



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. 860 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Spring Place from Third Avenue to Boston Road, I beg to say that Spring Place from Third Avenue to ~~the~~ Boston Road was ceded November 8th. 1894. This street has been sewered and is an important crosstown road leading to the elevated station.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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March 12th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 864 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Crotona Park North from Arthur Avenue to East 175th Street, I beg to say that Crotona Park North from Arthur Avenue to East 175th Street was legally opened December 16th. 1896.

This avenue is laid out along the northern boundary of Crotona Park running east and west and will connect Crotona Park near the new municipal building with the Southern Boulevard Parkway.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 12th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
MAYOR.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting resolution No. 877 of the Board of Aldermen for report, I beg to say that the necessity of new steam rollers is owing to the fact that it is proposed to macadamize in the neighborhood of forty (40) miles in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards this year. Many of the roads in the new part of the Twenty-fourth Ward are in bad condition and it is essential that the road rolling plant of this Department be increased as contemplated by said resolution.

The same reasons are applicable to the necessity of repairing the two Aveling & Porter steam road rollers which we have at present, as provided for in resolution No. 878. These rollers have been in active service for a long time and with repairs, they can be made practically as good as new. I recommend approval of resolutions No. 877 and No. 878.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



City of New York.
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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 1st, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Chairman - Sinking Fund Commission.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully call your attention to the necessity of the new building in Crotona Park, now completed, being accepted on behalf of the city at the earliest moment possible.

I enclose copy of communication in reference to this subject that I addressed to Commissioner Collis on February 26th last; the construction of the building being under his direction. I understand it is his desire that I communicate with you and I hereby do so, urging the city's acceptance of the building in question for the reasons stated in my letter to General Collis, and which I request, that you consider as embodied in this letter.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Louis F. Haffen,

Commissioner.



March 18th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

As I understand that the new building for this Department at Crotona Park is completed and ready for occupancy, I respectfully request that prompt action be taken in order that the public business will not be impeded any longer than necessary, - so that this Department may occupy the same without delay.

As additional reason permit me to say that the lease of the premises No. 2622 Third Avenue occupied as the Main Office

will shortly expire, and the Board of Education is anxious to secure possession of the school building at No.3080 Third Avenue now occupied by the Construction Bureau of this Department.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

To the Honorable

The Board of Street Opening & Improvement.

Gentlemen:

As property owners affected, we hereby respectfully petition your Board not to alter or change the grade shown in red, on map of Kingsbridge Road from Webster Avenue to East 192nd Street (Primrose Street), and of Fordham Road from Kingsbridge Road to Tiebout Avenue, adopted by the Commissioner of Street Improvements on November 27th, 1895.

We hereby withdraw also by this instrument, any opposition that we have made or suggested to this map, or any part of it.

Owner.	Feet.
Signed - Chares Keary, P.J.Keary,	775
G. S. Sheppard,	33
Geo.W. Howie,	52
Wm.H.Valentine	47
Mrs John Wierer,	60
Wm.H.Morris,	92
Irving S. Balcom,	50
Robert Coddington,	125
Charles D.Valentine, Extr.	52
D.C.Tefft,	50
W.W.Edwards	80

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Adopted

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th 1895.

Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards

*Sec. 17 - final map
adopted June 17-96
Ordered filed*

PROFILES
OF
KINGSBRIDGE ROAD
FROM
WEBSTER AVE. TO E. 192ND ST. (PRIMROSE ST.)
AND OF
FORDHAM ROAD
FROM
KINGSBRIDGE ROAD TO TIEBOUT AVE.
in the 24th Ward of the City of New York
established by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th
under authority of Chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890 and amendatory

Dated, New York, November 26th 1895
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU

Chief Topographical Engineer
and Engineer of Concourse

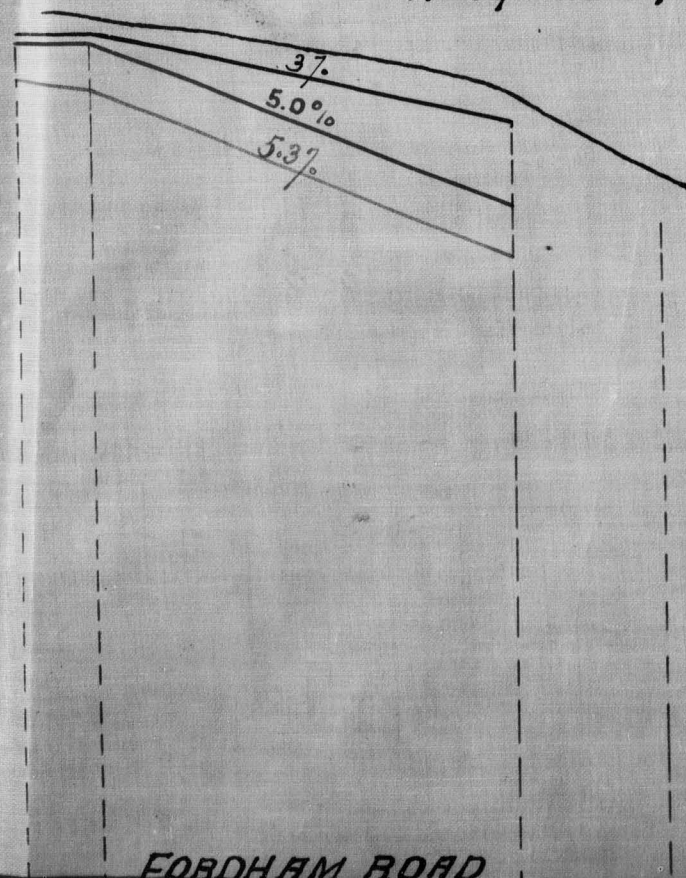
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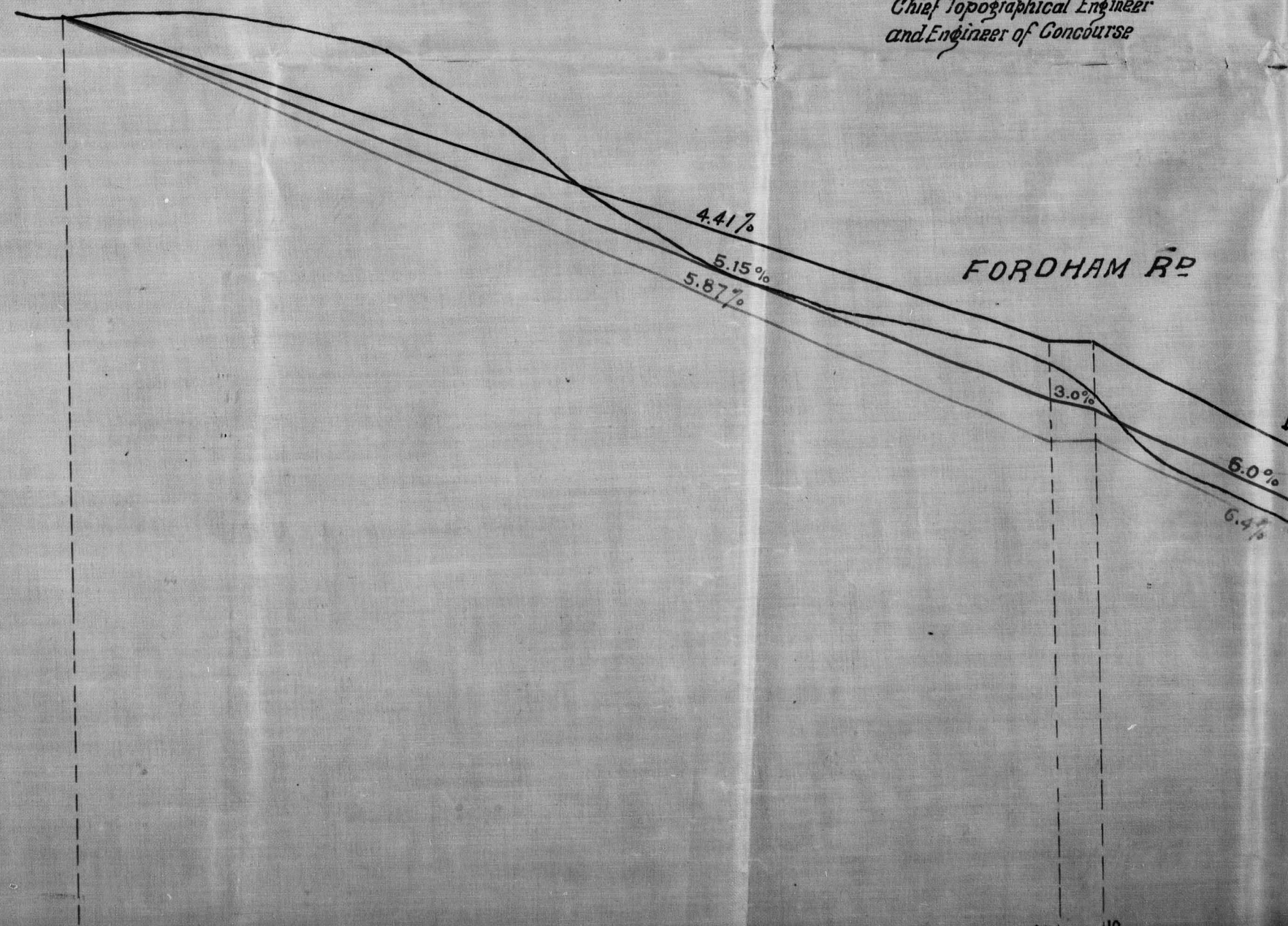
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FORDHAM RD

