened at various times of the year, the startling figures of attendance, 3,142,116, adults and children, have been recorded, the figures being taken on a basis of two counts daily, morning and afternoon. When I assumed the duties of Supervisor of Recreation, in the month of April, 1911, there was nothing of a general nature in the work under way. As the spring season opened there was organized, on the boys' side of the playgrounds, the First Inter-park Playground Athletic Championship, in which 5,000 boys, between the ages of 7 and 17 years, entered in the 16 athletic events for the gold, silver, and bronze prizes. One thousand medals were furnished, through the courtesy of the New York *Sunday World*. Each playground held a set of elimination games, and the first 5 in each of the 16 events scheduled were eligible to compete on Memorial Day (May 30) for the Park Playground Athletic Championship. It was unanimously adopted, at a meeting of the officials and instructors of the playgrounds, that Hon. Charles B. Stover present the gold, silver and bronze medals to the victors. The day was a very fine one, and fully 10,000 people, including many prominent citizens, according to the press of the City, witnessed these games amid great enthusiasm and appreciation. A band of music was furnished for the occasion, through your kindness, patriotic airs were played, and the boys who participated in the games from the various playgrounds throughout the City were accompanied to their respective homes by the playground leaders. No accidents were recorded, and no arrests were necessary. The "Colorguard Boys" from Tompkins Square Park Playground protected the decorations. There were but five policemen detailed to the scene, and order and discipline prevailed throughout the day.

The girls' side of the playground had not been neglected. A conference of the playground leaders was called, and a festival planned, entitled, "The Parade of the States," embodying the songs and dances and costumes in vogue in the various sections of our land. Each playground was given a particular section of the States to represent, and rehearsed the songs and dances. The children made their own costumes in conjunction with the playground leaders on each playground, which redounds to the credit of the playground leaders, who are seen to have so many accomplishments in their work. This festival was given at Hamilton Fish Park, on the Plaza, July 1, 1911. The entire press of the City commended this work as morally, socially, and geographically instructive. It was given wide publicity with photographs, and fully seven to eight thousand children and parents witnessed this very excellent performance. After the festival was over refreshments were served at the indoor gymnasium to the children

who participated in the affair. The children were returned to their respective homes by the playground leaders.

The Bureau of Recreation received a communication from Hon. James E. Sullivan, Chairman of the Athletic Committee of Mayor Gaynor's "Safe and Sane" Fourth of July celebrations, of which Hon. Charles B. Stover and William J. Lee were members, for permission to use the athletic fields, which was granted. All the athletic grounds were put in first-class condition for the Fourth of July games, and attracted the largest athletic program in the history of athletics in the world. There were 7,000 entries, including the amateur champions of America, of which 3,000 were "playground boys" of this city. The Fourth of July Patriotic Athletic Committee donated handsome gold, silver and bronze medals to the entrants, and the winners in each event.

I made a personal tour of the grounds, accompanied by the Hon. James E. Sullivan, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee, and it was estimated by the gentlemen of the press, who accompanied us on the automobile tour, that 200,000 people witnessed these games at the various park playgrounds and athletic fields. At Jasper Oval, which is our greatest baseball center, the Fourth of July baseball championship was played by the various teams who use the diamonds in that section of the City. The winners were presented by the Mayor's Committee with five handsome silver cups. Music was furnished at all the parks, and the day was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the citizens of New York.

During the school vacation season of July and August this Bureau organized the largest baseball league in the history of the national game. Through the kindness and courtesy of the New York *Herald*, 1,000 gold, silver and bronze medals, at a cost of over \$1,000, were donated to help keep the boys off the streets, and encourage them in healthy sport and recreation. Five hundred teams were organized in the various park playgrounds, twelve boys to a team, of four different grades, ages varying from seven to seventeen years, and establishing four different championships, in order that the smaller boys could compete with boys of like weight and age.

This made an entry of 6,000 boys to play a series of elimination games in each playground, in order to develop the representative teams, and then an inter-park home and home series was played, and the teams scoring the highest number of points from the uptown section, and the teams scoring the highest number of points from the downtown section of the City, played a final championship series for "The City Park Playground Championships," at Jasper Oval, before 10,000 spectators. It is estimated that, during the entire baseball season, over 1,000,000 people witnessed this struggle. The New York *Herald* published box-scores of the games, with the photographs of the little players, every Sunday, with the weekly happenings, scores, names of the boys, and notes of special interest, which caused the paper to be posted up as the playground bulletin. Tompkins Square won the Junior Championships, and Hamilton Fish and Seward Park Playgrounds won the Senior Championships. The marvel of the situation is that the boys from the most congested downtown centers of the City, where there is practically no baseball area, defeated the boys from the upper section of the City, who have baseball grounds. It would seem that "There is safety in numbers."

The New York *Herald* editorially commended, at the close of the season, the management, organization, and playing of the boys, and the final games at Jasper Oval, and declared that the big leagues would do well to pattern after the discipline, and good sportsmanlike manner in which the league was managed.

The prizes were awarded at the Arsenal, Central Park, after school opened, in September, the week following the final games. Addresses were made by Hon. Charles B. Stover, Hon. Ernest Harvier, and William J. Lee. The signature of each boy was recorded and forwarded to the New York *Herald*, as an evidence of the proper distribution of the prizes donated, with thanks for its kindness, on behalf of this Department, and of the boys of the City of New York.



A resolution was adopted by the Herald Baseball League, of the Park Playgrounds, thanking Commissioner Stover for his interest in developing baseball centers throughout the City. The New York *Herald*, through Mr. James Gordon Bennett, granted the use of Bennett Field, on which three baseball diamonds were laid out, and back-stops erected, at 184th street and Broadway, a most picturesque section of the City.

July and August found the Bureau of Recreation sorely pressed for playground space, as the attendance had reached over a half million monthly. The opening of Colonial Park playground in the month of August was arranged for, and it was decided, owing to the success of the festival given at Hamilton Fish Park, in July, to reproduce "The Parade of the States" at Colonial Park. The difference in the type of the Hamilton Fish Park playground and Colonial Park playground lent additional interest to the affair, Hamilton Fish Park being situated in the most densely populated section of the lower East Side, having no scenic beauty, as compared with the twelve acres of the picturesque Colonial Park, with its beautiful, sloping hills running down from Edgecombe to Bradhurst avenue. This festival again proved a great success, attracting 5,000 people to the scene. A grandstand was erected, and a band of music furnished, and addresses delivered by the Hon. Charles B. Stover, Hon. Josiah T. Newcomb, and Hon. John A. Bolles. The Vitagraph Company of America arranged to take the moving picture films of the festival and activities for the Budget Exhibit of the City, held at the old Tefft-Weller building, on Broadway, during the month of October.

The next event that attracted popular attention was the opening of the West 59th Street Athletic Field, adjoining De Witt Clinton High School. Fully one thousand boys participated in the series of athletic games for the playground championship, to do honor to the occasion and dedicate the new grounds. A grandstand was erected and profusely decorated, and addresses were made by the Hon. Charles B. Stover, Hon. John J. McCann, Hon. Ernest Harvier, and William J. Lee. The Vitagraph Company of America on this occasion took moving pictures of the Boys' Athletic Meet, which were exhibited later throughout the City at the various moving picture houses. Fully five thousand people attended the opening.

The Bureau of Recreation prepared its exhibit of statistics and ingenuity work, coupled with the moving picture films of the boys' and girls' playground athletic meets and festivals. One million people reviewed the work of the park playgrounds, during the Budget Exhibit from October 2 to 28, 1911. On all sides the work was highly commended by the press, settlement workers, charity organizations, and citizens in general interested in playgrounds as a part of civic betterment.

Arrangement was made for the opening of Columbus Park playground, formerly known as Mulberry Bend, on Columbus Day, October 12, 1911, and a very large number of people gathered (fully 6,000) to witness the Inter-park Athletic Meet on the grounds. Moving pictures were again taken, and have been exhibited throughout the country. The opening of this park playground marked a new era in the "Italian quarter" of this City. This spot, so long idle and neglected, has been transformed into one of the finest boys' playgrounds and athletic fields in the City, facing the old Five Points Mission House. The outdoor athletic season coming to a close on that day, there followed the organization of soccer football and basketball inter-park playground leagues, and the opening of the indoor gymnasium at Hamilton Fish Park, where a thousand boys meet weekly in clubs of twenty and participate in the general gymnastic instruction and exercises. "The Allied Boys' Clubs of Hamilton Fish Park" was formed, which is composed of all the afternoon clubs for school boys, and evening clubs for the working boys.

At all the park playgrounds, on the girls' side, there was organized during Thanksgiving week, festivals and amateur theatricals. The endeavor of the park playgrounds on Thanksgiving Day to keep the children off the crowded streets was a success. They were permitted to dress in whatever costumes they desired, and take part in the

dances and songs of the day. This affair was highly commended as a very wholesome idea, and the little ragamuffins had the time of their lives.

During the Christmas holidays festivals were organized, and Christmas trees provided and decorated. The playground organ furnished the music for the songs and dances.

On December 30, 1911, the closing feature of the year was the Indoor Gymnastic Exhibition and Reception at Hamilton Fish Park Gymnasium, of the Allied Boys' Clubs, under the auspices of the Bureau of Recreation. The exhibition was eminently successful, comprised of boxing, wrestling, and general gymnastic work. Commissioner Stover addressed the audience, and thanked the boys for their kindly interest in the work, pledging his unswerving support for the further improvement and extension of playgrounds and recreation centers. After the exhibition a dance was held, in which all of the employees of this Bureau and the guests participated.

The report of the National Highways Protective Society, according to its secretary, Colonel Edward Cornell, shows that forty-three deaths occurred during the month of September on the streets of New York, of which thirty were children sixteen years of age and under. And yet, while over three million children and adults participated in the festivals and games of the park playgrounds, no deaths have been recorded, and the very few accidents have been of a minor nature. Thus, it is readily seen that the real guardians of the City's children are the playground leaders, and the park playgrounds are the "Isles of Safety" for the children of New York.

The tone of park playground work has been raised to a higher standard. The smaller children have not been neglected; they have been instructed in jig-saw raffia work and drawing, which give pleasure to those not fitted for strenuous exercise and games. The inter-park games and festivals in "God's out-of-doors" afforded an opportunity to the children to take excursions, accompanied by the playground leaders, from one playground to another, establishing social intercourse, and bringing into the lives of the children a feeling of civic pride and friendly competition which has not been surpassed. According to the statistics of the Children's Court, there are over 10,000 children arrested annually for trivial offenses. His Honor, Mayor William J. Gaynor, had labored unceasingly to prevent unnecessary arrests of both children and adults. Most of these offenses, if committed in the playgrounds, would not be a violation of law, such as baseball, "cat," football and roller skating, which is generally an outburst of suppressed energy. The playgrounds furnish play-material for all games under intelligent supervision. It is, therefore, our duty to plan wisely and well for future needs and to protect the best interests of our present and future citizens.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. LEE,

*Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation.*



OPENING EXERCISES AT COLONIAL PARK PLAYGROUND, AUGUST 12, 1911.



ROCK-A-BYE SWING—DE WITT CLINTON PARK PLAYGROUND.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

January 1, 1911, to December 31, 1911.

The original Budget request of the Bureau of Recreation for 1911 was \$78,000. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment finally awarded \$35,000 for the supervision of playgrounds, of which \$3,000 was for the salary of the Supervisor. The shortage of money caused most of the grounds to be operated on a half-time basis during the months of January, February and March, which greatly crippled the work of this Bureau as to outdoor winter sports and games. The amount granted was only sufficient to carry on the work of eighteen of the playgrounds. Owing to the very pressing demand for play-space this Bureau was compelled to open thirty play centers varying in type from (a) Athletic Fields, (b) Baseball Grounds, (c) Combination Boys' and Girls' Playground, (d) Girls' Playground, (e) Boys' Playground, (f) Midget Playground, as compared with the twenty-three grounds operated during the summer of 1910. Some of the ground used for play-space was private property turned over by citizens. Several City Departments coöperated, the Bridge Department, which turned over the plot of ground under the Williamsburg Bridge, between Cannon and Lewis streets, and the plot at 152d street and Amsterdam avenue, which was turned over by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity.

On September 25, 1911, I regretted very much to be compelled to close sixteen playgrounds, temporarily, pending my request to you for ten thousand dollars in special revenue bonds, to continue the playground work for the year 1911. The press and public unanimously opposed the closing of the grounds, which tends to show that playgrounds are no longer a "fad," but a fact, and that all the years you have labored, both in your private and official life, has now begun to bear real fruit. The month of October found the funds almost exhausted, and upon request to the Board of Aldermen, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment, \$8,000 was appropriated in special revenue bonds to carry on the work of this Bureau, for the balance of the year. This made a total of \$43,000 for the supervision of playgrounds for 1911.

*Recapitulation.*

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
January.....	78,607	\$1,428.00	.018
February.....	71,954	1,435.50	.020
March.....	127,833	1,636.59	.013
April.....	183,334	1,780.18	.010
May.....	209,352	2,211.50	.011
June.....	281,725	3,379.57	.012
July.....	591,051	5,572.40	.009
August.....	475,614	5,764.60	.012
September.....	414,293	5,131.50	.012
October.....	257,932	3,682.00	.014
November.....	256,241	3,973.42	.016
December.....	194,180	3,560.50	.019
	<u>3,142,116</u>	<u>\$39,555.76</u>	<u>12).166</u>
Average for one year.....			.0138

The original Budget of \$35,000 for supervision was modified to extend the number of days of employment as tabulated below:—

## BUDGET (ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION).

Allowance.		Expended.		Balance.	
		Days.	Amount.		
\$4.00	Gymnasium Attendants.....	\$2,552.00	631 $\frac{1}{3}$	\$2,524.29	\$27.71
3.00	Gymnasium Attendants.....	14,826.00	4,942	14,826.00	.00
3.00	Playground Attendants.....	5,754.00	1,916 $\frac{1}{3}$	5,749.00	5.00
2.00	Playground Attendants.....	8,868.00	4,432 $\frac{3}{4}$	8,865.55	2.45
		<u>\$32,000.00</u>		<u>\$31,964.84</u>	<u>\$35.16</u>

## REVENUE BONDS (EXTRA APPROPRIATION).

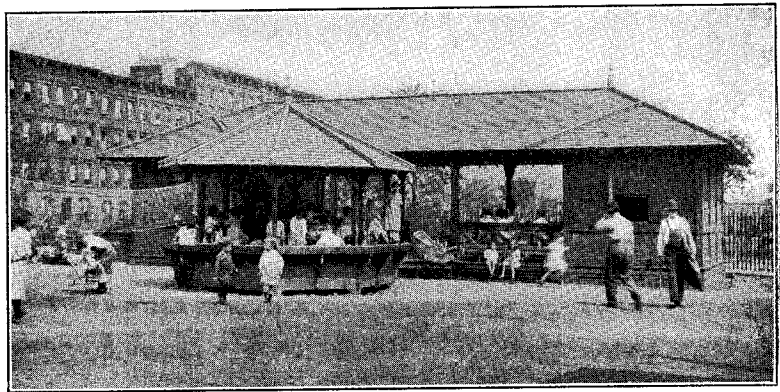
Allowance.		Expended.		Balance.	
		Days.	Amount.		
\$4.00	Gymnasium Attendants.....	\$696.00	132 $\frac{2}{3}$	\$530.66	\$165.34
3.00	Gymnasium Attendants.....	3,411.00	1,109 $\frac{1}{6}$	3,327.50	83.60
3.00	Playground Attendants.....	2,331.00	749 $\frac{2}{3}$	2,249.00	82.00
2.00	Playground Attendants.....	1,562.00	741 $\frac{1}{3}$	1,483.76	78.24
		<u>\$8,000.00</u>		<u>\$7,590.92</u>	<u>\$409.08</u>

## COMBINED ALLOWANCE—BUDGET AND REVENUE BONDS.

Allowance.	Days.	Amount.	Expended.		Balance.	
			Days.	Amount.		
\$4.00	Gym. Attendants.....	812	\$3,248.00	764 $\frac{7}{8}$	\$3,054.95	\$193.05
3.00	Gym. Attendants.....	6,079	18,237.00	6,051 $\frac{1}{6}$	18,153.50	83.50
3.00	Playg'd Attendants.....	2,695	8,085.00	2,666	7,998.00	87.00
2.00	Playg'd Attendants.....	5,215	10,430.00	5,174 $\frac{7}{8}$	10,349.31	80.69
			<u>\$40,000.00</u>		<u>\$39,555.76</u>	<u>\$444.24</u>
	Supervisor's salary.....		3,000.00		2,829.29	170.71



FUN AND FROLIC—SEWARD PARK PLAYGROUND ON A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON.



VIEW OF SAND HOUSE AND PAVILION AT ST. GABRIEL'S PARK PLAYGROUND.

## SUMMARY OF MONTHLY ATTENDANCE, COST, AND RATE PER CAPITA, FOR THE YEAR 1911.

## JANUARY.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	2,558	\$45.00	1.9
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Colonial Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	.....	.....	.....
De Witt Clinton.....	5,468	139.00	2.3
East 17th street.....	1,653	32.00	1.9
Hamilton Fish.....	15,053	236.50	1.9
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	2,104	127.50	6.0
Highbridge.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	2,136	29.00	1.3
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	.....	.....	.....
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryan Park.....	1,397	30.00	2.2
St. Gabriel's.....	4,283	131.50	3.3
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	21,477	218.00	1.3
Thomas Jefferson.....	4,981	90.50	1.5
Tompkins Square.....	17,497	178.00	1.2
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	171.00	.....
	78,607	\$1,428.00	

## FEBRUARY.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	1,895	\$59.00	3.2
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Colonial Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	.....	.....	.....
De Witt Clinton.....	6,092	149.00	2.3
East 17th street.....	1,877	27.00	1.8
Hamilton Fish.....	12,153	241.50	1.2
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	1,555	138.00	7.3
Highbridge.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	2,845	40.00	1.1
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	.....	.....	.....
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryan Park.....	1,336	30.00	2.3
St. Gabriel's.....	3,860	133.50	3.2
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	19,933	202.50	1.1
Thomas Jefferson.....	4,955	72.00	1.2
Tompkins Square.....	15,453	190.00	1.3
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	153.00	.....
	71,954	\$1,435.50	

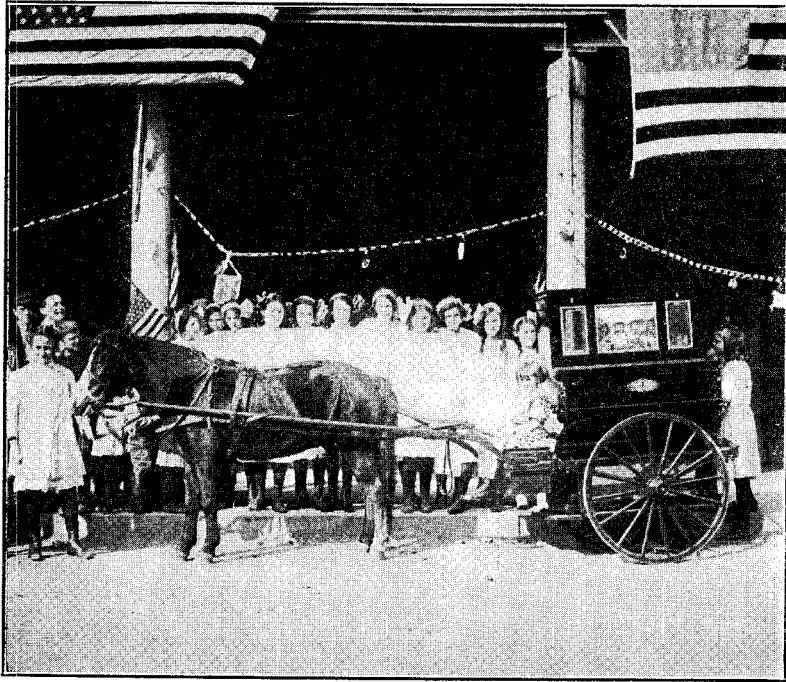


## MARCH.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	4,159	\$60.00	4.2
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Colonial Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	.....	.....	.....
De Witt Clinton.....	10,531	187.00	1.8
East 17th street.....	3,380	31.00	.7
Hamilton Fish.....	20,288	246.25	1.4
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	1,621	151.50	12.7
Highbridge.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	4,925	69.00	1.2
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	.....	.....	.....
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryan.....	81	1.00	0.1
St. Gabriel's.....	6,656	134.00	2.0
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	32,997	245.67	0.7
Thomas Jefferson.....	12,016	95.50	0.8
Tompkins Square.....	31,179	238.67	0.8
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	175.00	.....
	127,833	\$1,636.59	

## APRIL.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	7,140	\$88.66	1.1
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Colonial Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	.....	.....	.....
De Witt Clinton.....	14,895	188.00	1.4
East 17th street.....	5,950	42.00	0.8
Hamilton Fish.....	30,312	256.50	0.8
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	352	3.00	0.9
Highbridge.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	8,028	113.33	1.3
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	1,275	6.00	0.5
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryan.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Gabriel's.....	8,462	153.83	1.7
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	41,789	309.83	0.7
Thomas Jefferson.....	23,760	178.50	0.7
Tompkins Square.....	41,371	284.53	0.6
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	156.00	.....
	183,334	\$1,780.18	



THE POPULAR PONY ORGAN USED FOR INSTRUCTION IN FOLK DANCING AND FESTIVALS, CAN BE OPERATED BY A CHILD.



