



City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 12th.1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 591 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 170th Street from Franklin Avenue to the Boston Road, I beg to say that East 170th Street from Franklin Avenue to Boston Road was legally opened October 7th.1895. The street west of Franklin Avenue is regulated, graded and paved and the improvement should continue eastward so as to form a continuous thoroughfare.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hafen

Commissioner.



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January 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 592 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 149th Street from the Southern Boulevard to the East River, I beg to say that East 149th Street from the Southern Boulevard to the East River was opened as an 80 foot street and under the name of Bungay Street. On the Final Maps of the 23rd and 24th Wards it is to be widened to 100 feet.

As no title has as yet been vested in that portion to be widened between 80 and 100 feet, no improvement can legally be made on the street.

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Commissioner.

*So. Boulevard
to Harlem River*



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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 593 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave, with granite block pavement Intervale Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to Wilkins Place, I beg to say that Intervale Avenue from Wilkins Place to ~~Intervale Avenue~~ the Southern Boulevard was legally opened December 7th. 1892. The avenue is a most important thoroughfare running through a populous section on the east side, has been sewered, regulated and graded and should be paved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 594 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., with granite block pavement Home Street from Boston Road to Intervale Avenue, I beg to say that Home Street from Boston Road to Intervale Avenue was legally opened June 7th. 1894. The street has been sewered, regulated and graded and is an important street on the east side.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 603 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc. Crotona Park South from Fulton Avenue to Prospect Avenue, I beg to say that Crotona Park South from Fulton Avenue to Prospect Avenue was legally opened November 15th. 1895. The avenue runs along the southerly side of Crotona Park which is now inaccessible in that locality. The street should be opened and improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 604 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., Park Avenue (Vanderbilt Avenue East) from the 23rd Ward line to East 177th Street, I beg to say that Park Avenue (Vanderbilt Avenue East) from the 23rd Ward line to East 177th Street is not legally opened as yet. The avenue has been sewered, regulated and graded under the provisions of Chapter 576 of the Laws of 1895, authorizing work to be done on streets that have been opened since January 1st. 1874. The same provisions apply to ~~the~~ paving.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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January 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 605 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Bailey Avenue from Boston Avenue to Albany Road, I beg to say that Bailey Avenue from Boston Avenue to Albany Road was legally opened May 14th. 1895. The avenue south of Boston Avenue has been regulated and graded and the improvement should be continued northward so as to form a continuous thoroughfare.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
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Hon. William L. Strong
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 606 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Wilkins Place from the Southern Boulevard to Boston Road, I beg to say that Wilkins Place from the Southern Boulevard to Boston Road was legally opened April 27th.1895. By improving this street it will form a continuous thoroughfare between the Southern Boulevard and Boston Road, both of which are important cross town avenues.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

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City of New York
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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 12th 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 607 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc. Jerome Avenue from Elliott Street to Wolf Place, I beg to say that Jerome Avenue from Elliott Street to Wolf Place was legally opened June 21, 1870. The avenue is a most important thoroughfare on the west side running through the 23rd and 24th Wards. The avenue has been regulated and graded south of Elliott Street and north of Wolf Place and that portion of Jerome Avenue between Elliott Street and Wolf Place should be graded so as to form a continuous thoroughfare.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 608 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave East 169th Street from Boston Road to East 167th Street, I beg to say that East 169th Street from Boston Road to East 167th Street was legally opened November 28th, 1890. The street has been sewered, regulated and graded and is an important thoroughfare on the east side and should be paved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 609 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave Third Avenue from Tremont Avenue to the northerly side of East 189th Street, I beg to say that Third Avenue from Tremont Avenue to East 189th Street was legally opened April 18th. 1889. This avenue is the ~~in~~ most important business thoroughfare running through the 23rd and 24th Wards. It is paved south of Tremont Avenue and the same should be done north of Tremont Avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 609 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave Third Avenue from Tremont Avenue to the northerly side of East 189th Street, I beg to say that Third Avenue from Tremont Avenue to East 189th Street was legally opened April 18th. 1889. This avenue is the ~~in~~ most important business thoroughfare running through the 23rd and 24th Wards. It is paved south of Tremont Avenue and the same should be done north of Tremont Avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 612 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 135th Street from Third Avenue to Mott Haven Canal, I beg to say that East 135th Street from Third Avenue to the Mott Haven Canal was legally opened September 1, 1896. This street is to be widened from 50 to 80 feet and will be the entrance to the approach to the new Third Avenue Bridge from the west side.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 613 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Robbins Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to St. Mary's Park, I beg to say that Robbins Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to St. Mary's Park, was legally opened June 30th. 1896. The avenue north of St. Mary's Park has been regulated and graded and the improvement should be continued south so as to make a continuous thoroughfare.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 615 of the Board of Aldermen to pave, etc., Undercliff Avenue from Sedgwick Avenue to connect with the pavement already laid south of Washington Bridge, I beg to say that Undercliff Avenue was legally opened September 30th. 1892. The avenue has been sewered, regulated and graded and forms an important approach from Hig^wbridge to Washington Bridge. Being ~~on~~ a steep grade it is important that the same should be paved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
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January 18th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:-