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FORDHAM ROAD



E. 192ND ST.

Chief Topographical Engineer
and Engineer of Concourse

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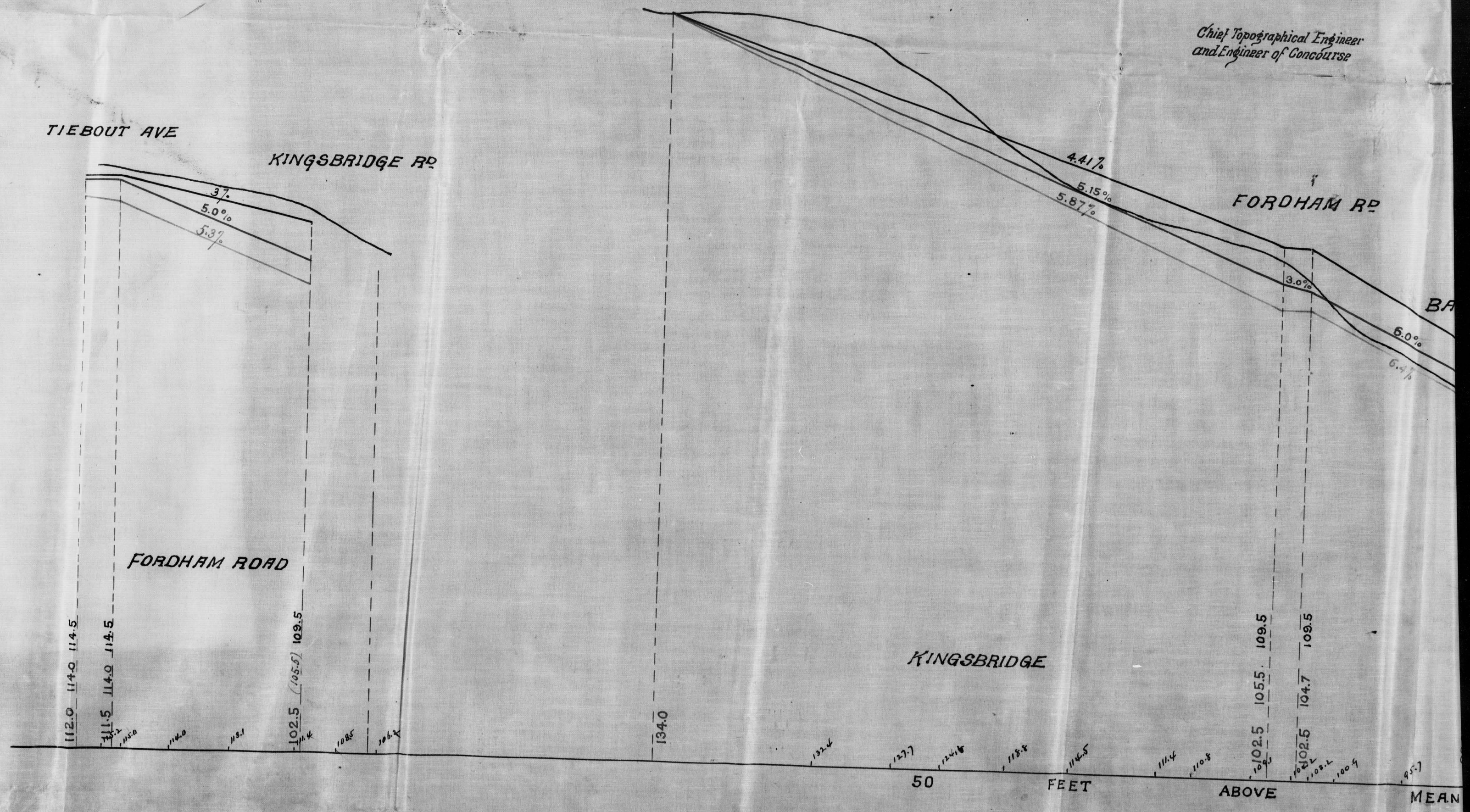
FORDHAM RD

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FORDHAM ROAD

KINGSBRIDGE

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PROFILES
OF
KINGSBRIDGE ROAD
FROM
R AVE. TO E. 192ND ST. (PRIMROSE ST.)

AND OF
FORDHAM ROAD
FROM
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th Ward of the City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards
er 545 of the Laws of 1890 and amendatory acts

Chief Topographical Engineer
and Engineer of Concourse

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

The black line shows the present surface.