OPENING OF COLUMBUS PARK PLAYGROUND, BAXTER AND WORTH STREETS, FORMERLY MULBERRY BEND, OCTOBER 12, 1911. (ATHLETIC MEET.)

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	8,048	\$106.00	1.2
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea.....	.....	.....	.....
Colonial.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	3,751	40.00	1.1
De Witt Clinton.....	16,678	254.00	1.8
East 17th street.....	7,415	52.00	0.7
Hamilton Fish.....	38,691	309.50	0.8
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	.....	.....	.....
Highbridge.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson.....	7,890	122.50	1.4
Jackson Square.....	280	12.00	3.3
Jasper Oval.....	9,330	15.00	0.1
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryan.....	5,347	46.00	0.8
St. Gabriel's.....	9,732	185.64	1.8
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	33,874	350.00	1.1
Thomas Jefferson.....	28,618	280.50	0.9
Tompkins Square.....	39,698	333.00	0.8
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	105.36	.....
	209,352	\$2,211.50	

## JUNE.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	4,133	\$54.00	1.1
Bennett Field.....	2,820	9.00	0.3
Carl Schurz.....	8,590	96.99	1.1
Central Park.....	1,627	18.00	1.1
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea.....	5,131	83.00	1.3
Colonial.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	13,301	154.66	1.2
De Witt Clinton.....	15,925	272.66	1.1
East 17th street.....	6,245	83.66	1.2
Hamilton Fish.....	38,105	339.82	0.8
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	.....	.....	.....
Highbridge.....	6,863	91.65	1.2
Hudson.....	8,827	153.66	1.6
Jackson Square.....	3,145	32.00	0.9
Jasper Oval.....	20,080	60.00	0.3
Reservoir.....	1,370	52.50	3.1
Riverside.....	1,796	53.33	2.9
Ryan.....	3,904	44.00	1.5
St. Gabriel's.....	8,734	218.00	2.4
St. Nicholas.....	3,037	48.99	1.1
Seward.....	45,151	409.99	0.9
Thomas Jefferson.....	30,737	321.16	1.1
Tompkins Square.....	36,987	378.00	1.0
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	10,488	88.50	0.8
101st street.....	304	35.00	9.8
152d street.....	4,425	35.00	0.8
Field Staff.....	.....	246.00	.....
	281,725	\$3,379.57	

## JULY.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	10,393	\$150.75	1.4
Bennett Field.....	5,575	45.75	0.8
Carl Schurz.....	14,723	164.67	1.1
Central Park.....	19,004	47.83	0.3
Central Park (Tennis).....	13,175	17.00	1.3
Chelsea.....	26,039	262.25	.....
Colonial.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	19,184	264.66	1.7
De Witt Clinton.....	13,397	330.91	2.7
East 17th street.....	7,920	119.00	1.4
Hamilton Fish.....	44,374	490.00	1.4
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	.....	.....	.....
Highbridge.....	12,279	144.50	1.4
Hudson.....	7,833	186.75	2.3
Jackson Square.....	5,016	45.00	0.9
Jasper Oval.....	28,855	142.50	0.4
Reservoir.....	4,740	57.75	1.1
Riverside.....	5,004	131.50	2.3
Ryan Park.....	2,964	69.50	2.1
St. Gabriel's.....	9,601	288.33	3.0
St. Nicholas.....	5,117	114.75	1.1
Seward.....	47,941	556.00	1.7
Thomas Jefferson.....	31,183	380.75	1.7
Tompkins Square.....	53,442	519.50	0.9
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	1,405	39.00	2.1
Williamsburgh.....	35,230	309.75	0.8
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	5,122	72.00	1.2
Field Staff.....	.....	619.00	.....
Riverside Oval.....	400	3.00	0.7
Fourth of July Games.....	161,135	.....	.....
Total.....	591,051	\$5,572.40	

## AUGUST.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	9,508	\$169.99	1.7
Bennett Field.....	4,858	86.50	1.4
Carl Schurz.....	20,135	193.16	0.9
Central Park.....	22,551	89.50	0.4
Central Park (Tennis).....	18,235	99.00	0.5
Chelsea.....	33,732	354.00	1.1
Colonial.....	20,742	91.00	0.4
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	20,089	263.58	1.6
De Witt Clinton.....	18,209	323.58	1.1
East 17th street.....	10,775	122.50	1.1
Hamilton Fish.....	43,281	508.91	1.1
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	.....	.....	.....
Highbridge.....	16,748	188.83	1.2
Hudson.....	18,724	184.75	2.1
Jackson Square.....	4,449	54.00	1.0
Jasper Oval.....	32,900	163.50	0.4
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	7,692	120.00	1.4
Ryan Park.....	3,380	70.50	2.2
St. Gabriel's.....	11,527	271.58	1.1
St. Nicholas.....	5,623	90.50	1.3
Seward.....	58,071	528.58	0.9
Thomas Jefferson.....	29,514	364.41	1.7
Tompkins Square.....	58,129	542.07	0.9
West 59th street.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerleigh, S. I.....	3,968	92.66	2.1
Williamsburgh.....	11,824	160.00	1.4
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	.....	.....	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	625.50	.....
Riverside Oval.....	950	6.00	.05
Total.....	475,614	\$5,764.60	

## SEPTEMBER.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	8,005	\$117.50	1.3
Bennett Field.....	2,575	30.00	1.4
Carl Schurz.....	13,705	182.00	1.4
Central Park.....	13,343	54.00	0.4
Central Park (Tennis).....	6,305	108.00	1.4
Chelsea.....	39,960	278.00	0.7
Colonial.....	21,228	125.50	0.5
Columbus.....	.....	.....	.....
Corlears Hook.....	15,341	247.50	1.9
De Witt Clinton.....	15,029	271.00	1.1
East 17th street.....	7,100	114.00	1.4
Hamilton Fish.....	47,485	472.50	0.9
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	.....	.....	.....
Highbridge.....	15,295	122.50	0.6
Hudson.....	8,218	186.50	2.2
Jackson Square.....	3,318	39.00	1.0
Jasper Oval.....	31,925	105.00	0.6
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	8,453	98.00	1.1
Ryan.....	4,283	100.00	2.1
St. Gabriel's.....	11,167	240.00	2.1
St. Nicholas.....	4,945	58.50	1.1
Seward.....	45,639	492.00	1.1
Thomas Jefferson.....	28,711	348.50	1.1
Tompkins Square.....	41,219	462.00	1.1
West 59th street.....	4,868	49.50	1.0
Westerleigh, S. I.....	553	38.00	2.1
Williamsburgh.....	8,032	116.00	1.3
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	6,583	65.50	1.0
Field Staff.....	.....	610.50	.....
	414,293	\$5,131.50	



## OCTOBER.

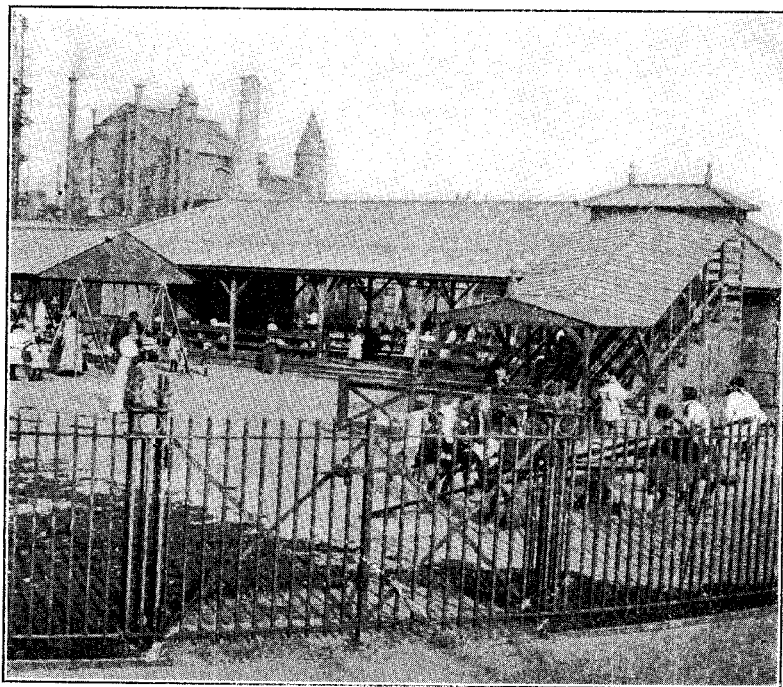
Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	10,244	\$112.00	1.1
Bennett Field.....	650	6.00	1.0
Carl Schurz.....	7,455	122.00	1.5
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	1,080	36.00	3.4
Chelsea.....	16,734	231.50	1.6
Colonial.....	7,581	107.00	1.3
Columbus.....	5,945	37.00	0.6
Corlears Hook.....	12,215	132.00	1.1
De Witt Clinton.....	11,596	182.00	1.6
East 17th street.....	3,185	44.00	1.1
Hamilton Fish.....	27,269	315.50	1.4
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	1,347	90.00	6.1
Highbridge.....	8,878	111.00	1.2
Hudson.....	6,067	142.00	2.2
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	28,990	90.00	0.3
Reservoir.....	1,300	3.00	0.2
Riverside.....	72,203	110.00	13.0
Ryan.....	3,124	66.00	2.4
St. Gabriel's.....	9,282	147.00	1.5
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	30,800	300.00	0.9
Thomas Jefferson.....	22,543	290.00	1.6
Tompkins Square.....	23,444	296.00	1.6
West 59th street.....	2,903	63.00	2.9
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	8,097	112.00	1.3
Field Staff.....	.....	537.00	.....
	257,932	\$3,682.00	

## NOVEMBER.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	7,410	\$119.00	1.4
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	7,278	125.66	1.5
Central Park.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park (Tennis).....	3,961	90.00	2.1
Chelsea.....	17,058	204.00	1.3
Colonial.....	4,661	113.50	2.2
Columbus.....	8,955	94.00	1.5
Corlears Hook.....	12,066	143.00	1.2
De Witt Clinton.....	12,710	209.66	1.7
East 17th street.....	2,531	48.00	1.2
Hamilton Fish.....	31,814	300.00	0.9
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	2,954	183.00	6.0
Highbridge.....	5,859	118.66	2.2
Hudson.....	5,809	146.66	2.3
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	29,565	99.00	0.3
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	3,160	100.32	3.7
Ryan.....	2,468	51.66	2.3
St. Gabriel's.....	8,138	188.50	2.2
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	37,586	358.33	0.9
Thomas Jefferson.....	15,666	257.16	1.1
Tompkins Square.....	25,892	332.33	1.7
West 59th street.....	4,650	85.00	1.3
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	6,050	102.32	1.4
Field Staff.....	.....	503.00	.....
	256,241	\$3,973.42	

## DECEMBER.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
Battery.....	1,780	\$80.00	4.1
Bennett Field.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Schurz.....	5,744	124.00	2.1
Central Park.....	680	54.00	0.7
Central Park (Tennis).....	.....	.....	.....
Chelsea.....	12,854	184.50	1.5
Colonial.....	6,115	104.00	1.4
Columbus.....	3,647	106.00	2.3
Corlears Hook.....	11,259	133.50	1.2
De Witt Clinton.....	9,577	203.00	2.1
East 17th street.....	2,271	49.50	2.5
Hamilton Fish.....	27,222	225.00	0.8
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	4,330	169.50	3.5
Highbridge.....	4,037	110.00	2.3
Hudson.....	5,451	112.00	2.4
Jackson Square.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper Oval.....	13,245	93.00	1.4
Reservoir.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside.....	2,129	68.00	3.5
Ryan.....	2,004	54.00	2.1
St. Gabriel's.....	10,046	174.00	1.7
St. Nicholas.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward.....	24,746	315.00	1.7
Thomas Jefferson.....	13,183	219.00	1.8
Tompkins Square.....	25,799	293.00	1.3
West 59th street.....	3,525	81.00	2.1
Westerleigh, S. I.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....
101st street.....	.....	.....	.....
152d street.....	4,536	111.50	2.2
Field Staff.....	.....	497.00	.....
	194,180	\$3,560.50	



VIEW OF GIRLS' SIDE OF PLAYGROUND AT THOMAS JEFFERSON PARK  
PLAYGROUND—SLIDES, SWINGS AND PAVILION.



WINTER SCENE AT TOMPKINS SQUARE PLAYGROUND. (GIRLS' SIDE.)

## AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE FOR 1911 (BOYS, GIRLS, ADULTS).

Park Playgrounds.	July.	August.	September.
Battery Park.....	346	317	267
Bennett Field.....	179	162	257
Carl Schurz.....	491	671	457
Central Park.....	633	752	444
Central Park (Tennis).....	439	608	210
Chelsea.....	867	1,124	1,332
Colonial.....	.....	1,152	707
Corlears Hook.....	639	669	510
De Witt Clinton.....	446	607	501
East 17th street.....	264	359	236
Hamilton Fish.....	1,479	1,443	1,583
Highbridge.....	409	558	510
Hudson.....	260	291	274
Jackson Square.....	167	148	110
Jasper Oval.....	962	1,096	1,064
Reservoir.....	158	.....	.....
Riverside.....	167	256	282
Riverside Oval.....	400	475	.....
Ryan.....	99	113	143
St. Gabriel's.....	320	351	372
St. Nicholas.....	170	187	165
Seward.....	1,598	1,936	1,521
Thomas Jefferson.....	1,039	984	957
Tompkins Square.....	1,781	1,937	1,341
Westerleigh, S. I.....	47	132	52
Williamsburgh Bridge.....	1,174	394	268
152d street.....	170	.....	219

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF PLAYGROUND STAFF AND MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FOR 1911 (BOYS, GIRLS AND ADULTS).

	Women.		Men.		Boys, Girls, and Adults. Attendance.
	Full Time.	Half Time.	Full Time.	Half Time.	
January.....	4	10	6	7	78,607
February.....	6	9	8	4	71,954
March.....	5	11	7	4	127,833
April.....	17	...	11	...	183,334
May.....	19	...	15	...	209,352
June.....	39	...	28	...	281,725
July.....	40	...	42	...	591,051
August.....	44	...	39	...	475,614
September.....	34	...	30	...	414,293
October.....	26	...	26	...	257,932
November.....	29	...	24	...	256,241
December.....	30	...	23	...	194,180
Total.....					3,142,116

## PARK PLAYGROUNDS AND LOCATIONS.

Battery, State street and Battery place.  
 Bennett Field, 184th street and Bennett avenue.  
 Carl Schurz, 86th street and East River.  
 Central Park, 59th street to 110th street, between 5th and 8th avenues.  
 Central Park Tennis and Baseball Grounds, North and South Meadows and Sheep Field.  
 Chelsea, 27th street and 10th avenue.  
 Colonial, 150th street and Bradhurst avenue.  
 Columbus, Baxter and Worth streets.  
 Corlears Hook, Corlears Hook.  
 De Witt Clinton, 11th avenue and 53d street.  
 East 17th Street, 17th street and East River.  
 Hamilton Fish, Houston and Pitt streets.  
 Highbridge, 170th street and Amsterdam avenue.  
 Hudson, Clarkson and Hudson streets.  
 Jackson Square, Horatio street and 8th avenue.  
 Jasper Oval, 137th street and Convent avenue.  
 Reservoir, 174th street and Amsterdam avenue.  
 Riverside, 96th street and Riverside Drive.  
 Riverside Oval, 79th street and Riverside Drive.  
 Ryan, 42d street, between 1st and 2d avenues.  
 St. Gabriel's, 36th street and 2d avenue.  
 St. Nicholas, 137th street and St. Nicholas avenue.  
 Wm. H. Seward, Canal and Jefferson streets.  
 Thomas Jefferson, 114th street and Pleasant avenue.  
 Tompkins Square, 7th street and Avenue A.  
 West 59th Street Field, 59th street between 10th and 11th avenues.  
 Williamsburgh Bridge, Delancey street between Cannon and Lewis streets.  
 101st Street, 101st street and 2d to 3d avenues.  
 152d Street, 152d street and Amsterdam avenue.  
 Westerleigh, Westerleigh, Staten Island.

## INDOOR GYMNASIUM.

Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium, Houston and Pitt streets, New York City.

## CLASSIFICATION.

The following classification indicates the type of play centres maintained and supervised by this Bureau during the year 1911, and conducted in accordance with the distinction herein made:

*(a) Athletic Fields.*

Chelsea	Hamilton Fish	Tompkins Square
Columbus	St. Gabriel's	West 59th Street
Corlears Hook	Wm. H. Seward	101st Street
De Witt Clinton	Thomas Jefferson	

*(b) Baseball Fields.*

Regulation diamonds. League ball used.

Bennett Field, 3 diamonds	Riverside Oval, 2 diamonds
Chelsea, 2 diamonds	Thomas Jefferson, 2 diamonds
Jasper Oval, 5 diamonds	West 59th Street, 1 diamond
Reservoir, 1 diamond	

Special Playground ball used.

Bennett Field	Hamilton Fish	Thomas Jefferson
Central	Jasper Oval	Tompkins Square
Chelsea	Reservoir	West 59th Street
Columbus	Riverside Oval	152d Street
Corlears	St. Gabriel's	101st Street
De Witt Clinton	Wm. H. Seward	

*(c) Combination Boys' and Girls' Playground.*

Battery	Highbridge	St. Nicholas
Carl Schurz	Hudson	Williamsburgh Bridge
Central	Jackson Square	152d Street
Colonial	Riverside	Westerleigh, S. I.
Corlears Hook	Ryan	

*(d) Girls' Playground.*

Battery	East 17th Street	St. Gabriel's
Carl Schurz	Hamilton Fish	St. Nicholas
Central	Highbridge	Thomas Jefferson
Chelsea	Hudson	Tompkins Square
Colonial	Jackson	Williamsburgh Bridge
Corlears Hook	Riverside	152d Street
De Witt Clinton	Ryan	Westerleigh, S. I.

*(e) Boys' Playground.*

Battery	Hamilton Fish	St. Gabriel's
Bennett	Highbridge	St. Nicholas
Carl Schurz	Hudson	Seward
Central	Jasper Oval	Thomas Jefferson
Chelsea	Jackson	Tompkins Square
Colonial	Reservoir	Williamsburgh Bridge
Columbus	Riverside Oval	152d Street
De Witt Clinton	Riverside	101st Street
East 17th Street	Ryan	Westerleigh, S. I.

*(f) Midget Playgrounds (Small Children's Playgrounds).*

Battery	Highbridge	Thomas Jefferson
Carl Schurz	Hudson	Tompkins Square
Central	Jackson Square	Williamsburgh Bridge
Chelsea	Riverside	152d Street
Colonial	Ryan	101st Street
Corlears Hook	St. Gabriel's	Westerleigh, S. I.
De Witt Clinton	St. Nicholas	
East 17th Street	Seward	

**PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY GROUNDS.***Permanent Grounds.*

Battery	East 17th Street	St. Gabriel's
Carl Schurz	Hamilton Fish	Seward
Central "Tennis"	Highbridge	Thomas Jefferson
Central Park	Hudson	Tompkins Square
Chelsea	Jackson Square	West 59th Street
Colonial	Jasper Oval	101st Street
Columbus	Reservoir	152d Street
Corlears Hook	Riverside	
De Witt Clinton	Ryan	

Bennett  
Riverside Oval

St. Nicholas  
Williamsburgh Bridge

MATERIALS AND SUNDRIES SUPPLIED TO ATHLETIC FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

*Athletic Fields and Ball Grounds.*

First Aid to the Injured Outfits

Approach boards	Mats	Traveling rings
Horse and buck	Medicine balls	Weights, 56 lbs.
Canvas tents	Parallel bars	Wooden bases
Climbing poles	Pole-vaulting poles	Baseballs
Climbing ropes	Rubber footballs	Baseball bats
Flying rings	Shots, 8-12-16 lbs.	Basketballs
Golf sticks	Shot putting circles	Electric tape
Handball courts	Soccer footballs	Iron stakes
Horizontal bars	Tennisballs	
Jumping standards	Tennis nets	

PLAYGROUNDS (BOYS' AND GIRLS').