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 640 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave with granite block pavement, EAST 173RD STREET from Webster avenue to the New York and Harlem Railroad, I beg to say that East 173rd Street from Webster avenue to the New York and Harlem Railroad was legally opened August 18th. 1890. The pavement is laid on said street west of Webster avenue and should be continued easterly to the railroad.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

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January 18th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 641 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., KAPPOCK STREET from the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway to Johnson avenue, I beg to say that Kappock Street from Spuyten Duyvil Parkway to Johnson avenue was legally opened January 30th. 1895.

A school house has been built lately in said street. The regulating and grading should be done as soon as possible.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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January 18th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:-

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 642 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., MOTT AVENUE from Park avenue (Railroad avenue East) to East 161st Street, I beg to say that Mott Avenue from Park Avenue (Railroad Avenue East) to East 161st Street was legally opened August 18th. 1896.

This is a most important thoroughfare west of the New York and Harlem Railroad and located east of Madison Avenue Bridge, connecting the large depot of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and the New York and Harlem Railroad at 138th Street with Cedar Park and the proposed Grand Boulevard and Concourse. The avenue is well built up and should be improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
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COMMISSIONER.

January 18th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 643 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., BROOK AVENUE from 165th Street to Wendover avenue, I beg to say that Brook Avenue from 165th Street to Wendover avenue was legally opened January 8th. 1896. The regulating and grading of this avenue is a most important improvement. A sewer has been constructed and grading should follow.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 25th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 671 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave the carriageway of Brook Avenue from East 156th Street to Third Avenue, I beg to say that Brook Avenue from East 156th Street to Third Avenue was legally opened April 1st. 1876. The avenue has been sewered, regulated and graded, and paved south of East 156th Street and north of Third Avenue, and by paving between these two points it will form a continuous paved avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 25th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 682 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave ~~with~~ the carriageway of EAGLE AVENUE from Westchester Avenue to East 163rd Street, I beg to say that Eagle Avenue from Westchester Avenue to East 163rd Street was legally opened June 9th. 1890. The avenue has been sewered, regulated and graded and the paving should follow.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 25th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 683 of the Board of Aldermen to regulate, grade, etc., East 163rd Street from Third Avenue to Westchester Avenue, I beg to say that East 163rd Street from Third Avenue to Westchester Avenue was legally opened March 16, 1896. This street is to be widened from fifty to one hundred feet, and when improved will be one of the main thoroughfares running east and west in the 23rd Ward.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 25th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 684 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade and pave Ogden Avenue from Jerome avenue to East 164th Street, I beg to say that a resolution for regulating, grading, etc., of Ogden Avenue from Jerome avenue to Washington Bridge was adopted by the Board of Aldermen and reported upon by this Department on December 28th. 1896. The present resolution should only provide for the paving of said avenue from Jerome avenue to 164th Street and not include the regulating and grading, which was already provided for.

I suggest that the present resolution No. 684 be withdrawn.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

January 25th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 685 of the Board of Aldermen to place an iron drinking fountain on Webster Avenue, east side, about 100 feet north of Tremont Avenue, I beg to say that Webster Avenue near Tremont Avenue is a good location for a drinking fountain and I have no objection to the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.

