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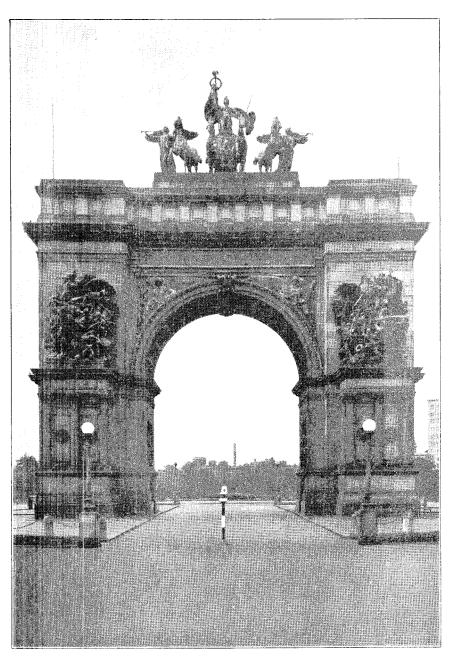
Hon. James J. Walker,

Mayor of The City of New York,

Sir—In compliance with the provisions of the Charter, I send you herewith the report of the work undertaken and accomplished in this Department for the years 1926—1927.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. BROWNE, Commissioner.



SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ARCH PROSPECT PARK—MAIN ENTRANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Parks of the Borough of Brooklyn has jurisdiction over 2,822.1 acres of land, with a total appraised valuation at the end of 1925 of \$108,152,250. This area is comprised of 51 parks, with an area of 2,255.8 acres; 7 combined parks and playgrounds, with an area of 94.71 acres; 26 playgrounds with an area of 78.07 acres; 18 parkways, with an area of 389.49 acres, and other miscellaneous property of 4.03 acres.

The work involved in the maintenance of the Department includes a number of occupations, as well as most branches of engineering construction, such as the construction, maintenance and operation of parks, playgrounds, water supply and drainage systems, buildings, bridges, sea walls, jetties, groins, bulkheads and roadway and walk pavements of all classes.

There is employed in the Department a yearly force, varying in numbers of from 600 to 700 employees, representing the trades of carpentry, housesmithing, blacksmithing, painting, wheelwright, plumbing, tinsmithing, electrical work, machinist, masonry, bricklaying, harnessmaking, arboricultural, horticultural and forestry work, and clerical and executive forces.

Organization.

All heads of bureaus—Superintendent, Engineer, Supervisor of Recreation, Chief Clerk, etc.—were placed in full charge of their departments without interference and were alone held responsible for the results of their entire bureau. All of these men have had a great many years of Park experience, and the results, judged by the great number of improvements made and the general appearance of the premises, show that the placement of confidence in the directional forces of the departmental work was fully justified.

Equipment, Plant and Properties.

A personal survey of the departmental equipment, plant and condition of all properties showed that improvements were necessary to efficiently carry out work of the department. Many changes have been made and a marked improvement is noticeable.

General Upkeep.

The upkeep of the parks, playgrounds and parkways is regularly looked after by the labor forces for cleanliness and minor repairs and replacements and by the mechanical forces for major repairs to buildings, water supply, drainage, fences, etc.; the laborers have section foremen over them, who have a number of parks and playgrounds under their care. All section foremen were given different sections this year and the labor units for each section reallotted. The work is directed by the General Foreman and supervised by the Superintendent and Commissioner, who continually visit the

different places. There has been no laxity in maintenance operations, as shown by the fact that the receipt of complaints of poor conditions has practically ceased. The walks are regularly swept and kept free of litter, snow and ice; the lawns are cut, patched and fertilized; the shrubs and trees are seasonally pruned and sprayed; the walks repaired, fences repaired and painted, comfort stations and shelter houses repaired and painted inside and out and kept in an orderly and sanitary condition.

Snow Removal.

The work of opening up and keeping open the roads and walks during the winter season after heavy snowstorms received considerable attention and was so perfected during the year that it was unnecessary at any time to close off the roads or walks for this reason. This was accomplished by organizing the forces and increasing the equipment. The entire labor force, including all other available men such as gardeners, climbers, pruners, etc., cease all other work and immediately report to assigned points for snow removal at times of snowstorms; also all transportation vehicles, motor trucks and horse-drawn trucks are automatically released from their regular work to the carting of snow. In addition to the above, one of the greatest helps was the increase in efficient snow plows during the year, as we now have eight available, an increase of seven over last year. The blades were purchased and rigged to our heavy auto trucks by the mechanical department.

Skating, Sleighing and Skiing.

Considerable pleasure was afforded the public again this winter through skating, sleighing and skiing. All of the artificial ponds in the small parks and playgrounds were flooded and scraped and cleaned. Part of the slopes in Prospect Park and other parks were kept banked with snow so as to prolong the period for sleighing and skiing, which was greatly appreciated and fully indulged in by the younger folks in particular. Prospect Park is, of course, the main skating point and the ice was given particular attention. No opportunity was lost to the public for enjoying this healthful sport, as the lakes were opened immediately after cold spells whenever our test borings showed sufficient thickness of ice to permit skating in safety. Tests were made of the thickness twice daily during the freezing weather. A novelty feature introduced to skaters this winter was the illumination of the lakes with streamers of colored electric lights strung from shore to shore. This gave a very gala effect, which was further enlivened by a twenty-piece band which played throughout the evening.

Prospect Park-Traffic Regulations.

When I first took over the duties as Commissioner of this department I was astounded by the number of automobile accidents in Prospect Park.

A thorough study of this seemed to bring out the fact that the numerous curves in the roadways caused the bright headlights of one car to blind the driver of a car going in the opposite direction. It then occurred to me that most of these accidents could be eliminated by changing the roads subjected to the heaviest traffic to one-way. This was inaugurated on February 6, 1926. A marked improvement was immediately noticed, reducing the number of accidents to a very considerable degree; in fact, practically eliminating the danger of accidents to date, as well as facilitating the movement of traffic.

Lake Wall.

Another great improvement in Prospect Park was the construction of a masonry wall entirely around Prospect Park Lake. This work was started in 1926 and completed in 1927 and entirely accomplished with departmental forces and budget allowances.

Corporate Stock Improvements—Shore Road.

Of course, the outstanding improvement during these two years was the completion of two sections of the Shore Road Drive extending from Fourth Avenue to 83rd Street. Funds are available and appropriations have been made for the completion of the third section of this improvement extending from 83rd Street to Oliver Street and we are looking forward to the completion of the balance in the near future.

Other Improvements.

Numerous other improvements have been made or are being made from special appropriations. This work is enumerated in the engineering section.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECTION

Horticulture

The number of flower beds throughout the borough in various parks has been doubled during the past two years and the old beds were enlarged. At the Flower Garden in Prospect Park alone there were 197,000 plants. In the Greenhouse at Prospect Park there were 112,000 plants raised. Over 100,000 bulbs were set out in the Fall in numerous beds throughout the borough.

MECHANICAL DIVISION

The following work was accomplished by the Mechanical Division during these two years.

Bedford Park.

Extensive repairs were made to the Children's Museum. The outside of the main building was painted. Comfort station was rebuilt.

Betsy Head Playground.

The Athletic Building was entirely overhauled, new roof constructed, new plumbing installed, and new electric wiring and fixtures; also new heating system. The swimming pool was rebuilt. A new concrete coping was constructed around the running track, the arbor repaired and painted, and fences around the Farm Garden repaired and painted.

Canarsie Park.

Comfort station was renovated, new water supply system installed and toilet equipment replaced. A solid wooden fence seven feet high was erected around Schenck Homestead.

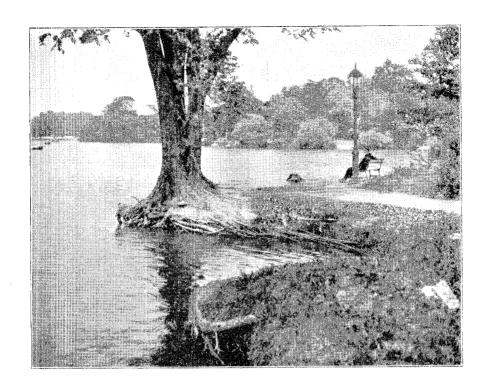
City Park.

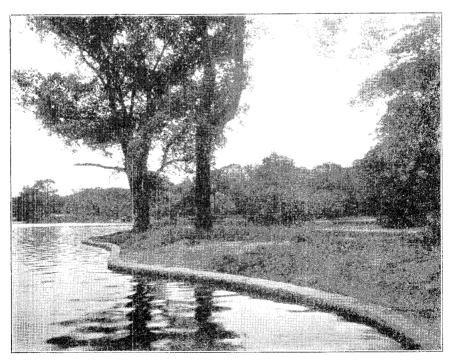
Comfort station heating plant was entirely overhauled. New parts installed, plumbing, lighting and sewage systems repaired. Small area of cement sidewalk replaced and small building for playground attendant erected. All fences repaired.

Dyker Beach Park.

Comfort station partly rebuilt and painted. Drinking fountain repaired and painted.

Comfort stations at the following parks and playgrounds were repaired: Bensonhurst Park, Bushwick Park, Bushwick Playground, Cooper Park, Carroll Park, Fort Greene Park, Fort Greene Playground, Fort Hamilton Park, Fulton Park, Highland Park, Irving Square Park, Lincoln Terrace Park, Linton Park, McCarren Park, McKibbin Playground, McKinley





PROSPECT PARK LAKE SHORE LINE BEFORE AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL

Park, McLaughlin Park, New Lots Playground, Red Hook Park and Playground, Saratoga Park, Seaside Park, Sunset Park, Tompkins Park and Winthrop Park. These repairs consisted chiefly of plumbing, heating and electrical work; also in all of the above parks and playgrounds repairs were made to the fences, drinking fountains and sidewalks.

Ocean Parkway.

A number of sewer basins were rebuilt, pipe connections replaced, broken curbs replaced and repaired.

Parade Grounds.

Repaired heating, water, sewage and lighting systems and made replacements where necessary in Athletic Building; also constructed large stand for Lindbergh celebration and erected foot ball goal posts. Repaired and replaced base ball back stops and installed new water supply system.

Underhill Gore.

Entirely removed old fence and erected and painted new pipe rail fence.

Prospect Park.

General repairs to all buildings and erection of new section to Green-house.

Built new masonry wall entirely around Prospect Park Lake. This was a very important improvement as the banks of the lake were being washed away and very old and valuable trees and shrubs were being undermined and ready to fall. Most of these were saved with this operation.

The Litchfield Mansion was painted throughout both inside and out and extensive repairs made to the roof.

All the horseshoeing for the 30 departmental horses was done in the blacksmith shop; also harness repairs and replacements for same.

All rolling equipment, automobiles, sprayers, wagons, snow plows and lawn mowers were repaired in shops, stands for skating erected and decorated, lights for lake decoration strung along the borders and across the narrow parts of the lake.

Rebuilt walk basins and manholes, constructed new walk drains and repaired and painted fences.

Miscellaneous.

Reglazed private buildings near playgrounds where glass had been broken by ball players playing in the playgrounds. Repaired and built new fences around and in small playgrounds and in unnamed parks. Decorated Christmas trees were put out for the holidays. Made numerous signs to be placed in parks, playgrounds and on parkways and erected same. Made general repairs to all drinking fountains and fences throughout the department.

RECREATIONAL SECTION

Our Recreation Bureau has been keeping step with the widespread march of progress that is taking place throughout the country in the development of new areas for recreation.

During the past two years exceptional advances have been made by the construction of eight new children's playgrounds in various sections of the borough. Some of these plots had been the property of the city for as long as ten years but due to lack of funds their development and equipment were not possible. These eight new playgrounds were constructed and equipped with the most modern playground equipment that could be secured and now provide close to fourteen additional acres of play space for thousands of children who previously were forced to find their opportunities for play on the crowded traffic arteries of our city.

A study recently made by this department brings to light the fact that at least thirty additional playgrounds will be required in order to properly provide play areas for children in the various sections of the borough who have been entirely neglected in the former purchase and development of parks and playgrounds.

Insistent demands are continually being made upon this department to improve areas now undeveloped under our jurisdiction. Many requests are also received from parents and civic workers to furnish new playgrounds.

The need for larger areas for adult recreation is growing each year. This seems to be an age when people are seeking health through exercise in the open air. While we have forty-four baseball diamonds it is only possible for us to issue permits to about one-third of the applicants. Even though we have three hundred and sixty-nine tennis courts we find it necessary to restrict play to one hour periods on some of our courts on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Field Hockey for high school girls and young ladies is becoming tremendously popular and we have about reached our limit in lawns that can be used for this purpose. Many golf players are looking forward to the early development of a public golf course in Brooklyn. All of these sports require large areas for play and while our demands are growing many areas formerly used for some of these sports are rapidly decreasing with the record breaking building program that has been going on for the past few years, but it is hoped that the acquisition of additional land at Dyker Beach Park and the early improvement of the large tract of land at Marine Park will help us to provide the necessary areas for these health building pastimes and not kill the enthusiasm for outdoor life that is now in the veins of the present generation.

Two events that stand out above all others occurring in this department during 1927 were the reception to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh at the Parade Grounds on June 16th and the landing of Santa Claus in a plane piloted by

Clarence E. Chamberlin at the same field on November 26th. Brooklyn's residents had a splendid opportunity to view these two intrepid history making airmen at close range and displayed their interest on "Lindy's" visit by assemblying fifty thousand strong, after he had passed through lanes of hundreds of thousands in Brooklyn's streets. Police estimated that between seventy-five thousand and one hundred thousand were present for Santa's visit with Chamberlin.

Additional details regarding these events will be found under our section devoted to special celebrations.

Inspection of some of our small parks discloses that it is practically impossible to maintain lawns in them, especially in neighborhoods where there is a large population. Two striking examples of this condition were shown in Tompkins Park and Carroll Park. A number of years ago these two parks had splendid lawn areas. In recent years, many eager to play could not resist the temptation to use all the grass area with the result that all the lawns in these parks were destroyed leaving a desolate looking place that could neither be called a park nor a playground.

Early in the Spring of 1927 all lawn areas in Tompkins Park except two, were rehabilitated, turned over, seeded and fenced in. These two plots were resurfaced with screenings and converted into a boys' and girls' playground. They were equipped with a liberal supply of swings, see-saws, slides, climbing ladders and a basket ball court, with the result that the children now confine their play to the areas reserved for their playground and the lawns are now in splendid condition. Similar action was taken at Carroll Park. Hundreds of children are now using these combined parks and playgrounds and enjoy themselves where a much smaller number used them in the past without much pleasure and to the discomfort of all concerned.

It seems that the time has arrived when it is unwise to build small parks without providing areas especially set aside for the use of children's playgrounds.

A much larger proportion of our residents are beginning to realize the immense benefits that can be derived from outdoor recreation, and are making good use of the facilities provided by this department.