First Aid to the Injured Outfits

American flags	Kindergarten folding paper	Slides
Benches	Kindergarten tables	Splints
Blocks	Manilla paper	Swings (kindergarten)
Canvas (for bean bags)	Needles	Swings (baby)
Cardboard	Paste	Swings (large)
Chalk	Raffia	Tether ball poles
Croquet sets	Reed	Tether ball cord
Doll houses	Ring toss boards	Tissue paper
Dowell sticks	Rolling ball games	Toy brooms
Dumbbells	Rope rings	Volley balls
Faba gaba boards	Scales	Wands
Giant strides	Scissors	Whistles
Glue	See-saws	Worsted
Jig saws	Seine cord	
Jumping ropes	Sewing cards	

PERMITS ISSUED AND GAMES PLAYED DURING 1911.

Athletic meets.....	100 permits issued.
Baseball.....	1,000 permits for scheduled games.
Football.....	500 games played.
Basketball.....	1,000 games played.
Gymnastics.....	50 permits issued to use the Indoor Gymnasium at Hamilton Fish Park.
Tennis.....	2,200 season permits for Central Park.
Picnic Parties (comprising 200,000 people).....	1,000 permits.
Skating.....	165 season permits for fancy skating on Conservatory Lake, Central Park.

The above-mentioned permits are issued by the Bureau of Recreation, Arsenal, Central Park, New York City.





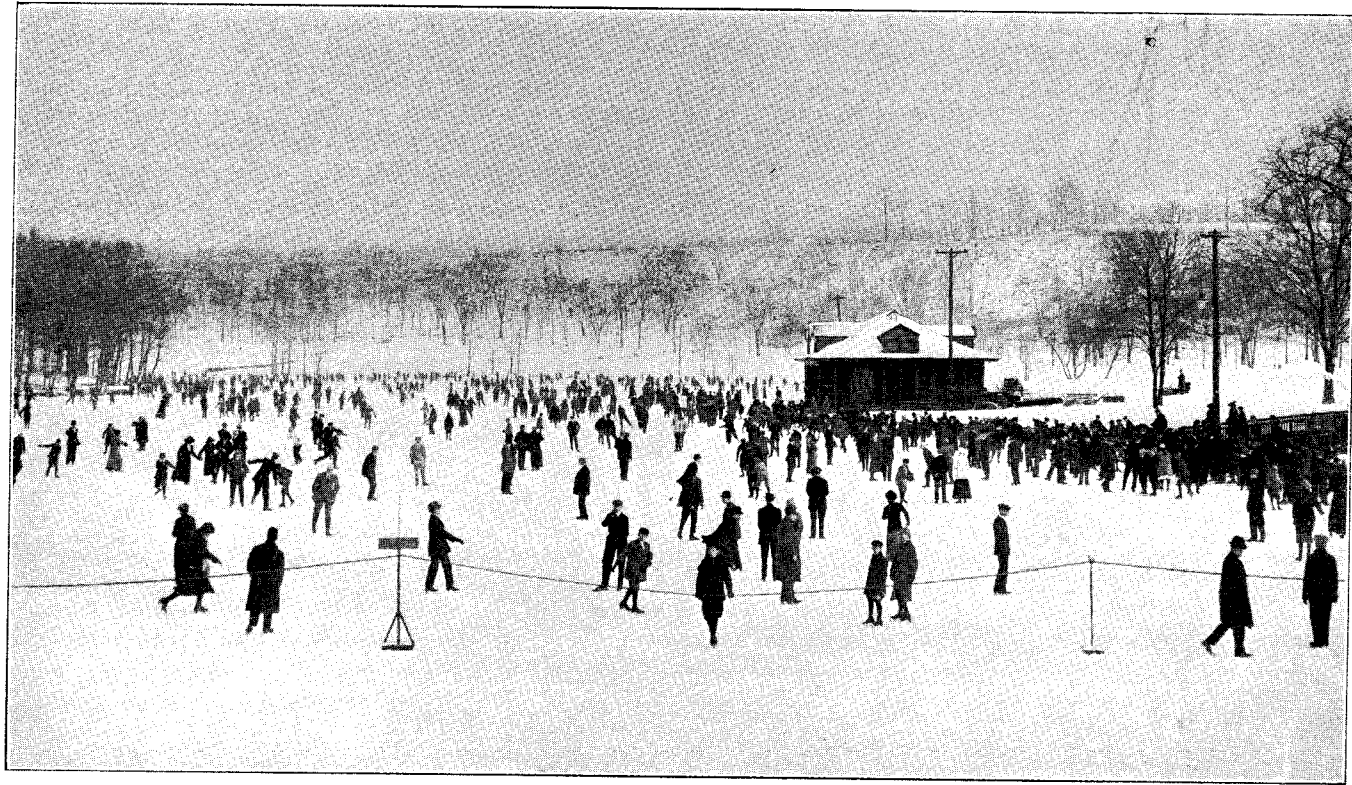
A MATCH GAME OF BASKETBALL AT HAMILTON FISH PARK PLAYGROUND, WINTER'S AFTERNOON.

PART II.  
REPORT  
OF THE  
BUREAU OF RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
ON  
PUBLIC PARK PLAYGROUNDS  
AND RECREATION CENTRES

For the year ending December 31, 1912

Hon. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR, Mayor  
Hon. CHARLES B. STOVER, Commissioner  
WILLIAM J. LEE, Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation

OFFICE OF BUREAU OF RECREATION  
THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, N. Y. CITY  
TEL. No. 7300 PLAZA



SKATING ON THE LAKES AT CENTRAL PARK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE BUREAU OF RECREATION.

HON. CHARLES B. STOVER,

*Commissioner of Parks,*

*Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.*

Dear Sir.—I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Bureau of Recreation for the year 1912.

The opening of nine new park playgrounds thoroughly equipped and adequate to meet the needs of the various sections of the City, many with shower baths, lockers, and all the comforts that go with playgrounds have been thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by thousands of children and adults.

The development of the grounds now under course of construction will be an additional gain to playground work in this City. When these facts are taken into consideration that in three years, thirty park playgrounds and recreation centres, varying from little children's playgrounds to athletic fields and baseball grounds and indoor gymnasiums have been developed under your administration, it would seem that this advancement has been unparalleled in the history of the playground movement, and the widespread demand is apparent on all sides to maintain these grounds the year round.

The Inter-Park Playground baseball, football tournaments and athletic games for the boys have proven very successful, and the Inter-Park Playground folk dancing, festivals and pageants for the girls have met with popular approval. I feel sure that there is no better way in which to promote healthful and educational recreation, a feeling of civic pride and good citizenship than by these Inter-Park Playground affairs. The games and festivities of the Fourth of July safe and sane celebration in our playgrounds were the chief feature of the entire celebration of the day. Several hundred thousand people witnessed the games of the boys and girls, and the giant athletic meets.

It is a notable fact that playgrounds have received the popular favor of the business interests of this City. The leading business houses loaned their auto trucks to convey the children from the forty park playground centres to and from Central Park to take part in the pageant entitled: "Around the World in Search of Fairyland," at the Sheep Fold at Central Park, on August 3rd, and the leading firms of the City donated the cake, candy and refreshments for the children. The New York Edison Company erected 10,000 lights among the trees to create the fairyland scene without cost to the City. Fully 5,000 children took part and 30,000 spectators witnessed the pageant.

The business houses and press of this City generously donated the prizes for the boys' and girls' games and festivals during the year.

This department has tried to meet the demands of all societies, churches, settlements and clubs interested in the boys and girls of this City in procuring play space for the various games; and has coöperated with the Board of Education in conducting their athletic tournaments at the various park playgrounds.

The description and popularity of the various grounds may be seen from the photographs.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. LEE,

*Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## ORIGINAL BUDGET, 1912.

Allowance.	Days.	Amount.	Expended.	
			Days.	Amount.
\$4.00 Gymnasium Attendants.....	1,000	\$4,000.00	999	\$3,997.59
3.00 Gymnasium Attendants.....	7,600	22,800.00	7,597 5-12	22,792.25
3.00 Playground attendants.....	4,000	12,000.00	3,999 11-12	11,999.75
2.00 Playground attendants.....	5,100	10,200.00	5,099 ½	10,199.54
		\$49,000.00		\$48,989.13

## REVENUE BONDS.

Allowance.	Days.	Amount.	Expended.	
			Days.	Amount.
\$4.00 Gym. attendants.....				
3.00 Gym. attendants.....	1,000	\$3,000.00	999	\$2,997.25
3.00 Playground attendants.....	300	900.00	299 1-6	900.00
2.00 Playground attendants.....	550	1,100.00	549 ½	1,099.82
		\$5,000.00		\$4,997.07

## COMBINED ALLOWANCE—BUDGET AND REVENUE BONDS.

Allowance.	Days.	Amount.	Expended.	
			Days.	Amount.
\$4.00 Gym. attendants.....	1,000	\$4,000.00	999	\$3,997.59
3.00 Gym. attendants.....	8,600	25,800.00	8,596 5-12	25,789.50
3.00 Playground attendants.....	4,300	12,900.00	4,299 1-12	12,899.75
2.00 Playground attendants.....	5,650	11,300.00	5,649	11,299.36
		\$54,000.00	Expended.	\$53,986.20
Supervisor's salary.....		3,000.00		3,000.00
Total appropriated.....		\$57,000.00	Total Expended	\$56,986.20

## BALANCE.

\$4.00 Gymnasium Attendants.....	\$2.41
3.00 Gymnasium Attendants.....	10.50
3.00 Playground attendants.....	.25
2.00 Playground attendants.....	.64
Total Balance.....	\$13.80

## SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.

Allowance.....	\$2,600.00
Expended.....	2,598.08



WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY EXERCISES AT HAMILTON FISH PARK INDOOR GYMNASIUM, FEBRUARY 22, 1912.

## CONTINGENCIES.

Allowance.....	\$900.00
Expended.....	899.30

## RECAPITULATION, 1912.

	Attendance.	Cost.	Per Capita.
January.....	293,896	\$3,127.50	.010
February.....	234,625	2,970.66	.013
March.....	201,205	2,862.62	.014
April.....	343,623	3,408.77	.010
May.....	479,677	4,480.46	.010
June.....	595,449	6,339.94	.010
July.....	711,435	8,289.40	.012
August.....	596,885	6,418.45	.011
September.....	374,655	3,789.47	.010
October.....	380,245	4,510.66	.012
November.....	320,691	4,098.94	.012
December.....	252,062	3,689.33	.014
	4,784,448	\$53,986.20	.010

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AND COST OF SUPERVISION.  
JANUARY, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz.....	3,108	\$99.50
Chelsea.....	7,456	157.00
Colonial.....	4,758	98.00
Columbus.....	4,405	115.00
Corlears Hook.....	6,549	140.50
De Witt Clinton.....	5,570	180.00
East 17th street.....	1,652	67.50
Hamilton Fish.....	15,977	210.00
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	2,791	154.00
Highbridge.....	481	31.50
Hudson.....	6,573	106.00
Jasper Oval.....	1,278	37.50
Ryan.....	1,379	89.00
St. Gabriel's.....	5,648	159.50
Seward.....	22,495	234.00
Thos. Jefferson.....	4,883	176.50
Tompkins Square.....	17,156	220.00
West 59th street.....	2,872	78.00
152d street and Amsterdam avenue.....	2,731	81.00
59th street Lake.....	22,382	30.00
72d street Lake.....	84,640	48.00
100th street Lake.....	6,812	40.00
110th street Lake.....	62,300	36.00
Field Staff.....	.....	467.00
Executive Staff.....	.....	72.00
	293,896	\$3,127.50

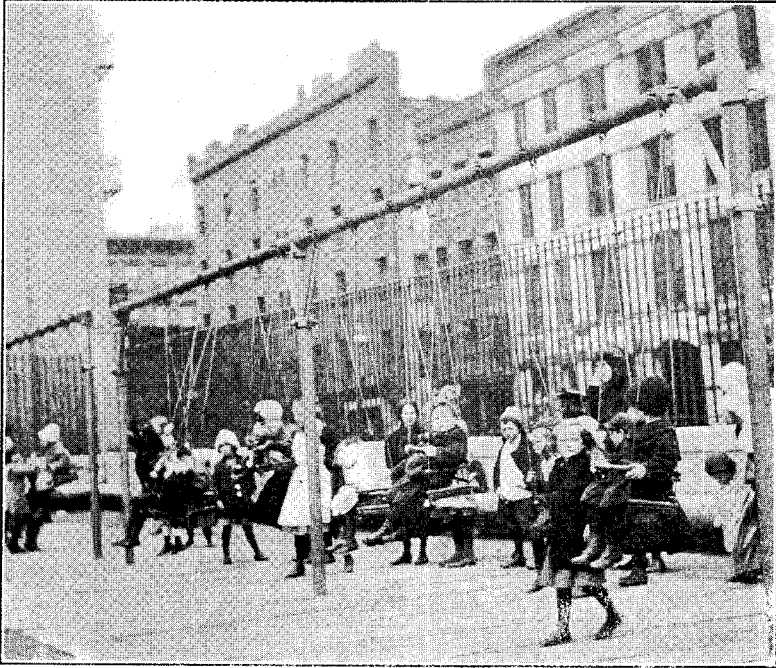
## FEBRUARY, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz .....	3,992	\$98.00
Chelsea .....	10,088	183.00
Colonial .....	5,916	101.00
Columbus .....	4,428	76.50
Corlears Hook .....	7,717	147.50
De Witt Clinton .....	7,363	165.00
East 17th street .....	2,528	77.00
Hamilton Fish (indoor) .....	3,797	125.00
Hamilton Fish .....	18,918	177.50
Hudson .....	11,316	146.50
Jasper Oval .....	2,775	19.50
Ryan .....	1,793	76.00
St. Gabriel's .....	6,763	155.50
Seward .....	24,763	230.66
Thos. Jefferson .....	8,424	184.00
Tompkins Square .....	20,378	219.00
West 59th street .....	2,257	60.00
152d street and Amsterdam avenue .....	3,868	100.50
59th street Lake .....	6,356	27.00
72d street Lake .....	51,500	27.00
100th street Lake .....	8,055	46.50
110th street Lake .....	21,630	24.00
Field Staff .....	.....	417.00
Executive Staff .....	.....	87.00
	234,625	\$2,970.66

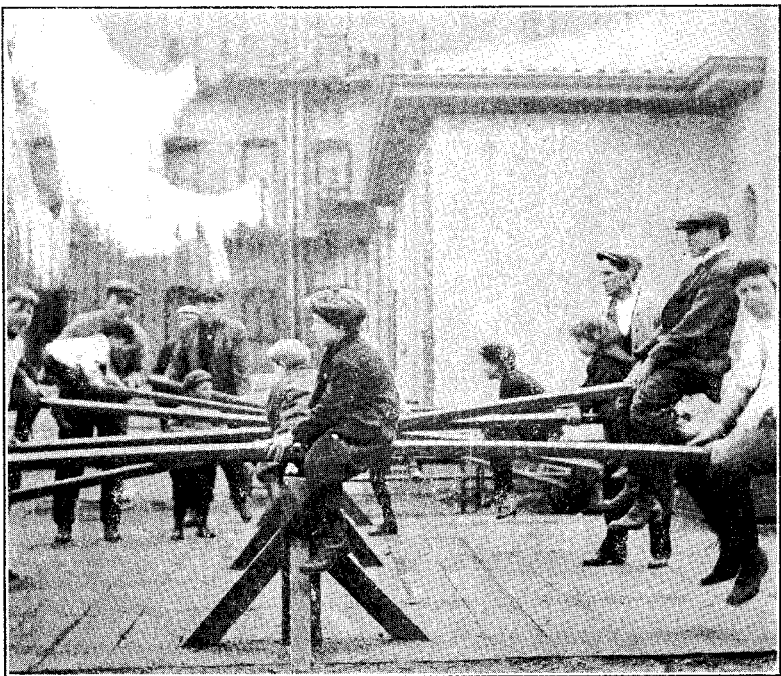
## MARCH, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz .....	5,677	\$92.00
Chelsea .....	10,692	218.50
Colonial .....	6,774	93.00
Columbus .....	7,805	81.00
Corlears Hook .....	8,393	115.50
De Witt Clinton .....	10,103	154.00
East 17th street .....	3,704	69.99
Hamilton Fish (indoor) .....	2,951	168.00
Hamilton Fish (outdoor) .....	25,938	166.33
Hudson .....	12,639	161.50
Jasper Oval .....	12,437	63.00
Ryan .....	3,294	63.00
St. Gabriel's .....	10,463	234.00
Seward .....	32,410	223.99
Thos. Jefferson .....	14,829	159.49
Tompkins Square .....	26,454	170.32
West 59th street .....	4,724	78.00
152d street and Amsterdam avenue .....	1,648	63.00
Field Staff .....	.....	395.00
Executive Staff .....	.....	93.00
	201,205	\$2,862.62





BABY SWINGS—YORKVILLE PARK PLAYGROUND.



SEE-SAWS—BOYS' SIDE, YORKVILLE PARK PLAYGROUND.



OPENING OF YORKVILLE PARK PLAYGROUND, DEDICATION EXERCISES,  
APRIL 13, 1912.

APRIL, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz.....	6,733	\$100.99
Chelsea.....	20,405	229.83
Colonial.....	4,179	54.00
Columbus.....	13,425	128.50
Corlears Hook.....	12,112	146.83
De Witt Clinton.....	11,214	173.15
East 17th street.....	4,449	62.65
Five Points.....	34,829	27.32
Hamilton Fish.....	34,539	255.66
Hudson.....	9,132	146.50
Jasper Oval.....	32,920	148.50
Queensboro.....	4,561	61.49
Ryan.....	3,043	59.50
Riverside Oval.....	520	4.50
St. Gabriel's.....	14,534	161.57
Seward.....	41,917	261.48
Thos. Jefferson.....	24,118	207.82
Tompkins Square.....	33,163	272.48
West 59th street.....	5,877	77.50
Yorkville.....	28,443	185.50
152d street and Amsterdam avenue.....	3,510	80.00
Field Staff.....	.....	473.00
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
	343,623	\$3,408.77

MAY, 1912

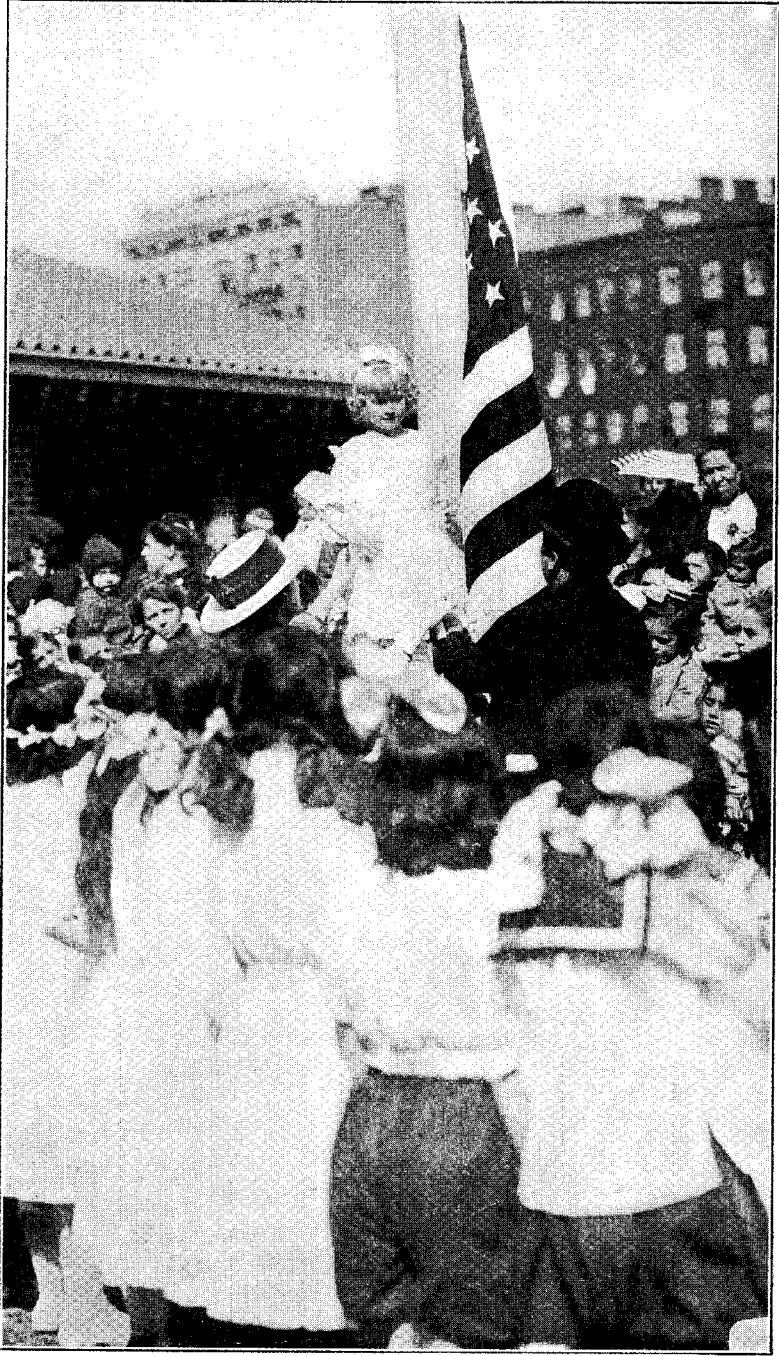
Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Bennett Field.....	1,300	\$6.75
Carl Schurz.....	10,443	131.66
Central Park (Greens).....	30,505	39.50
Central Park (Tennis).....	7,395	83.00
Chelsea.....	30,802	262.50
Cherry and Market streets.....	5,435	91.50
Columbus.....	21,334	161.00
Corlears Hook.....	12,550	187.66
De Witt Clinton.....	20,427	222.00
East 17th street.....	6,274	88.50
Five Points.....	23,548	104.66
Hamilton Fish.....	35,819	284.00
Hudson.....	18,113	180.00
Jasper Oval.....	40,855	174.50
Queensboro.....	5,742	50.00
Reservoir.....	5,500	6.75
Riverside Oval.....	1,753	18.00
Ryan.....	3,697	73.50
St. Gabriel's.....	14,924	195.50
St. Nicholas.....	420	9.00
Seward.....	65,398	309.33
Thos. Jefferson.....	33,213	259.66

