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**Accounts, Commissioners  
of**

**1913, Sept.**



R E P O R T

-on-

AN EXAMINATION OF THE DEPART-  
MENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF  
QUEENS - INSTALLATION OF  
NEW SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING  
CONTROL.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS  
280 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK CITY

Dated September 2, 1913.





CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS  
280 BROADWAY

JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY  
HARRY M. RICE  
COMMISSIONERS

September 2, 1913.

SUBJECT: Department of Parks,  
Borough of Queens,  
Installation of new  
system of accounting  
control.

HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,  
Mayor.

Sir :

Under date of June 30, 1913, we submitted a report (File No. 1829) of an examination of the accounts and methods of the department of parks, borough of Queens, in which we outlined a new system, including the forms necessary therefor, devised by us for the accounting control of the purchase, distribution and use of equipment, material and supplies in the department.

The new system was approved and adopted by the commissioner of parks, the accounting forms were printed, and our representative has assisted and supervised the installation of the system in strict accordance with the details given in "Exhibit A" of our previous report.

The arrangement of the stores in the present storehouse has been much improved since our previous report, although the need of an adequate building for their housing, sheds for protection of wagons, etc., remains the same.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeremiah T. Mahoney*  
*Harry M. Rice*  
Commissioners of Accounts.



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O n

MUNICIPAL COURT

SECOND DISTRICT

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX..

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HARRY M. RICE  
COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS  
280 BROADWAY

September 2, 1913.

Subject: Municipal Court,  
Second District,  
Borough of The Bronx.

HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,

M a y o r.

S i r:

We submit herewith the results of an examination of the financial transactions of the municipal court, second district, borough of The Bronx, as shown by the records of Thomas A. Maher, clerk of the court, for the period from August 27, 1912, to July 10, 1913, inclusive, as follows:



S U M M A R YCity Fees:

Balance on hand, August 27, 1912, \$589.00

RECEIPTS

Calendar	\$3,964.00	
Appeal	226.00	
Attachment	16.00	
Summons	5,002.00	
Unexpended jury	1,027.50	
Miscellaneous	5.00	10,240.50
		10,829.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Remitted to city chamberlain	10,611.50
Balance on hand, July 10, 1913,	218.00

Distribution of balance on hand, as follows:

Calendar	109.00	
Appeal	8.00	
Attachment	1.00	
Summons	100.00	218.00
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Trust Funds:

Balance on hand, August 27, 1912

2,237.62

RECEIPTS

Tenders, Costs on Appeal, etc.,

4,766.32

Jury fees

1,363.506,129.82

8,367.44

DISBURSEMENTS

Tenders, etc., to litigants

5,191.66

Jury fees::

To other courts

4.50

" jurors

291.00

" City Fees account

1,027.50

" Marshal, serving panels

45.00

" litigants

22.501,390.506,582.16

Balance on hand, July 10, 1913,

1,785.28

Distribution of balance on hand, as follows:

Tenders, Costs on Appeal, etc.,

1,519.78

Jury fees,

265.50\$1,785.28  
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Cash Balances:

## Summary of above balances of accounts:

City Fees account	218.00	
Trust Funds account	<u>1,785.28</u>	2,003.28
The certificate of the 23rd Ward Bank, Boston Avenue Branch, shows, at the close of business July 10, 1913, balance to the credit of Thomas A. Maher, clerk, \$1,919.26		
Less: outstanding checks	<u>121.98</u>	1,797.28
Cash on hand,	<u>206.00</u>	<u>\$2,003.28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeremiah T. Mahoney*  
*Harry M. Keeg*

Commissioners of Accounts.



**R E P O R T**

**-on-**

**THE BUREAU OF LICENSES,**

**Re Fruit Stands.**

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**COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS  
280 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK CITY**

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**Dated September 23, 1913.**





JEREMIAH T. MAHONEY  
HARRY M. RICE  
COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS  
280 BROADWAY

September 3, 1913.

SUBJECT: Bureau of Licenses,  
(Re Fruit Stands).

HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,  
M a y o r.

S i r :

On August 25th you directed this Commission to investigate a letter in which it was alleged that there existed irregularities in connection with five applications for fruit stand and bootblack licenses. That part of the letter referring to these five specific cases is as follows:

"Application No. 924: Dated June 25th, 1913, for license for two bootblack chairs at premises No. 188 Sixth Avenue, name J. H. Patton. This bootblack stand is really owned and operated by two brothers named Laretus; they said that they had gone down to the political club several times to get an application from the alderman but were unsuccessful in finding him. That they reported this to the saloonkeeper in front of whose store they had the stand, and he told them to see this J. H. Patton. They saw Patton and the boys paid the saloonkeeper \$20 to give to Patton. Patton does not live at the address given, No. 188 Sixth Avenue, but merely sort of hangs out in the saloon. I interviewed Patton who claimed he was running the stand, but did not look it. The boys absolutely denied that he owned any part of it. I recommend that this application be denied and the Greek boys notified to apply for a license in their own name.