Facilities for Active Recreation

| Parks and Playgrounds Ac | reage Location | Description |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Bensonhurst 9.20 | Cropsey Ave. and Bay Pkway. | Bathing Beach. |
| Bensonhurst 2.00 | Cropsey and 19th Aves | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| Betsy Head 10.50 | Hopkinson and Dumont Aves. | Children's Gardens, Girls' Play- ground, Wading Pool, Boys' Athletic Field, Track, Tennis Court, Shower Baths and Swimming Pool, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Browne 1.02 | Bridge and Sands Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Wading Pool. |
| Bushwick 2.80 | Putnam and Irving Aves, | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Wading Pool, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Canarsie | | Boys' Playground. |
| Carroll* 1.90 | Carroll and Smith Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| City 7.50 | Flushing Ave. and Navy St | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Wading Pool, Athletic Field, Track, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Cooper | Maspeth Ave. & Olive St | Tennis Courts. |
| Dreamland 14.70 | Coney Island | Bathing Beach, Children's Day Camp. |
| Ft. Greene | Myrtle Ave. and St. Edwards St. | Children's Gardens, Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| Gravesend 6.92 | 56th St. and 18th Ave | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Greenpoint | Dupont and Franklin Sts | Girls' Playground. |
| Highland 16.50 | Jamaica Ave. and Cleveland St. | Children's Gardens, Tennis Courts, Baseball, Football, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Jean Scott Dyke | Columbia and Amity Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| Lindsay 1.83 | Lorimer St. and Johnson Ave. | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| McCarren | Lorimer St. and Driggs Ave | Children's Garden, Boys' Playground, Athletic Field and Track, Girls' Playground and Social Center, Tennis Courts. Baschall Diamonds, Football Field, Ice Skating Rink. |
| McKibbin 1.57 | McKibben and White Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| McKinley 3.00 | 7th Ave. and 74th Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Baseball, Football Fields, Ten- nis Courts, Ice Skating Rinks. |

Facilities for Active Recreation—Continued

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| Parks and Playgrounds | Acreage | Location | Description |
| McLaughlin | 3.30 | Jay and Tillary Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Wading Pool. |
| New Lots | 2.29 | Sackman and Christopher Sts. | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Tennis Courts, Handball Courts. |
| Parade Grounds | 39.50 | Coney Island and Parkside Aves. | Baseball Diamonds, Bowling on Green, Cricket Fields, Foot- ball Fields. |
| Prospect | 3.50 mile 12.50 3.00 8.00 mile 11.00 34.00 3.7 mile 62.00 | | Cross Country Course. Croquet Fields. Golf Course. Hockey Fields. Picnic Grounds. Tennis Courts. Bridle Paths. Lakes, Boating and Skating. |
| Red Hook | 2.29 | Richards and Pioneer Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playground, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Sunset | 1.50 | 5th Ave. and 44th Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playgrounds, Tennis Courts, Ice Skating Rink. |
| Tempkins* | 1.00 | Tompkins and Greene Ave | Boys' and Girls' Playgrounds. |
| Williamsburg Bridge | 1.01 | South 5th and Berry Sts | Boys' and Girls' Playgrounds. |
| 11th St. and 2d Ave | . 17 | | Boys' and Girls' Playgrounds. |
| 39th St. and 2d Ave | .50 | | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| 56th St. and 2d Ave | .46 | | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| Ave. S and E. 14th St | 3.50 | | Boys' Playground. |
| Howard and Atlantic Aves. | .14 | | Boys' and Girls' Playground. |
| | | Total Acreage311.79 | |
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| | | CHILDREN'S FARM GAR | RDENS |
| Betsy Head | • • • • • • • • • | | Hopkinson and Dumont Aves. |
| McCarren | | • | Lorimer St. and Driggs Ave. |
| Highland | • | | Jamaica Ave. and Cleveland St. |
| * New 1927. | ••••• | | Myrtle Ave. and St. Edwards St. |

Staff.

The activities of the Recreation Bureau were carried on by the following Staff:

| | | Salary |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Supervisor of Recreation | \$4,000.00 per year |
| 2 | Assistant Supervisors of Recreation | 2,250.00 per year |
| 6 | Playleaders at | 1,650.00 per year |
| 2 | Playleaders at | 1,550.00 per year |
| 5 | Playleaders at | 1,450.00 per year |
| 9 | Playleaders at | 1,260.00 per year |
| 5 | Playleaders at | 1,200.00 per year |
| 2 | Directors of Children's Gardens | 2,250.00 per year |
| 3 | Life Guards, 100 days each at | 5.00 per day |
| 3 | Swimming Instructors, 100 days each at | 4.00 per day |
| 60 | Playleaders, 50 days each at | 4.00 per day |
| 6 | School Farm Attendants, 130 days each at. | 4.00 per day |

A total of \$68.125.00 was allowed for personal service exclusive of the salary paid to the maintenance force.

A word of commendation is due all of our employees for the splendid manner in which they carried on their duties, and the splendid attendance at our playgrounds is due in a large measure to their cordial treatment of the children and the interest they displayed in their work.

Nine new permanent playleaders were allowed in this year's budget. This helped us considerably to do a more extensive work and have our facilities used to a large degree.

Seven new permanent playleaders have been allowed for next year.

Supplies.

An appropriation of \$1450.00 was allowed for supplies. The principal items purchased were whiting for marking tennis courts, calcium chloride to spread on our clay courts to keep down dust and first aid supplies.

Equipment.

An appropriation of \$5000.00 was allowed for playground equipment. An inventory showing the major equipment items on hand in each playground will be found in another section of this report. This will give some idea as to the splendid manner in which all of our playgrounds are equipped.

All wooden frames supporting playground equipment have been eliminated and now all of the equipment of the department is of the steel pipe type.

The following comparative statement shows the splendid progress that has been made during the past two years in the equipment of our playgrounds:

| | 1916 | 1925 | 1927 |
|---------------------|------|------------|------|
| Basket Ball Courts | 13 | 18 | 30 |
| Horizontal Ladders | | 23 | 37 |
| Giant Strides | 14 | 21 | 26 |
| Kindergarten Swings | 170 | 240 | 390 |
| Large Link Swings | 156 | 270 | 429 |
| Rock a Byes | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| See Saws | 54 | 172 | 324 |
| Slides | 9 | 2 0 | 37 |
| Traveling Rings | 48 | 66 | 87 |

A good supply of equipment such as basket balls, volley balls, high jump stands, tennis nets and similar items were furnished in all of our playgrounds. These items are very essential to the proper conduct of the playground, for without them the playgrounds furnish no more interest than the streets.

A considerable amount of equipment was also manufactured at our shops early in the year. These items include bagatelle boards, approach boards, iron quoit stands, baby swings, kindergarten tables and benches and similar items.

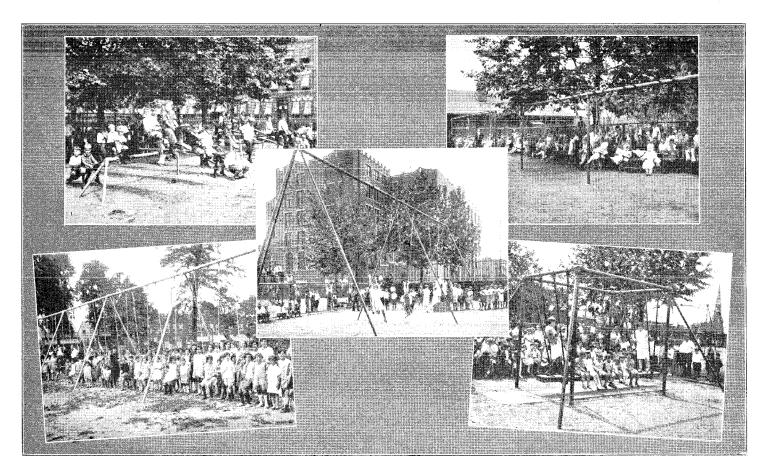
A word of appreciation is due to our superintendent and foreman of mechanics for the splendid manner in which they cooperated with our bureau during the year. Due to the excellent work they performed, our equipment in the various playgrounds was kept in first class condition. Our engineering bureau also cooperated splendidly and solved many of our problems.

During the year our department mechanics built two new wading pools, one at McLaughlin playground and the other at Browne playground, and five new concrete sand boxes were also built by our forces.

For the hot summer months the department secured eighteen hydrant shower attachments that were connected with hydrants adjacent to parks and playgrounds to provide showers during the very warm weather. These proved to be very popular.

Field Houses.

The new field house built by our force at 56th St. and 2nd Ave. helped considerably to conduct this playground in a more efficient manner. The new Field House at Greenpoint playground now nearing completion will also be a big asset inasmuch as it has a good sized play room that can be used in stormy weather, in addition to the comfort station facilities and store rooms.



EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS

A contract has been let to cover all of the baby swings in our play-grounds with steel pipe frames and canvas covers that will be used during the warm months. This is, without doubt, one of the best improvements made in our playgrounds in a number of years. Previously, in most of our playgrounds, no shade was provided over the baby swings with the result that they were not used very extensively on very hot days. With these new covers a shady spot will be provided in which, not alone the children, but their mothers can sit in the open spaces under the shade with a great deal of comfort on hot days.

Additional Play Space.

New playgrounds were constructed and equipped in 1926 at the following points: Gravesend Playground, 56th St. & 18th Ave., Greenpoint Playground, Franklin & Dupont Sts., Lindsay Playground, Lorimer St. & Johnson Ave., Williamsburgh Bridge Playground, South 5th & Berry Sts., Unnamed playground, Ave. S & East 14th St. All of these playgrounds have been equipped in a first class manner with basket-ball courts, swings, slides, see-saws, etc.

Three new playgrounds were open during 1927, two of these, one at Carroll Park and one at Tompkins Park, were areas previously used for park purposes. A section of each of these parks was converted into playgrounds for boys and girls. About one thousand dollars' worth of equipment was erected in each playground. Hundreds of children make use of these playgrounds each day and play spaces have been provided in two sections of the Borough which had no play facilities before.

A small area of our property at 39th Street and 2nd Ave. was also equipped for a temporary playground this summer. It is hoped that funds will be appropriated in the near future to develop this entire plot.

As an evidence of the civic interest being displayed in an endeavor to secure more playgrounds for the children, the American Manufacturing Company has loaned to this department a plot of ground 200x200 feet at Noble and Franklin Streets in Greenpoint, for the sum of \$1.00 per year.

An appropriation of \$12,000.00 has been secured to develop this plot into a modern up-to-date playground. The work on this piece of ground should be completed early this Spring.

Athletics.

The athletes of Brooklyn are very fortunate, inasmuch as there are a number of running tracks in various sections of the Borough, two 440 yard tracks, one at McCarren Park and one at Betsy Head Playground and one 220 yard track at City Park are under our jurisdiction.

During 1927 concrete curbs have been constructed around the tracks at McCarren and Betsy Head playgrounds and they are now in first class

condition and are used quite extensively. Locker rooms and showers are also provided at these parks. The fields are equipped with high jumping and broad jumping pits and shot putting circles of standard size, high jumping standards and pole vaulting standards, shots of various sizes, discus, hurdles, javelins and practically any other equipment that the modern athlete might desire to use.

A number of other running tracks are laid out adjacent to High Schools in the Borough. Temporary tracks are laid out for special occasions in all of our playgrounds. Our play leaders teach the rudiments of athletics to the boys and girls who visit our playgrounds and a large number of the best amateur athletes use our tracks for training purposes.

During 1927 twenty-one athletic meets were held in our playgrounds by public school and high school boys.

High School Girls.

The students from Erasmus Hall High School and Girls' Commercial High School had two very successful meets at the Hockey Field at Prospect Park.

Playground-Boys.

While there is a certain amount of athletic work going on in our playgrounds throughout the entire year, the Big Day for athletics is Independence Day.

On this day in 1927, twenty-one sets of athletic games consisting of two hundred events for boys and one hundred events for girls were held at the various playgrounds of the Borough. About 6500 boys and girls competed in the events and it was estimated that 35,000 spectators viewed these games.

The Mayor's Committee on a Safe and Sane Celebration of Independence Day furnished the prizes which consisted of gold filled, silver and bronze medals for the boys and gold filled, silver and bronze pins for the girls.

While all work was organized from our central office, the major part of the details were carried on by our play leaders at each playground, they selecting their own officials, received the entries, made up their programs, saw that all necessary equipment was on hand and conducted the games.

Each alderman of the City was allowed a band for his district and many of them had the bands play at our athletic meets.

Base Ball.

Our Borough has a great many amateur base ball enthusiasts and without a doubt has one of the biggest fields for base ball in the country. The Parade Grounds, located at the south end of Prospect Park, has twenty-one base ball diamonds and is one of our most crowded spots during the Spring, Summer and Fall. The diamonds cover a grass area of 39½ acres. All of the diamonds are equipped with wire mesh back stops and ten of them have the base lines cut out. Many visiting Recreation Officials express the opinion that they are all equal in many respects to the diamonds laid out in some of the major league ball parks.

Adjacent to the field there is a \$75,000 club house, equipped with sixty-four locker rooms and twenty-two shower baths for the use of the players. The diamonds were open to the ball teams from early in April until late in October.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have forty-four diamonds in our various parks, we can only accommodate about one-third of the teams who make applications for diamonds. This condition exists even though we divide the day into four periods from 10 A. M. to 12 M., 1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M., 4 P. M. to 6 P. M. and 6 P. M. to 8 P. M.

It is hoped that the department will soon be in a position to furnish additional base ball diamonds. This could be made possible by the early development of the large areas now available at Dyker Beach Park and Marine Park.

The diamonds at the Parade Grounds, in addition to giving a great deal of pleasure to the ball players, also provide diversion for as many as twenty thousand spectators on some Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

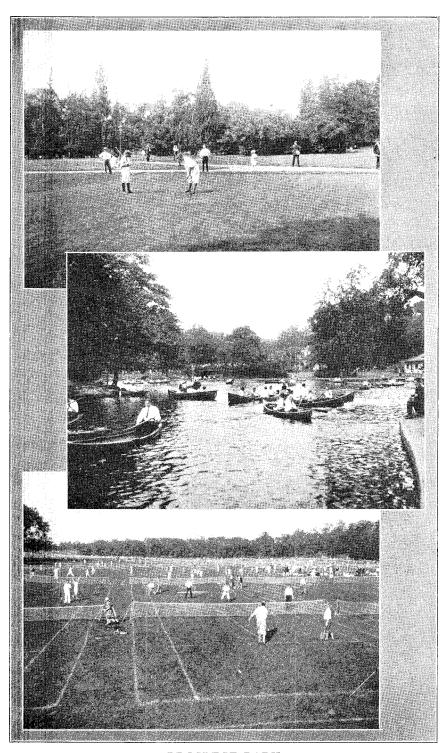
A remarkable thing about this field is that even though we have a tremendous crowd, there is rarely any disorder. A policeman on a bicycle patrols the field during the playing season.

Thirteen organized leagues conducted their scheduled games at the Parade Grounds this year.

Bankers League
Insurance League
Industrial League
Western Union Telegraph
Brooklyn Edison Co.
Brooklyn Post Office
Y. M. C. A.
Highland Park Community Centre
Brooklyn Federation of Community Centres
P. S. A. L.
Brooklyn Sunday School League
B. M. T. League
Brooklyn Amateur League

In addition to the games played at the Parade Grounds, a considerable amount of base ball is played in our smaller playgrounds throughout the City.

Many match games were played during the season.



PROSPECT PARK GOLF—BOATING—TENNIS

Basket Ball.

Next to base ball, basket ball is one of the most popular games played in our playgrounds. The department now has thirty (30) basket ball courts that render a great deal of service.

Bathing.

The beach at Bensonhurst Park, which had previously been supervised by volunteer life guards, was taken over by this department. A new building was constructed which furnishes an office for the life guards, a first aid station, dressing quarters and shower bath for the employees. Three life guards were on duty at the beach at all times.