## MAY, 1912—Continued

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Tompkins square.....	37,977	\$306.49
West 59th street.....	9,114	82.50
Yorkville.....	30,044	387.50
152nd street and Amsterdam ave.....	6,445	115.00
Field Staff.....	.....	543.00
Executive Staff.....	.....	93.00
Riverside (96th street).....	650	14.00
	479,677	\$4,480.46

## JUNE, 1912

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Battery.....	18,402	\$158.00
Bennett Field.....	5,660	86.75
Carl Schurz.....	13,274	189.00
Central Park (Tennis).....	46,055	202.50
Central Park (Greens).....	29,000	71.00
Chelsea.....	47,741	384.00
Cherry and Market streets.....	3,557	127.00
Corlears Hook.....	15,341	195.50
Columbus.....	7,680	170.00
Colonial.....	9,240	106.50
De Witt Clinton.....	18,436	261.65
East 17th street.....	5,596	99.00
Five Points.....	20,423	107.66
Hamilton Fish.....	39,511	311.50
Highbridge.....	13,418	104.66
Hudson.....	15,409	173.00
Jackson square.....	4,005	63.00
Queensboro.....	11,496	121.08
Reservoir Oval.....	8,050	86.50
Riverside Oval.....	7,120	60.00
Riverside Park.....	5,902	148.00
Ryan.....	3,987	81.50
St. Gabriel's.....	15,403	270.00
St. Nicholas.....	5,855	81.50
Seward.....	57,027	310.00
Thos. Jefferson.....	31,900	362.16
Tompkins square.....	40,242	362.49
West 59th street.....	6,430	119.50
Yorkville.....	25,960	377.16
152d street and Amsterdam avenue.....	6,883	136.50
Central Park 99th street.....	1,747	10.00
Jasper Oval.....	52,500	225.50
Yorkville Baths.....	2,199	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	686.83
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
	595,449	\$6,339.94



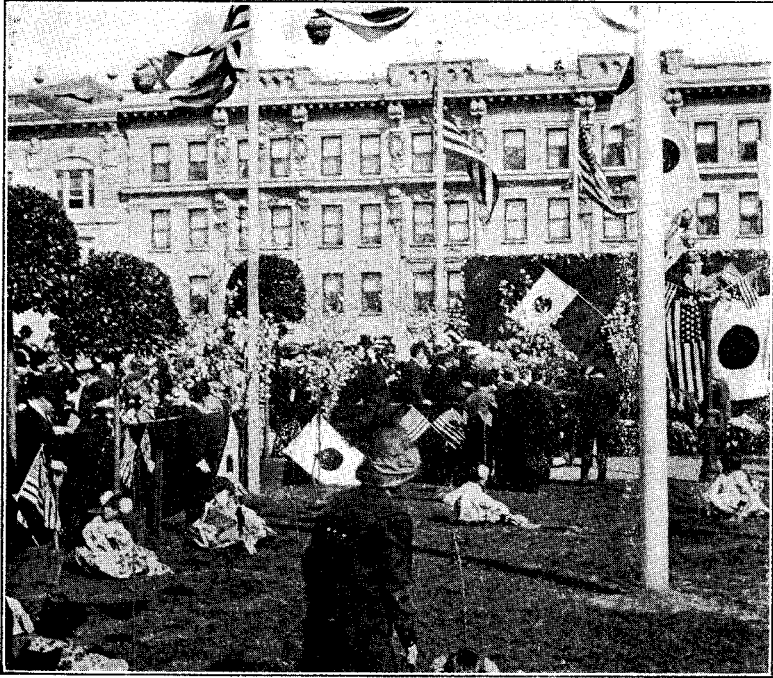
OPENING OF "FIVE POINTS" PARK PLAYGROUND, DEDICATION EXERCISES,  
APRIL 20, 1912.

JULY, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Battery.....	23,854	\$267.33
Bennett Field.....	7,355	87.50
Carl Schurz.....	23,460	220.16
Central Park (Tennis).....	34,139	186.00
Central Park 99th street.....	9,068	54.00
Central Park (Greens).....	10,200	90.00
Chelsea.....	44,010	389.16
Cherry and Market streets.....	8,026	161.00
Corlears Hook.....	18,333	235.33
Columbus.....	11,845	164.50
Colonial.....	18,193	209.50
De Witt Clinton.....	28,935	401.13
East 17th street.....	7,884	108.00
Five Points.....	19,970	116.33
Hamilton Fish.....	48,435	459.50
Highbridge.....	12,555	114.00
Hudson.....	13,090	205.00
Jackson.....	3,982	79.33
Jasper Oval.....	61,350	243.00
Jeannette Park.....	1,770	33.00
Queensboro.....	31,714	283.00
Reservoir.....	11,785	90.00
Riverside Oval.....	12,730	89.50
Riverside (96th street).....	6,201	186.83
Ryan.....	3,960	135.00
St. Gabriel's.....	18,492	298.00
Seward.....	56,165	545.33
St. Nicholas.....	7,079	133.00
Thos. Jefferson.....	41,112	400.49
Tompkins square.....	54,655	555.49
West 59th street.....	10,890	174.00
Yorkville.....	26,935	375.99
152d street and Amsterdam avenue.....	6,311	135.00
Watergate.....	9,934	66.00
Westerleigh, S. I.....	4,194	110.00
Yorkville Baths.....	2,819	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	843.00
Executive Staff.....	.....	45.00
	711,435	\$8,289.40

August, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Battery.....	10,592	\$107.00
Bennett Field.....	3,860	49.50
Carl Schurz.....	19,885	170.83
Central Park (Tennis).....	31,705	160.00
Central Park (99th street).....	5,987	30.00
Central Park (Greens).....	28,750	79.50
Chelsea.....	33,406	276.00
Cherry and Market streets.....	5,995	118.50
Clark.....	5,265	41.66
Corlears Hook.....	10,188	151.83
Columbus.....	8,080	133.50
Colonial.....	7,815	103.00
De Witt Clinton.....	20,597	320.83
East 17th street.....	5,270	65.00
Five Points.....	14,410	118.00
Hamilton Fish.....	46,040	408.49
Highbridge.....	6,110	60.00
Hudson.....	6,898	175.00
Jackson square.....	1,840	32.00
Jasper Oval.....	70,475	150.50
Jeannette Park.....	2,210	48.00
Queensboro.....	31,975	176.50
Reservoir.....	10,065	93.00
Riverside Oval.....	4,940	48.00
Riverside Park (96th street).....	4,490	140.66
Ryan.....	2,103	71.00
St. Gabriel's.....	14,659	244.83
Seward.....	43,224	386.33
St. Nicholas.....	3,374	62.00
Thos. Jefferson.....	32,247	301.00
Tompkins sq.....	45,713	445.66
West 59th street.....	8,240	139.50
Yorkville.....	26,248	338.00
152d street and Amsterdam avenue.....	3,497	56.00
Watergate.....	16,015	119.33
Westerleigh, S. I.....	1,757	65.00
Yorkville Baths.....	2,960	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	848.50
Executive Staff.....	.....	84.00
	596,885	\$6,418.45



CHILDREN PLANTING JAPANESE CHERRY TREES AT SAKURA PARK,  
APRIL 28, 1912.



OPENING OF CHERRY AND MARKET STREET PARK PLAYGROUND, UNDER  
MANHATTAN BRIDGE, MAY 18, 1912.



## SEPTEMBER, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Bennett Field.....	1,360	\$7.50
Carl Schurz.....	7,977	121.50
Central Park (Tennis).....	24,456	93.00
Central Park (Greens).....	5,360	3.00
Cherry and Market streets.....	2,774	92.00
Chelsea.....	41,995	141.00
Clark.....	3,199	34.33
Columbus.....	3,000	84.00
De Witt Clinton.....	14,557	235.16
Five Points.....	6,517	99.00
Hamilton Fish.....	32,661	242.83
Hudson.....	10,431	130.83
Jasper Oval.....	67,995	120.00
Queensboro.....	21,508	121.66
Reservoir.....	3,805	24.50
St. Gabriel's.....	12,202	215.50
Seward.....	33,760	324.50
Thos. Jefferson.....	18,134	206.00
Tompkins square.....	34,028	289.16
Watergate.....	4,812	36.00
West 59th street.....	2,880	110.50
Yorkville.....	19,102	317.00
Yorkville Baths.....	2,142	.....
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
Field Staff.....	.....	648.50
	374,655	\$3,789.47

## OCTOBER, 1912.

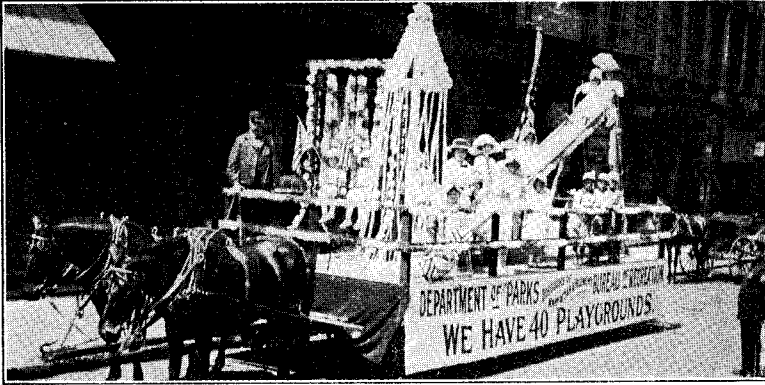
Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Bennett Field.....	655	\$4.75
Carl Schurz.....	7,624	140.00
Central Park (Tennis).....	14,995	120.00
Central Park (Greens).....	5,275	2.75
Chelsea.....	28,222	219.50
Cherry and Market streets.....	4,628	104.50
Columbus.....	7,529	108.00
De Witt Clinton.....	16,434	187.06
East 17th street.....	2,140	16.00
Five Points.....	9,019	92.00
Hamilton Fish.....	37,368	432.00
Hudson.....	14,316	221.50
Jasper Oval.....	64,325	155.25
Queensboro.....	12,767	178.00
Reservoir.....	1,750	4.75

## OCTOBER, 1912—Continued

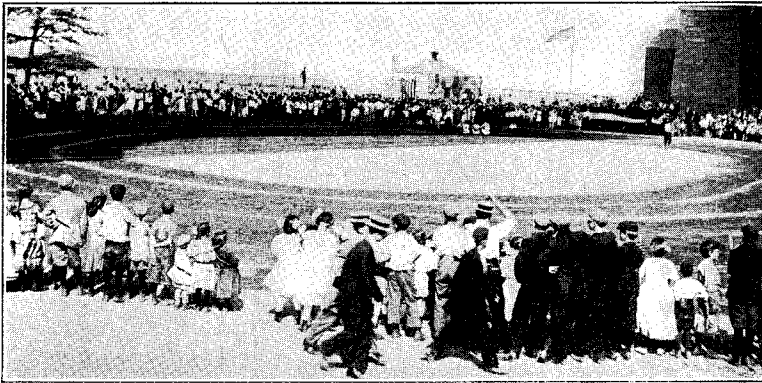
Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
St. Gabriel's.....	16,074	186.00
Seward.....	42,520	344.00
Thomas Jefferson.....	19,530	250.50
Tompkins square.....	36,709	387.66
West 59th street.....	12,555	107.00
Yorkville.....	22,710	297.00
Yorkville Baths.....	1,841	.....
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	509	115.50
West 59th street Gymnasium.....	301	84.50
Yorkville Indoor Gymnasium.....	449	35.00
Field Staff.....	.....	627.50
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
	380,245	\$4,510.66

## NOVEMBER, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz.....	7,306	\$122.00
Central Park (Tennis).....	8,450	99.00
Central Park (Greens).....	6,375	5.50
Chelsea.....	20,963	213.66
Cherry and Market streets.....	4,756	80.25
Columbus.....	8,082	80.25
De Witt Clinton.....	11,234	180.66
East 17th street.....	6,860	48.33
Five Points.....	8,084	108.50
Hamilton Fish.....	32,732	269.91
Hamilton Fish Indoor Gymnasium.....	3,621	187.00
Hudson.....	11,380	169.25
Jasper Oval.....	43,005	100.50
Queensboro.....	9,502	117.25
St. Gabriel's.....	14,032	189.66
Seward.....	51,410	325.25
Thos. Jefferson.....	13,573	251.24
Tompkins Square.....	29,554	310.24
West 59th street.....	8,936	93.00
West 59th Street Indoor Gymnasium.....	3,682	176.83
Yorkville.....	15,506	311.00
Yorkville Baths.....	1,103	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	548.00
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
	320,691	\$4,098.94



PLAYGROUND FLOAT IN CITY PARADE, JULY 4, 1912.



OPENING OF QUEENSBORO PARK PLAYGROUND AND STADIUM, FOOT OF EAST 59TH STREET, UNDER QUEENSBORO BRIDGE, JULY 4, 1912.



QUEENSBORO PARK PLAYGROUND STADIUM, FOOT OF EAST 59TH STREET, UNDER QUEENSBORO BRIDGE, JULY 4, 1912.

## DECEMBER, 1912.

Park Playgrounds.	Attendance.	Cost.
Carl Schurz.....	4,924	\$109.50
Central Park (tennis).....	1,580	20.25
Central Park (greens).....	1,855	.....
Cherry and Market streets.....	6,191	81.00
Chelsea.....	20,740	205.00
Columbus.....	7,549	81.00
De Witt Clinton.....	8,131	177.00
East 17th street.....	4,893	64.00
Five Points.....	5,961	101.00
Hamilton Fish.....	26,457	259.50
Hudson.....	6,479	125.00
Jasper Oval.....	40,328	111.00
Queensboro.....	2,640	84.00
St. Gabriel's.....	9,577	200.00
Seward.....	45,920	317.50
Thos. Jefferson.....	8,829	196.50
Tompkins Square.....	24,315	293.50
Yorkville.....	12,178	290.50
West 59th street.....	5,836	99.00
Hamilton Fish Gymnasium.....	4,186	117.00
West 59th Street Gymnasium.....	2,681	114.33
Yorkville Gymnasium.....	175	4.00
Yorkville Baths.....	637	.....
Field Staff.....	.....	548.75
Executive Staff.....	.....	90.00
	252,062	\$3,689.33

TOTAL ATTENDANCE, 1912, 4,784,448.

TOTAL COST, \$56,986.20.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF PLAYGROUND STAFF AND MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FOR 1912 (BOYS, GIRLS AND ADULTS).

	Women.	Men.	Boys, Girls, and Adults, Attendance.
January.....	33	22	293,896
February.....	32	21	234,625
March.....	32	23	201,205
April.....	36	27	343,623
May.....	36	32	479,677
June.....	57	48	595,449
July.....	65	57	711,435
August.....	65	54	596,885
September.....	39	30	374,655
October.....	31	29	380,245
November.....	30	29	320,691
December.....	30	29	252,062
Total.....			4,784,448

## PARK PLAYGROUNDS AND LOCATIONS.

Battery.....	Battery place and State street.
Bennett Field.....	184th street and Broadway.
Carl Schurz.....	86th street and East River.
Central Park (North Meadow).	Entrance 100th street and 8th avenue, 99th street and 5th avenue,
Central Park (South Meadow).	“ “ “ “ “ “
Central Park (Sheep Fold)...	66th street and West Side Drive.
Central Park (East Green)...	70th street and East Side Drive.
Central Park (99th street).....	Entrance on Fifth avenue.
Chelsea.....	28th street and 10th avenue.
Colonial.....	150th street and Bradhurst avenue.
Columbus.....	Baxter and Worth streets.
Cherry and Market.....	Cherry and Market streets.
Corlears Hook.....	Corlears Hook and Jackson street.
Clark.....	174th street and Fort Washington avenue.
De Witt Clinton.....	53d street and 11th avenue.
East 17th street.....	17th street and East River.
Hamilton Fish.....	Houston and Pitt streets.
Highbridge.....	170th street and Amsterdam avenue.
Hudson.....	Clarkson and Hudson streets.
Jackson Square.....	Horatio street and Eighth avenue.
Jasper Oval.....	137th street and Convent avenue.
Jeannette.....	Coenties Slip.
Reservoir.....	174th street and Amsterdam avenue.
Riverside.....	96th street and Riverside Drive.
Riverside Oval.....	77th street and Riverside Drive.
Ryan.....	42d street and Pleasant avenue.
St. Gabriel's.....	35th street and Second avenue.
St. Nicholas.....	133d street and St. Nicholas avenue.
Seward.....	Canal and Jefferson streets.
Thomas Jefferson.....	114th street and Pleasant avenue.
Tompkins Square.....	10th street and Avenue A.
West 59th Street.....	Between 10th and 11th avenues.
Westerleigh.....	Maine avenue and Jewett street, Westerleigh, S. I.
Yorkville.....	101st street between Second and Third avenues.
152d Street.....	152d street and Amsterdam avenue.
Five Points.....	Baxter and Worth streets.
Queensboro.....	Foot of East 59th street.
Watergate.....	134th street and Convent avenue.
Fort Washington.....	175th street and Fort Washington avenue.
John Jay.....	77th street and East River.

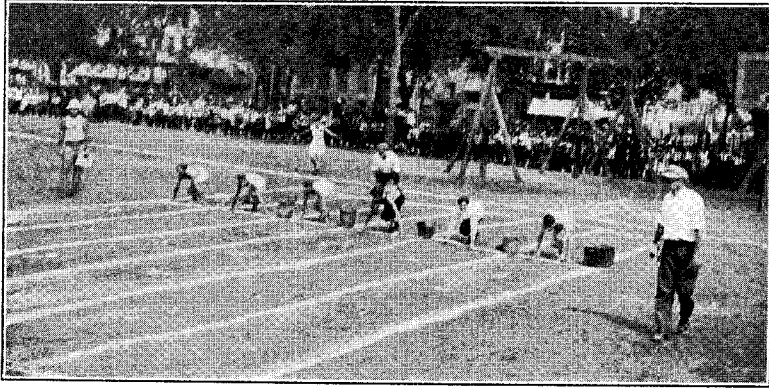
## INDOOR GYMNASIUMS.

Hamilton Fish.....	Houston and Pitt streets.
West 59th street.....	Between 10th and 11th avenues.

## AREA DEVOTED TO SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND.

Park Playground.	Acres.	
Battery.....	Battery Place and State St..	.841 Part of a Park.
Bennett Field.....	Broadway and 184th St.....	2.290 Property loaned by James Gordon Ben- nett Estate.



FIELD DAY, TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK PLAYGROUND, POTATO RACE.



FIELD HOUSE—YORKVILLE PARK PLAYGROUND.