The black figures are the elevations of the present surface along the existing *KINGSBRIDGE Rd*

The green " " grades previously established *ad*

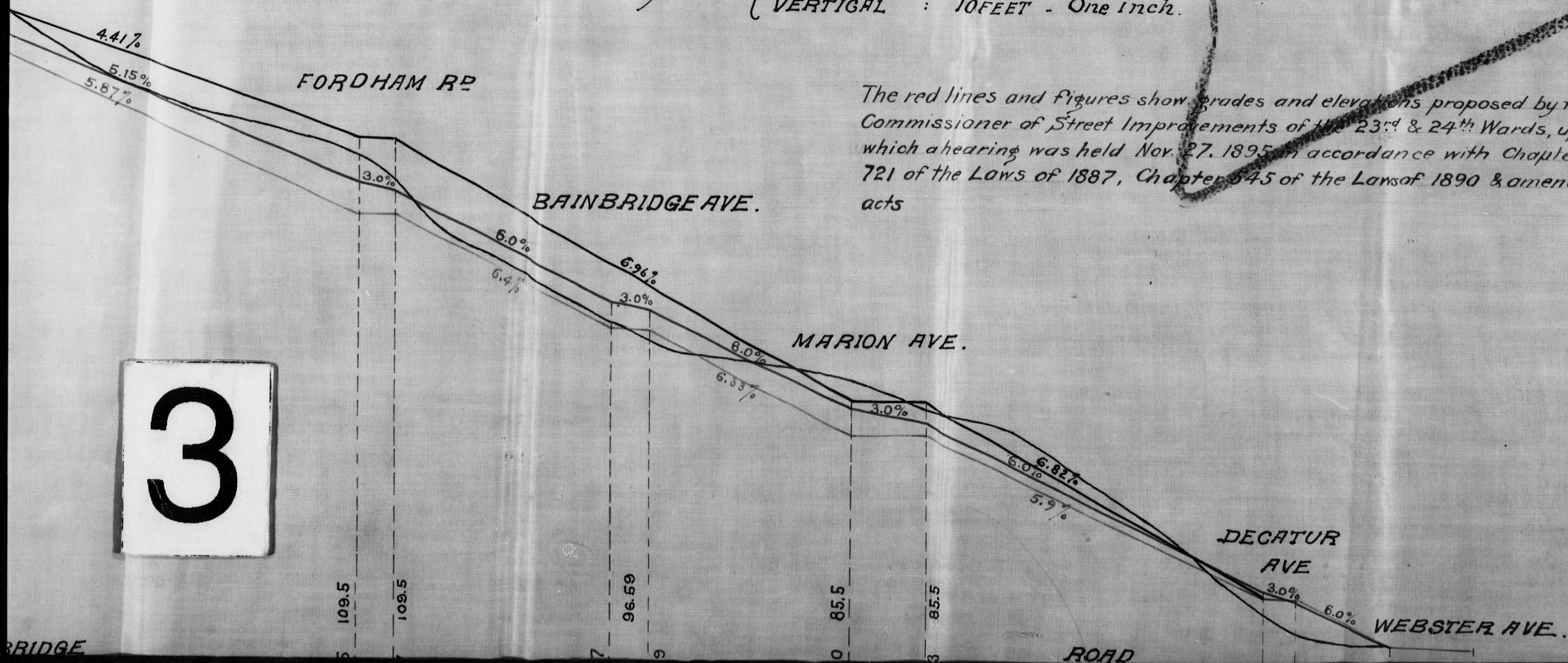
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The red " " hereby established.

Ratio of inclination is given on the shorter side

SCALES { HORIZONTAL : 80 FEET - One inch.
VERTICAL : 10 FEET - One inch.