The beach at Dreamland Park, since the construction of the Boardwalk, has been under the jurisdiction of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn. This boardwalk and beach are show places of the Borough and has three miles of sand fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, accommodating thousands of promenaders and bathers each season.

A municipal bath house which was erected on property under the jurisdiction of this department furnishes bath houses for thousands of people. A fee of 25 cents is charged for the use of the bath houses.

Bicycle Races.

While cycling seemed to be on the decline for a number of years, there is still considerable interest displayed in this sport by the amateur riders. Throughout the year the Century Road Club of America holds races on our running track at McCarren Park. The Empire City Wheelmen conducted a series of Sunday morning races on Ocean Parkway. The Amateur Bicycle League of America used the Dreamland Parking space.

Boating.

The lake in Prospect Park is a very picturesque spot for boating. The privilege of furnishing boats is rented out to a concessionaire who has over 500 boats on the lake and charges a fee of 25 cents per hour for one or two persons and 10 cents for each additional person.

An electric launch which carries about thirty people makes a circuit of the 62 acres of lake. A fee of 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children under twelve years of age is charged.

A number of Swan Boats are operated on the Swan Boating Lake and are extremely popular with the small children. A fee of 10 cents is charged for adults and 5 cents for children.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

This department does not organize any Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops on its playgrounds, due to the fact that the work is of such an intensive character, our limited number of play leaders could not give it the proper attention. However, we have always been pleased to cooperate with these two organizations in their activities, furnishing them with places to hold camp fires and assisting them in every way with their demonstrations.

Look-out Hill in Prospect Park is a very popular place for these activities.

Bowling on the Green.

The Bowling Greens at the Parade Grounds maintained their usual popularity. Many games were played on the creases at this field. The Brooklyn Bowling Green Club, whose members make the principal use of the greens, held many interesting contests and invited a number of clubs from other cities to play match games.

Bridle Paths.

Prospect Park has a most delightful bridle path, winding its way through various sections of the park for 3.7 miles. This path leads to the Ocean Parkway bridle path which is 5½ miles long, from Park Circle to Coney Island.

A great many lovers of horse back riding make use of our bridle paths which are kept in excellent condition.

Coasting.

Due to the fact that we had very little snow during 1927, there was a limited amount of coasting in our parks. However, on the few days when there was snow on the hills of Prospect, Highland, McCarren, Sunset and Fort Greene Parks, the youngsters in large numbers took advantage of it.

Cricket.

The central section of the Parade Grounds is set aside for cricket. A number of people seem to get considerable pleasure from watching these games on week ends.

Permits were issued to the following Clubs to use the Cricket Fields:

Brooklyn Cricket Club

Cardinals Cricket Club

G. B. Cricket Club

Indian Veterans' Cricket Club

Kings County Cricket Club

Kingston Cricket Club

Merchant Seamen's Cricket Club, Y. M. C. A.

Pilgrims Cricket Club

Sons of St. George Cricket Club

Trinity Cricket Club

Willow Cricket Club

United Cricket Club

Windsor Cricket Club

Croquet.

Our Croquet Field is ideally situated in a quiet spot on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park. A small Field House is near the field in which lockers are provided for the players to store their mallets, wickets and balls.

A fee of \$250 is charged a year for the use of these lockers which also gives the holder the privilege of using the croquet fields. A charge of \$1.00 for the season is made for play permits. One hundred and fourteen permits were issued during the year.

This game is played principally by adults, many of whom are retired business men.

The Brooklyn Croquet Club conducted a tournament on the field this season in which practically all of the players who use the field competed. The tournament opened on May 28th and continued for six weeks.

Cross Country Running.

On account of the very heavy automobile traffic and the possibility of danger to the athletes running in the park, Cross Country running was confined to an area around the outside of the park, a distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This course was used considerably by a number of high school boys and other athletes doing Cross Country work. The Parade Ground building was used for dressing purposes.

Field Hockey.

The High School Girls of Brooklyn are playing a great deal of Hockey. It is part of the physical training program in the schools. The girls play the game under the direction of coaches furnished by the Board of Education. The students of a number of private schools are also making use of our fields, as are a number of former high school girls, who have organized the New York Field Hockey Association.

Permits to use the field were issued to the following organizations:

Adelphi Academy Bay Ridge Terrors Berkeley Institute Brooklyn Heights Seminary Bushwick High School Camp Tapawingo Carroll Club Catholic Young Women's League Packer Collegiate Institute Corinthian Hockey Club

Cosmopolitan Field Hockey Club St. Joseph's College Erasmus Hall High School

Flatbush School

Franklin K. Lane High School

Girls' High School Greenfield High School

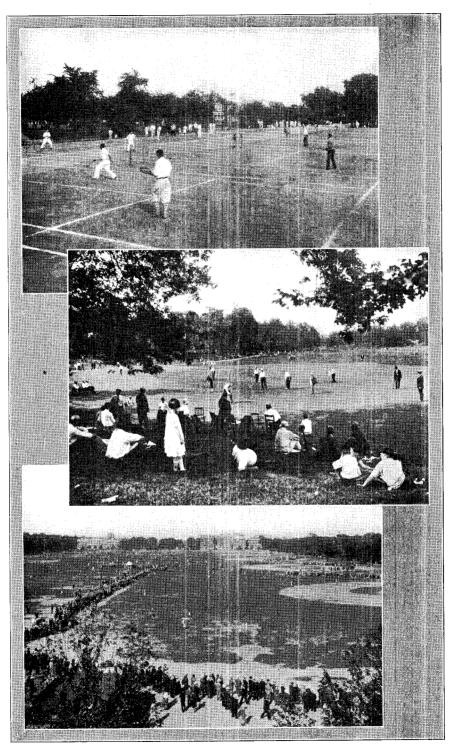
Emanuel Training High School

Maxwell Training School New Utrecht High School

New York Field Hockey Association

St. Angela's School

St. Saviour's High School



TENNIS-CROQUET-BASE BALL

Foot Ball.

Twenty Foot Ball Fields are laid out in our parks. About one-half of these are Rugby Fields and the other half Soccer Fields. One hundred and six permits were issued to play in our various parks.

The Parade Grounds at Prospect Park was the scene of many good games at which as many as 15,000 spectators gathered. Some very excellent games were also seen in our small parks which were witnessed by large crowds.

Golf.

The miniature golf course at Prospect Park, consisting of two cages for practicing driving and nine putting greens for practicing holing out were used by 795 players who secured permits in 1927 at the rate of \$1.00 each for the season. This miniature course is very popular, particularly with beginners. Our play leader assigned to the course acted as professional and taught the rudiments of the game to all new players.

Near the end of the season a Golf Tournament was held in which seventy men and women participated. An entry fee of \$1.00 was charged all competitors and these funds were used for the purpose of securing prizes.

The tournament consisted of a driving contest in which each entrant was permitted to drive three balls to the green, 250 yards from the tee. The ball landing nearest to the tee was scored. Each contestant followed with a mashie approach shot, 75 yards from the green, shooting three balls, the nearest to score.

A putting contest was also held in which each player was permitted to putt a ball from the four corners of each of the nine greens. A great deal of enthusiasm was displayed by the competitors.

The usual arrangement was made with the Marine and Field Club whereby they were permitted to use some of our undeveloped property at Dyker Beach Park for some of their holes with the understanding that they maintain the property and permit the general public to use the course, upon the payment of the same fee charged to guests of members of the Marine and Field Club—75c. for week days and \$1.50 for Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Five hundred and seventy-five permits for the use of this course were issued by this department.

Now that the City has acquired additional land from 7th to 14th Avenues and north of our present property to 86th Street, conferences are being held which will in all probability mean that this department will take over the entire operation of this course next year inasmuch as all of the property formerly used by the Marine and Field Club is now under our jurisdiction.

Ice Skating.

Approximately 500,000 people made use of the facilities provided for ice skating in 1926. The lakes in Prospect Park were used for ice skating on fourteen days. The lake at Sunset Park provided skating for nineteen days. Eleven other parks and playgrounds were flooded especially for ice skating. Some parks had as many as twenty-two days of skating.

During 1927 all of our ice skating was done during January and February. The ice was not strong enough to permit skating during the month of December. During January and February eight days of skating were had in Prospect Park, while in some of our ten other parks that were especially flooded for that purpose, skating was had on as many as fifteen days.

Extreme care must be used in Prospect Park, due to the depth of the water and the exceptional size of the crowds who use the ice for skating. Tests are made by our employees every morning during the skating season and unless there are between five and six inches of ice no skating is permitted.

In our small parks where we flood an area for skating it is not necessary to wait for this thickness of ice, due to the fact that the water is so shallow there is absolutely no danger of accidents by drowning.

The Prospect Park Lake makes a splendid place for skating, covering an area of 62 acres. The facilities for this sport are ideal. Our boat-house is converted into a skating house and in addition there is another building a short distance away for checking thousands of coats, shoes, etc. A section of this building is used for a refreshment pavilion at which hot coffee, sandwiches, hot frankfurters and rolls, soda, pie, etc., can be secured at reasonable prices. Coats, wraps and shoes are checked for 10 cents each.

To add to the enjoyment of the skaters, the lake was decorated with colored electric lights and a band of music was furnished.

Ice Skating, 1927

| | No. of Days |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Betsy Head Playground | 8 |
| Bushwick Playground | 12 |
| City Park | 15 |
| Dreamland Park | 9 |
| Gravesend Park | 10 |
| Highland Park | 9 |
| McCarren Park | 14 |
| McKinley Park | 10 |
| Prospect Park | 8 |
| Red Hook Park | 9 |
| Sunset Park | 12 |

Lawn Tennis.

Due to the tremendous increase in popularity of tennis, the 369 tennis courts, which have been laid out in the various parks and playgrounds throughout the borough, were insufficient to cover the requests for assignments on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, notwithstanding the fact that assignments were made for one hour periods only. In Prospect Park the tennis players have for their use a \$60,000 club house. The building is furnished with 368 private lockers for storing tennis paraphernalia, for which a charge of \$2.50 a season is made. A large section of the building is devoted to the metal racks used for general lockers, in which about 1000 people can store their nets, rackets, etc., at a charge of \$1.50 a season. A fee of \$1.00 is charged for season play permits. This department kept the courts in excellent condition in order to enable the devotees of the game every opportunity to thoroughly enjoy their game. The tennis courts were used from Decoration Day until Thanksgiving Day. In 1927, 4,635 tennis permits were issued which permitted the players to use the courts in any of the parks in our Borough.

The Borough of Brooklyn is now, without a shadow of a doubt, the greatest tennis center in the world. In the tennis tournament conducted by the Bureau of Recreation last season, close to 700 entries were received. The popularity of tennis in this Borough is due, a great deal, to the interest invoked by the annual tournament conducted by this department. The finals last season of the Brooklyn Parks Tennis championships were held at Highland Park the third week in September. It was an engrossing sight to see about 5000 people in a gallery to watch public court players. There was enough interest there to do justice to a Davis Cup match.

The tennis tournament was conducted at Prospect, Highland, McCarren and McKinley Parks. Due to so many participants in our tournaments the individual entry fee of 25 cents which was charged enabled us to purchase some very fine tennis prizes.

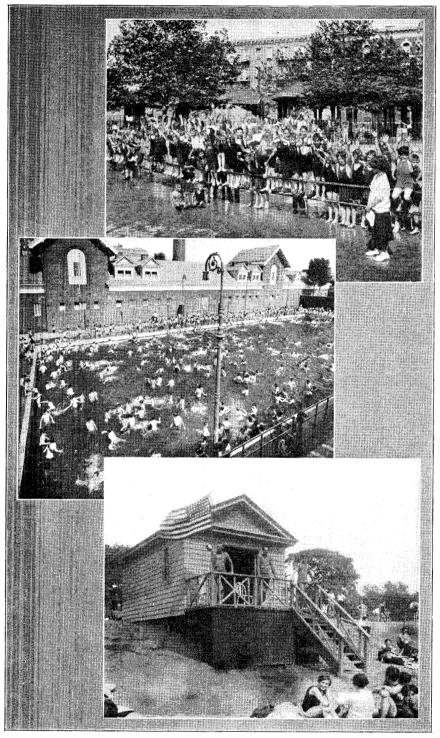
Miniature Yachting.

A rustic building on the north end of the large lake is used for the storage of miniature yachts that are sailed on the lake. A fee of \$1.00 is charged for storing yachts at this building.

Special races are arranged from time to time by members of the Brooklyn Model Yacht Club, composed of former seafaring men, who are the principal users of these facilities.

Skiing.

Skiing was permitted on the hills of Prospect Park whenever there was sufficient snow. This outdoor sport is increasing in popularity each year, due, no doubt, to the publicity given to the skiing events in Canada, Lake Placid and St. Moritz.



SHOWERS—SWIMMING POOL—LIFE GUARD STATION

Swimming Pools and Shower Baths.

The Bath House at Betsy Head Playground is open from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. This building contains 58 shower baths and 400 lockers. One side of the building was used for boys and men and the other side for girls and women. Towels and soap were provided for 1 cent each.

The outdoor swimming pool was open from the middle of June to the middle of September. This pool is one of the largest Municipal Pools in the East. It is 60 feet wide and 150 feet long with a graduated depth of 4 feet at the shallow end and 8 feet at the deep end. There is a continual flow of fresh water and the pool is emptied and cleaned three times a week. A diving board is provided and life rings are hung at convenient points. A charge of 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children was made for the use of the pool. This entitled the bathers to a bathing suit, towel and soap.

When the attendance was small, instruction in swimming and diving was given by three swimming instructors. This was not possible very often, inasmuch as there were at times from 500 to 600 boys in the pool at one time, which required constant supervision to prevent accidents; 241,321 people took shower baths in 1927, while 32,164 people used the swimming pool. The attendance was rather small this season, due to the fact that we had a considerable number of cool days during the summer season.

A swimming meet was conducted at the pool on July 30th under the auspices of this department. Twelve events were contested. Practically every playground in Brooklyn had boys or girls compete in this meet.

Walking.

A number of permits were issued to Walking Clubs to conduct contests on the Ocean Parkway, starting at our Parade Grounds and walking to Coney Island and return.

General Playground Activities.

It is almost impossible to compile a record of the number of games and the types of games played on our playgrounds, due to the fact that they are so varied and numerous. The every day activities included the use of equipment such as large swings, baby swings, see-saws, giant strides, slides, rock-a-byes, etc. The playing of quiet games, singing games and competitive games, ingenuity work and free play. Considerable time is devoted to folk dances and athletics.

Various tournaments are conducted throughout the year in which children compete in jacks, contests, harmonica playing, marbles, roller skating and pushmobile contests.

In many sections public school children are brought to our playgrounds by their teachers to play organized games.

One of our big annual features is the baby parades conducted in all of our playgrounds. Nineteen parades in which about 3,000 babies were entered were conducted on June 4th.

The play leaders in our playgrounds had entire charge of handling the details in connection with their respective parades. They organized local committees, selected the events, secured prizes and conducted the parades.

Model Aircraft Tournament.

One of the most spectacular events conducted last Summer was the model aircraft tournament. The boys surpassed all expectations with the remarkable models they produced.

After eliminations were held in each playground, the winners met on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park on Saturday, August 27th. One hundred and twenty-five models were entered in the final contest. The Borough winners were presented with cups.

Celebrations.