Park Playgrouud		Acres	
Carl Schurz.....	86th St. and East River.....	.248	Part of a Park.
Central Park (North Meadow).....		30.459	Part of a Park.
Central Park (South Meadow).....		9.862	Part of a Park.
Central Park (Sheep Fold).....		21.108	Part of a Park.
Central Park (East Green).....		9.000	Part of a Park.
Central Park (99th Street).....		1.000	Part of a Park.
Chelsea.....	27th St. and 10th Ave.....	3.110	Purchased in 1906 for a playground.
Colonial.....	150th St. and Bradhurst Ave.	1.113	Part of a Park.
Columbus.....	Baxter and Worth Streets...	.541	Part of a Park.
Cherry and Market.....	Cherry and Market Sts.....	3.92	Purchased in 1906 for a playground.
Corlears Hook.....	Corlears Hook and Jackson Street.....	.500	Part of a Park.
Clark.....	174th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.....	.920	Loaned by Clark Est.
De Witt Clinton.....	53rd St. and 11th Ave.....	1.760	Part of a Park.
East 17th Street.....	17th Street and East River..	.110	Part of a Park.
Hamilton Fish.....	Houston and Pitt Streets....	1.830	Part of a Park.
Highbridge.....	170th St. and Amsterdam Av.	.250	Part of a Park.
Hudson.....	Clarkson and Hudson Sts....	.120	Part of a Park.
Jackson Square.....	Horatio St. and Eighth Ave..	.060	Part of a Park.
Jasper Oval.....	138th St. and Convent Ave..	2.060	Ball ground, Dept. of Parks.
Jeannette.....	Coenties Slip.....	.304	Part of a Park.
Reservoir.....	174th St. and Amsterdam Av.	.850	Part of a Park.
Riverside.....	96th St. and Riverside Drive.	1.000	Part of a Park.
Riverside Oval.....	77th St. and Riverside Drive.	5.000	Part of a Park.
Ryan.....	42nd St. and Pleasant Place..	.180	Playground.
St. Gabriel's.....	35th St. and Second Ave....	.830	Part of a Park.
St. Nicholas.....	133rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue.....	.280	Part of a Park.
Seward.....	Canal and Jefferson Sts.....	1.000	Part of a Park.
Thos. Jefferson.....	114th St. and Pleasant Ave..	4.170	Part of a Park.
Tompkins Square.....	10th St. and Avenue "A"....	1.240	Part of a Park.
West 59th Street.....	59th St. bet. 10th and 11th Avenues.....	.519	Purchased in 1906 for a playground.
Westerleigh, S. I.....	Maine Ave. and Jewett St... .	.900	Part of a Park.
Yorkville.....	101st St. bet. Second and Third Avenues.....	.846	Purchased for a playground in 1906.
152nd Street.....	152nd St. and Amsterdam Av.	.397	Property of Water and Park Departments.
Five Points.....	Baxter and Worth Streets... .	.187	Purchased for a playground.
Queensboro.....	Foot of East 59th Street.....	1.115	Turned over by the Bridge Department.
Watergate.....	134th St. and Convent Ave..	1.254	Loaned by Water Department.
Fort Washington.....	175th St. and Fort Washington Avenue.....	1.000	Part of a Park.
John Jay.....	77th Street and East River..	1.463	Part of a Park.
Total.....		110.109	Acres.

#### NEW PARK PLAYGROUNDS OPENED DURING 1912.

Yorkville.....	101st Street bet. Second and Third avenues	April 13th, 1912.
Queensboro (Girls').....	Foot of East 59th Street.....	April 1st, 1912.
Five Points.....	Baxter and Worth streets.....	April 20th, 1912.
Cherry and Market.....	Cherry and Market streets.....	May 18th, 1912.
Queensboro Stadium.....	Foot of East 59th Street.....	July 4th, 1912.
Watergate.....	134th street and Convent avenue.....	July 19th, 1912.
Jeannette.....	Coenties slip.....	July 20th, 1912.

Clark . . . . . 174th street and Fort Washington avenue . . Aug. 29th, 1912.  
 West 59th Street Indoor  
 Gymnasium . . . . . Between 10th and 11th avenues . . . . . Oct. 26th, 1912.

## NOTABLE EVENTS.

*Girls' Festivals, Games, Drills, Etc.*

1912.		Park Playgrounds.
February 22 . . . . .	Colonial Dance and Reception . . . . .	Hamilton Fish.
March 16 . . . . .	St. Patrick's Day Party . . . . .	Hudson.
April 1 . . . . .	Dancing and Games, Opening of . . . . .	Queensboro.
April 13 . . . . .	Festival and Games, Opening of . . . . .	Yorkville.
April 20 . . . . .	Dancing and Games, Opening of . . . . .	Five Points.
April 28 . . . . .	Unveiling of Tablet and Planting of Japanese Cherry Trees . . . . .	Riverside Drive.
May 25 . . . . .	May Dance . . . . .	Hamilton Fish.
May 25 . . . . .	May Dance and Festival . . . . .	E. 17th Street.
May 30 . . . . .	May Carnival . . . . .	De Witt Clinton.
May 31 . . . . .	May Festival . . . . .	St. Gabriel's.
June 1 . . . . .	Rose Party . . . . .	Seward.
June 1 . . . . .	June Festival . . . . .	Ryan.
June 8 . . . . .	June Festival . . . . .	Hudson.
June 15 . . . . .	June Festival . . . . .	Thomas Jefferson.
June 15 . . . . .	Flower Festival . . . . .	Tompkins square.
June 25 . . . . .	June Festival . . . . .	Chelsea.
June 25 . . . . .	June Rose Festival . . . . .	Yorkville.
June 25 . . . . .	June Walk . . . . .	152d street.
June 29 . . . . .	June Festival . . . . .	Carl Schurz.
July 19 . . . . .	Dancing & Games, Opening of . . . . .	Watergate.
August 3 . . . . .	Pageant "In Search of Fairyland" . . . . .	Central Park.
August 24 . . . . .	Reception to Olympic Athletes . . . . .	City Hall.
August 29 . . . . .	Festival and Games, Opening of . . . . .	Clark.
September 4 . . . . .	Summer Festival . . . . .	Thomas Jefferson.
September 7 . . . . .	Summer Festival . . . . .	Hudson.
September 7 . . . . .	Summer Festival . . . . .	Seward.
September 7 . . . . .	Summer Festival . . . . .	St. Gabriel's.
September 14 . . . . .	Girls' Athletic Meet . . . . .	Tompkins square.
September 14 . . . . .	Girls' Athletic Meet . . . . .	Yorkville.
September 28 . . . . .	Folk Dancing, Speeches, Etc. . . . .	Isham Park.
October 26 . . . . .	Folk Dancing and Gymnastics, Opening of . . . . .	West 59th street In- door Gymnasium.
October 30 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Hamilton Fish.
October 30 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Tompkins square.
October 31 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	De Witt Clinton.
October 31 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Chelsea.
October 31 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Hudson.
October 31 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Thomas Jefferson.
October 31 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Seward.
November 1 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Yorkville (Indoors).
November 2 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	East 17th street.
November 2 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Five Points.
November 2 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	St. Gabriel's.
November 2 . . . . .	Hallowe'en Party . . . . .	Queensboro.
November 27 . . . . .	Thanksgiving Party . . . . .	De Witt Clinton.
November 28 . . . . .	Thanksgiving Party . . . . .	Yorkville.





OPENING OF WATERGATE PARK PLAYGROUND, COMMISSIONER STOVER SPEAKING, JULY 19, 1912.

November 30.....	Harvest Festival.....	Hamilton Fish.
November 30.....	Thanksgiving Party.....	Hudson.
November 30.....	Thanksgiving Party.....	Carl Schurz.
November 30.....	Thanksgiving Party.....	Yorkville (Indoors).
December 27.....	Matinee Playground Carnival and Barn Dance	Amsterdam Opera House.

*Boys' Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Football Tournaments, Etc.*

1912.		
Jan. and Feb....	Skating on Four Lakes.....	
Mar 16 to Apr. 10	Basketball Tournament.....	300 teams.
April 13.....	Athletic Meet and Gymnastic Exhibition.....	Opening of Yorkville.
April 20.....	Basketball Contest (Columbus vs. Seward)...	Columbus.
May 3.....	Mail Marathon Race.....	
May 18.....	Athletics, Basketball and Baseball Games....	Opening of Cherry and Market.
May 30.....	Athletic Carnival.....	De Witt Clinton.
July 4.....	Safe and Sane Celebration.....	10,000 entries.
July 4.....	Grand Athletic Carnival.....	Opening of Queensboro.
July 24 to Sept 8.	Baseball Tournament.....	600 teams.
August 3.....	Pageant "In Search of Fairyland".....	5,000 children, 30,000 spectators (Central Park).
October 26.....	Athletics, Basketball Match.....	Opening of W. 59th Street Indoor Gymnasium.
December 27....	Matinee Playground Carnival.....	Amsterdam Opera House.

PERMITS ISSUED AND GAMES PLAYED, DURING 1912.

Tennis.....	2,000
Baseball.....	1,035
Athletics.....	125
May Parties.....	500
Football.....	600
Basketball.....	1,100

## ADMINISTRATION.

It has been the aim of the Bureau of Recreation to promote the greatest amount of wholesome recreation, instruction in games, healthful play and vocational work, and to make the work of this Bureau both attractive and interesting. Statistics have been compiled, Interpark Playground Pageants, Festivals, Games and Athletics developed, and every effort has been made to bring the work accomplished in the Park Playgrounds, to the notice of the general public.

The Bureau has not found it necessary to employ experts either as organizers or demonstrators, but has labored unceasingly with the regular Civil Service Employees, to develop all the necessary requirements that their position calls for, and to promote the organization of club-life and social centre work. This effort has met with unprecedented success.

In June the Civil Service Competitive List of Gymnasium and Playground Attendants became exhausted, and temporary Attendants were employed, pending the Civil Service Examination. The young men appointed were composed of Seminarians, College Students and local Athletes. The women were selected by an oral and practical test, and later qualified in the Civil Service Examination for temporary employment.

This Bureau is indebted and gives thanks to the New York Public Library for its co-operation in the distribution of books to the Park Playgrounds.

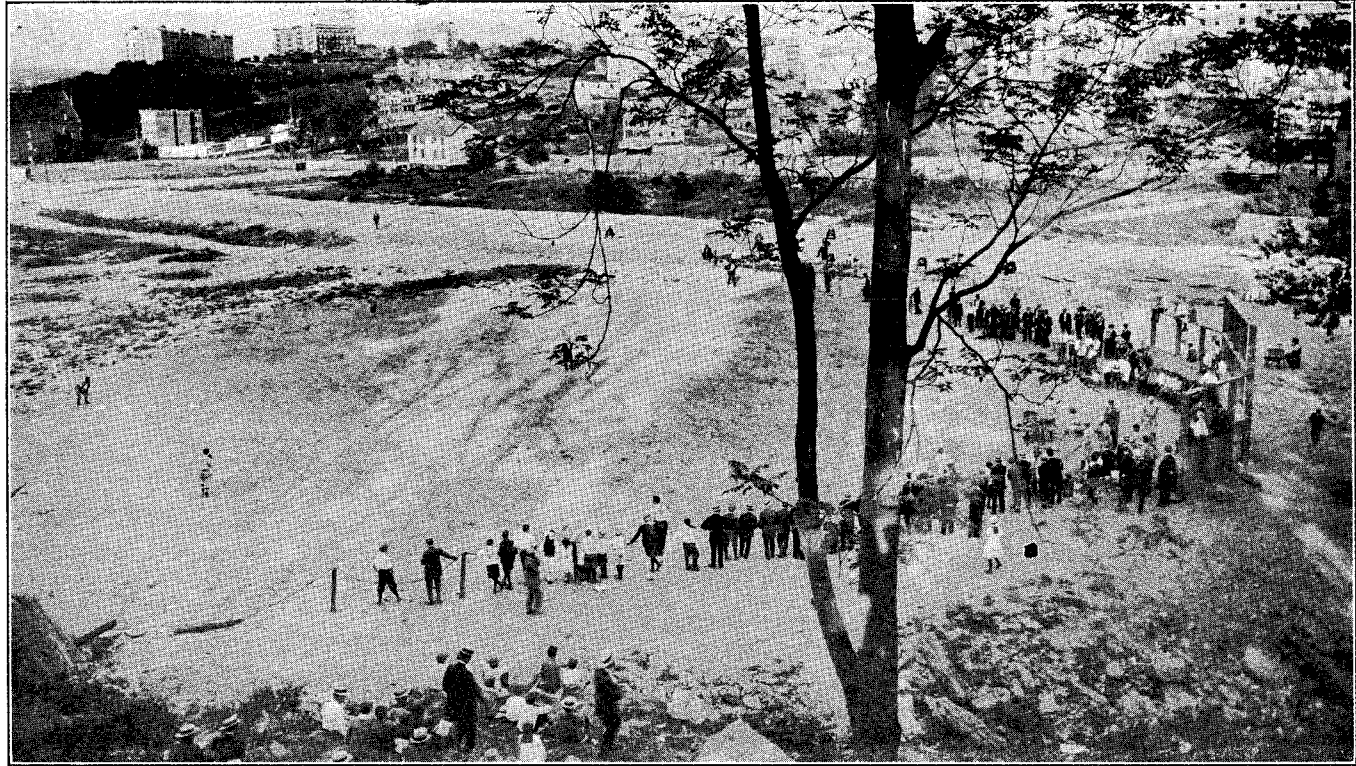
The apparatus purchased under contract from A. G. Spalding & Bros. was erected at the various grounds, and contributed largely towards the increase of attendance. Every request made of the Superintendent's Department, for the repair and maintenance of the grounds was fulfilled in so far as the means of the Department permitted. The distribution of supplies and sundries to the Athletic Fields and Playgrounds, also, was attended to by the Superintendent's Department.

It is recommended from this year's experience that a sufficient number of laborers or caretakers be detailed to the playgrounds, as a more practical plan. The laborers or caretakers assigned to a playground should be under the direction of the Supervisor of Recreation, to put up and take down all apparatus as ordered, and keep the field houses and grounds in the proper sanitary condition. It is essential for the administration of playgrounds, that we promote and develop the "House in Order" so that the children may take notice thereof.

## QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARIES OF STAFF.

The men employed in the Park Playgrounds are known as Gymnasium Attendants. The title by no means conveys a knowledge of the various duties which the Gymnasium Attendants are expected to perform. For instance, most of the grounds are frequented, on the boys' side of the playground, by boys sixteen years of age, and under, who must be directed in the various games and gymnastics, and whose club life must be organized. The Attendant must also act as an official at the Athletic Meets held at the grounds by the clubs, churches, settlements and public schools; in fact, he must have qualifications as a director of games and be a man of good character, possessing a knowledge of first aid to the injured, and be capable of writing an intelligent report. A man whose personality and reputation is such that the neighboring community will send their boys to the playground. Playground Instructor would, I think, be a much better term. The salary for Gymnasium Attendants is \$3.00 and \$4.00 per diem, for six hours continuous duty.

The women employed in the Park Playgrounds are officially known as Playground Attendants. This title also conflicts with the real scope of the work to be done by them. The duties of the Playground Attendants on the girls' side of the



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playground are more complicated than on the boys' side, and call for a wider diversity of talent, for the reason that girls do not devote their time to games and athletics in general, but on the other hand their work is of a vocational order. Their work and play come in for more individual instruction; e. g., a knowledge of first aid to the injured, conducting games, active and passive; folk dancing, ingenuity work, raffia and reed work, singing, acting, story telling, general supervision, etc. The salary for Playground Attendants is \$2.00 and \$3.00 per diem, for six hours continuous duty. It is recommended that the title of Gymnasium and Playground "Attendant" be changed to conform with the duties involved.

#### EXECUTIVE AND FIELD STAFF.

It was found that an Executive Assistant (female) was absolutely necessary in the compiling of statistics and acting as Secretary to this Bureau. The commendable service of Miss Mary E. McKenna in the compiling and tabulating of statistics, and directing girls' activities, pageants, festivals, etc., has been invaluable.

The Field Staff is composed of men and women who are Gymnasium and Playground Attendants—Messrs. John J. Downing, Samuel Liebgold, James J. Ginnerty, Miss Gertrude E. Hutchison, Mrs. Madelon S. Bacon, Miss Clarice Auerbach and Miss Alice A. Kurlander—detailed to inspect the various Playgrounds in their respective sections, and verify all reports, time sheets of Attendants, inventories, accidents and requisitions, and promote new games, with a varied program each day, develop festivals, pageants, tournaments, athletic meets, etc., and carry out the orders of the Supervisor. Each member of the Field Staff has an average of seven Park Playgrounds to visit, and make report of daily. The compensation of the Field Staff is from Eighteen to Twenty-eight Dollars, weekly.

#### TOURS OF DUTY.

The Playgrounds are open during the summer season from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. daily, and in a few instances until 10 P.M. for boys' athletic activities. On Sunday from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.. Six hours constitute the period of duty of each Playground and Gymnasium Attendant. When there are four Attendants on the grounds, the first Attendant reports at 9 A.M., the second at 10 A.M., the third at 11 A.M., and the fourth at 12 M. This plan has all the Attendants on duty during the afternoon, when the greatest number of boys and girls are on the grounds. In the Spring and Fall of the year, the playgrounds are open from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., and in Winter from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. One hour is allowed for lunch. During the progress of active games, one person always attends to the general supervision of the playground.

Where there are two, three or four Attendants on the Playground whose hours of duty vary, and who relieve one another in relay fashion, during the summer months, one Attendant is selected as a leader, directs the activities and makes out the daily report. The others are the Assistants. In the playgrounds where there are from four to six hundred in attendance daily this is a very responsible task. The Leaders must then select, with care, one of the Assistants to accompany the boys or girls to the Interpark Athletic Meets, Baseball Games, or Festivals, and when on the visiting grounds, must show a spirit that will make for good order in the event of any indecision, or the loss of the contest. It will, then, readily be seen that the Playground Leaders must be intelligent, with a disposition to place themselves in the children's place, to take part and lead them in their games, fun and troubles.

## ACTIVITIES (GIRLS')

Gymnastic Drills  
Group Games  
Pantomime  
Folk Dancing  
Social Dancing

Æsthetic Dancing  
Dramatization  
Roller Skating  
Club Work  
Swings

Slides  
See-saws  
Rope Jumping  
Ring Games

## COMPETITIVE GAMES

Basketball  
Volley Ball

Tether Ball  
Tennis  
Simplified Athletics

Ring Toss  
Croquet

## PASSIVE WORK.

Sewing  
Embroidery  
Carpentry  
Paper Work

Kindergarten Games  
Drawing  
Reed and Raffia Work  
Basketry

Jig Saw Work  
Plaster Casting  
Story Telling  
Designing

## INTERPARK PAGEANTRY, FESTIVALS AND GAMES.

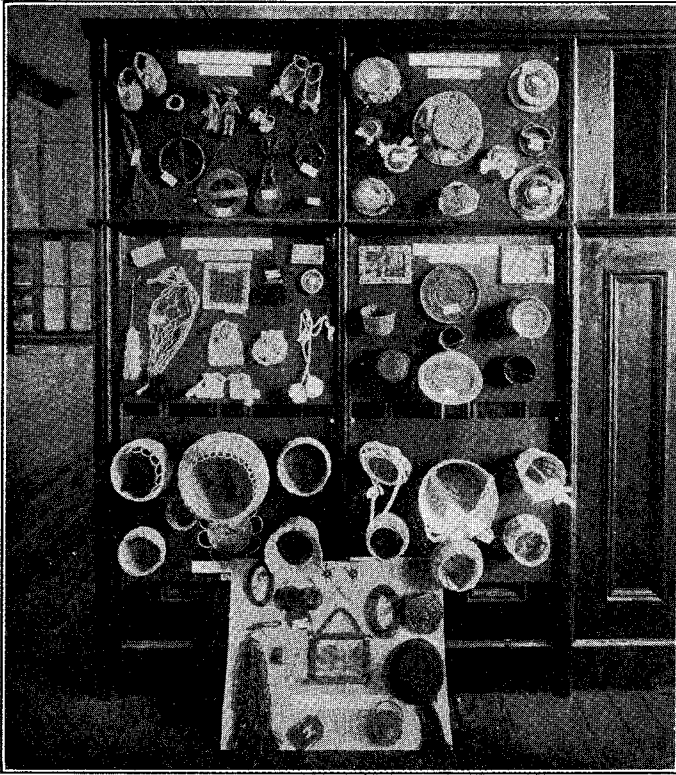
The development of outdoor Pageantry, in which several thousand boys and girls were instructed to take part in the playgrounds, has been the most popular and educational feature of recreation work in this City.

The development of the Pageant entitled "Around the World in Search of Fairyland" (described in the program herein printed), given at the Sheep Meadow, Central Park, in the evening, which was a unique feature in itself, tended to make it a greater success than if it had been held in the daytime, under the extreme heat of an August sun.