Application No. 1892: Dated July 8th, 1913, for fruit stand at No. 17 East 21st street, name of Angelus Markatos. Investigation shows that Angelus Markatos works for the New York Journal people. A young Greek operating the stand claims that he owns it, and that he personally was unable to get an application. That he paid Markatos \$50 and later obtained the license. He says Markatos was interested in the stand as a partner six months ago, but is not interested now. That the reason application is made in Markatos' name is because Markatos has influence and can get the alderman's consent which the boy claims he cannot get alone.

This application should be denied and the real owner and operator of the stand should apply for a permit in his own name.

Application No. 1900: Dated June 19th, 1913, for fruit and soda water stand at 258 Eighth avenue. This application is made by the man who has a stand at the north-east corner of 9th avenue and 23rd street, and who is trying to get a renewal of the bootblack stand license at No. 258 Eighth avenue, corner of 23rd street, heretofore referred to. He wants this license renewed, so that he can continue to have boys work the stand for him.

I believe these two applications should be denied, because the one man is really trying to operate three stands and obtain three licenses, one in his own name and the other two in the name of other persons.

Application No. 1904: Dated June 16th, 1913, for three bootblack chairs at No. 258 Eighth Avenue, made by Louis Caldes. This man Caldes is being used as a dummy for a Greek by the name of Efstatlus, who has a stand on the north-east corner of 9th avenue and 23rd street, and who has a boy running this bootblack stand now.

Application No. 2105: Dated July 15, 1913, made by P. H. Rieper, for fruit stand in front of premises No. 367 Bleecker street. Mr. Rieper is the proprietor of a grocery and family liquor store and is not the proprietor of the stand for which he seeks renewal; on the contrary, he admitted to me that the Italian who runs the fruit stand was unable to get a license in his own name, and therefore Mr. Rieper applied for the license and rents the stand to the Italian. The Italian at the stand declined to give any information, on account of being able to speak but very little English; he stated that he did not have his first papers, and it therefore seems to me that Mr. Rieper is not entitled to a license because he is not going to operate the stand and the Italian is not entitled to a license until he declares his intention of becoming a citizen and secures his first papers."



Nine witnesses were subpoenaed and examined under oath. Their testimony, subdivided under the various application numbers, is in effect as follows:

Application No. 924:

Nick Laretus: I live at 2183 Amsterdam Avenue and work downtown in the markets. My brother has a bootblack stand at 188 Sixth Avenue. I worked there for a while, nearly three months. I quit about two months ago. I never owned this stand, but I got half what my brother got. I was in a way in partnership. My brother bought the stand on the 15th of March. It is located in front of a saloon owned by John H. Burdewick and my brother pays about \$15 a month. My brother paid \$60 for the stand when he bought it. I don't know the name of the man from whom he bought it, except his name is "William" and he came from Albania. I know J. H. Patton. I don't know where he lives. I went down to the alderman and tried to get a license, but he would not give it to me. Then I asked Charley Burdewick, the saloonkeeper, if he would send a man to the alderman and he said "I am going to send Jim, that is, Patton". Neither myself or my brother are citizens, nor have we taken out our first papers. I asked Patton to buy the license in his own name. I paid him a dollar on account of going to look for the license and gave the saloonkeeper \$20, \$10 for the rent and \$10 for the license, two chairs. My brother cannot speak English.

James H. Patton: I live at the Sixth Avenue Hotel and am a theatrical carpenter. I know a couple of Greeks who have a bootblack stand at 188 Sixth Avenue. The only interest I have in the stand is to get a license. I went to the alderman and got the application for this stand. I have been getting a license for that stand for the last three years, no, two years. Previous to my signing the application it was taken out by Charlie J. Burdewick. This is the first time I took it in my name. The alderman did not ask me any questions whatever.

"Q What did he say to you?

A He says, 'are you the applicant?' and I says 'yes'. 'Sign your name.'

I did not receive any consideration for doing this work except 25¢ for carfare each time I went after the license. I went down about six times. Mr. Burdewick gives me the privilege of getting a license and keeping my eyes on the stand, because we used to have a little trouble with the boys. The boys pay me nothing for keeping my eye on the stand. I am doing it as a friendly favor for Mr. Burdewick. I do odd jobs around the house for Burdewick. I don't get any share of the profits from the stand nor do I pay any of its expenses. When I came down to get the license I borrowed \$10 from Mr. Burdewick. I didn't get the license so I took the money back to him.