Celebrations were arranged in all of our playgrounds for practically all holidays. These celebrations were conducted by our playleaders who arranged appropriate programs. The usual events consisted of the singing of patriotic songs, the salute to the flag, folk dances, recitations and competitive games.

Annual Pageant and Field Day.

The Twelfth Annual Pageant and Field Day organized and conducted by our Recreation Bureau was held on the Long Meadow in Prospect Park, Saturday, August 20th. This is a day looked forward to with a great deal of interest by the children who frequent our playgrounds. Each playground was represented by about sixty girls who gave an exhibition of clever dances or playground games.

The boys gave exhibitions of calisthenics, drills and playground games. The girls performed their dances in costume, for which they purchased the material. The material for these costumes cost each child from 30 cents to 70 cents. The costumes were made under the direction of our play leaders who also taught the dance.

The children were conveyed to Prospect Park in automobile buses and trucks loaned by interested citizens and business men in the localities in which the playgrounds are located.

When the children arrived at Prospect Park, they marched in a procession to the Long Meadow.

The program opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and continued as follows:

PART I—FOLK DANCES

| 1. | Irish Lilt | Dike Playground |
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| 2. | Clown Dance | Sunset and 56th St. and 2d Ave. Playgrounds |
| 3. | Black Mag | Bushwick Playground |

PART II—DANCES OF THE SEASONS

| Spring | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. 2. 3. | Quaint Dancing Girls Narcissus Daisy | McCarren Playground | | |
| | Summer | | | |
| 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. | Spirit of Youth. Bumble Bee Pansy Balloon Dance Rainbow Dance | City Park Playground Williamsburg Bridge Playground McKinley Playground Ft. Greene Playground Gravesend Playground | | |
| | Autumn | | | |
| 9. 10. 11. 12. | Pipes of Pan. Butterfly Bluebird Rose | Red Hook Playground Greenpoint Playground McKibben Playground New Lots Playground | | |

Winter

Musical Director—George Zeller

After the program, the children proceeded to the Picnic Ground in Prospect Park where they partook of a feast of goodies, such as candy, ice cream, cake, milk, popcorn and all the other delicacies that all children must have to make a perfect day at a picnic.

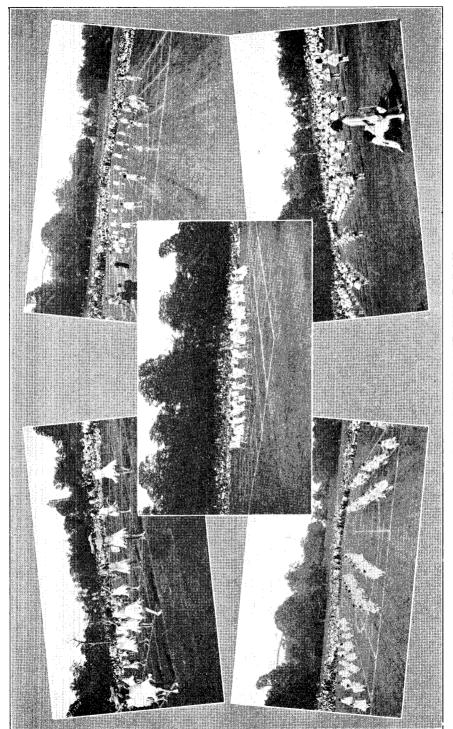
After about two hours of feasting, the children were returned to their respective playgrounds.

Special Celebrations.

It is the policy of this department to extend every courtesy to committees arranging for celebrations of a civic or patriotic character in our parks, details regarding the arrangements are discussed, suggestions given and co-operation extended, portable band stands and speakers stands were erected, benches were furnished and sections of our parks were staked and roped off.

That this type of service is highly appreciated is evidenced by the large number of letters of commendation received by this department.

The reception to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on the Parade Ground on June 16th at which 150,000 people were present was one of the greatest spectacles in all Brooklyn's history. Our department is proud of the part we played in helping to honor him. We were represented on the arrangement committee and aided materially in planning the layout at the field. Our mechanics helped in the construction of the grand stands that accommodated 1500 guests, seats were furnished for 6000 people with benches delivered from our music grove to the field and placed in position by our employees. Over one hundred of our men served as ushers. This stupendous reception was carried on without the least confusion.



DANCE FESTIVAL AND FIELD DAY

The following are excerpts from the editorial pages of two of Brook-lyn's newspapers:

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, June 17th, 1927-

Brooklyn's Greetings.

"Brooklyn never before staged a popular demonstration so great in volume and so tumultuous in enthusiasm as that which yesterday greeted Colonel Lindbergh. That reminiscent individual, the Oldest Citizen, could recall nothing like it. The interminable ranks of cheering children along the route of the procession made the spectacle one never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and the vast multitude assembled at the Parade Grounds, where Dr. Cadman welcomed the guest in behalf of the people of Brooklyn, broke all records for open-air assemblages.

"To Borough President Byrne and to General Geo. A. Wingate, chairman of the committee directing the celebration, Brooklyn is chiefly indebted for the excellence of the arrangements. Park Commissioner Browne, who used to the best advantage the space at his command for the erection of stands and the accommodation of the press, deserves a word of thanks."

Brooklyn Daily Times, June 17th, 1927—

Brooklyn's Celebration.

"Brooklyn's celebration in honor of Colonel Lindbergh was magnificently managed. Borough President Byrne, General Wingate and the other members of the committee saw that the chief cultural value of the unexampled achievement of the young aviator was the impress it was making on the forming mind of youth, and for that reason Brooklyn's celebration was remarkable for the great outpouring of children * * *. The police arrangements were perfect, the assemblage on the Parade Grounds was managed splendidly * * *. General Wingate, President Byrne and the other members of the celebration committee deserve commendation for the manner in which they planned and carried out this celebration, and congratulations upon the happy result of their efforts."

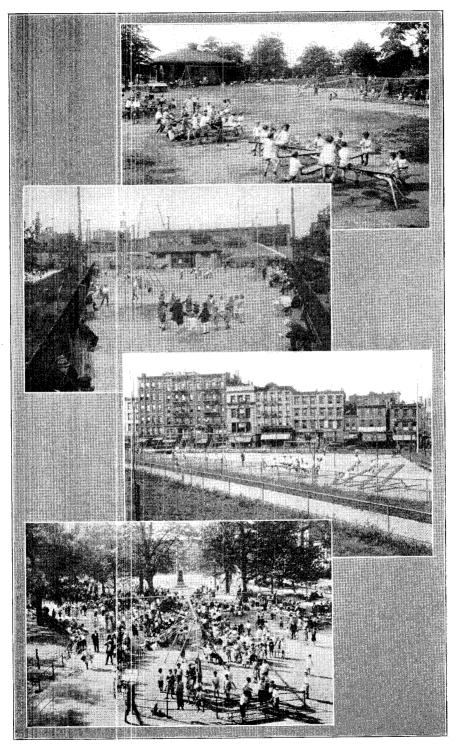
Another memorable celebration that will live long in the memory of the 100,000 people present to witness it was the arrival of Santa Claus at the Parade Grounds, November 26th, 1927, in a bi-plane piloted by the famous Clarence E. Chamberlin. The enterprise of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle was responsible for this unusual spectacle.

Our department performed considerable work in connection with the arrangements. About 70% of the spectators were small children who came to see Santa arrive in an airplane for the first time, and to have him arrive with the noted Chamberlin caused much additional interest. The crowds assembled long before the hour set for the arrival and formed a hollow rectangle on the outskirts of the field. Exactly on time a small black speck was discovered in the distance, then the shout went up—There he is!—and sure enough the plane became more visible as he approached the field and Santa could be seen in his suit of red in the rear cock pit. There was no longer any doubt and as Santa waved his hand a deafening shout went up from the field. Chamberlin circled his biplane around the field several times, dropping lower each time and gradually landed like a bird on the field. Chamberlin with Santa still seated in the cock pit taxied around the four sides of the field and every one got a close up view of Santa and the famous Chamberlin. It was a thrill you get once in a life time for the children and grown ups.

Special Celebrations—1926.

- Apr. 12 to 17—Bay Parkway at 5th Avenue, Bay Ridge Week, 12:30 Club of Bay Ridge.
- May 2—Prospect Park, May Day Celebration, American Legion of Kings County. Parade from Main Entrance to Music Stand.
- May 9—Dedication of Grand Army Plaza.
- May 11—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Public School Athletic League, and May Day Fete.
- May 15—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Peace Week Committee. Attendance, 500.
- May 16—G. A. R. Slocum Monument, then to south end of Hockey Field. Rain; attendance, 50.
- May 22—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Prospect Heights District Boy Scouts Rally at 2 P. M.
- May 22—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Planting of Memorial Trees.
- May 23—Flower Garden, Prospect Park, G. A. R. Lincoln Statue, then to Music Stand.
- May 23—Seaside Park, Boy Scout Rally.
- May 25—Lawn on West Drive near Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn Ethical Culture School Festival.

- May 27-Flower Garden, Prospect Park, Tom Moore Celebration.
- May 30—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Memorial Services.
- May 30—Music Stand, Prospect Park, American Legion of Kings County, Memorial Services at 2 P. M.
- May 31—Eastern Parkway near Main Entrance, G. A. R. Parade.
- June 6-Bedford Park, 106th Infantry, Memorial Service.
- June 6—Fort Hamilton Park, Kings County Memorial and Executive Committee, Memorial Services.
- June 10—Anniversary Day Celebration, Prospect Park, Amersfort, Bushwick Parkway, Carroll Park, Ocean Parkway and Sunset.
- June 13—Music Stand, Prospect Park, Americanization Committee, Brooklyn Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- June 14—Naming of Columbia and Amity Sts. Playground to Jean Scott Dike.
- June 16-Winthrop Park, the Winthrop Taxpayers and Merchants Assoc.
- June 26—Model Yacht House, Prospect Park, Junior Skippers League of America, Model Sail Boat Regatta.
- July 3—Opening of Gravesend Playground.
- July 5—Music Stand, Prospect Park, Independence Day Celebration, K. of C. of Long Island. Attendance, 5,000.
- July 11-Opening of Greenpoint Playground, Commercial and Dupont Sts.
- Aug. 21-Prospect Park, Field Day.
- Aug. 25—Seaside Park, Baby Contest.
- Aug. 28—Prospect Park, Battle of Long Island, Kings County Historical Society.
- Sept. 1—Irving Square Park, Kiddies' Revue, Assemblyman Frank A. Miller.
- Sept. 6—Fort Hamilton Reservation, Labor Day Celebration, Central Trades and Labor Council.
- Sept. 13 to Oct. 4—Bay Ridge Parkway between 4th and 5th Aves., American Legion Carnival, Bay Ridge Post.
- Sept. 11—Model Yacht House, Prospect Park, Model Yacht Regatta.
- Sept. 12—Fort Greene Park, Fowler Monument, 14th Regiment Civil War Veterans' Association.
- Sept. 19—Music Stand, Prospect Park, United Singers of Brooklyn. Attendance, 20,000.
- Sept. 19—Honor Roll, Prospect Park, War Veterans and Sons Association, Battle of Antietam. Attendance, 200.
- Oct. 10—Dedication of Nulty Square, Driggs and Union Aves., Thomas R. Nulty Post, American Legion.



McKINLEY, GREENPOINT, BROWNE AND CARROLL PLAYGROUNDS

Special Celebrations-1927.

- Apr. 17—Soldiers' and Sailors' Arch, Prospect Park, Easter Sunday Services, Brooklyn Federation of Churches.
- May 1—Band Stand, Prospect Park Celebration, Brooklyn Citizens' Patriotic May Day Committee. Attendance, 20,000.
- May 7—Long Meadow, Prospect Park Open Air Demonstration, Bedford District Boy Scouts. Attendance, 1,000.
- May 12—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, P. S. A. L. Annual May Festival. Attendance, 11,000.
- May 14—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Annual Field Day, Brooklyn Federation of Churches. 1,500 Competitors.
- May 15—Fifteenth Street, Prospect Park, General Slocum's Memorial Services under auspices of Grand Army of the Republic of Kings County. Attendance, 1,000.
- May 20—Hockey Field, Prospect Park, Girls' Field Day, Erasmus Hall High School. 1,500 girls participated. 10,000 spectators.
- May 21—Prospect Park Plaza, Camp Fire Tree Dedication, Camp Fire Girls.
- May 22—Flower Garden, Prospect Park, placing wreath on Lincoln Statue, Kings County Memorial and Executive Committee.
- May 22—Brower Park, Memorial Services, 106th Infantry Post, American Legion.
- May 22—Wynn Circle, Bedford and Division Aves., Dedication of German Cannon, Jos. Wynn Post 260, V. F. W.
- May 24—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Celebration, Ethical Culture School. Attendance, 500.
- May 27—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Girls' Field Day, P. S. 156. Attendance, 1,000.
- May 28—Flower Garden and Bandstand, Tom Moore Celebration by the Saint Patrick Society of Brooklyn. Attendance, 2,500.
- May 29—Band Stand, Celebration, Placing Wreath at Honor Roll Memorial Committee, American Legion. Attendance, 20,000.
- May 29—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Annual Memorial Services, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- May 30—Eastern Parkway, Parade, Memorial and Executive Committee of the G. A. R.
- June 4—Lookout Hill, Prospect Park, Camp Fire Celebration, Wood Craft League. Attendance, 250.
- June 5—Fort Hamilton Park, Celebration by Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.
- June 9—Prospect Park, 98th Anniversary Parade, Brooklyn Sunday Schools
 Union. Parades held at following parks: Amersfort, Bay
 Ridge, Bensonhurst, Bushwick, Canarsie, Ocean Parkway and
 Sunset.
- June 11—Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Rally and Council Fire on Lookout Hill, Boy Scouts of America.

- June 11—Highland Park, Rally, Arlington Council, Boy Scouts.
- June 12-Flower Garden, placing wreath on Greig Statue by Bergen Society.
- June 12—Band Stand, Celebration, 150th Anniversary of the Birth of the American Flag by Veterans of Foreign Wars. Attendance, 5,000.
- June 16—Parade Grounds, Prospect Park, Colonel Chas. F. Lindbergh Celebration.
- June 19—Long Meadow, Rally, Bedford District Boy Scouts.
- June 28—Seaside Park, Baby Contest, American Frugality Association.
- July 4—Music Stand, Prospect Park, Independence Day Celebration, Knights of Columbus. Attendance, 5,000.
- Aug. 27—Music Stand, Prospect Park, 151st Anniversary of the Battle of Long Island.
- Sept. 18—Music Stand, Prospect Park, Concert by United Singers of Brooklyn.
- Sept. 18—Honor Roll, Prospect Park, Celebration, War Veterans and Sons Association.
- Nov. 26—Parade Grounds, Santa Claus descends in airplane. Attendance, 100,000.

Picnic Parties.

Permits were issued in 1927 to 540 groups to use the Picnic Grounds in our Parks. Close to 70,000 children were present at these picnics. The majority of these parties were held at the picnic grove in Prospect Park, which is the most popular in our Borough for May Days and June Walks. The grove is shaded with large trees and is furnished with special tables and benches that are used by the groups for eating lunches. Several fountains provide plenty of drinking water. Although most parties have their refreshments sent to the grove, soft drinks, candy and sandwiches can be furnished at a temporary picnic house adjoining the grove. One hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated for the construction of a new picnic house to take the place of the one which was destroyed by fire last year. The plans for this building have now been completed and it is expected that the building will be erected and ready for use by next Spring. This building will be of fireproof construction and will have many advantages not found in the old wooden structure.