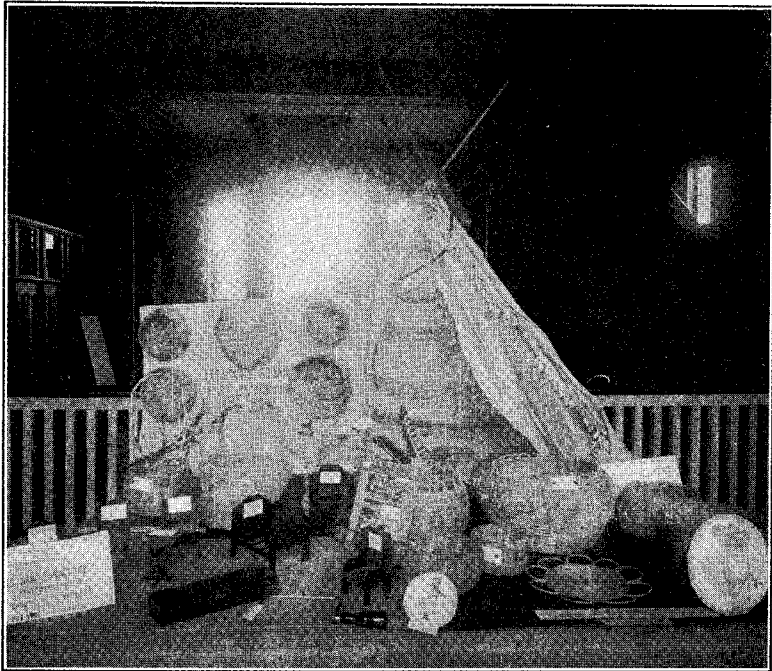
August was selected as the month in which to produce this Pageant, as that is the time when most people who can get out to the seashores are away. The purpose being to entertain and help those who were compelled to stay in the City. During the months of May and June, in Central Park, thousands of children and grown-up folks are on the lawns daily, with their May Parties and June Walks, but in August Central Park on a Saturday afternoon is almost a "deserted village."

Five thousand children took active part in the Pageant, representing fourteen (14) different nations of the world, to comply with the enormous mixed population of the City. All the national folk dances were taught to the children by the Instructors at the playgrounds, and all of the costumes were made by the Play Instructors, the children and their parents. Forty (40) different play centers were set into a throbbing pulsation of joy and happiness in the preparation for this Pageant. It was like the stories told from day to day that one hears in a neighborhood where all are preparing for a charity ball, fair or entertainment; everyone is helping the other, and it is a community of interest and happiness.

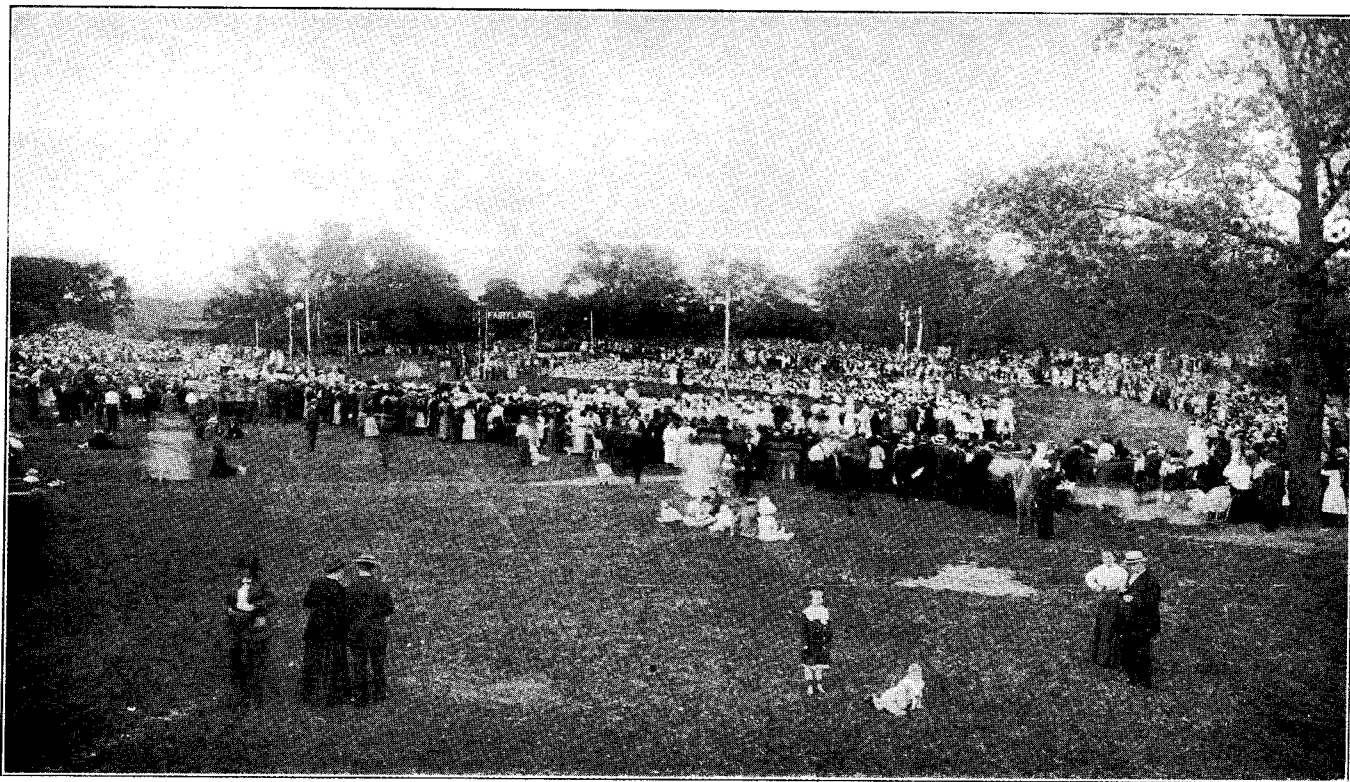
The Bureau made appeals to the great merchants of this City, through the Business Men's Associations, to loan their auto trucks on Saturday afternoon, August 3, to bring the children from the playgrounds to Central Park and return them safely home in the evening. The response was magnificent. Over 100 auto trucks laden with 5,000 children from 40 park playgrounds of Manhattan carried their human loads of youth, life and joy to Central Park dressed in the costumes representing their selected nations. The large business concerns of this city donated the refreshments. An elegant band concert was provided by this Bureau. The dances and games were enacted before an audience of 30,000 interested citizens including the parents of the children. Then the "Royal Feast" took place and at 10 P.M. every



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GENERAL VIEW OF PAGEANT—"AROUND THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF FAIRYLAND" AT CENTRAL PARK, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1912.



child was safely out of Central Park and singing joyfully on its way home aboard the automobiles in the care of the Play Leaders and Parents.

Thus the first municipal Pageant in which the Department of Parks, the Police Department and the big mercantile houses of the City co-operated was a huge success. Special thanks should here be mentioned for the magnificent effort of the N. Y. Edison Electric Light and Power Company in illuminating the Sheep Meadow with 10,000 red, white and blue electric lights strung among the trees, and the giant "May Pole" creating the wonderful electric "Fairyland" scene.

There is no method of public recreation to my mind that brings out the fine points of the human race like the development of Pageantry, in that the children and grown-ups of all races and creeds are selected to act a part, whether it be symbolic or historical. They for a time live that part whether they be the children of the Riverside section among the well-to-do or from the ghetto of the lower east side. Another feature to be considered is the great mass of people of all shades of social life who gather to witness the actors of the Pageant and see the historical and symbolic themes enacted before their eyes in living pictures. In a word, Pageantry promotes real democracy, in that it makes for more "inclusiveness" and eliminates "exclusiveness." "This world is but a stage and each must act his part."

## PROGRAM

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR, *Mayor*

### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

*Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond*  
HON. CHARLES B. STOVER, *Commissioner*

### GRAND PAGEANT

*On the Sheep Meadow, Central Park, 70th Street, West Drive*

BY THE

CHILDREN AND PLAY LEADERS OF 40 PARK PLAYGROUNDS

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

WILLIAM J. LEE

*Supervisor of Recreation*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3d, 1912

*At 6.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m.*

If weather should interfere, postponed until  
Saturday Evening, August 10th, 1912, at 6.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m.

### HONORARY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR

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### "AROUND THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF FAIRYLAND"

ADAPTED FROM MR. ARTHUR VOEGTLIN'S AND MR. CARROL FLEMING'S PRODUCTION AT THE  
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DANCING, FROLIC AND COSTUMES

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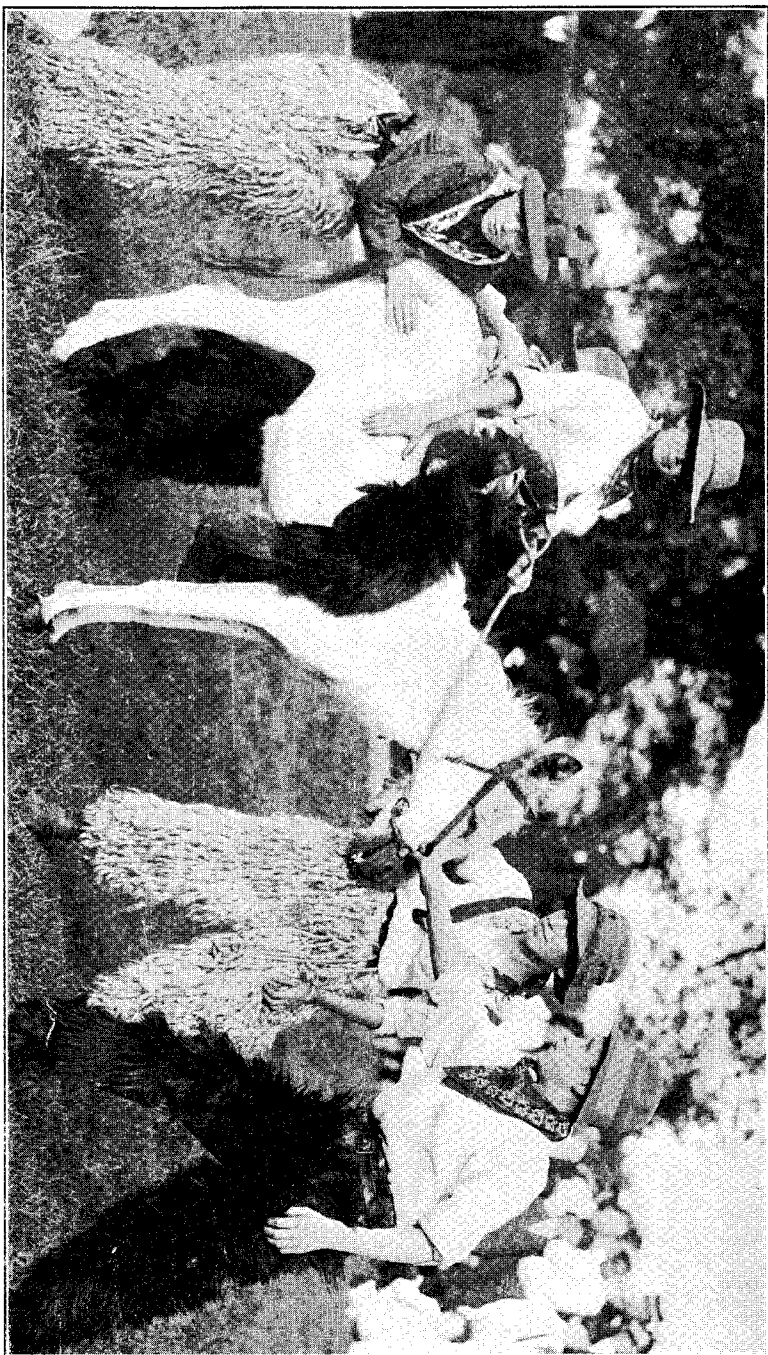
VETERAN CORPS OF ARTILLERY BAND

HENRY LIFF, *Bandmaster*



JAPANESE DANCERS AT CENTRAL PARK PAGEANT "IN SEARCH OF FAIRYLAND," REPRESENTING THE "FAR EAST."

COWBOYS OF THE PAGEANT AT CENTRAL PARK, REPRESENTING THE "FAR WEST."



## PART ONE

MUSIC—American Fantasia.....*Herbert*

MUSIC—La Boheme.....*Puccini*

SCENE—Sheep Fold, Central Park, West Drive, 70th Street, New York.

MUSIC—All National Airs.

SYNOPSIS—The Search for "Fairyland." The children of all nations are searching for Fairyland. They hunt and hunt but cannot find that wonderful land. They are very tired and sit down for rest.

## PROCESSIONAL.

1. UNITED STATES.  
Cowboys, Cowgirls, Indians, Civilians, Tennis Girls, Baseball Players, Liberty Girls, Uncle Sam's Heralds.  
Represented by Highbridge, Jasper Oval, 59th Street, Amsterdam Avenue, Fort Washington, Reservoir, Cherry and Market Streets and Bennett Field Playgrounds.
2. ENGLAND.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Ryan, St. Gabriel's and East River Playgrounds.
3. IRELAND.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Hudson Playground.
4. SCOTLAND.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Chelsea and DeWitt Clinton Playgrounds.
5. RUSSIA.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Hamilton Fish Gymnasium, Hamilton Fish, Seward and Rutgers Square Playgrounds.
6. GERMANY.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Amsterdam Playground.
7. JAPAN.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Jackson Square, Riverside and Riverside Oval Playgrounds.
8. CHINA.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Five Points, Columbus and Jeannette Playgrounds.
9. ITALY.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds, Serenaders.  
Represented by Thomas Jefferson and Yorkville Playgrounds.
10. SPAIN.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Tompkins Square Playground.
11. BOHEMIA.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Carl Schurz and John Jay Playgrounds.
12. SWITZERLAND.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Queensboro Playground.
13. GREECE.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Corlears Hook Playground.
14. HAWAII.  
Courtiers, Peasants, Heralds.  
Represented by Central Park East Green, Central Park Tennis, Central Park, Battery Park, Westerleigh and Sheep Fold Playgrounds.  
Clowns, Acrobats, Tumblers, etc.  
Represented by Boys from all Playgrounds.  
Mr. Thomas Campbell as Marceline.  
Mr. Dan Kelly as Micky Flynn, the Groom, and his Mule "Pete."

## PART TWO

SCENE—In Fairyland.

SYNOPSIS—King and Queen and Followers of Fairyland arrive on the Golden Barge bringing Fairyland and the Butterflies along. The Fairy Herald announces their arrival. The Children awake. They find themselves in Fairyland. They rejoice. The Queen commands the Fairies and Butterflies to dance for the little travelers.

CHARACTERS—

Queen of Fairyland, Ella Lee.  
King of Fairyland, Johnnie Hein.  
Herald of Fairyland, Joe Reinish.

DANCE OF THE FAIRIES—

Represented by Colonial and Water Gate Playgrounds.  
The Dance of the Golden Rods.

DANCE OF THE BUTTERFLIES—

Represented by Saint Nicholas Playground.

MUSIC—The Dance of the Golden Rods.

## PART THREE

MUSIC—Home Songs.....*Rogers*

SCENE—In Fairyland.

SYNOPSIS—The little travelers show their gratitude to King and Queen by dancing their National dances.

CHARACTERS—All Nations, Clowns, Acrobats, Tumblers, etc.

1. THE UNITED STATES.

Represented by Highbridge, Jasper Oval, 59th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Fort Washington, Reservoir, Cherry and Market Streets and Bennett Field Playgrounds.

FLAG DRILL.

MUSIC—Yankee Doodle.

2. ENGLAND.

Represented by Ryan, St. Gabriel's and East River Playgrounds.

DANCE.

MUSIC—English Rustic.

3. IRELAND.

Represented by Hudson Playground.

DANCE.

MUSIC—Irish Jig.

4. SCOTLAND.

Represented by Chelsea and DeWitt Clinton Playgrounds.

DANCE.

MUSIC—Highland Fling.

5. RUSSIA.

Represented by Hamilton Fish Gymnasium, Hamilton Fish, Seward Park and Rutgers Square Playgrounds.

DANCE.

MUSIC—Komarinskain.



KING AND QUEEN OF FAIRYLAND, WITH HAPPY ROYAL FAMILY.



ENGLISH MAY DANCE AT CENTRAL PARK PAGEANT—"IN SEARCH OF FAIRYLAND."



6. GERMANY.  
Represented by Amsterdam Playground.
7. JAPAN.  
Represented by Jackson Square, Riverside and Riverside Oval Playgrounds.  
DRILL.  
MUSIC—She Was a Maid of Japan.
8. CHINA.  
Represented by Five Points, Columbus and Jeannette Playgrounds.
9. ITALY.  
Represented by Thomas Jefferson and Yorkville Playgrounds.  
DANCE—Serenaders, Santa Lucia, La Spagnola.  
MUSIC—Tarrentella.
10. SPAIN.  
Represented by Tompkins Square Playground.  
DANCE—Spanish Waltz.  
MUSIC—Sonora.
11. BOHEMIA.  
Represented by Carl Schurz and John Jay Playgrounds.
12. SWITZERLAND.  
Represented by Queensboro Playground.
13. GREECE.  
Represented by Corlears Hook Playground.
14. HAWAII.  
Represented by Central Park East Green, Central Park Tennis, Central Park,  
Battery Park, Westerleigh and Sheep Fold Playgrounds.  
MUSIC—The Flower Dance.  
DANCE.

#### PART FOUR

MUSIC—Garden of Love.....*Snyder*

SCENE—In Fairyland.

SYNOPSIS—King and Queen are delighted with the children's entertainment and order the Golden Barge to be drawn down among the Nations. The Fairies and Butterflies follow the Golden Barge.

#### PART FIVE

SCENE—Carnival.

MUSIC—Dixie.

SYNOPSIS—The children, Fairies and Butterflies throw streamers to the Golden Barge.

## PART SIX

SCENE—The Feast and Moving Pictures.

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## ACTIVITIES (BOYS')

Athletics

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Basketball

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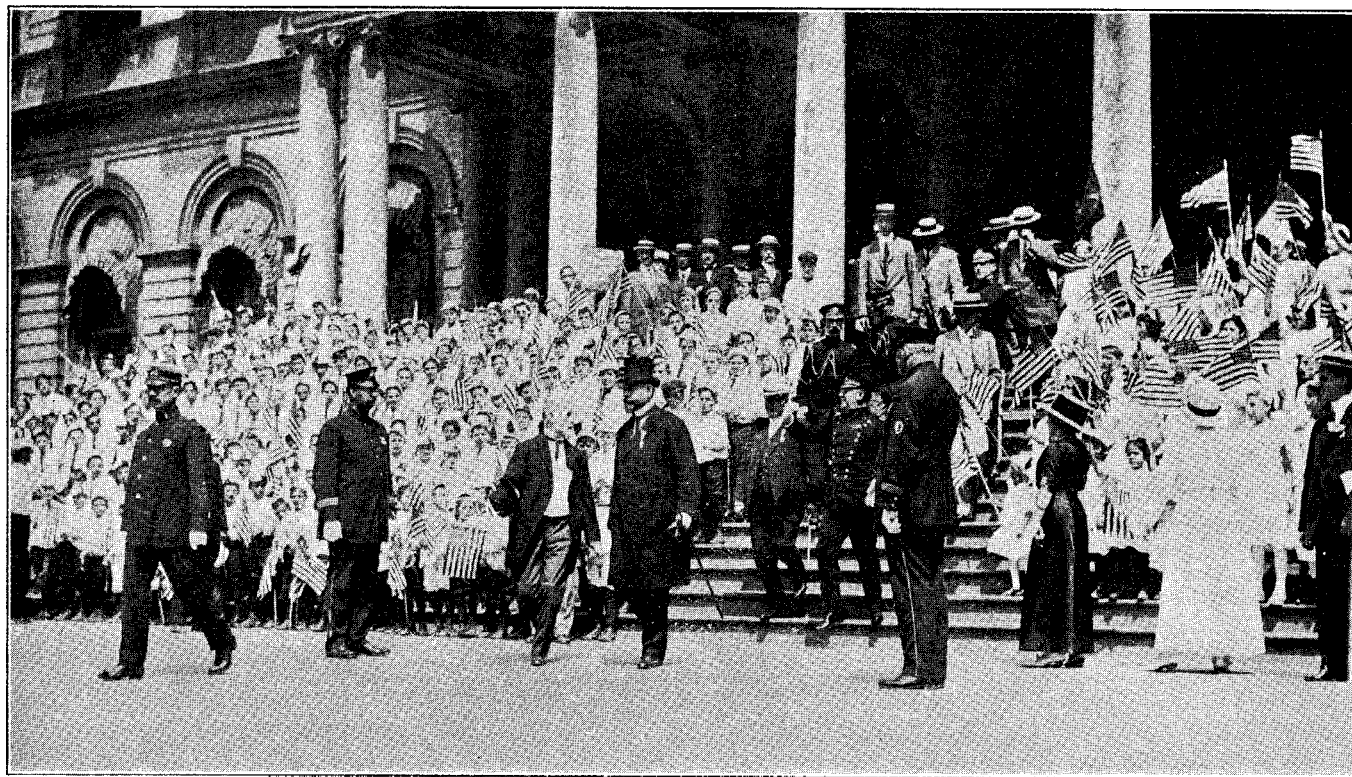
Calisthenics

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"ROYAL FEAST"—FINALE OF PAGEANT.