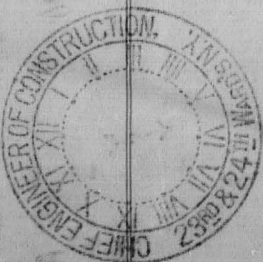
We, the undersigned property owners, protest against the paving of 173rd Street, between Webster and Vanderbilt Avenues. It is entirely unnecessary, it is not required at the present time, as the pavement will have to be torn up again for improvements in the way of building which is to be done next spring, and we would like to have the same adjourned for a couple of years.

Estate of P.W. Sheaffer 324 ft
on North & South Side 173rd Street
between Vanderbilt & Webster Ave
Wm. Huginschoff 150 ft
on S. Side of 173 between
Vanderbilt & Webster Ave.

E. Spindler 30 ft on North-
side of 173rd St bet Vanderbilt &
Webster Ave.
Marie J. Schmitt 29 ft 35 ft
West side of 173rd St bet Vanderbilt
at Webster Ave.

Spindler & Huginschoff 50 ft on
North side of 173rd St bet Webster & Vanderbilt Ave.

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City of New York
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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Jan. 28th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter enclosing petition from property owners protesting against the paving of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD STREET, between Webster and Vanderbilt avenues, I beg to say that E. 173rd street is an important thoroughfare with bridge connection over the Harlem Railroad and is the only direct route between Mt. Hope and the section east of the Harlem Railroad. This street is paved west of Webster avenue, and I think this block should be paved also.

Block pavement has never been so cheap as now. The pavement of this block is for the general good to which purely private interests should be subordinate.

Petition returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 720 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting H.V. Williams to regulate, grade, etc., Trinity Avenue, west side, from East 165th Street to a point 480 feet north, I beg to say that Trinity Avenue from Westchester Avenue to East 166th Street was legally opened June 10th. 1896.

I have no objection to the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 728 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Stebbins Avenue from Dawson Street to Boston Road, I beg to say that Stebbins Avenue from Dawson Street to Boston Road was legally opened June 8th. 1896. The avenue runs through a populous district on the east side; it has been sewered and should be regulated and graded.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 729 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Southern Boulevard from East 138th Street to the south line of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad and from the north line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to Hunt's Point Road, I beg to say that the Southern Boulevard, through its whole length was legally opened July 5th. 1870.

This is a most important thoroughfare in the east side running through the 23rd and 24th Wards. South of East 138th Street the Southern Boulevard has been sewered, regulated, graded and paved and north of Hunt's Point Road to Freeman Street it has been regulated and graded. By improving that portion between 138th Street and Hunt's Point Road a continuous and even thoroughfare will be had to the advantage of the property owners, who live in this section and who are anxious to improve their property.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 730 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Inwood Avenue from Cromwell Avenue to Featherbed Lane, I beg to say that Inwood Avenue from Cromwell Avenue to Featherbed Lane was legally opened January 8th. 1896. The trunk sewer draining the Cromwell Creek Watershed runs through this avenue and is now under construction. The grading of the avenue should follow.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 731 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Rogers Place from Dawson Street to East 165th Street, I beg to say that Rogers Place from East 165th Street to East 165th Street was legally opened January 6, 1897.

The street runs through a populous district on the east side; it has been sewered and should be regulated and graded.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Louis F. Hoffen



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
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February 9th.1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.734 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Kingsbridge Road from Webster Avenue to the eastern approach of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse and from the western approach of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse to the Harlem River, I beg to say that as title to this main thoroughfare does not vest until June 1st.1897, the resolution should be withdrawn.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

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February 9th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 735 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 233rd Street from Jerome Avenue to the Bronx River, I beg to say that East 233rd Street from Jerome Avenue to the Bronx River was legally opened January 6th. 1897.

This is a most important thoroughfare running east and west on the northerly end of the 24th Ward, connecting Jerome Avenue and Van Courtlandt Park with Woodlawn Station.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.

Feb. 18th, 1897.

Hon. Douglas Mathews on,
Assembly Chamber, Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I just received a copy of your bill introduced on the 8th instant, No. 713, entitled:

"An Act amending section seventeen of the final maps, plans and profiles of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards of the city of New York, in relation to the grades of the Kingsbridge and Fordham Roads."