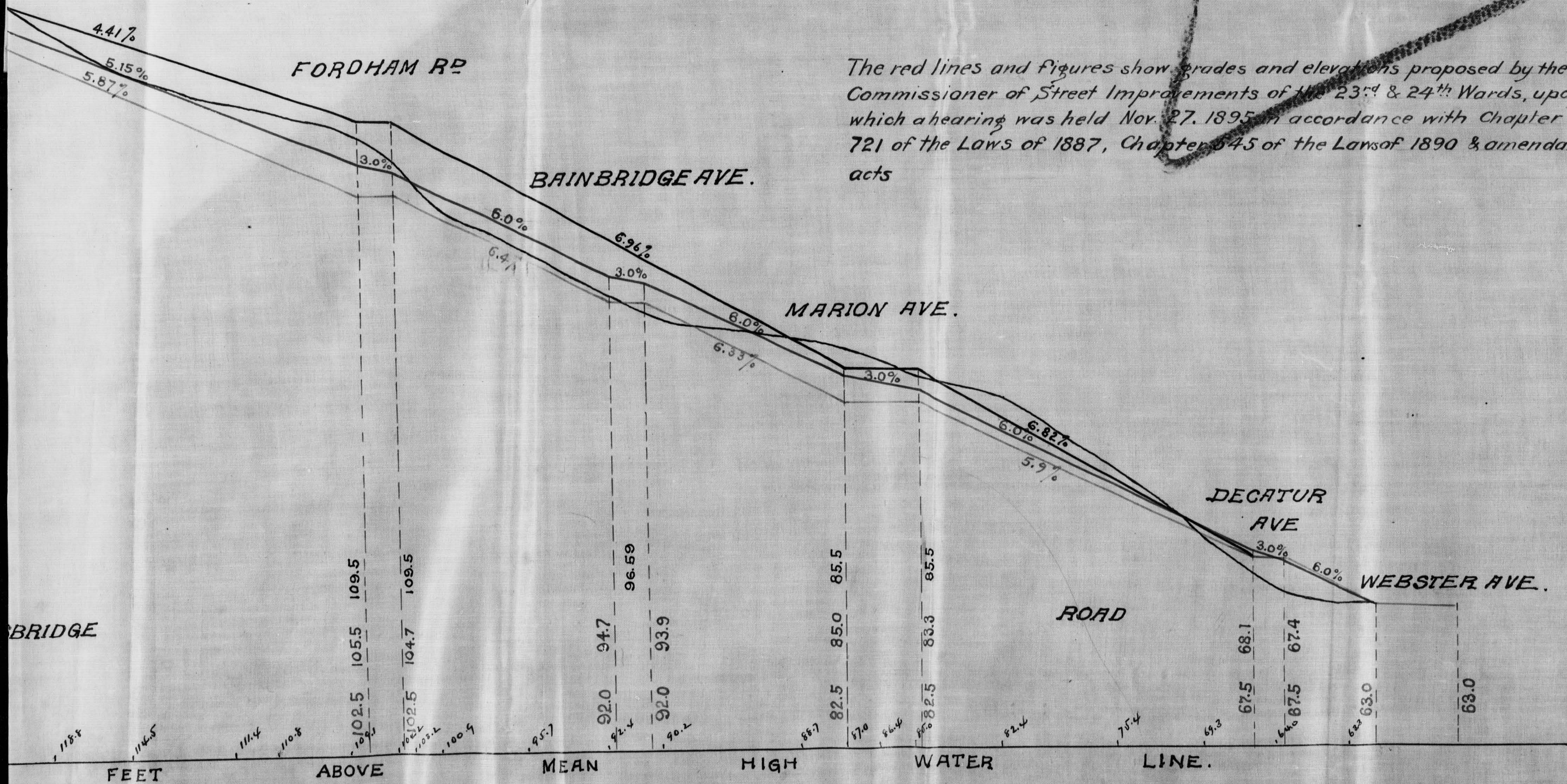
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Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd & 24th Wards, upon
which a hearing was held Nov. 27, 1895 in accordance with Chapter
721 of the Laws of 1887, Chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890 & amendatory
acts



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The red lines and figures show grades and elevations proposed by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd & 24th Wards, upon which a hearing was held Nov. 27, 1895 in accordance with Chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, Chapter 645 of the Laws of 1890 & amendatory acts



December 12th, 1895.

BOARD OF STREET OPENING & IMPROVEMENT,

Gentlemen:

I hereby approve of and give my consent to the grade, shown in red, (as I am informed), on map adopted by the Commissioner of Street Improvements on November 27th, 1895, showing Kingsbridge Road, from Webster Avenue to East 192nd Street (Primrose Street), and of Fordham Road, from Kingsbridge Road to Tiebout Avenue.

I herenly also withdraw any opposition that I have made in this matter and I also wish to have your Honorable Board consider my name withdrawn from any petition in opposition to this map or any part of it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) P. J. Keary.

775 feet front.

Fordham - Dec.13,1895.

Commissioner Haffen:

Dear Sir:

I approve heartily of your new profile of Kingsbridge Road, from Webster avenue to the junction of Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road, which Mr.Briggs showed me last evening. I do not see how you could have been more just to the traveling public and property owners.

I regret not being able to be present at the meeting to-day, but my son will represent me.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Wm. H. Morris.

Department of Street Improvements of the 23d & 24th Wards

Feb. 18th, 1897.

Hon. Douglas Mathewson,
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 ON 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.

(COPY.)

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Sir:

As property owners interested and affected
we hereby respectfully petition your Honor to veto the
bill submitted for your consideration of Assemblyman
Mathewson, entitled:

"An Act amending section seventeen of the final
"maps 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,"

if said bill calls for a grade of more than six feet in a
hundred in the first section of said bill, which section
called originally for a grade of six feet ten inches. We
have not seen the bill in its final form and therefore
can only protest against it in its original shape. With
permission of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of
the 23rd and 24th Wards, we annex hereto and make a part
of our protest a copy of a letter dated February 18th
1897 addressed to Assemblyman Mathewson in reference to
the bill, by the said Commissioner of Street Improvements.

Anticipating favorable action by your Honor, we
remain

Respectfully,

(Signed) Patrick J. Keary)
Charles Keary,) eight hundred feet front.

Maria Coddington,	132 feet front,
Kate H. Morris,	180 feet front,
Mary A. Hickey,	88 feet front,
Geo. W. Howie,	54 feet front,
Wm. H. Valentine,	47 feet front,
W.W. Edwards,	148 feet front,
Robert L. Merkent,	25 feet front,

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

March 23rd. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r :

My Dear Sir:-

I hereby protest against approval of Assemblyman Mathewson's bill, amending Section 17 of the Final Maps and Profiles, a hearing upon which is announced to take place before your Honor on Thursday the 25th instant.