PLAYGROUND CHILDREN ON EXCURSION TO CITY HALL, AUGUST 24, 1912, TO WELCOME THE RETURNING AMERICAN OLYMPIC ATHLETES FROM STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN.

In the Foreground: Mayor Gaynor, Dr. George F. Kunz, Justice Victor J. Dowling, General George R. Dyer.

## INTERPARK ATHLETICS—FOOTBALL, BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL.

### ATHLETICS.

General all-round athletics will always be popular with the growing boy. Interpark Athletic Field Day Championships have been developed in all the playgrounds in which 5,000 boys took part. Each playground held a set of elimination games, and the first five (5) in each event were eligible to compete in the finals. Each boy is limited to one or two entries in the three respective classes: Midget, 85 pound; Junior, 105 pound; and Senior, 130 pound divisions. There is a margin of "give and take" in each class as to weight, height and age. This rule is established in order that no boy will be overtrained or overexert himself. The all-round athletic champions are the boys of Tompkins Square, Seward, and Thomas Jefferson Park Playgrounds.

### FOOTBALL.

Owing to the lack of sodded grounds to play rugby in Manhattan's Playgrounds it was not deemed wise to promote this game, but to utilize the space and devote the time to soccer football, which is less dangerous and just as valuable as a winter sport. Besides the development of Jasper Oval and Chelsea Park as regulation soccer fields on which the New York State Soccer League play, the Bureau has developed ten (10) other boys' soccer fields—Corlears Hook, Seward, Hamilton Fish, Tompkins Square, St. Gabriel's Queensboro (E. 59th Street), Thomas Jefferson, West 59th Street, Columbus, Cherry and Market.

Soccer football has become immensely popular in the Park Playgrounds, in that it calls for vigorous action of the most rugged boys of the neighborhood. One class has been selected in the Interpark Soccer Football tournaments and that is the Senior division—130 pounds. One hundred soccer teams were developed in the twelve fields. A series of elimination games were held in the playgrounds and then a home and home series was played, with the result that Chelsea Park Playground won the 1912 championship, which was the first in the history of New York's Park Playgrounds.

### BASEBALL.

The "national game" of baseball is the most popular game yet devised for men and boys in America, and the one great problem of playgrounds is "more baseball space." Thousands of clubs of boys 18 years of age and under clamor for space, and thousands of young men between 18 and 30 years of age continue to swamp this Bureau with applications for baseball permits.

The Bureau has devoted its time to the development of an Interpark Playground Baseball Tournament, in which there were 600 teams organized. Twelve boys to a team. A series of elimination games were held in each playground in the three classes—Midget, 85 pound; Junior, 105 pound; and Senior, 125 pound. A home-and-home series was played during the entire vacation period, resulting in the championship being won by West 59th Street in the Midget, 85 pound class; Thomas Jefferson in the Junior, 105 pound class; and Reservoir in the Senior, 125 pound class.

This was the largest baseball tournament ever organized in the history of the game. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the victors. In the fields where permits are issued to young men of the business houses, churches and clubs for Saturday, Sunday and holiday games, we have recorded enormous crowds in attendance.

This department furnishes the bats and balls for the games of the small boys of the playgrounds, but does not do so in the case of the young men who use the fields and are able to provide them; however, we direct and supervise the management of the fields.

#### BASKETBALL.

Basketball has developed into one of the most popular games yet devised for indoor and outdoor sport. It is the popular demand of every Park Playground to erect basketball courts. Played in its most vigorous form it is actually a substitute for football, but can be modified for the smaller boys and girls. There is probably no other game outside of baseball and football that is attracting such wide interest and attention. Basketball has its fine points not only as a promoter of vigorous, healthful exercise, but it also promotes the spirit of loyalty, second only to that of baseball. The boys are beginning to play basketball in the streets, just as they play football and baseball; and let us here vie with the games that are most popular. There were organized in the Park Playgrounds some three hundred basketball clubs for the season of 1912 to play a home-and-home series for the Playground Championship. The tournament started in October, 1911, and ended in April, 1912, at the opening of Yorkville Park Playground, East 101st Street, in which the Seward Park Playground junior and senior teams carried off the honors, defeating St. Gabriel's and Chelsea Park Playground teams in hollow style.

#### SEASON ACTIVITIES.

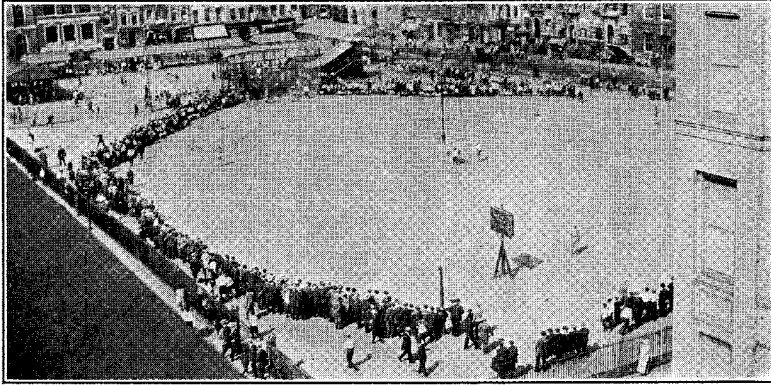
The Spring activities consist of preparing for the Athletic Meets, Festivals and Pageants, together with ingenuity work, etc. The Summer activities consist of Athletics, Baseball, Festivals, Pageants, Excursions, May Festivals, June Walks, etc., and wholesome, restful recreation. Fall activities consist of Football, Basketball, Athletics and General Apparatus work, Games, etc. Winter activities consist of Football, Basketball, Skating, Sleighing, Coasting, Snow-piling contests, Snow Fort Building, Vocational Work, etc.

#### INDOOR WORK.

There are two indoor gymnasias connected with the Park Playgrounds located at Hamilton Fish Park, Houston and Pitt Streets, and at West 59th Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues, where general gymnastics, wrestling, and basketball are taught. A thousand boys use these gymnasias weekly, organized in clubs of from ten to twenty boys. It is strongly recommended that indoor gymnasias and social center halls be erected wherever there is a comprehensive plan or playground and athletic field, with lockers and showers which would serve as dressing stations for both boys and girls and are a real necessity when there is an athletic meet or pageant under way. An indoor shelter for playing games and conducting gymnastics, industrial work, etc., with running water and a comfort station should be provided in each playground.

#### PRIZES AND AWARDS.

The question of prizes and awards has probably been considered by every department and agency directing and supervising the play of children, promoting athletics, and physical training among young men and women. It is an ancient custom to crown the victors with laurel wreaths, a scroll of honor, or to present them with some token of their victory.



BASEBALL, HAMILTON FISH PARK PLAYGROUND, LOWER EAST SIDE, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. (SUMMER.)



SOCCER FOOTBALL, SEWARD PARK PLAYGROUND, LOWER EAST SIDE, SUNDAY AFTERNOON. (WINTER.)



BASEBALL GAME AT CHELSEA PARK PLAYGROUND, SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

It has been the experience of the writer that it is not absolutely necessary to offer prizes for competition, and it is not always good form to withhold the same; but we take the "middle of the road" in this question, for instance: when this Department has dedicated a new playground we have always had a number of boys and girls from each playground of the City take part in the dedicating exercises in competitive games and dances, to show the new neighborhood that we invaded what is being taught on the playgrounds. Motion pictures have been taken of this work and exhibited throughout the world, and the press has given these exercises wide publicity. Prominent and active persons of all denominations and all shades of political beliefs have been invited as honorary guests and we have in no instance offered prizes to the boys or girls who have taken part, and there have been no requests for any, although we have had thousands competing in these games of all races and creeds. We offer no prizes in individual playground effort, but we keep an efficiency record.

In the matter of Interpark Playground Field Championships, such as all-round athletics, baseball, basketball, football, tennis, skating, interpark pageants, folk dancing, games, Marathon racing, and in the Fourth of July competitive games and exercises, we have been able to offer individual and team prizes, consisting of gold, silver, and bronze medals, silver cups, bronze trophies and plaques, through the courtesy of the City of New York's Fourth of July Safe and Sane Celebration Committee, the *N. Y. Evening Mail*, *N. Y. Sunday Herald*, *N. Y. Sunday World*, American Sports Publishing Co., Messrs. A. G. Spalding & Bros., through the kindness of Hon. James E. Sullivan, Ingersoll Bros. Watch Co., Langrock Bros., Hon. Charles B. Stover, and William J. Lee.

These playground championship prizes are given each year and are limited to boys and girls 17 years of age and under. The Fourth of July Safe and Sane Celebration Committee, of course, offers prizes to all amateurs competing in the various athletic events (both senior and junior classes) and to the world's amateur champions.

This custom has been followed for ages and I think it is a good one, the material value not being considered in the prize itself, but in its sentimental and historic worth.

The Bureau takes this opportunity to thank the Mayor's Fourth of July Safe and Sane Committee and the Athletic Officials of the A. A. U. for their hearty co-operation in this work.



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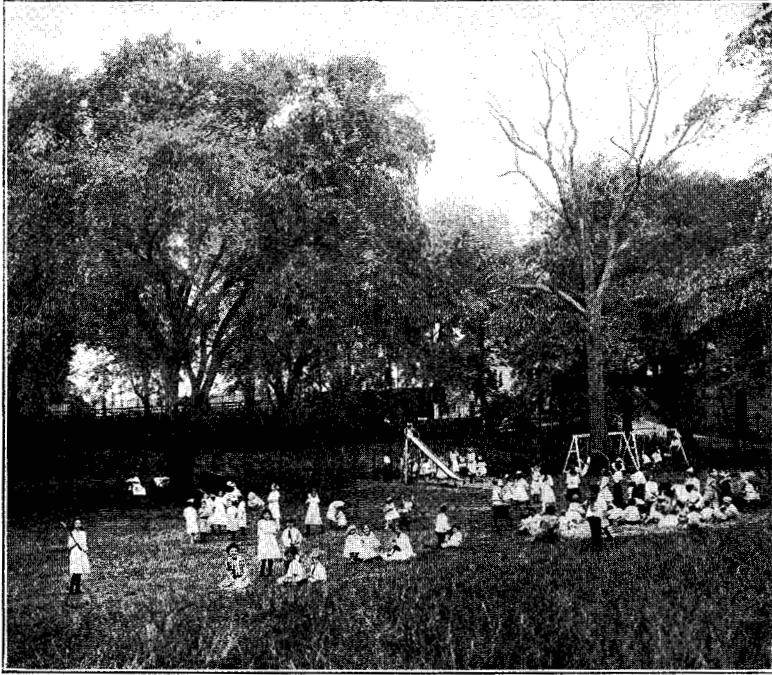
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Games will be held at 2 P.M. at each of the Following Parks, excepting Parks Nos. 16 and 17 (Upper West Side), at which the hour of starting will be 10 A.M.

### MANHATTAN

- Park No. 1. Battery Park,  
 Park No. 2. Cherry Street Park, Clinton and Cherry Sts., New York.  
 Park No. 3. Seward Park, Canal and Hester Sts., New York.  
 Park No. 4. Columbus Park, Baxter and Worth Sts., New York.  
 Park No. 5. Tompkins Square Park, Avenue A and East 10th Street, New York.  
 Park No. 6. Hamilton Fish Park, East Houston and Pitt Sts., New York.  
 Park No. 7. Corlears Hook Park, Jackson Street and Corlears Hook, New York.  
 Park No. 8. St. Gabriel's Park, East 35th Street and First Avenue, New York.  
 Park No. 9. De Witt Clinton Park, 52d to 54th Sts. and 11th Avenue, New York.  
 Park No. 10. Chelsea Park, 28th Street and 9th Avenue, New York.  
 Park No. 11. Thomas Jefferson Park, East 110th Street, New York.  
 Park No. 12. Pastime A. C. Grounds, 90th Street and Avenue A.  
 Park No. 13. West 59th Street Playground, 59th Street near 10th Avenue.  
 Park No. 14. Yorkville Playground, 101st Street, bet. Second and Third Aves., New York.  
 Park No. 15. Queensboro Bridge Playground, Foot of East 59th Street, New York.

### UPPER WEST SIDE

Starting at 10 A.M.

- Park No. 16. Riverside Park, 77th Street, Manhattan.  
 Park No. 17. Jasper Oval, 137th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.

### BROOKLYN

- Park No. 18. Greenpoint Park, Bedford Avenue and 12th Street, Brooklyn.  
 Park No. 19. Hawthorne Field, Hawthorne Street and Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn.  
 Park No. 20. Commercial Field, Albany Avenue and Lincoln Road, Brooklyn.

### BRONX

- Park No. 21. Pelham Bay Park, Pelham Bay, Bronx.  
 Park No. 22. McComb's Dam Park, 162d Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.  
 Park No. 23. Crotona Park, Crotona Park North, opposite Prospect Avenue, Bronx.

### QUEENS

- Park No. 24. Astoria Field, Orchard and Munson Streets, Astoria, L. I.

### RICHMOND

- Park No. 25. Curtis Athletic Field, Hamilton Avenue and St. Mark's Place, New Brighton, S. I.

### RECREATION PIERS

- Pier No. A. Foot of Albany Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. B. Foot of Barrow Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. C. Foot of West 50th Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. D. Foot of West 129th Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. E. Foot of East 3rd Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. F. Foot of Market Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. G. Foot of East 24th Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. H. Foot of East 12th Street, Manhattan.  
 Pier No. I. Foot of Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn.

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- Bath No. 1A. 262 West 60th Street, Manhattan.  
 Bath No. 1B. 23rd Street, East River, Manhattan.

### PUBLIC GYMNASIUMS

- Gymnasium No. 2A. 54th Street, Manhattan.  
 Gymnasium No. 2B. Rutgers Place, Manhattan.  
 Gymnasium No. 2C. Carmine Street, Manhattan.  
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**PARK No. 1—BATTERY PARK.** John T. Norton, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	60 yards, standing broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	60 yards, running broad jump.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	2 laps novice, 880 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	60 yards, 1 lap.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	75 yards, 4 lap walk, 1 mile.

**PARK No. 2—CHERRY STREET PARK.** Michael Jones, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, 2 laps.
Parochial Schools Events.....	60 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	220 yards novice.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	3 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile novice, 220 yards.
Church Athletic League Events.....	3 standing broad jumps.
Recreation Centres Events.....	100 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	60 yards, 2 laps.

**PARK No. 3—SEWARD PARK.** J. Fleischer, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y. (9 laps.)

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, 100 yards.
Parochial Schools Events.....	50 yards and 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	1 lap.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	3 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	1 lap and 4 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	12 lb. shot, 9 laps, 3 lap novice.
Church Athletic League Events.....	2 laps.
Recreation Centres Events.....	100 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 2 laps, and high jump.

**PARK No. 4—COLUMBUS PARK.** Peter L. Waters, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap, broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	60 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	440 yards novice.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	100 yards.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	880 yards, running high jump.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	100 yards, 1 mile.
Church Athletic League Events.....	220 yards.
Recreation Centres Events.....	880 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	60 yards, 2 laps.

**PARK No. 5—TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK.** J. W. Stumpf, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y. (12 laps.)

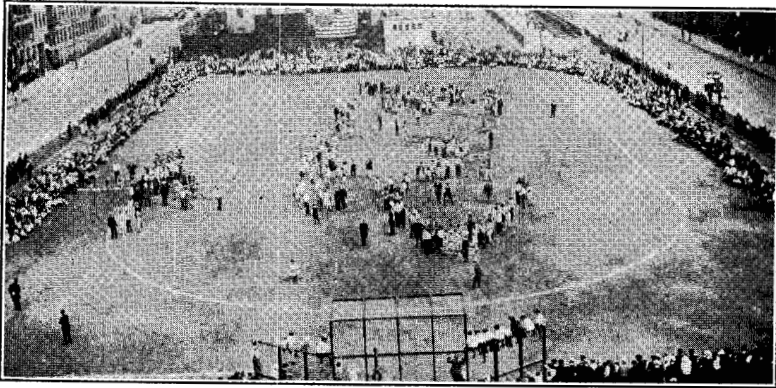
Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, standing broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	1 lap and 50 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	2 laps.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	3 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 lap, 12 laps novice.
Church Athletic League Events.....	Running high jump.
Recreation Centres Events.....	1 lap.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap.

**PARK No. 6—HAMILTON FISH PARK.** (9 laps.) H. J. Silverman, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

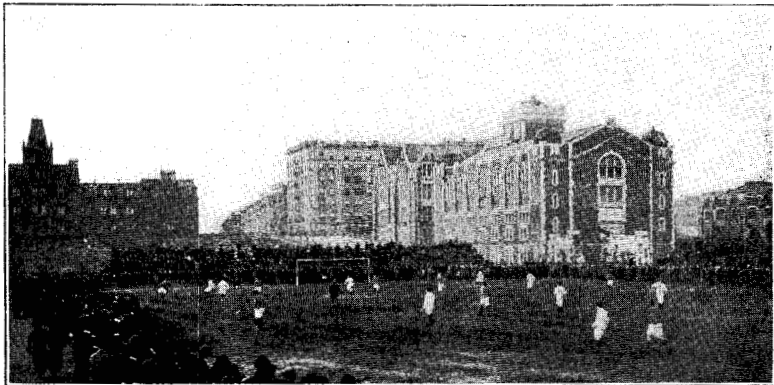
Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	1 lap, and high jump.
High School Events.....	100 yards, one mile.
Parochial Schools Events.....	50 yards, and 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	1 lap.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	2 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	2 laps, and 4 laps novice.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	3 laps novice, 4 laps walk.
Church Athletic League Events.....	50 yards dash.
Recreation Centres Events.....	2 laps.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 3 laps.



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**PARK No. 7—CORLEARS HOOK PARK.** Andrew F. Tully, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, running broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	75 yards, 220 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	2 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	880 yards, high jump.
Intersettlement Athletic League Events.....	440 yards.
Church Athletic League Events.....	1 lap.
Recreation Centres Events.....	2 laps.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	220 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile walk.

**PARK No. 8—ST. GABRIEL'S PARK.** (10 laps.) J. Deignan, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards 2 laps.
Parochial Schools Events.....	2 laps, and 5 laps.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	2 laps.
Intersettlement Athletic League Events.....	3 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	5 laps novice, and 10 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 lap, 3 lap novice, 5 laps.
Church Athletic League Events.....	5 lap run.
Recreation Centres Events.....	3 laps.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap.

**PARK No. 9—DE WITT CLINTON PARK.** (9 laps.) H. Obertubbesing. Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, 100 yards, 8-lb. shot put.
Parochial Schools Events.....	75 yards, 220 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	4 laps.
Intersettlement Athletic League Events.....	880 yards.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	220 yards, high jump.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile, pole vault, half mile walk novice.
Church Athletic League Events.....	880 yards novice.
Recreation Centres Events.....	440 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 2 laps, 4 laps.

**PARK No. 10—CHELSEA PARK.** (6 laps.) J. F. Coffey, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards, 2 laps.
Parochial Schools Events.....	60 yards, and 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	12-lb. shot put.
Intersettlement Athletic League Events.....	2 lap novice, 3 lap run.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	60 yards.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	3 lap novice, 56-lb. weight, 12-lb. shot put, 1 lap.
Church Athletic League Events.....	1 lap.
Recreation Centres Events.....	60 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap, 3 lap walk.

**PARK 11—THOMAS JEFFERSON PARK.** (7 laps.) F. J. V. Delany, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	1 lap, 4 laps, high jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	4 laps.
Intersettlement Athletic League Events.....	7 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	2 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	2 mile novice, broad jump, 1 lap.
Church Athletic League Events.....	3 laps.
Recreation Centres Events.....	60 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap, 3 lap walk.

PARK No. 12—PASTIME A. C. GROUNDS. (8 laps.) John J. Walsh, Chairman,  
21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	100 yards, running broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	50 yards, 2 laps.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	600 yards novice.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events.....	Broad jump.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	100 yards, 2 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile walk, 3 lap novice, high jump, 56-lb. weight.
Church Athletic League Events.....	1 mile run.
Recreation Centres Events.....	50 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	60 yards, 1 lap.

PARK No. 13—WEST 59TH ST. PLAYGROUND. Tierney O'Rourke, Chairman,  
21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	50 yards and high jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	1 lap and 60 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	880 yards.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile novice, 440 yards.
Recreation Centres Events.....	2 laps, and standing broad jump.
Playground Boys Events.....	60 yards, and 220 yards.

PARK No. 14—YORKVILLE PLAYGROUND. T. J. Sullivan, Chairman, 21 Warren  
St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	60 yards, running broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events.....	50 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	440 yards.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	100 yards, 1 mile.
Recreation Centres Events.....	Standing broad jump, 50 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	Potato race, 2 laps.
Y. M. C. A. Events.....	880 yards.
Church Athletic League Events.....	1 mile run.