The Carousel situated a short distance from the picnic grounds provided amusement for many children. It is conducted by a concessionaire and a charge of 5c. was made for each ride. Picnic parties were given a special rate of two rides for 5c. upon presentation of the picnic permit issued by this department.

Recreation Piers.

The Pier at the foot of Metropolitan Avenue was open under the supervision of this department and used for recreation purposes during the summer months. A play leader was assigned to the pier and conducted games and entertained the smaller children. Band Concerts were given on the pier once a week in the evening during July and August. This pier furnished a splendid place for the mothers and children of the neighborhood to enjoy the fresh air and cooling breezes at the River's edge.

Another recreation pier is now nearing completion at the foot of State Street. This a 600-foot pier 200 feet of it has been covered to provide shade and it will be operated in a similar manner to the Metropolitan Avenue Pier during the next summer season.

Dreamland Beach Day Camp.

A section of Dreamland Beach was set aside exclusively for mothers and babies to enjoy the ocean air. This area was covered over with canvas to provide shelter from the hot rays of the sun and was furnished with benches and baby hammocks for the comfort of the mothers and babies.

The following organizations made use of the Camp during the summer months:

Catholic Settlement Association

Colony House

Deaconesses' Home

Embury M. E. Church

Faith Mission

Grace M. E. Church

Little Mothers' Aid Association

N. Y. Female Auxiliary Bible Society

The Brooklyn A. I. C. P.

Band Concerts.

\$26,700 was allowed this department for music in 1927. This enabled use to arrange for 43 concerts at the music grove in Prospect Park and 97 concerts at twenty of our small parks in various sections of the Borough. 130 concerts were given that attracted an audience of 365,400 people. Unfortunately many of the Sundays throughout the Summer season were rainy and this had a tendency to lower our attendance. Bands, consisting of 35 musicians and a leader were used in Prospect Park. The season opened the first Sunday in May and continued until the latter part of September. Concerts were given every Sunday afternoon and on every Tuesday and Thursday evening from June 15th to September 15th. Fifteen musicians and a leader were used at the concerts given in our small parks. The department paid the rates prescribed by the Musical Mutual Protective Union, \$10.00 for each musician and \$25.00 for the leader, at the concerts given in Prospect Park and \$8.00 for each musician and \$15.00 for the leader for concerts given in our small parks.

Attendance at Band Concerts—1926.

| Name of Park | Number of Concerts | Attendance |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Bedford | 3 | 1,800 |
| Bensonhurst | 6 | 18,900 |
| Bushwick | 4 | 3,000 |
| Carroll | 4 | 4,100 |
| City | 9 | 4,900 |
| Fort Greene | 5 | 2,700 |
| Fort Hamilton | 5 | 3,500 |
| Highland | 5 | 5,500 |
| Irving Square | 6 | 6,500 |
| Lincoln Terrace | 4 | 4,100 |
| Linton | 3 | 1,600 |
| McKinley | 6 | 2,000 |
| McLaughlin | 6 | 6,100 |
| Prospect | 43 | 368,800 |
| Red Hook | 5 | 2,100 |
| Saratoga | 5 | 5,500 |
| Sunset | 6 | 10,700 |
| Tompkins | 4 | 6,100 |
| Winthrop | 6 | 10,500 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 10,000 |
| | 138 | 482.500 |

Attendance at Band Concerts—1927.

| Name of Park | Number of Concerts | Number of People |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Bedford | 3 | 650 |
| Bensonhurst | 5 | 9,500 |
| Browne | 2 | 6,500 |
| Bushwick | 4 | 2,100 |
| Carroll | 3 | 2,200 |
| City | 9 | 4.600 |
| Fort Greene | 4 | 2.100 |
| Fort Hamilton | 5 | 4,500 |
| Highland | š | 2.000 |
| Irving Square | Š | 4.400 |
| Lincoln Terrace | 5 | 4.700 |
| Linton | | 300 |
| McKinley | 2 3 | 1.300 |
| McLaughlin | 2 | 4,500 |
| Metropolitan Avenue Pier | $\tilde{6}$ | 4.700 |
| | 43 | 286,900 |
| Prospect | 40 1 | 1,450 |
| Red Hook | 4 | |
| Saratoga | ્રે | 2,900 |
| Sunset | 5 | 9,000 |
| Tompkins | 5 | 5,100 |
| Winthrop | 5 | 6,000 |
| | 130 | 365,400 |

Children's Gardens.

The four children's gardens of Brooklyn Park Department are conducted as a sub-division of the Bureau of Recreation; they are located in McCarren, Fort Greene and Highland Parks and at Betsy Head Playground.

The gardens opened for the season during the first week in April, when the children registered and started clearing away the Winter's accumulation of rubbish. This was carried out in wheelbarrows. The second phase of the work is teaching the names and uses of the garden tools. The grounds are plowed and the children make garden lines, peg off the ground and make plots and paths.

McCarren Garden, the original and largest, covers an acre of ground, is known as the garden spot of Greenpoint. It has five hundred plots; fifty are used as demonstration plots and there is a model back yard garden. Many people from all parts of Brooklyn visit this garden to get instruction as an aid to improve their home gardens.

When the gardens are ready to plant the children are assigned to plots. Groups of twenty are taken into the garden, taught the names of seed to be sown and watch an instructor plant a model plot, after which each child plants his own plot and cultivates it until maturity.

As there are many more applicants than plots at all gardens we always have a long waiting list, the waiting children cultivate demonstration plots and flower beds. Plots are forfeited if neglected.

When the first seedlings appear the little farmers are shown how to cultivate, weed, irrigate, thin and transplant. They realize the fact that the vegetable garden can be a thing of beauty if artistically planned and planted. In the first row we have all the little traceries of the emerald radish top, next the light green of bean plants, in the center the row of dark red beets, fourth row the foliage of the carrots and the last row the cushiony lettuce with the slender spikes of onion sets between. Each day a nature lesson on plant or insect life is given in story form.

About four weeks after planting the first radishes are harvested. This news is spread through the neighborhood and then we are besieged with requests for more plots.

We practice very intensive gardening by companion and succession planting, so as to enable the children to enjoy some fresh vegetables from the plots twice a week.

Thirty plots are given to kindergarten, ungraded and anemic classes. Gardening has a special appeal to the abnormal children. Fifteen thousand school children came to the gardens in classes for nature lectures on local plants, birds, insects and the names of flowers. A great number of children call all flowers roses and most vegetables are known as soup greens.

Besides the local schools we have High School Students for biology and delegations from Columbia and New York University.





CHILDREN'S FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDENS

The average value of the products of a plot was \$8.95. The inestimable value is the physical, intellectual, spiritual development of the child.

Fort Greene, McCarren and Betsy Head gardens celebrated their final harvests October 8th, 15th and 22nd. Each of the above had very interesting exercises which were enjoyed by many officials, parents, friends and neighbors who take an interest in the neighborhood activities, teachers and welfare workers.

Silver cups and medals were awarded to the best gardeners.

The last vegetables harvested from observation plots were parsley, celery, leeks, carrots, parsnips, onions, swisschard and beets. These were divided among the last hundred workers to make their Thanksgiving Dinner more palatable by the addition of these fresh vegetables. During the last week the children canned their surplus vegetables to use for Christmas dinner, finished baskets for presents for their mothers, potted tulips and narcisse and made cuttings of annuals for house plants.

All tools and equipment were cleaned, inventoried and packed away for the Winter. The children left reluctantly after a busy, prosperous and happy season.

Community Christmas Trees.

Following our custom inaugurated in 1926 a fifty-foot Christmas Tree was erected at the main entrance to Prospect Park and was decorated with about 1,200 colored electric lights. This made a splendid appearance and could be seen from many streets and avenues approaching the park. Smaller trees were erected and decorated at seven entrances to Prospect Park. A number of trees were also erected and decorated in some of our small parks. These trees were paid for by local civic organizations.

Three hundred students from P. S. No. 9 sang Christmas Carols around the tree erected at the main entrance. The children rendered a splendid program, which was very much enjoyed by those present.

The following program was rendered:

Salutation—"The Star Spangled Banner"

- 1. "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- 2. "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
- 3. Selections by Band
- 4. "Silent Night"
- 5. "The First Nowel"
- 6. Medley of Winter Songs by Band
- 7. "O Holy Night"
- 8. Finale—"America, the Beautiful"

RECREATION PERMITS ISSUED-1926

| | Athletic Meets | Base- ball | Bicycle Race | Camp Fire | Cricket | Croquet | Cross Country | Field Hockey | Fishing | Football | Golf | Model Yachts | . Picnics | Sketch- ing | Tennis | Tents |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------|-------|
| Bay Parkway | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Bedford | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Bensonhurst | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Betsy Head | 8 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Canarsie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dreamland | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Dyker Beach | | | | | | | | | | | 550 | | 1 | | | |
| Fort Greene | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gravesend | 1 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highland | 1 | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| McCarren | 6 | 170 | 1 | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | |
| McKinlev | | 85 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 40 | | | |
| Ocean Parkway | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parade Grounds | | 1,130 | | | 14 | | | | | 96 | | | | | | |
| Prospect | | | | 12 | | 125 | 15 | 31 | 405 | | 919 | 46 | 422 | 27 | 4,085 | |
| Sunset | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 53 | | | |
| Shore Road | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 | 1,625 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 125 | 1.5 | 31 | 405 | 102 | 1.469 | 46 | 525 | 27 | 4.085 | g |

Tennis permits good at all parks.

RECREATION PERMITS ISSUED-1927

| | Athletic Meets | Baseball | Cricket | Croquet | Cross Country | Field Hockey | Fishing | Football | Golf | Model Yachts | Pienie | Tennis | Tents |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Bedford | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bensonhurst | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| Betsy Head | 8 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canarsie | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| Dreamland | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Dyker Beach | | | | | | | | | 575 | | | | |
| Fort Greene | 2 | | | | | | . | | | | | | |
| Gravesend | 1 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highland | 1 | 210 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| McCarren | 6 | 176 | | | | | | 5 | | | | | |
| McKinley | 2 | 75 | | | | | | 3 | | | 37 | | |
| Parade Grounds | | 1,130 | 15 | | | | | 98 | | | | | |
| Prospect Park | | | | 114 | 16 | 33 | 390 | | 795 | 43 | 438 | 4,635 | |
| Shore Road | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunset | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 44 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 21 | 1,634 | 15 | 114 | 16 | 33 | 390 | 106 | 1,370 | 43 | 540 | 4,635 | 8 |

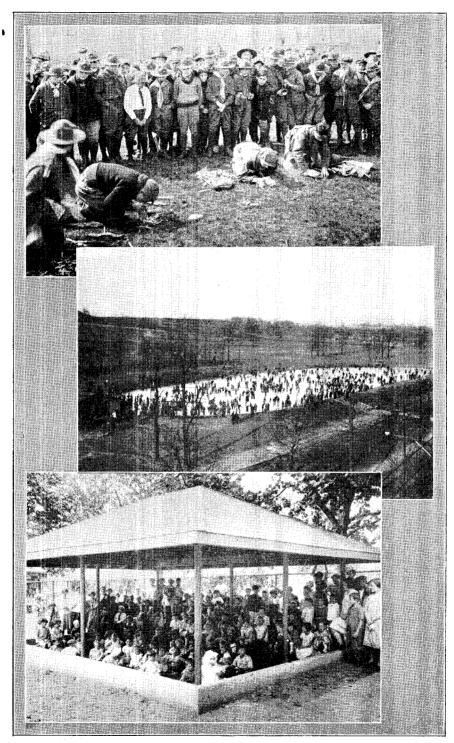
MAJOR EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS—1926

| | Baby Swings | Flying Rings | Garden Swings | Giant Strides | Hori- zontal Bars | Hori- zontal Ladders | Large Swings | Parallel Bars | Rock- a-Bye | See-Saws | Slides | Tether Poles | Traveling Rings |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Bensonhurst | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Betsy Head—Boys | | 4 | | | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | 8 | | | 6 |
| Betsy Head—Girls | 32 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 12 | | 1 - | 8 | | 2 | |
| Browne | 8 | | | 1 | | 2 | 12 | | • • • • | 8 | | | |
| Bushwick-Boys | | 4 | | ī | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 8 | 1 | | 6 |
| Bushwick-Girls | 16 | | | ī | | ī | 12 | | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Canarsie | | 4 | | | 1 | ī | | | | | | | 5 |
| City—Boys | | | | i | ī | ī | 12 | | | 8 | | | 6 |
| City—Girls | 24 | | | ī | | ī | 12 | | | 8 | 1 | | 6 |
| Fort Greene—Boys | | | | 1 | i | ī | 12 | | | 8 | | | |
| Fort Greene—Girls | 8 | | | | | î | 19 | | | š | | | 6 |
| Gravesend—Boys | •••• | | | i | | ī | 12 | | | 12 | 2 | | 6 |
| Gravesend—Girls | 16 | | | | | ī | 12 | | | 12 | 2 | | |
| Greenpoint | 16 | | | | | i | 12 | | | 8 | 2 | | |
| Highland | | | | | | •••• | | | | | | | |
| Jean Scott Dike | | | | ····i | | | | | | 4 | | | |
| Lindsay-Boys | _ | | | i | | · · · · i | 12 | | | 12 | | | 6 |
| Lindsay—Girls | 16 | | | | • • • • | ī | 12 | | | 12 | | | |
| McCarren, North—Boys | | $\frac{\cdots}{2}$ | | •••• | 1 | î | 12 | 1 | | 8 | | | 6 |
| McCarren—Girls | 32 | _ | 4 | 1 | • | 1 | 12 | | i | 8 | 1 | | |
| McCarren—South | 16 | $\frac{\cdots}{2}$ | - | 2 | • • • • • | 1 | 24 | | _ | 8 | | ···i | 5 |
| | | 4 | • • • • | 1 | - | î | 2Т | | • • • • | 0 | | - | |
| McKibben—Boys McKibben—Girls | 8 | | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 12 | • • • • | • • • • | 8 | i | ····i | |
| M. Vinley | 8 | • • • • | • | 1 | ••••; | 1 | 12 | | | 8 | | • | |
| McKinley | _ | • • • • | | 1 | † | 1 | 6. | ···i | | U | • • • • | | |
| McLaughlin-Boys | 20 | • • • • | | 1 | | 1 | 12 | _ | • • • • | • • • • | • • • • | •••• | |
| McLaughlin-Girls | 32 | $\frac{\cdots}{2}$ | | • • • • • | 1 | ÷ | 18 | | • • • • • | 4 | | î | 5 |
| New Lots Prospect—Pienic | | | | 1 | _ | 1 | 12 | | 1 | 12 | • • • • | • | • |
| Prospect—Picnic | • • • • | • • • • • | • • • • • | 4 | • • • • | | 14 | ···i | • • • • | 8 | • • • • | ····i | 6 |
| Red Hook—Boys Red Hook—Girls | i6 | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 6 | | | ě | | i | 6 |
| | 16 | • • • • | • • • • | 1 | | 1 | 18 | • • • • | • • • • | ò | • • • • | - | |
| Sunset | | • • • • | | 1 | | 1 | 12 | | • • • • | 0 | ····i | | |
| Williamsburg—Boys | 16 | | | • • • • | | . 1 | 12 | •••• | | 8 | i | • • • • | - |
| Williamsburg—Girls | 16 | • • • • | • • • • | • • • • | | 1 | 12 | | | 0 | = | | • • • • |
| Howard Ave | 8 | • • • • | | • • • • | | | 6 | • • • • | | o 1 | • • • • | • • • • | • • • • |
| 2nd Ave. & 11th St | •••• | | • • • • | ; | • • • • | | 6 | | • • • • | 7 | | • • • • | • • • • |
| 2nd Ave. & 56th St | 8 | | | 1 | • • • • | 1 | | • • • • | • • • • | 0 | • • • • | • • • • • | |
| Ave. S & E. 14th St | · | • • • • • | •••• | _ 1 | •••• | <u> </u> | 12 | • • • • | | | | | |
| Total | 332 | 26 | 13 | 26 | 12 | 33 | 363 | 5 | 4 | 256 | 13 | 10 | 87 |