The bill establishes a grade that is opposed by all the property owners with the exception of one, and a grade that is prejudicial to the interests of the community in general.

Quoting from a letter that I wrote to Assemblyman Mathewson on February 18th. last, protesting against the bill in its present form, I repeat,

"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 im-
"provement considerably and which cost must be borne by
"the property owners."

The bill is in the interest of a single property owner who through legislative act seeks to dictate what the grade in question shall be, irrespective of the rights of all the other property owners affected, irrespective of any power that the properly constituted authorities might seek in their best judgment to exercise in this matter, and irrespective in fact of any interest, but his own. This bill, as you will observe, is mandatory and it seems to me that the authorities of this City, and not the members of the Assembly and Senate are the proper persons to estab-

lish the grade of a city street.

I believe in fact that this bill is unconstitutional as it alters an established highway. I refer you to Section 18 of Article III of the State Constitution, which provides that the Legislature shall not pass a private or local bill for laying out, opening, ALTERING, working or discontinuing roads, highways or alleys, &c.

This measure cannot by any stretch of imagination be considered a general bill for the reason that there is nothing general about it. It is as a matter of fact purely a private measure, designed in the interests of one individual and as against the interests of the community in general and the property owners immediately affected.

Kingsbridge Road will be a most important thoroughfare and the grade which this bill fixes is excessive beyond justification. It is as steep almost as the steepest grade in the roads crossing the Alps, which according to a recognized authority does not exceed a rise of one foot in thirteen. The grade provided for by this bill gives a rise of one foot in about every fourteen feet and a half. The established grade which is steep enough, gives a rise of one foot in about sixteen and a half. It will be readily understood that the steeper the grade, the greater the cost of maintenance, which is a very important item to be considered.

The wear and tear upon horses and vehicles and the difficulty to man as well as beast in hauling, are things to be considered also in establishing grades.

The present bill has not a single feature to recommend it, unless it be the selfish interest of one individual. Being in my opinion unconstitutional it would, if it should become a law, involve the city finally in endless litigation.

The bad precedent it furnishes, per se, should I think be sufficient to obtain your Honor's disapproval. Confidently expecting such action on your part, I remain

Respectfully,

Ronno F. Haffner
Commissioner.



City of New York.
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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 30th.1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 951 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., Welch Street (East 189th Street) from Webster Avenue to Fordham Road, I beg to say that Welch Street (East 189th Street) from Webster Avenue to Fordham Road was legally opened February 10th.1896.

A sewer has been constructed in said street lately and the work of grading should be proceeded with.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

March 30th 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 954 of the Board of Aldermen, to re-regulate, re-grade and pave with granite block pavement, St. Ann's Avenue ~~from~~ from the Southern Boulevard to East 138th Street, I beg to say that St. Ann's Avenue was legally opened August 1st. 1870. This is one of the main thoroughfares in the 23rd Ward, being paved with granite north of 138th Street and should be paved southerly to the Southern Boulevard.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 1000 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., East 169th Street (Arcularius Place) from Jerome Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, I beg to say that East 169th Street (Arcularius Place) from Jerome Avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse was legally opened September 16, 1896. A number of buildings are already on the line of this street and a sewer has been constructed also.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 1 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc. Bungay Street from East 149th Street to the Long Island Sound, I beg to say that Bungay Street from 149th Street to the Long Island Sound was legally opened November 8th. 1888. A large outlet sewer runs through this street, causing a high embankment in the middle of the same, making it dangerous to travel.

The street should be graded the full width and I therefore recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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23rd and 24th Wards.
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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 8 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc. Sherman Avenue from 161st Street to 164th Street, I beg to say that Sherman Avenue from 161st Street to 164th Street was ~~legally~~ legally opened December 27th. 1894.

A sewer in said avenue has been completed and the abutting owners are ready to build upon the line of the same as soon as the street is graded.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
Commissioner.



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23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 9 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc. 165th Street from Third Avenue to Webster Avenue, I beg to say that an Ordinance similar to the present one was approved by ~~the~~ your Honor on September 29th. 1896. The work of regulating, grading, etc., 165th Street is now under contract.

There is no necessity, therefore, for this resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor;

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 11 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc. Brown Place from the Southern Boulevard to 137th Street, I beg to say that Brown Place from 132nd Street to 138th Street was legally opened September 23rd. 1895.

It is important that this street should be regulated and graded as soon as possible but I would recommend that the ordinance be amended so as to read "from 132nd to 138th Street" instead of "from the Southern Boulevard to 137th Street."

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
COMMISSIONER.

April 5th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 12 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc. PLIMPTON AVENUE from 169th Street to Bossobel Avenue, I beg to say that an Ordinance similar to the present one was approved by your Honor on June 17th. 1896. The work of regulating, etc. this avenue is now under contract.

There is no necessity, therefore, for this resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.

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Law Department.
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

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New York, April 5th, 1897.