I would suggest that the words "and ten inches" in the ninth line of page 1, be stricken out, and that the words "commissioner and" be inserted after the word "Said" in the twelfth line of the second page. I would also suggest the following as an addition to Section 1.

"No change or alteration shall however be made of the map of section seventeen as now filed unless at the request or with the consent in writing of at least two-thirds of the owners of the property fronting on that part of the said Kingsbridge road where the said change of grade may occur."

I feel confident that if you had understood the actual effect of the bill as it now stands you would not have introduced it in its present form. The grades it provides for from Webster avenue would make a grade at the north cut intersection of Fordham road with Kingsbridge road, 113 feet above high water, or 10.5 feet above the grade shown on section 17 of the final maps and 7.5 feet above the grade proposed by this Department last year, and upon which a hearing was had. Such a change as your bill provides for, would damage all the property fronting on the east side of Kingsbridge road between Marion avenue and a point a short distance north of Cole's Lane. This will add to the cost of improvement considerably and which cost must be borne by the property owners.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Louis F. Haffen,
Commissioner.

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February 23rd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 793 of the Board of Aldermen, rescinding etc. the Ordinance for regulating and paving East 136th Street from Willis Avenue to Brook Avenue, with granite block, I beg to say that East 136th Street was legally opened August 6th. 1895.

I see no objection to approval of repealing resolution, for the reason that it is intended to substitute asphalt pavement in place of granite.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

February 23rd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 807 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Anton Rinschler to curb and lay cement sidewalk, 90 feet in length, in front of his premises on the south-east corner of Anna Place and Webster Avenue, I beg to say that Webster Avenue was legally opened November 24th. 1882. The avenue has been curbed and flagged and I see no objection to approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Feb .6th, 1897.

John A. Sleicher, Esq.,
Supervisor - "City Record."

Dear Sir:

Please furnish to this Department, as early as convenient, the following materials as called for in our requisition for stationery, etc. for 1897, viz:

I N K

Keuffel & Esser's COLUMBIA INK,
Turk's Drawing Ink,
Columbia Water Proof India Ink,
Liquid India Ink,

P E N C I L S .

Faber's H. H.B. 2 H. 3 H. 4H. 5H. 6H.

Brown, Green Red and Blue.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Louis F. Haffen,

Commissioner.

Office of the
CITY RECORD,
No.2 City Hall,
New York.

John A. Sleicher, Supervisor.

February 10, 1897.

The Hon. Louis F. Haffen,
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
No. 2622 Third Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant, requesting us to furnish certain INK and PENCILS. I beg to inform you that these articles were disallowed on your annual requisition. I presumed you had knowledge of that fact as I think it was discussed between us when your annual requisition came in. An appropriation of \$35,000 was made to your Department for "Preliminary Surveys; and the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, etc., including purchase and repair of Surveying Instruments, apparatus, etc."

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) John A. Sleicher,

Supervisor City Record.

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City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

Feb. 19th, 1897.

John A. Sleicher, Esq.,
Supervisor CITY RECORD.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, informs me that certain ink and pencils which I requested in my letter of Feb. 6th last, and as called for in our annual requisition, have been disallowed. You call my attention to an appropriation of \$35,000 made by the Board of Estimate for "PRELIMINARY SURVEYS, &c." If you examine our preliminary estimate upon which the final estimate is based and which is published in the CITY RECORD, you will find that no such appropriation was either asked or made for the Topographical Bureau of this Department, which bureau requires the articles called for.

If you still refuse to allow these articles for which no ~~appropriation~~ appropriation has been made, it will become necessary for me to call the attention of the Mayor and the other members of the Board of CITY RECORD to the fact, and to point out by contrast, the attention in this respect given by you to other Departments.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

Louis F. Haffen,

Commissioner.

(COPY.)

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD,
JOHN A. SLEICHER, SUPERVISOR,
No.2 City Hall,

New York February 24th, 1897.