MAJOR EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS—1927

| | Baby Swings | Flying Rings | Garden Swings | Giant Strides | Hori- zontal Bars | Hori- zontal Ladders | Large Swings | Parallel Bars | Rock- a-Bye | See-Sews | Slides | Tether Poles | Traveling Rings |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Bensonhurst | 8 | ** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Betsy Head—Boys | | 4 | | | 1 | 2 | 12 | 1 | | 8 | 1 | | 6 |
| Betsy Head—Girls | 32 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 12 | | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | |
| Browne | 8 | | | 1 | | 2 | 12 | | | 8 | 1 | | |
| Bushwick—Boys | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 8 | 2 | | 6 |
| Bushwick—Girls | - 16 | | | . 1 | | 1 | 12 | | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Canarsie | | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | ç |
| Carroll—Boys | | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 12 | 1 | | |
| Carroll—Girls | 16 | | | | | 1 | 6 | | | 8 | 1 | | |
| City-Boys | | | | 1 | 1 | Ĭ | 1Ž | | | 8 | ī | | |
| City -Girls | 24 | | | ī | | î | 12 | | | š | î | | i |
| Fort Greene-Boys | | | | 1 | 1 | î | 12 | | | ×8 | | | |
| Fort Greene-Girls | 8 | | | | | î | - 9 | | | š | 1 | | (|
| Gravesend-Boys | | | | · · · · i | | î | 12 | | | 12 | 2 | | ì |
| Gravesend—Girls | 16 | | | | | ī | 12 | | | 12 | 2 | | |
| Greenpoint | 16 | | | | | î | 12 | | | 8 | 5 | | |
| Jean S. Dike | 8 | | | ; | | * | | | | 4 | ĩ | | |
| Lindsay—Boys | | | • • • • | 1 | | | 12 | | | 12 | * | | |
| Lindsay—Boys | 16 | | | _ | | 1 | 12 | | | 12 | | | |
| | | 2 | | | · · · · i | 1 | 12 | i | • • • • | 12 | 2 | | • • • • • |
| McCarren, North-Boys McCarren-Girls | 32 | | • • • • • • | 1 | _ | 1 | 12 | | · · · · i | 0, | 4 | | |
| McCarren—South | 16 | 2 | 4 | 1 | · · · · i | 1 | 24 | | | 0 | 1 | • • • • • | , |
| | | 4 | | 4 | _ | . t | | | | ٥ | 1 | 1 | |
| McKibben—Boys | • • • • | - | 7 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | • • • • • | |
| McKibben—Girls | . 8 | | / | Ţ | | | 12 | | | . 8 | 4 | 1 | |
| McKinley | 16 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | • • • • • | • • • • • | 12 | Ī | | |
| McLaughlin-Boys | | | | 1 | 1 | Ī | 12 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | | , |
| McLaughlin—Girls | 20 | | • • • • | | * * * * ; | 1 | 12 | | · · · · | 4 | : | 1 | |
| New Lots | 32 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | | | . 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Prospect—Pienic | | • • • • | | 2 | | | 12 | | | 12 | 2 | | |
| Red Hook-Boys | | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 1 | | 8 | | 1 | • |
| Red Hook—Girls | 16 | | | 1 | | 1 | 12 | | | 8 | 1 | 1 | ť |
| Sunset | 16 | | | 1 | | 1 | 18 | | | 8 | | | |
| TompkinsBoys | | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 12 | 1 | | , |
| Tompkins—Girls | 24 | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 12 | 1 | | |
| Williamsburg—Boys | | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 8 | 1 | | (|
| Williamsburg—Girls | 16 | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 8 | 1 | | |
| Howard and Atlantic Aves | 8 | | | | | | 6 | | | 8 | | | |
| 2nd Ave. & 11th St | | | | 1 | | | 6 | | | 4 | | | |
| 2nd Ave. & 39th St | 8 | | | | | | 6 | | | 8 | | | |
| 2nd Ave. & 56th St | 8 | | | 1 | | 1 | 6 | | | 8 | | | |
| Ave. S & E. 14th St | | | | | | 1 | 12 | | | 8 | | | |
| Total | 390 | 26 | <u> </u> | 26 | 12 | 37 | 429 | 5 | 4 | 324 | | 10 | 87 |

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|--------------------------|---|-------------------|---------|---|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|---|--------------|
| | Baseball Diamonds | Basketball Courts | Boating | Bowling Green | Bridle Paths | Coasting Hills | Cricket Fields | Croquet Fields | Cross Country | Golf Links | Handball Courts | Hockey Fields | Ice Skating Rink | Miniature Vachting | Rugby Fields | Running Track | Skiing | Soccer | Simming Pools | Tennis Courts | Wading Pools |
| D Dil D i | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ****** | | | | | | |
| Bay Ridge Parkway | • • | • : | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | • • | • • | 1 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • |
| Bensonhurst | | 1 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | • • | | • • | • : | • • | •, • | • • • | • • | • • | • • | • ; | • • |
| Betsy Head, Boys | 2 | 2. | | | | | | | | | | • • | 1 | | • • | 1 | • • | 1 | 1 | 6 | • : |
| Betsy Head, Girls | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • • | • • | • • | 1 |
| Browne | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • • | 1 |
| Bushwick, Boys | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Bushwick, Girls | | ï | | | • • | | | | | | | | | | | ٠. | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Canarsie | | ī | | :: | | | | | | | | • • | | | | , i | | | | | |
| Carroll, Boys | • • | í | | | • • | • • | • • | •• | • • | | | | | | | | | • • | | | |
| City, Boys | | 1 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | i | | | i | | | | • • • | |
| City, Boys | 1 | 1 | • • | • • | • • | | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | _ | • • | • • | | | • • | | | 1 |
| City, Girls | • • | 1 | • • | • • | | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | |
| Fort Green, Boys | • : | Ī | • • | | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • ; | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • |
| Gravesend, Boys | 1 | . 1 | • • | • • | • • | | • • | | • • | • • | | • • | 1 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | •• | • • | • • |
| Gravesend, Girls | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | • • | • • | | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | :: | • • |
| Highland | 6 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | • • | • • | • • | 28 | • • |
| Lindsay, Boys | | 1 | | | | | | | | | • • | | | | • • | • • | | • • | | • • | |
| McCarren, North, Boys | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 16 | |
| McCarren, South | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McKibbin, Boys | | î | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| McKibbin, Girls | • • • | î | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • • | | | | | | | | • • | | | | | |
| McKinley | i | _ | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | | | | | i | • | i | • • • | :: | | | 6 | |
| | | i | • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | | | i | | i | | | 1 |
| McLaughlin, Boys | .1 | 1 | • • | ••• | | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | | | | i | |
| McLaughlin, Girls | • • | •: | • • | • • | • • | • • | | | • • | • • | • • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | 2 | |
| | | 1 | • • | • • | • • | | | | • • | • • | 2 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | • • |
| Ocean Parkway | | | | • • | 1 | | • • | • • | | • • | • • | • • | | • • | ٠: | • • | • • | • : | • • | • • | • • |
| Parade Grounds | 21 | | | 7 | | | 7 | | • • | • • | | • • | • : | • • | 5 | • • | ٠: | 5 | • • | 400 | • • |
| Prospect | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 1 | | • • | 1 | • • | • • | 300 | • • |
| Red Hook, Boys | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • • | | 1 | | 1 | • • |
| Red Hook, Girls | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | • • |
| | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | -/. · | | | 4 | |
| Tompkins, Boys | | i | | - :: | | 4. | | | | | ٠. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | • | ī | :: | • | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second Ave. and 39th St. | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | • • • | | | | | • • | • • | | •• | |
| | • • | 4 | • • | • • | • • | •• | • • | • • | •• | • • | • • | | •; • | • • | | • :: | • | | | • | |
| Second Ave. and 56th St. | | 1 | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | • • • | • • | • • • | • • | • • | • • | • • | | | • • | | • • • | | |
| Aves. S and E, 14th St | 1 | 1 | • • | • • | | • • | . •• | | • • | •• | | • • • | • • • | ··- | <u></u> | | | | <u>:-</u> | | |
| Total | 44 | 30 | 1 | 7 | | 5 | 7 | 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 369 | 5 |



SCOUT ACTIVITIES—ICE SKATING—SAND CRAFT

Playground Attendance—1926

301,240

9,134,595

| January February March April May June July August September October November December | 310,435 310,435 352,760 506,325 690,470 918,550 1,600,795 1,692,430 805,265 490,980 348,650 302,430 |
|---|--|
| · | 8,320,330 |
| Recapitulation of Attendance | |
| Playgrounds Children's Farm Gardens Betsy Head Baths Betsy Head Swimming Pool Band Concerts Ice Skating | 8,320,330 375,650 262,582 47,691 482,500 412,340 9,901,093 |
| Playground Attendance—1927 January February March April May June July August September October | 335,960 326,950 393,430 505,170 707,155 983,215 1,740,250 1,876,180 926,360 550,295 |
| November December | 435,755 353,875 |

Recapitulation of Attendance

| Playgrounds | 9,134,595 |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Children's Farm Gardens | 381,525 |
| Betsy Head Shower Baths | 241,321 |
| Betsy Head Swimming Pocl | 32,164 |
| Band Concerts | 365,400 |
| Ice Skating | 475,270 |
| - | 10.600.08# |
| | 10,630,275 |

The above does not include bathers using our beaches; equestrians using bridle paths; people boating on our lakes; vehicles using roads and parkways; people using our parks for quiet recreation; or people attending special celebrations in the parks.

| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Shower Bath Bathers— Men Women | 2,962 2,185 | 9,837 10,403 | 11,687 11,886 | 19,976 18,782 | 22,289 17,688 | 15,730 10,522 | | | 16,541 8,536 | 16,030 12,799 | 15,082 11,551 | 15,292 12,004 | 145,426 177,156 |
| Total | 5,147 | 20,240 | 23,573 | 38,758 | 39,977 | 26,252 | | | 25,077 | 28,829 | 26,633 | 28,096 | 262,582 |
| Men Women | | | | | | 4,664 372 | 17,868 5,829 | 13,134 5,375 | 255 184 | | | | 39,921 11,770 |
| Total | | | | | | 5,036 | 23,707 | 18,509 | 439 | • • • • • • • | | | 47,691 |
| Soap Sold Men Soap Sold Women | 285 11 | 1,136 60 | 1,748 82 | $3,029 \\ 162$ | 3,899 280 | 2,847 211 | 1,484 | 796 | 2,269 184 | 2,507 443 | 2,009 157 | 511 123 | 22,520 1,713 |
| Total | 296 | 1,196 | 1,830 | 3,191 | 4,179 | 3,058 | 1,484 | 796 | 2,453 | 2,950 | 2,166 | 634 | 24,233 |
| Towels Loaned Men Towels Loaned Women | 315 10 | 1,305 85 | 1,966 135 | 3,407 323 | 4,120 643 | 2,141 436 | | • • • • • • | 2,049 308 | $6,322 \\ 1,210$ | 2,315 454 | 1,273 392 | 25,213 3,996 |
| Total | 325 | 1,390 | 2,101 | 3,730 | 4,763 | 2,577 | | | 2,357 | 7,532 | 2,769 | 1,665 | 29,209 |

BETSY HEAD BATH AND SWIMMING POOL ATTENDANCE-1927

| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Shower Bath Bathers— Men | 16,201 | 14,473 | 17,462 | 16,164 | 16,735 | 15,937 | | | 7,996 | 14 200 | 0.833 | 14047 | 111.000 |
| Women | 11,351 | 7,816 | 10,748 | 11,658 | 10,527 | 8,109 | | | 6,963 | 14,390 11,409 | 9,823 8,53 7 | 14,847 10,175 | 144,028 97,293 |
| Total | 27,552 | 22,289 | 28,210 | 27,822 | 27,262 | 24,146 | | | 14,959 | 25,799 | 18,360 | 25,022 | 241,321 |
| Swimming Pool Bathers— Men Women | | | | | | | 14,687 6,052 | 6,718 2,610 | 1,604 493 | | | | 23,009 9,155 |
| Total | ••••• | ••••• | | | ••••• | | 20,739 | 9,328 | 2,097 | | ••••• | | 32,164 |
| Soap Sold Men Soap Sold Women | 1,703 150 | 1,376 125 | 2,364 146 | 2,507 156 | 3,201 282 | 3,863 236 | | | · 1,335 | 2,464 154 | 1,401 91 | 1,171 318 | 21,385 1,809 |
| Total | 1,853 | 1,501 | 2,510 | 2,663 | 3,483 | 4,099 | | | 1,486 | 2,618 | 1,492 | 1,489 | 23,194 |
| Shower Baths— Towels Loaned Men Towels Loaned Women | 1,879 437 | 1,510 504 | 2,600 603 | 2,725 673 | 282 972 | 4,373 949 | | | 1,446 292 | 2,588 544 | 1,626 340 | 1,273 392 | 25,213 3,996 |
| Total | 2,316 | 2,014 | 3,203 | 3,398 | 1,254 | 5,322 | | | 1,738 | 3,132 | 1,966 | 1,448 | 25,791 |

ENGINEERING SECTION

General.

During the years 1926 and 1927 the improvement which had been looked forward to by the department for a great number of years—the permanent paving of the Shore Road Drive—was started and two sections completed, extending from Fourth Avenue to Eighty-third Street.

Shore Road.

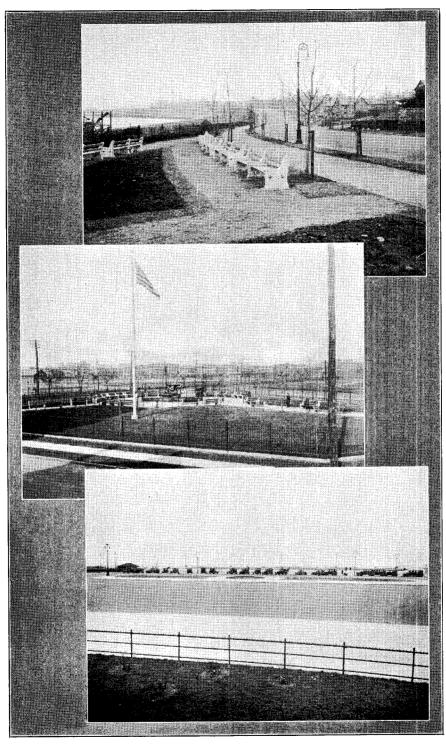
This work was carried out in two contracts; the first from Fourth Avenue to Bay Ridge Avenue, and the second, completed late in 1927, extending from Bay Ridge Avenue to Eighty-third Street. The work consisted of excavating the old narrow macadam roadway, constructing new curbs and new storm water drainage, and the paving with sheet asphalt on a concrete foundation; also the topsoiling, sodding, planting of trees, reconstruction of old walks, and the laying of new tile walks adjacent to the curbs; also the erection of a wrought iron picket fence on the shore side, extending from First Avenue to Eighty-third Street. From Bay Ridge Avenue to Eighty-third Street the planting areas also consisted of slope work. The slopes have been embellished with shrubbery and we now have a beautiful drive along the Narrows as far as the work has been completed.