Henry D. Burdewick: I live at 167 West 13th Street, and am in the liquor business at 188 Sixth Avenue. I am there all the time and run the business. I have a place in front of the saloon for bootblacks and rent to Patton now, formerly some Greeks. I don't know their name. Patton ran the place on the 25th of last June when the application was made. He takes in the money and pays the rent. He pays me \$10 a month and has paid me for three months.

Mr. Burdewick was given a chance to think the matter over and then the testimony was resumed as follows:

I rent the stand to these Greek boys. They have it now, but are going to give it up. They had it in June and they pay the rent \$10 a month. The reason the application was taken out in Patton's name is because these boys are not citizens. Patton does odd jobs around the place. I gave him \$10 to secure the license, which he returned. I also gave him half a dollar at one time and 25¢ at another for carfare. The boys want to give up the stand as soon as they can sell their chairs. I have been renting it and am renting it now to boys by the name of Laretus. They have been there about five or six months.

Peter Laretus: I own the bootblack stand at 188 Sixth Avenue, and have had it since March. I rent the place from Mr. Burdewick and pay the money to the boss Charles Burdewick. I pay \$10 a month and on August 15th paid the rent (receipt of which was produced signed by Burdewick & Company). Jim Patton doesn't own the stand.

Application No. 1892:

James Dellaport: I live at 156 West 28th Street, and have a stand to sell candy at 17 East 21st Street. I bought the stand in March, 1913 from Angelos Markatos, who had the license in his name. The license ran out the 2nd of July. I asked Markatos to get the license in his name, because I am not an American citizen. Markatos works for the New York Journal. I think he has been there about a couple of years. I have been running the stand from the day I bought it, about the first of March. I didn't work for Markatos before that. I rent the stand from Sweeney, the superintendent of the building and pay him \$11 a month. I paid Markatos \$50 for the stand, and ran it a month, after which I paid him his money. He is my cousin. I tried once before to get a license for another stand, but could not.



Applications Nos. 1900 & 1904:

Theofauer Efstatlus: I live at 359 West 23rd Street and have a fruit stand at 258 Eighth Avenue, corner 23rd Street. I rent it from the saloonkeeper and run the stand myself. I have been there five or six years and have a license. The old license has expired. I made an application in June, but did not get the license. I went to the alderman and had him endorse it. I told him I was going to run the stand myself. The boy that works for me is interested in the stand. His name is Peter. I pay him \$40 a month. There is a bootblack stand at this place also, owned by a man named Caldes. He is a Greek. I have nothing to do with his stand. He works for a fire-works place. Another fellow is there for him. I have an interest in the place. We have been just like friends. \*\*\*\*

"Q But you own it, don't you?

A Yes.

Q You own it and you simply let Louis Caldes run it?

A Yes.

Q You use Louis' name on the license?

A Yes."

I run them both myself and use Louis' name on the application so as to have two different names, but it is my stand and the money comes to me. I pay the rent. The stand at 23rd Street and 9th Avenue, northeast corner, is my brother's place. He went to war and I take care of it until he comes back. I took out a new license for him about a couple of months ago. My brother was not here and I got another fellow to sign his name to the application blank. I pay \$50 a month for the 23rd Street and 9th Avenue place. At 258 8th Avenue I have a bootblack stand and a fruit stand. I have these two stands for doing the work inside, porter work. I pay for the fruit stand \$15. I do the work for the bootblack stand.

Louis Caldes: I live at 317 West 25th Street and have a shoe shining stand at 258 8th Avenue, corner of 23rd Street, in front of a saloon. I spend part of my time there and clean off the sidewalks for the rent. Sometimes I am not there every day. I have boys to run it when I am not there. I own the stand and have owned it three or four months. I owned it last June and July when the application for license was made. I paid \$75 for the stand. I went to the alderman and had him sign the application and told him it was my stand. The alderman gave me the blank. Efstatlus owns the fruit stand right next to me.

"Q Efstatlus has just said he owned it. He said he wouldn't lie about it, that he owned it and you only signed the application?

A That is first I own, afterwards he."



I have given it to him now and he owns it in my name. The boys do the cleaning and work for Efstatlus and he pays them. I didn't pay anybody anything, but gave the stand to him.

Application No. 2105:

Peter H. Rieper: I live at 277 West 11th Street, and am in the grocery and liquor business at 367 Bleecker Street. I have the vegetable stand outside my store that I rent to an Italian for \$15 a month. He stores his goods at 369 Bleecker Street, a butcher shop, and his rent includes one-half of that store, in which I own the fixtures and sub-let to the butcher and this Italian. His first name is Ralph. I don't know his last name. It is not Di Palma. He cannot read nor write and has had the stand for about three years. The license was in my name. When I handed in an application dated July 15, 1913, I couldn't secure the license. I went to the Alderman and secured the application.