The Hon. Louis F. Haffen,
Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d. and 24th
Wards.
No. 2622 Third Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I HAVE your letter of the 19th instant, in reference to your disallowed requisition for draughting materials. You state that no appropriation was asked for or made for the Topographical Bureau of your Department which requires the articles called for. This may be so, but the fact remains that this Department has not furnished your Topographical Bureau with draughting materials in the past and there is no precedent for furnishing them now or in the future. This matter was thoroughly explained to you personally and to your attorney when you were here over a year ago; and that explains why you got nothing last year. It will have to stand for the present year, unless the BOARD OF CITY RECORD over-rules in the matter, which is of course within its province. I have no objection to your taking up the subject with the BOARD, if you so desire, but I think an explanation should be made of the source from which you obtained your draughting supplies for the past year. They certainly were not furnished by this Department.

Respectfully, yours,
(Signed) John A. Sleicher,
Supervisor City Record.

(COPY.)



City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

MARCH 8th, 1897.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD,
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Chairman.

Dear Sir:

On Feb. 6th last I asked the Supervisor of the "City Record" to furnish this Department with certain materials as called for in our requisition for stationery, etc., for 1897. On Feb. 10th last I received a communication from Mr. Sleicher denying this request. On Feb. 19th last I made another request making it clear, as I thought, to the Supervisor why this Department should receive what it requested.

On Feb. 24th last I received a reply from Mr. Sleicher repeating his refusal to grant what was called for in our regular requisition.

Copies of the letters are enclosed. You will observe that Mr. Sleicher says in his letter of Feb. 24th last,

"but the fact remains that this Department (CITY RECORD) has not furnished your Topographical Bureau with draughting materials in the past and there is no precedent for furnishing them now or in the future."

He concludes with the further positive assertion that the CITY RECORD furnished no draughting supplies to this Department for the past year. In reply to this statement I beg to say that this

Department received from the CITY RECORD last year:

141 doz. drawing pencils - H. HH. HHH. &c.;
33 gross drawing pens;
16 large bottles of drawing ink;
about 300 small bottles of drawing ink;
6 triangles;

Thumb tacks, sponge rubbers, &c. Many other articles were asked for, such as blue print paper, Whatman's (cross section, profile and drawing) paper which were furnished to other Departments and are still furnished to them.

The former Supervisor of the "City Record" furnished this Department with blue print paper when required.

In 1895 we received from the CITY RECORD, 133 doz. drawing pencils - H. HH. HHH. &c.; 19 gross drawing pens; drawing ink; large and small bottles, and thumb tacks, &c.

I respectfully request that the Supervisor of the City Record be directed to furnish the materials necessary for the use of this Department and for which, requisition was duly made upon him and which, without any adequate reason he seeks to withhold.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 851 of the Board of Aldermen, to pave, with asphalt, on a concrete foundation, East 136th Street from Willis Avenue to Brown Place, I beg to say that East 136th Street from Willis Avenue to Brown Place was legally opened August 6th. 1895.

This street is built up with private residences, has been sewered, regulated and graded and should be paved with asphalt as requested in a petition by the property owners along the line of same.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



City of New York.
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23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 852 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave with granite block pavement East 136th Street from Brown Place to Brook Avenue, I beg to say that East 136th Street from Brown Place to Brook Avenue was legally opened August 6th. 1895.

This block has been sewered, regulated and graded and on account of its steep incline should be paved with granite block.

I recommend the approval of resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner .



City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave, Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 854 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Mott Avenue from Park Avenue ~~to~~ (Railroad Avenue East) to East 161st Street, I beg to say that Mott Avenue from Park Avenue to East 161st Street was ~~was~~ legally opened August 18th. 1896.

This is an important thoroughfare running along the ridge west of the Harlem railroad, built up with private residences, and connecting the Mott Haven station of the N.Y.C. & H.R.R. with Cedar Park and the proposed Concourse.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
Commissioner.



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No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st St.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, -
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 859 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Fulton Avenue from Spring Place to the 23rd Ward line, I beg to say that Fulton Avenue from Spring Place to the 23rd Ward line was legally opened March 16, 1896. This is an important avenue, beginning at Spring Place near the elevated station, and leading to ~~the~~ Crotona Park, north of 170th Street. The avenue is solidly built up with private residences, has been sewered and should be further improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.