The third section of the improvement of this drive, extending from Eighty-third Street to Oliver Street, is now ready for advertising and it is anticipated that the work will start early this spring and that it will be completed some time about the middle of the summer. The roadway should be open to the public over this section not later than June 15th.

If it is possible to secure the funds, we hope to have the entire roadway completed as far as Fort Hamilton by the end of 1928 or early in 1929.

The total cost of the work completed is \$476,222. The estimated cost for the third section is \$306,405.00, and for completing the section from Oliver Street to Fort Hamilton, \$450,000.00.

This improvement was made possible through the department being able to obtain vast quantities of filling material, which were necessary for the widening of the drive and walks, free of charge. Free permits were issued to a large number of contractors who were allowed to dump good earth fill where it was needed. These contractors were compelled to grade the earth as they deposited it in such a manner that as the roadway is being improved there is little additional grading to be done over these areas. This has saved the City a considerable sum of money as well as allowing the department to proceed with the improvement much sooner than otherwise would be possible.



SHORE ROAD DRIVE—NULTY SQUARE CONEY ISLAND CONCOURSE

Dyker Beach Fill.

Other improvements have also been completed or are under way and although secondary in importance to Shore Road, are extremely beneficial to the borough.

The department advertised the Dyker Beach fill privilege and were fortunate in procuring the sum of \$30,750.00 for this concession. The contractor was handicapped through this department taking a large amount of earth on the Shore Road, but at present is proceeding quite rapidly, and if building operations proceed at the same rate for the coming year as in the past few years, the work should be completed to such an extent that large areas of the park will be in condition for final development. The Landscape Architect's plan has been completed and an estimate of cost for the improvement has been made, so that when the time arrives the improvement can be advanced very rapidly.

PLAYGROUNDS

Williamsburg Bridge Playground.

The Williamsburg Bridge Playground, located at South Fifth Street and Wythe Avenue, was constructed, playground apparatus installed, and has been open to the public for over a year. The cost of completion was \$10,013.20.

Williamsburg Playground.

The Williamsburg Playground, at Johnson Avenue and Boerum Street, was partially improved, some playground apparatus installed, a picket fence constructed around the exterior, opened to the public, and is now in use. The contract for the final construction work, with the plans, are with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for their approval. As soon as these are approved, the work will be progressed. It should be completed early this summer. The total cost of the work to be done is \$29,400.00.

American Playground.

American Playground, at Franklin and Noble Streets, was acquired late in the fall of 1927, the funds for its improvement appropriated, contract let and the work is to start as soon as the weather permits. The funds available are \$12,000.00.

Avenue S and E. 14th Street Playground.

Playground at Avenue S and East Fourteenth Street. This area has been under the jurisdiction of this department for the last three years, but has been practically useless as a playground because of a large water trench fifteen feet deep which extended for the entire width of the property, making it very dangerous for children to play. Recently, we received permission from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to construct a

housing over their pipe which ran through this trench. A contract was let for this construction as well as for regrading the playground area in December, 1927, and the contractor is ready to proceed as soon as weather permits. Construction should be completed early in the summer. Funds available for the improvement, \$20,600.00. Contractor's low bid for above work, \$11,392.50.

PARKS

McCarren Park.

McCarren Park, Plot No. 3, at North Twelfth Street and Driggs Avenue, was completely improved and a captured German cannon installed in the centre in commemoration of the boys of that section who lost their lives in the World War. This barren area was transformed into a most beautiful park, and the residents of this section have expressed themselves on many occasions as being more than pleased. The cost of the improvement was \$16,129.97.

Wynn Circle.

Wynn Circle, Bedford and Division Avenues, was improved and a captured German cannon installed in commemoration of the boys of this section who lost their lives in the World War. The cost of this improvement was \$2,964.92.

Sunset Park.

Sunset Park, 41st to 44th Street, 5th to 7th Avenue. The slopes of this park facing Fifth Avenue were in a most deplorable condition. Many large boulders anchored on these slopes years ago, when the park was originally built, were working loose and there was grave danger of their rolling down the slope into Fifth Avenue, causing great damage to life and property. All the boulders were underpinned with concrete and securely anchored, slopes topsoiled, sodded and shrubbed, and in general placed in good condition. The cost of this improvement was \$14,138.00.

Botanic Garden.

Botanic Garden, on Eastern Parkway, Washington and Flatbush Avenues. The old 4-ft. picket fence around this beautiful garden was removed and a new 7-ft. picket fence installed. The cost of the work was \$35,497.67.

Guider Park.

Guider Park, located at Eastern Parkway and Washington Avenue, opposite the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, is at present under construction. This area, long an eyesore, is being transformed into a beautiful

park in commemoration of our late Borough President. This work should be completed early this spring. The low bid is \$26,341.17.

Marine Park.

Marine Park, located at Gerrittsen Basin, is the largest park in the City. It has an area of over 1,300 acres. The survey was completed early in 1927, the plan made and submitted to the Landscape Architect. The Landscape Architect's plan was recently completed and an estimate of cost of this improvement was made. It is the hope of this department that construction can be sarted in the near future, as it will take a considerable length of time to complete the whole, and it is desirable to open completed areas as fast as possible to the public. The estimated cost for the entire improvement is \$50,000,000.

PARKWAYS AND PARK ROADS

At present there are approximately thirty-two miles of parkways and park roads in the borough, two-thirds of which are permanently improved. The Department is endeavoring to improve the balance as rapidly as possible.

Ocean Parkway.

The easterly traffic road, from Park Circle to Coney Island, should be permanently improved as soon as possible. Although there are two other driveways—a westerly traffic road 25 feet in width, and the main roadway, averaging 66 feet in width, extending from Park Circle to Coney Island, permanently improved, this roadway area is insufficient to take care of the heavy traffic during the Summer months. The improvement of the easterly traffic road would, naturally, relieve conditions to a great extent. Funds are available for raising the grades on this drive between Avenue W and the Coney Island Creek. Survey, plans and spectifications for this work are practically completed and will be submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the near future.

A survey has been made of the east traffic road between Park Circle and Avenue W, the cost of the improvement, which is of the utmost importance, has been estimated, funds have been requested, and it is hoped that we will be able to do the work in 1928.

Portions of the westerly traffic road were paved more than ten years ago and have been subjected to extremely heavy traffic. It would seem advisable that these portions be repaved, as the repairing of them is becoming increasingly expensive.

Ocean Parkway Terminus.

The foot of Ocean Parkway at Coney Island was improved during the year 1927. The old roadway was replaced with a new wide roadway—at one point 140 feet in width, and an isle of safety 50 feet in width in the center. Constructed at a cost of \$46,922.32.

The widening of this roadway necessitated damaging the planting areas adjacent and a second contract was let for the improvement of these areas. The work on the second contract is practically completed. The bid price was \$29,857.50.

This improvement created a wide plaza at the entrance to the boardwalk and has practically eliminated all traffic jams which were very evident heretofore.

Eastern Parkway.

Both Eastern Parkway traffic roads were paved over ten years ago. They are now in such condition that repaving seems advisable in place of trying to patch. Surveys and estimates have been made, funds requested and it is desirable to do the work in the near future, as delays will only increase the cost.

Eastern Parkway Extension.

The pavement is over twelve years old and subjected to great traffic, which will naturally increase, especially with the completion of the Interborough Parkway. The pavement should be replaced before the Interborough Parkway is completed. Surveys and estimates and request for funds have been made.

Ft. Hamilton Parkway.

A survey of the old pavement between Ocean Parkway and 37th street and the walk areas for the entire length was made. The cost of improving was estimated and several requests for funds for various sections of the work have been made from time to time.

Bushwick Parkway.

The pavement of Bushwick Parkway, as well as the sidewalk areas, of a considerable length, are undermined and sunken. The condition is extremely dangerous. Surveys and estimates to correct same were made. A request was submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the necessary funds, accompanied by a statement detailing the dangers and the necessity for the work. The request was denied but has been renewed and it is very desirous that the funds be granted this time.

Highland Boulevard.

The old brick pavement on Highland Boulevard is in very poor condition. Funds are available for the desired work, plans and specifications almost completed, and it is expected to have the work done early next Summer.

Highland Park Drive.

This concrete roadway, extending from the end of Highland Boulevard

to Jamaica Avenue was completed in 1925. The increased traffic made it necessary to widen the entrance at Jamaica Avenue and also to construct a cement walk adjacent to the pavement from Jamaica Avenue to the end of an existing walk. This work was completed at a cost of \$4,550.58 during July, 1926.

Buffalo Avenue.

Buffalo Avenue, extending from Eastern Parkway to East New York Avenue, connecting with Rockaway Parkway, which has just been paved by the Borough President, is to be improved early in 1928. Funds are available, contracts, plans and specifications are in the Board of Estimate for approval and the contract will be advertised as soon as approval is granted.

Bay Ridge Parkway.

Bay Ridge Parkway extends from Fort Hamilton Parkway to Shore Road at Fourth Avenue. It is the connecting link between two wide permanently improved parkways and is subjected to considerable traffic. The present roadway is much too narrow to accommodate this traffic; it should be widened and permanently paved; also the adjoining slopes should be graded and landscaped. Surveys and plans are at present in the making.

Bay Parkway.

Bay Parkway is permanently improved for its full length and in excellent condition. All pavement is still under guarantee.

Coney Island Concourse.

The connecting link between Ocean Parkway and the recently widened Surf Avenue is under contract. This work should be completed early next year and will eliminate considerable traffic troubles, as it is at present narrower than either Ocean Parkway or Surf Avenue.

Drives in Small Parks.

None of these drives are permanently improved but our departmental force is doing excellent work in keeping them in repair.

Prospect Park Drives.

The outer drives in the park are all permanently improved and are in excellent condition. The only portion of these drives that needs attention is a narrow section on the East Drive, which should be widened so as to be of the same width as the balance. A survey was made, the Landscape Architect redesigned a small portion of the park, as well as the drive itself, an estimate of the cost was prepared and funds have been requested to do this work.

The interior drives are all waterbound macadam and with the increased traffic should be permanently paved. Requests for these funds after surveys and estimates were made have been submitted to the Board of Estimate.

The roads under the jurisdiction of the department outside of Prospect Park but adjacent to it—Parkside Avenue and Lincoln Road, are both in need of repaving. Funds have been requested to accomplish this and it is greatly desired that they be granted.

Asphalt Drives and Roadways.

All asphalt drives and parkways not under guarantee were repaired as extensively as the funds granted would permit. During 1926 there was one contract and two open market orders for these repairs. During 1927 we were more fortunate in securing funds and although there was a greater yardage out of guarantee, we were able to accomplish much more work and, consequently, the roadways are in better condition than we have been able to keep them in recent years.

BUILDINGS

Brower Park Addition.

The Smith Mansion, located in Brower Park Addition, at Brooklyn and St. Marks Avenues and Prospect Place, Brooklyn, is now being renovated. The funds were procured early this year and the work of preparing plans and specifications turned over to the Architect, Mr. Edwin H. Denby. There are four contracts let: No. 1, General Construction; No. 2, Plumbing; No. 3, Steam Heating; No. 4, Electrical Work. All contractors are proceeding with the work and we hope to have the building in use as a Children's Museum some time during the year 1928. The total of the low bids for these four contracts is \$36,700.00.

Prospect Park.

In 1925 the old frame Picnic House in Prospect Park burned to the ground. Funds were immediately requested for replacing this very necessary structure, but it was only after two years of agitation that a fund was appropriated for its reconstruction. Mr. J. Sarsfield Kennedy was immediately engaged to draw plans and specifications for the new building. These plans and specifications have been completed and submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for approval. As soon as the approval is granted the actual construction will start and advance to completion as rapidly as possible.

Greenpoint Park Comfort Station.

This department prepared plans and specifications for a combined comfort station and field house which has been erected in Greenpoint Park at Franklin and Dupont Streets, during this last year. The cost of this building was \$10,887.00.

Comfort Stations.

Mr. J. Sarsfield Kennedy has also been engaged to draw plans and specifications for three comfort stations, for which funds are now available. They are to be located at Gravesend Playground, 56th and 58th Streets and 18th and 19th Avenues; Williamsburg Playground at Lorimer, Leonard and Boerum Streets and Johnson Avenue, and at American Playground, Franklin and Noble Streets. Mr. Kennedy has recently informed us that his plans and specifications are practically ready for submission for approval, and that we will be able to proceed with the work in the early spring of 1928.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The new sections "F" and "G" were practically completed under the direction of the Architects, Messrs. McKim, Mead and White, and the entire building is now open to the public. There are some minor items to be taken care of but these will not interfere with the use of the building in any way.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Unnamed Playgrounds.

The five smaller playgrounds recently partially developed were equipped with playground apparatus. This contract was let by the Board of Purchase and inspection made by the Engineering Bureau.

A contract was let by this department for furnishing and erecting pipe rail shelters and duck covers for baby swings in a number of playgrounds in the borough. The low bid for this work was \$11,289.00 and is at present under way. Both of the above improvements were charged against a fund authorized for this purpose, the balance of which will be expended for similar improvements in other playgrounds.

Ocean Parkway Storm Sewer.

The foot of Ocean Parkway was badly in need of improved storm sewer facilities. A 24-inch cast-iron drain was installed and catch basins and manholes constructed. The main sewer extended from the foot of Ocean Parkway underneath the boardwalk out into the ocean a distance of approximately three hundred and fifty feet. This work was completed at a cost of \$22,016.79.

Ocean Parkway Culvert.

The old wooden bridge on Ocean Parkway at Coney Island Creek had been in a very dangerous state for some years. The condition was so bad during the latter part of 1926 that the parkway itself had to be barricaded. Early this year, after procuring the funds, the old bridge was entirely removed and a cast-iron culvert installed. The balance of the creek was filled in and pavements constructed. This work was completed at a cost of \$34,886.31.

Regulating and Grading Slopes on the Southerly Side of 66th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.

There was a large mound of earth on this site that made the property practically useless. Funds were procured and the area is now in a usable condition. There is a balance left in this fund and it is proposed to grade additional areas in this section that are in an unusable condition at present. This work should be done early in 1928.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Bliss Estate.

There has been considerable agitation during the last few years throughout the borough to create a park out of the Bliss Estate. This is a very desirable piece of property, located at Colonial Road, 68th Street and the Shore Road, overlooking the Narrows and would lend itself nicely for park development. This department is also very anxious to acquire this site, as there are no parks or playgrounds in this vicinity.

Canarsie Park.

The Dock Department recently constructed bulkheads and filled in a large area adjacent to Canarsie Park, located at Sea Breeze Avenue and East 3rd Street. This operation took away our entire waterfront, which we had hoped to utilize in the development of this park. We are advocating the release of this newly made ground by the Dock Department to the Sinking Fund Commission, which in turn could turn it over to our department for park purposes, if it can in any way be accomplished without interfering to any great extent with the plans of other City departments.