"Q Did you tell the alderman it was your stand?

A Well, I didn't -- I didn't particularly say it was my stand. I guess he expected it was my stand.

Q Did you explain to the alderman that it was this Italian's stand and you were taking out the license for him because he could not read or write?

A No.

Q You have always represented to the alderman that you were taking out the stand license for yourself?

A Yes."

The Italian who owns this stand is not a citizen, and has not taken out his first papers. A man named Di Palma tried to get a license for him also. Di Palma is a cook and has no interest in the stand.

Domenico Di Palma: I live at 10 West Little 12th Street and work at 2235 8th Avenue as a chef for a man named Fay. I tried to get a license for Ralph for the stand at 367 Bleecker Street because he couldn't read nor write and couldn't get his citizen's papers. He had a little trouble with the cops and has no friends and I tried to help him. I have no interest in the stand whatever. Ralph doesn't pay me anything for getting the license. I went to the alderman to get the application signed and he signed it. I told the aldermen the stand was for me. I told the alderman the boss (meaning the proprietor of the store) wanted to get a license for the man outside and I would like to get the license for myself. The alderman asked me if I was going to run the stand myself and I said yes."



"Q He asked you that?

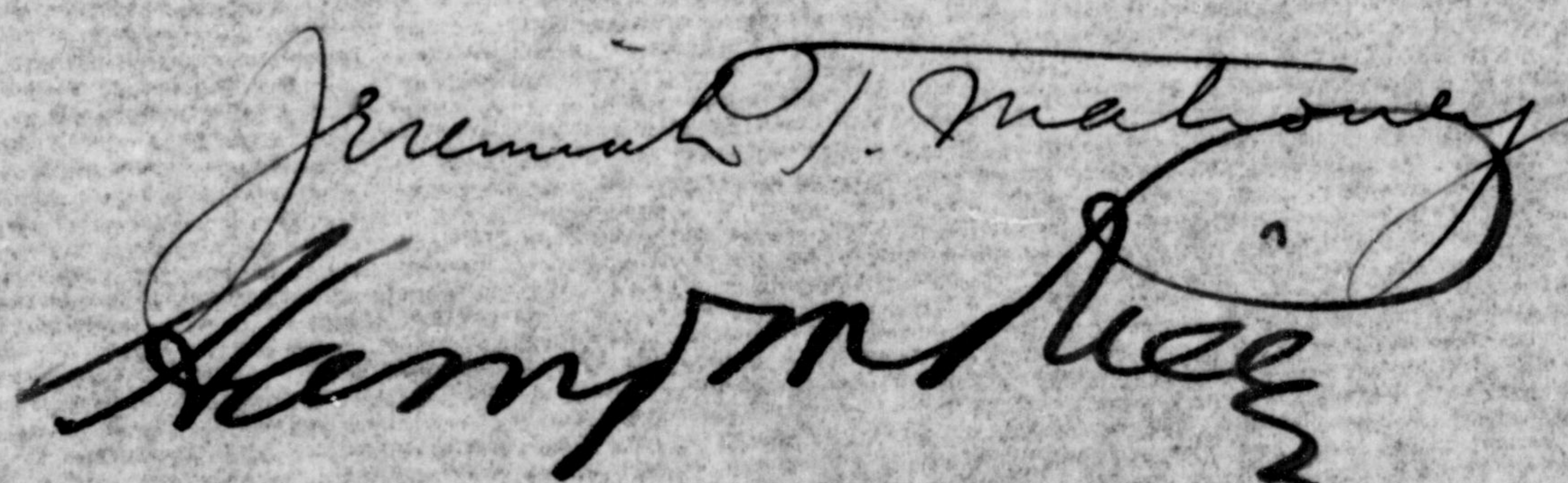
A He said 'Is this yours?' and I said 'Yes'."

I am a citizen and have my final papers.

From the foregoing testimony, it would appear that none of the applicants except Theofauer Efstalus are entitled to receive licenses, and he only in connection with the fruit stand license at 258 Eighth Avenue. He should not be granted a license under the name of Louis Caldes for the bootblack stand license at the same place. With this one exception, none of the applications have been taken out in the name of the actual owner of the stand, but on the other hand, the application has been made by a third party because the owners are not citizens and cannot read nor write.

No testimony has been taken which would indicate there was any graft in connection with the effort to secure these licenses.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Commissioners of Accounts.