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V. B. Livingston, Esq.,

Secretary, Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

S i r : -

I have received your letter, dated February 9, 1897, informing me that at a meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement held on the 5th of February, 1897, you were directed to ask my opinion as to whether the two cities of New York and Yonkers have the power to enter into an agreement to share the expense of building a sewer, which it is desirable to construct from Yonkers through the Annexed District.

The request is also made that if there is no present power to make such an arrangement, I draw a bill to be introduced into the Legislature giving authority to make such an arrangement by which the City of Yonkers should bear a portion of the expense of such sewer.

The matter, I understand, is not one of pressing immediate importance. It seems to me clear that without legislation there is no authority, at least on the part of the City of New York, to make such an agreement as you mention.

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In view of the fact that it will doubtless be desirable in the course of the next few years that some arrangements be made with the City of Yonkers in regard to the construction and use of sewers in the region adjacent to the boundary line between the two cities, authority should be conferred upon some public officers to make suitable contracts on behalf of the City of New York with the City of Yonkers.

I would suggest that this matter be called to the attention of the proper authorities of the City of Yonkers, and I shall be glad to co-operate with them in preparing a bill for introduction into the Legislature which will meet the difficulty.

Very respectfully,

Francis M. Scott
Counsel to the Corporation.

Club House 174th St
Jerome Ave N York 35th

Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

would you kindly inform
the property owners in
the neighborhood if there
is any redress for them in
the careless way this sewer
is getting built in front
of our house. it is a small
end of sewer just complet
ed. On Jerome are the
contractor. Mr. Collins
cannot get men to work
for him and it is torn
up. will not pay men
this avenue has been

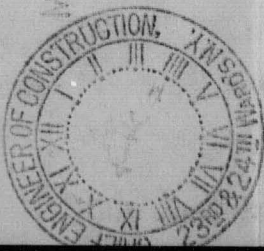
been in this condition
for the past four years
My Father has been
dead four years and
was very attentive all
his life to business. I
did not care to break
up the home I was born
and brought up in so
I have tried very hard
under difficulty to
remain with bad roads
and that terrible in-
justice for this out of town
vicinity the Rainier Tax
bill. You with your usual
kindness give this your

immediate attention and noted
courtesy to the ladies. see that this
is completed in the proper time and
put in competent hands. and if
the ladies vote you can command
my vote at any time. Dear Mayor
Strong I want to also thank you
very much for allowing the curries
to speed on this road last fall
as this Hotel was very much benefited

and after waiting so
long a time I trust things
will come our way very
soon.

very Respectfully
yours
Rebecca Ellsworth-
Sibbens
Club House and
Hotel 174th St
Jerome. ave.

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City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

April 15th. 1897.

Mrs. Rebecca Ellsworth,

Madam:-

Replying to your letter to his Honor the Mayor, complaining of sewer construction in your locality, and which letter was transmitted to this office, I beg to say by direction of Commissioner Haffen, that fair progress is now being made upon the sewer in question. The trench has to be excavated largely through rock, and it is not possible to make as ~~rapid~~ rapid progress as desired. The Commissioner will hasten the construction of this sewer, as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Kennedy

Secretary.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

April 15th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter of March 26th last, transmitting to me for report thereon, a communication from Mrs. Rebecca Ellsworth of 174th Street, requesting the completion of Jerome Avenue sewer, I enclose herewith copy of a reply sent to Mr. Ellsworth.

Respect fully,

Louis F. Hoff

Commissioner.



April 30th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Might I ask the favor of a formal visit from your Honor on some day in the near future to inaugurate fittingly the possession of the new municipal building in Crotona Park by this department - the day, to be selected by you ?

Respectfully,

Conrad B. Hoff

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 1st. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

I have been informed that at a hearing before your Honor yesterday on a bill in relation to Fulton Avenue, entitled

AN ACT To authorize the alteration of section ten of the final maps and profiles of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth wards of the city of New York,

certain representations were made to you which I deem it proper to correct, so as to ~~avoid~~ avoid not only an unnecessary and unwarranted change of street lay out and lines, but subsequent confusion in the bureau of street opening.

Title to the entire length of Fulton Avenue vested in the city on March 16th, 1896, in accordance with the action of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, and the filed maps. The city has made preliminary awards already for damages as well as making the assessments.

This bill is simply in the interest of a single property owner, and it is a question whether his interest, or the general public interest, shall be conserved.

A glance at the final maps will show the necessity for the street as laid out, and the consequent reason for your disapproval of this bill.

If measures of this character are permitted to be enacted into

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Fulton Avenue.

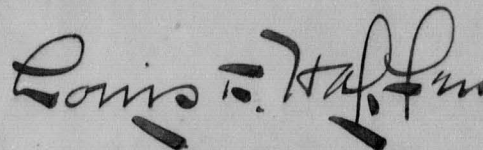
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law, we shall never have any final maps of the 23rd and 24th Wards, and we are liable to drift back into the chaotic condition that we were some years ago.