PARK No. 15—QUEENSBORO BRIDGE PLAYGROUND. John P. Boyle, Chairman,  
21 Warren Street, N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	60 yards, 2 laps.
Parochial Schools Events.....	1 lap, 2 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile, 440 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	220 yards.
Recreation Centres Events.....	3 standing broad jumps, 50 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	2 laps, 60 yards.

PARK No. 16—RIVERSIDE PARK AND 77TH ST., Joseph Kavanaugh, Chairman,  
21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public School Athletic League Events.....	60 yards, 1 lap.
Parochial School Events.....	Potato race, 2 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union.....	880 yards.
Playground Boys Events.....	Running broad jump, 220 yards.
Recreation Centres Events.....	Running High Jump, 50 yards.

PARK No. 17—JASPER OVAL, 137th St. and Amsterdam Ave. J. M. Connolly, Chair-  
man, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events.....	880 yards, 60 yards.
Parochial School Events.....	2 laps, 50 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events.....	440 yards.
Recreation Centres Events.....	Potato race, high jump.
Playground Boys Events.....	1 lap, standing broad jump.
Amateur Athletic Union Events.....	1 mile.

PARK No. 18—GREENPOINT PARK. (6 laps.) W. L. Jones, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events . . . . .	50 yards, running broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events . . . . .	50 yards, 1 lap, 220 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events . . . . .	220 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile.
Y. M. C. A. Events . . . . .	440 yards novice 100 yards.
Amateur Athletic Union Events . . . . .	880 yards, 100 yards, 3 lap walk.
Playground Boys Events . . . . .	220 yards (intermediate), 50 yards (95 lbs. and under).
Sunday School Athletic League Events . . . . .	220 yards junior (under 110 lbs.)
Military Athletic League Events . . . . .	1000 yards.

PARK No. 19—HAWTHORNE FIELD. G. P. Mathews, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events . . . . .	100 yards, 220 yards, running high jump.
Parochial Schools Events . . . . .	60 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events . . . . .	1 lap.
Y. M. C. A. Events . . . . .	220 yards, 880 yards.
Amateur Athletic Union Events . . . . .	440 yards novice, 1 mile, 2 mile novice.
Church Athletic League Events . . . . .	1 mile.
Playground Boys Events . . . . .	60 yards, 1 lap.
Sunday School Athletic League Events . . . . .	880 yards, Senior (unlimited weight).
Military Athletic League Events . . . . .	1 mile.

PARK No. 20—COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC FIELD. (4 laps.) J. H. McQuade, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events . . . . .	100 yards, 220 yards, running broad jump.
Parochial Schools Events . . . . .	60 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events . . . . .	880 yards.
Y. M. C. A. Events . . . . .	100 yards (for boys under 16), 880 yards, 1 mile relay (teams of 4 men).
Amateur Athletic Union Events . . . . .	880 yards novice, high jump, 100 yards.
Church Athletic League Events . . . . .	440 yards novice.
Playground Boys Events . . . . .	60 yards, 2 laps.
Sunday School Athletic League Events . . . . .	440 yards (intermediate under 130 lbs.)

PARK No. 21—PELHAM BAY PARK. (4 laps.) E. F. Gilson, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events . . . . .	100 yards, 220 yards, high jump.
Parochial Schools Events . . . . .	60 yards, 1 lap.
Catholic Athletic League Events . . . . .	1 lap.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events . . . . .	High jump.
Y. M. C. A. Events . . . . .	4 laps novice, 2 laps.
Amateur Athletic Union Events . . . . .	2 mile novice, 440 yards.
Church Athletic League Events . . . . .	Broad jump.
Recreation Centres Events . . . . .	75 yards.
Playground Boys Events . . . . .	100 yards, 880 yards.

PARK No. 22—McCOMB'S DAM PARK. (4 laps.) E. T. Hart, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events . . . . .	100 yards, 220 yards.
Parochial Schools Events . . . . .	50 yards, 220 yards.
Catholic Athletic League Events . . . . .	440 yards novice.
Intersetlement Athletic League Events . . . . .	440 yards novice.
Y. M. C. A. Events . . . . .	Hop, step and jump, 1 lap.
Amateur Athletic Union Events . . . . .	3 mile, running broad jump, 100 yards novice.
Church Athletic League Events . . . . .	220 yards.
Recreation Centres Events . . . . .	5-lb. shot put.
Playground Boys Events . . . . .	100 yards, 1 lap.



**PARK No. 23—CROTONA PARK. (4 laps.) John F. Conway, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 50 yards, 100 yards, broad jump.
- Parochial Schools Events..... 50 yards, 1 lap, 220 yards.
- Catholic Athletic League Events..... 2 laps.
- Amateur Athletic Union Events..... Hop, step and jump, 100 yards novice, 4 laps, 2 lap walk.
- Church Athletic League Events..... 3 standing broad jumps.
- Playground Boys Events..... 100 yards, 440 yards, 50 yards.
- Military Athletic League Events..... 600 yards, 2 laps.

**PARK No. 24—ASTORIA FIELD. (16 laps.) M. J. Flynn, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 100 yards, high jump.
- Parochial Schools Events..... 50 yards, 220 yards.
- Catholic Athletic League Events..... 600 yards.
- High Schools Events..... 440 yards.
- Y. M. C. A. Events..... 220 yards.
- Amateur Athletic Union Events..... 1 mile, high jump, 440 yards.
- Playground Boys Events..... 100 yards, 440 yards novice.

**PARK No. 25—CURTIS FIELD. (5 laps.) J. Blake Hillyer, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 60 yds. Junior (under 14); 220 yards, running broad jump.
- Parochial Schools Events..... 50 yards novice, 220 yards.
- High Schools Events..... 220 yards, 880 yards, running broad jump.
- Knights of Columbus Events..... 100 yards, 440 yards.
- Amateur Athletic Union Events..... High jump, 440 yards, novice, 880 yards.
- Playground Boys Events..... 120 yards, 1 lap.

**PIER No. A—Foot of Albany St. Thomas Smith, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Running high jump.
- Parochial Schools Events..... 50 yard dash.
- Recreation Centres Events..... 3 standing broad jumps.
- Playground Boys Events..... Flag relay race, teams of 6 boys, each boy to run 40 yards.

**PIER No. B—Foot of Barrow Street. Louis Madden, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Flag relay race.
- Parochial Schools Events..... Potato race.
- Recreation Centres Events..... 60 yard dash.
- Playground Boys Events..... Running broad jump.

**PIER No. C—Foot of West 50th St., Fred Kirschner, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 50 yard dash.
- Parochial Schools Events..... Flag relay race.
- Recreation Centres Events..... Running high jump.
- Playground Boys Events..... 3 standing broad jumps.

**PIER No. D—Foot of West 129th St. A. E. Harvey, Chairman, 21 Warren Street, N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Potato race.
- Playground Boys Events..... 60 yard dash.
- Parochial Schools Events..... Running broad jump.
- Recreation Centres Events..... Flag relay race.

**PIER No. E—Foot of East 3d St., Leo Kearney, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Parochial Schools Events..... Flag relay race.
- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Running hop, step and jump.
- Playground Boys Events..... 60 yard dash.
- Recreation Centres Events..... Running high jump.

**PIER No. F—Foot of Market St. B. Shapiro, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.**

- Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Running broad jump.
- Parochial Schools Events..... 60 yard dash.
- Recreation Centres Events..... Running high jump.
- Playground Boys Events..... Flag relay race.



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PIER No. G—Foot of East 24th St. J. P. Murray, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events..... Flag relay race.  
 Recreation Centres Events..... 75 yard dash.  
 Parochial Schools Events..... Standing broad jump.  
 Playground Boys Events..... Running broad jump.

PIER No. H—Foot of East 12th St. George Walker, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 3 standing broad jumps.  
 Playground Boys Events..... 60 yard dash.  
 Parochial Schools Events..... Flag relay race.  
 Recreation Centres Events..... Running broad jump.

PIER No. I—Foot of Metropolitan Ave., Bklyn. M. J. McCaffrey, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Schools Athletic League Events..... 60 yard dash.  
 Parochial Schools Events..... 60 yards.  
 Playground Boys Events..... Flag relay race.  
 Recreation Centres Events..... Hop, step and jump.

#### PUBLIC GYMNASIUMS.

GYMNASIUM No. 2A.—54th St. Bascom Johnson, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Recreation Commission:  
 Boys under 16 years of age..... 8 laps flag relay.  
 Boys over 16 years of age..... Potato race, "shoot."  
 Amateur Athletic Union..... Running high jump; standing broad jump.  
 Catholic Athletic League..... 4 laps run.  
 Church Athletic League..... 1 lap run.

GYMNASIUM No. 2B—Rutgers Pl. Cyril H. Jones, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Recreation Commission:  
 Boys over 16 years of age..... Flag relay.  
 Boys under 16 years of age..... Potato race, "shoot."  
 Amateur Athletic Union..... Running high jump; standing broad jump.  
 Catholic Athletic League..... Hop, step and jump.  
 Church Athletic League..... Running broad jump.

GYMNASIUM No. 2C.—Carmine St. John McInerney, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Recreation Commission:  
 Boys under 16 years of age..... 8 laps flag relay.  
 Boys over 16 years of age..... Potato race; "shoot."  
 Amateur Athletic Union..... Running high jump; standing broad jump.  
 Catholic Athletic League..... 4 laps run.  
 Church Athletic League..... 1 lap run.

GYMNASIUM No. 2D—Cherry and Oliver Sts. James J. Farrell, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

Public Recreation Commission:  
 Boys under 16 years of age..... Flag relay.  
 Boys over 16 years of age..... Potato race; "shoot."  
 Amateur Athletic Union..... Running high jump; standing broad jump.  
 Catholic Athletic League..... Hop, step and jump.  
 Church Athletic League..... Running broad jump.

#### PUBLIC BATHS

BATH No. 1A—60th Street Bath. Daniel J. Daly, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

50 yard novice race; 50 yard breast stroke; 100 yard swim; 160 yard relay, 4-man team, each to swim two lengths.

BATH No. 1B—23rd Street Bath. Alfred G. Swan, Chairman, 21 Warren St., N. Y.

50 yard novice race; 50 yard breast stroke; 100 yard swim; 160 yard relay, 4-man team, each to swim two lengths.

Unless the Committee receives the following number of entries for each event, the event will be cancelled:

SPRINTS, 12 or more entries. MILE AND OVER, 8 or more entries.  
 FIELD EVENTS, 4 or more entries.

IMPORTANT—READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE MAKING YOUR ENTRY

*If entering Games at more than one Park, use a separate blank for each Park.*

When entering state distinctly what Park you desire to compete at.

Entries close positively on Saturday, June 22d. This will give the committee about ten days to arrange the most elaborate program ever attempted.

Entries for Public Schools Athletic League Events and High Schools Events close with Dr. C. Ward Crampton, 500 Park Avenue, N. Y., on Friday, June 21, at noon.

Entries for Recreation Centres Events close with Dr. Edward W. Stitt, 500 Park Avenue, N. Y., on Friday, June 21st, at noon.

No entries will be received from individuals, except from A. A. U. athletes. Entries must come from a duly recognized official of the organization that the contestant wishes to represent. Entry for Y. M. C. A. men through the physical director of the Y. M. C. A.; for playground boys through the supervisor of the playground; for Catholic Athletic League boys through some official of the Catholic Athletic League, etc., etc.

Public School Athletic League Events and events for Playground Boys are confined to the boys of each borough. A boy representing a school in the Borough of Manhattan cannot compete in games outside of that borough.

Lacrosse Club, Basket Ball Clubs, Soccer Football Clubs, German Turn Vereins, Gymnastic Associations and other organizations that encourage group gymnastics can have space set aside for them in each park on July 4th for their exhibitions by applying to the chairman.

For information regarding games at any park, address the chairman who has charge of that Park.

Mr. JAMES E. SULLIVAN, Chairman, New York, June . . . . , 1912.  
21 Warren Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:—Please enter me in the following events in Park No. . . . .

.....  
Name.....

(All men competing in A.A.U. Events must be registered.) Club.....

Reg. No. .... Address.....

I Certify, that..... is a member of our Club in good standing, an amateur in accordance with the definition used by the Amateur Athletic Union and is eligible to compete for this Club.

..... Club  
..... Secretary

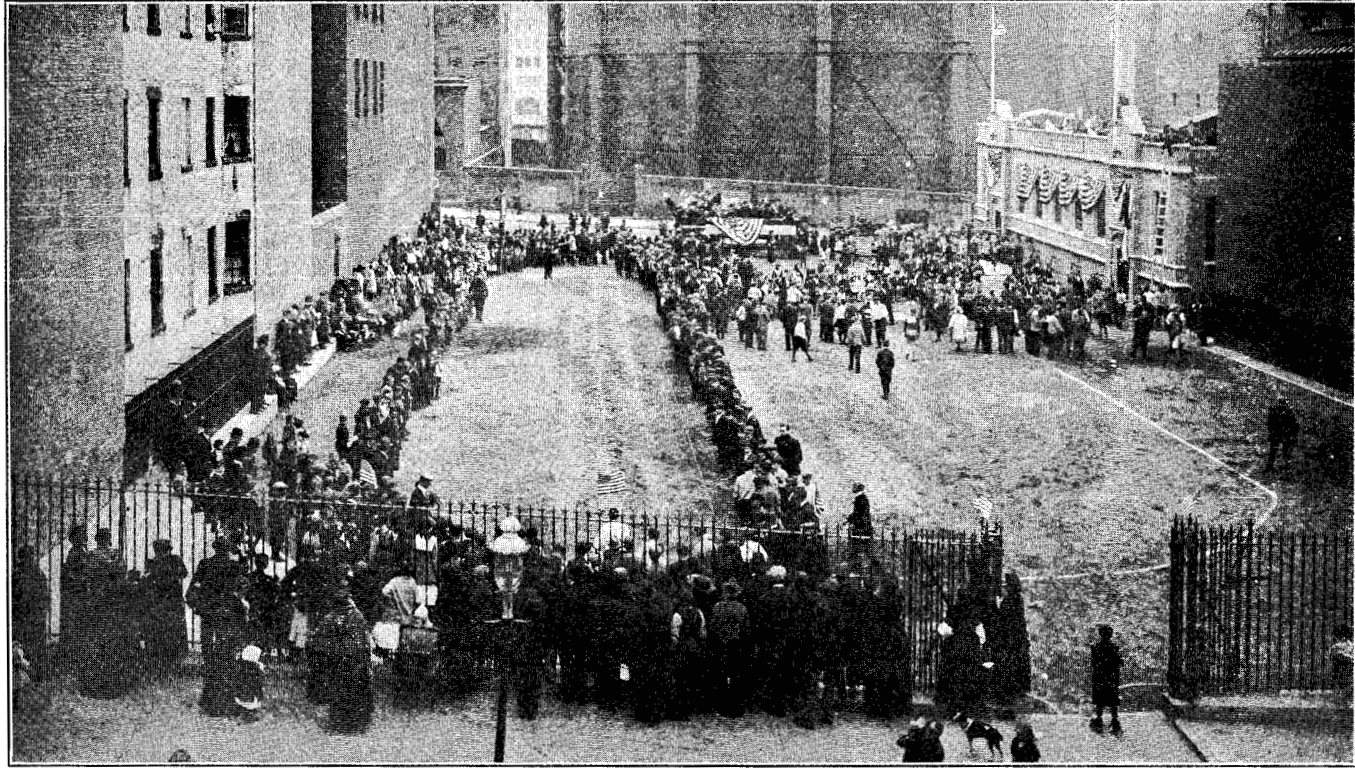
(Have this signed by the Secretary of your Club.)

ELIGIBILITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE EVENTS.

All boys that have been promoted are eligible to compete. Health certificates must be on file with Dr. C. Ward Crampton or accompany the entry blank. No limit to number of entries.

I Hereby Certify that the ..... boys entered on this blank have been members of this school for ..... weeks, are to be promoted at the end of this term, and to the best of my knowledge have not competed for an outside organization for 20 weeks.

Signed ....., Principal P. S. No. ...., Borough of .....



OPENING EXERCISES, WEST 59TH STREET PARK PLAYGROUND AND BOYS' GYMNASIUM, OCTOBER 26, 1912.

PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS, THOSE UNDER COURSE OF  
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CONSTRUCTION AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.  
MANHATTAN.

152d Street and Amsterdam Avenue.  
Colonial  
Battery  
Corlears Hook  
Lafayette, Kenmare Streets and Cleveland Place  
Jeannette  
John Jay

PLAYGROUNDS.

*Kings.*

*Canarsie Park*—Skidmore, Sea View and Denton Avenues, E. 88th Street and E. 93d Street, Byrne Place and Jamaica Bay.

*McCarren Park*—Berry, Lorimer, Leonard, Bayard and North 12th Streets, Nassau, Driggs, Manhattan and Union Avenues. (One playground for girls; one playground for men and boys.)

*McKibben Playground*—Seigel, White and McKibben Streets.

*McLaughlin Park*—Bridge, Tillary and Jay Streets. (One playground for boys and one playground for girls.)

*Williamsburgh Bridge Playground*—Bedford and Kent Avenues, South 5th and South 6th Streets.

*Parade Ground*—Prospect Park, Parkside, Coney Island, Caton Avenues, and Parade Place.

*Bushwick Playground*—Putnam Avenue, between Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues.

*Red Hook Playground*—Richards, King, Dwight and Pioneer Streets.

PLAYGROUNDS.

*Queens.*

*Playground* facing Flushing Park, on Broadway, Flushing, owned by the Society of Friends, supervised by the Park Department.

PLAYGROUNDS UNDER COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

The property of the Bridge Department under the Queensboro Bridge, 200 feet wide and approximately 2,900 feet long, extending from Vernon Avenue to Queensboro Plaza under the Queensboro Bridge. This property when developed will be the largest playground and running track in the Greater City.

## PLAYGROUNDS.

*The Bronx.*

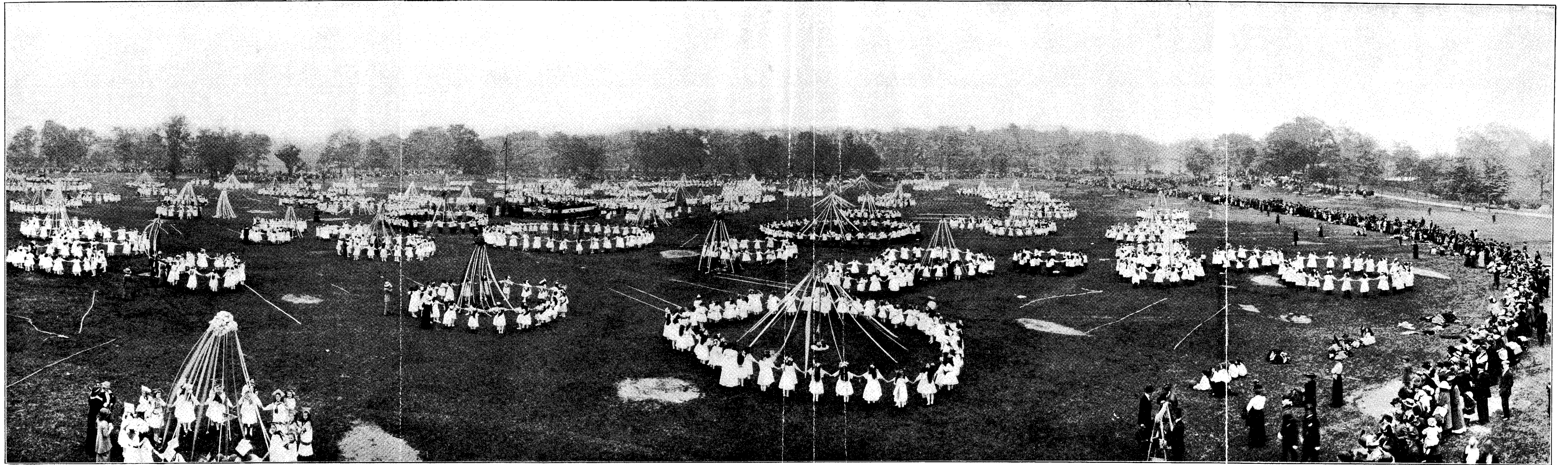
*McComb's Dam Park*—Baseball Grounds, Tennis Courts and Running Track.

*Bronx Park*—Tennis Courts, Baseball Fields.

*Pelham Bay Park*—Baseball Grounds, Tennis Courts, Playground, Athletic Track, and Golf Course.

*Van Cortlandt Park*—Playground, Baseball Fields, 28 diamonds, Polo Grounds, Tennis Courts, Golf Course.





ANNUAL FIELD DAY, SHEEP FOLD, CENTRAL PARK. GIRLS' BRANCH, P. S. A. L.