I cannot urge your Honor's disapproval of this measure to strongly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis T. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 10th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 134 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 198TH STREET from Webster Avenue to Jerome Avenue, I beg to say that East 198th Street (Travers Street) from Jerome Avenue to Webster Avenue, was legally opened December 10th. 1896.

A sewer has lately been constructed in this street, leaving it dangerous for travel and the regulating and grading of the same should follow as soon as possible.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



City of New York
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23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

M a y 10th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 135 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., BATHGATE AVENUE from Wendover avenue to East 188th Street, I beg to say that this avenue was legally opened April 14th. 1897.

This avenue is an important thoroughfare running north and south, is well built up on both sides, has been sewered and should be further improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 10th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 136 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., SPENCER PLACE from East 144th Street to East 150th Street, I beg to say that Spencer Place was legally opened from East 144th Street to East 150th Street, July 10th. 1896.

The improvement of this avenue has been asked for by the property owners along the line, on account of its present condition.

A number of houses are almost inaccessible.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
 Commissioner.



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LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 10th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 137 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 167TH STREET from Sheridan Avenue to the New York and Harlem Railroad, I beg to say that East 167th Street from Sheridan Avenue to the New York and Harlem Railroad was legally opened September 8th. 1896.

This is a most important crosstown connection between Jerome avenue at the intersection of Boscobel avenue and the station of the New York and Harlem Railroad at 168th Street, and should be regulated and graded.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen

Commissioner.



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Third Avenue and 177th Street.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

,May 10th., 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 M a y o r:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.153 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., TIFFANY STREET from Intervale Avenue to the East River, I beg to say that title to said street from Longwood avenue to Intervale avenue vested in the City on January 6th.1897, and from Longwood avenue to the East River on March 7th.1894.

A large outlet sewer was lately completed in Tiffany Street from Longwood avenue to the East River, and the regulating and grading should follow as soon as possible.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 10th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 167 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting John P. Dunn and William Coogan, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., MARION AVENUE from East 187th Street to East 189th Street, I beg to say that this avenue was legally opened April 28th. 1896.

I know of no objection to ~~the~~ approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.

Office of the Board of
Street Opening and Improvement,
Room 10, Stewart Building.

New York, May 12th 1897.

Hon: William. L. Strong.

Mayor.

Sir.

At a meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, held on the 7th instant, the enclosed communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, suggesting an agreement with the City of Yonkers, to share the expense of building ~~a~~ certain sewers, was presented and read, and on motion, was referred to the Mayor, with authority to communicate with the proper authorities of the City of Yonkers in relation thereto.

I am, very respectfully,

W. B. Livingston.

Secretary.

Enclosure.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 17th.1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.230 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., TRINITY AVENUE from Westchester Avenue to 161st Street, I beg to say that Trinity Avenue from Westchester Avenue to 161st Street was legally opened July 10th.1896.

The avenue is already improved north of 161st Street and should be continued south to Westchester Avenue, so as to afford a continuous connection.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HOFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 17th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 241 of the Board of Aldermen, rescinding resolution for re-regulating, re-grading and paving St. ANN'S AVENUE from the Southern Boulevard to 138th Street, I beg to say that St. Ann's Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to 138th Street was legally opened August 1st. 1870.

As it has been determined to asphalt St. Ann's Avenue in lieu of using granite block pavement, I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 17th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 242 of the Board of Aldermen, to re-regulate, re-grade and pave with asphalt ST. ANN'S AVENUE from the Southern Boulevard to East 138th Street, I beg to say that St. Ann's Avenue from the Southern Boulevard to 138th Street was legally opened August 1st. 1870.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respect fully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 17th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 247 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., ANDREWS AVENUE FROM East 181st Street (University Avenue) to Fordham Road, I beg to say that Andrews Avenue from 181st Street to Fordham Road was legally opened October 6th. 1896.

The improving of this avenue was asked for by the property owners along the line, including the New York University.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen
 Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 25th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 297 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., MORRIS AVENUE from the east side of the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, I beg to say that Morris Avenue from the east side of the N.Y. & H.R.R. to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse was legally opened April 14th. 1897.

The avenue is opened south of the N.Y. & H.R.R., and northerly from Claremont Park. The regulating of the section between the railroad and the Concourse will develop a large and important district, ^{and} also form a continuous thoroughfare north and south.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 25th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 298 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., EAST 169TH STREET from Jerome Avenue to Boscobel Avenue, I beg to say that this street is a connecting link between two main avenues and should be opened and improved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street.

LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
 COMMISSIONER.

May 25th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
 Mayor:

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 299 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, etc., CYPRESS AVENUE from St. Mary's Park to the Bronx Kills, I beg to say that Cypress Avenue from St. Mary's Park to the Bronx Kills was legally opened October 23rd. 1896. A section of this avenue has already been opened south of the Southern Boulevard and the improvement of the same should continue northerly, thereby affording access to St. Mary's Park.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.