Applications for Permits.

Requests embodying plans and specifications for permits from contractors, builders, plumbers, architects and public service corporations, for pavement openings, building erections, projections, etc., are inspected and passed upon for enforcement of Parkway Laws and Park Board Ordinances.

Measurement of Scow Trucks.

All scows and trucks with highway and botanical materials were measured, computed and vouchers for same certified.

Budget Work.

Statistical charts and budget detail and summary sheets annually prepared for estimated expenditures covering permanent pavement repairs under contract and open market order; labor and materials for repairs to temporary pavements and all contemplated major improvements.

Surveys, tentative plans, specifications and estimates of cost yearly prepared for all corporate stock budget improvements.

PARKS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

| | Name | Location | Total Area in Acres | Acres Developed | Acres Un- developed | Length of Interior Walks in Miles | Length of Interio Drives in Miles | Appraised |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. | Amersfort Park Bay Ridge Parkway Park Beatty Square Brower Park Brower Park Addition Bensonhurst Park | Avenues J and E, 38th st., Avenue I and E. 39th st 4th ave. to 1st ave., bet. 66th and 67th sts Stuyvesant and Vernon aves. and Broadway Kingston and Brooklyn aves., Prospect and Park pls Brooklyn and St. Marks aves. and Prospect pl Bay Parkway and Gravesend Bay, 21st ave. and Cropsey | 3.56 16.60 0.08 4.10 1.44 | 3.56 16.60 0.08 4.10 | 1.44 | 0.41 0.64 0.50 | | \$67,500.00 465,677.00 6,500.00 330,000.00 125,000.00 |
| 7. 8. | Borough Hall Park Bklyn. Bot. Garden and Arboretum (incl. 12.69 acres of Bklyn. Inst. | Joralemon, Court and Fulton sts | 13,909 1.70 | 3.80 1.70 | 10.109 | 0.24 | 0.12 | 439,000.00 *4,000,000.00 |
| 9. 10. 11. | A. & S. lands) | Eastern Parkway, Washington and Flatbush aves. and Empire blyd. Columbia Heights fronting on Furman st. Knickerbocker and Irving aves., Starr and Suydam sts Skidmore, Sea View and Denton aves., E. 88th st. and E. | 61.39 .516 6.86 | 61.39 .516 6.86 | | 2.46 0.65 | | *9,885,000.00 82,138.00 305,000.00 |
| 12. | Coney Island Concourse Lands (exclusive of Seaside Park) | 93d st., Byrne pl. and Jamaica Bay W. 5th st. and Sea Breeze ave. and Atlantic Ocean | 20.00 46.70 | 6.80 | 13.20 35.70 | 0.10 | 0.22 | 115,000.00 1,337,000.00 |
| 13. 14. 15. 16. | Cooper Park Cooper Gore Cuyler Gore Dreamland Parking Space | Maspeth and Morgan aves., Sharon and Olive sts Junction of Metropolitan and Orient aves Cumberland and Fulton sts. and Greene ave W. 5th st. and W. 8th st., Surf ave. 30 ft. north of | | 6.10 0.150 0.0800 | | 0.52 | • | 140,000.00 7,000.00 25,000.00 |
| 17. | Dyker Beach Park | Boardwalk | 10.93 | 10.93 | Auto I | Parking Space | 2 | 1,940,000.00 |
| 18. 19. | Fidelity Memorial Park | Gravesend Bay | 223.60 0.0050 | 0.0050 | 223.60 | | 0.95 | 1,147,300.00 1,200.00 |
| 20. 21. 22. 23. | Fort Hamilton Memorial Park Fort Hamilton Park Fort Sterling Park Freedom Square | st. and St. Edwards st | 26.0900 0.0180 4.6000 0.172 0.0033 | 26.090 0.018 4.6000 0.172 0.0033 2.0000 | ••••• | 0.33 | | 2,800,000.00 1,000.00 205,000.00 26,983.00 4,000.00 160,000.00 |
| 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. | Fulton Park Grant Square Gore Park Gravesend Park Heisser Square Highland Park Addition | Chauncey and Fulton sts, and Stuyvesant ave | 0.0190 6.92 0.1240 | 0.0190 2.92 0.1240 | 4.00 | 0.20 | | 7,000.00 56,000.00 6,000.00 |
| | | and Highland blvd | 5.1900 | •••• | 5.1900 | | | 200,000.00 |

^{*} Includes value of buildings on land.

| | 21. | Lincoln Tellace Tark | Eastern gaway., Bunaro and Rochester aves. and Fresi- | | | | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|---------|--------|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | | dent st dent st | 7.600 | 7.600 | | 0.61 | | 262,000.00 |
| | 32. | Lincoln Terrace Park, First Addition | Eastern pkway., Portal st. and East New York ave | 7.400 | | 7.400 | | | 172,000.00 |
| | | Lincoln Terrace Park, Second Addi- | | | | | | | 2,2,000.00 |
| | 00. | | Carroll st., East New York ave. and Rochester ave | 2.91 | | 2.91 | | | 121 265 00 |
| | | tion | | | | | • • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 121,265.00 |
| | | Linton Park | | 2.290 | 2.290 | * | 0.30 | • • • • • • | 82,000.00 |
| | 35. | McKinley Park | Fort Hamilton and 7th ave., 73d and 75th sts | 5.850 | 2.850 | 3.000 | • • • • • | | 141,500.00 |
| | 36. | Milestone Park | 18th ave., north of 82d st | 0.007 | 0.007 | | | | 300.00 |
| | 37. | Memorial Gore Park | Bushwick, Metropolitan and Maspeth aves | 0.05 | 0.05 | | | • • • • • | 1,000.00 |
| | 38. | Prospect Park | Prospect Park West, Flatbush, Ocean and Parkside aves. | | | | | | , |
| | 00. | 110spect 1 ark 111111111111111111111111111111111 | and Prospect Park Southwest | 526.00 | 526.00 | | 16.10 | 6.90 | 49,000,000.00 |
| | 39. | Red Hook Park | Richards, Verona, Dwight and Pioneer sts | 5.280 | 5.280 | | 0.69 | | 182,000.00 |
| | | | | | | • • • • • | | • • • • • | |
| 8 | 40. | Saratoga Square Park | | 3.200 | 3.200 | | 0.36 | | 225,000.00 |
| 7 | 41. | Seaside Park | | 10.300 | 10.300 | | 0.61 | | 940,000.00 |
| | 42. | Shore Road Park | 1st ave., 66th st., Narrows avc., Shore rd. and New York | | | | | | |
| | | | Bay | 106.300 | | 106.300 | | | 2,000,000.00 |
| | 43. | Sunset Park | 41st and 44th sts., 5th and 7th aves | 24.500 | 24.500 | | 1.53 | | 1.010.000.00 |
| | | Underhill Gore Park | Underhill and Washington aves. and Pacific st | 0.100 | 0.100 | | | | 6,500.00 |
| | 45. | Zion Park | East New York and Pitkin aves., Barrett and Grafton sts. | 0.210 | 0.21 | | 0.08 | | 30,000.00 |
| | 46. | | | 9.100 | 9.10 | | 0.94 | | 505,000.00 |
| | | | Nassau and Driggs aves., Russell and Monitor sts | | | | | • • • • • | |
| | 47. | Joseph A. Guider Park | | 0.155 | 0.155 | | • • • • • | • • • • • | 9,500.00 |
| | 48. | Unnamed Gore "B" | Roebling st., Division and Lee aves | 0.14 | | 0.14 | | | 14,500.00 |
| | 49. | Unnamed Gore "E" | Chauncey and Fulton sts. and Lewis ave | 0.01 | | 0.01 | | | 1,500.00 |
| | 50. | Unnamed Park No. 1 | E. 38th st., Atlantic Ocean and Gerritsen ave., etc., (in- | | | | | | |
| | | | cluding Plum Island) | 1239.68 | | 1239.68 | | | *3,865,450.00 |
| | 51. | Unnamed Park No. 3 | 18th ave., 82d and 83d sts. and private property | 0.44 | | 0.44 | | | 20,000.00 |
| | 52. | Unnamed Park No. 4 | | 0.476 | | 0.476 | | | 27,500.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | 200,000.00 |
| | 53. | wimamspurg bridge Plaza | New st., So. 4th st., Roebling st. and the prolongation | .90 | .90 | • • • • • • | • • • • • | • • • • • • | 200,000.00 |
| | | | of the north side of the Bridge Approach | | | | | | 07 070 00 |
| | 54. | Fort Stirling Park | Columbia Heights fronting on Furman St. | . 172 | .172 | | | | 27.379.00 |

Total Area

in Acres

2.980

13.70

Acres

2,980

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.172

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.172

2432.6063

Developed developed

Acres Un-

.

Location

Wilson and Knickerbocker aves, and Weirfield and Hal-

Fort Hamilton pkway. to 4th ave., bet. 66th and 67th sts..

Eastern pkway., Buffalo and Rochester aves. and Presi-

sey sts.

Length

Walks

in Miles

0.38

Length

Drives

in Miles

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29.26

Total Appraised

Valuation

143,000.00

384,323.00

27,379.00

8.19 \$83,356,015.00

of Interior of Interior

54. Fort Stirling Park...... Columbia Heights fronting on Furman st......

Name

29. Irving Square Park.....

Lincoln Terrace Park.....

^{*} Includes value of buildings on land.

COMBINED PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

| | Name | Location | Total Area in Acres | Acres Developed | Acres Un- developed | Length of Interior Walks in Miles | Length of Interio Drives in Mile | r Total Appraised |
|----|-----------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| 1. | Carroll Park | President, Court, Carroll and Smtih sts | 1.90 | 1.90 | | 0.29 | | \$165,000.00 |
| 2. | City Park | St. Edwards and Navy sts., Park and Flushing aves | 7.50 | 7.50 | • • • • • • | 0.50 | | 500,000.00 |
| 3. | Highland Park | Jamaica ave., U. S. National Cemetery, Borough Line, Reservoir and Warwick st. Ext | 40.86 | 40.86 | | 1.45 | 0.51 | 522,000.00 |
| 4. | McCarren Park | Berry, Lorimer, Leonard, Bayard and No. 12th sts., Nassau, Driggs, Manhattan and Union aves | 38.42 | 23.21 | 15.21 | 1.35 | | 1,320,000.00 |
| 5. | McLaughlin Park | Bridge, Tillary and Jay sts | 3.30 | 3.30 | | 0.32 | | 525,000.00 |
| 6. | Tompkins Park | Tompkins, Greene, Marcy and Lafayette aves | 7.80 | 7.80 | • • • • • • | 0.66 | | 665,000.00 |
| | | Totals | 99.78 | 84.57 | 15.21 | 4.57 | 0.51 | \$3,697,000.00 |

OTHER PARK PROPERTY

| Property | | | Location | | Total Area in Acres | Acres Developed | Acres Undeveloped | Total Appraised Valuation |
|---------------|--|--|--|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Section | Block | Lot | Street | | ··· | | |
| Gravel Pit | 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 | 6610 6612 6612 6635 6636 6637 | 42, 50 & 53 35 & 44 35 & 52 8 1 1 | E. 4th st | 3.71 | | 3,71 | \$52,900.00 |
| Seeley Street | | 5263 | · · · · · · 14 · · · · | | 0.27 | | 0.27 | 5,000.00 |
| | | Totals | | | 3.98 | | 3.98 | \$57,900.00 |

PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTY UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

| | Name | Location | Total Area in Acres | Acres Developed | Acres Un- developed | Length of Interior Walks in Miles | Length of Interior Drives in Mile | or Total Appraised |
|-----|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | Betsy Head Memorial Playground | Livonia, Dumont and Hopkinson aves. and Douglas st. and Dumont, Blake and Hopkinson aves, and Bristol st | 10.50 | 10.50 | | 0.76 | | \$386,000.00 |
| 2. | Bushwick Playground | Putnam ave., bet. Knickerbocker and Irving aves | 2.80 | 2.80 | | 0.76 | • • • • • • | 68,000.00 |
| 3. | Browne Park | Sands st., Bridge st. and Manhattan Bridge Approach | 1.02 | 1.02 | | | • • • • • | 162,200.00 |
| 4. | Fort Greene Playground | St. Edwards st., Myrtle ave. and Park wall | 2.81 | 2.81 | • • • • • • | • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 310,000.00 |
| 5. | Greenpoint Park | Dupont, Franklin and Commercial sts | 0,503 | 0.503 | | • • • • • • | • • • • , • | 28,000.00 |
| 6. | Jean Scott Dike Playground | Amity and Columbia sts | ,12 | .12 | | | | 10,000.00 |
| 7. | Linsay Park | Boerum, Leonard and Lorimer sts. and Johnson ave | 1.83 | 1.83 | | • • • • • • | | 300,500.00 |
| 8. | McKibbin Playground | Seigel, White and McKibbin sts | 1.37 | 1.37 | | • • • • • | | 60,000.00 |
| 9. | McKinley Playground | Fort Hamilton and 7th aves. and 75th st | 2.65 | 2.65 | | ***** | | 63,500.00 |
| 10. | New Lots Playground | Sackman st., Riverdale, Christopher and Newport aves | 2.29 | 2.29 | | 0.07 | | 78,000.00 |
| 11. | Parade Grounds | Coney Island, Parkside and Caton aves | 39.16 | 39.16 | | 0.22 | 0.11 | 1,800,000.00 |
| 12. | Red Hook Playground | Richards, King, Dwight and Pioneer sts | 2.29 | 2.29 | | | ••••• | 75,000.00 |
| 13. | Unnamed Playground No. 1 | Atlantic and Howard aves | 0.14 | 0.14 | | | | 3,400.00 |
| 14. | Unnamed Playground No. 4 | Second ave. and 11th st | .17 | .17 | | | | 1,200.00 |
| 15. | Unnamed Playground No. 10 | Vandervoort ave. and Cherry st | .92 | | .92 | | | 13,500.00 |
| 16. | Unnamed Playground No. 11 | Avenues L and E and 95th st | 0.33 | .33 | | | | 2,900.00 |
| 17. | Unnamed Playground No. 13 | Second ave. and 56th st | 0.46 | .46 | | | | 19,000.00 |
| 18. | Unnamed Playground No. 14 | E. 14th st. and Avenue S | 3.50 | | 3.50 | | | 57,300.00 |
| 19. | Unnamed Playground No. 17 | Bay pkway., W. 12th st. and Avenue P | 4.24 | | 4.24 | | | 56,500.00 |
| 20. | Unnamed Playground No. 18 | 38th and 39th sts., 2d ave. and Ferry | 5.61 | | 5.61 | | | 493,081.00 |
| 21. | Unnamed Playground No. 20 | Fulton st, and Classon ave | 0.943 | | 0.943 | | | 65,000.00 |
| 22. | Williamsburg Bridge Playground | So. 5th st., Wythe ave., private property and Berry st | 1.01 | 1.01 | | | | 65,000 00 |
| | | Totals | 84.666 | 69.453 | 15.213 | 1.09 | 0.11 | \$4,118,081.00 |
| === | | PARK TOTALS | 2432.6063 | 765.3113 | 1653,5950 | 29.26 | 8.19.9 | 83,356,015.00 |
| | | COMBINED PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS TOTALS | 99.78 | 84.57 | 15.21 | 4.57 | 0.51 | 3,697,000.00 |
| | | PLAYGROUND TOTALS | 84.666 | 69.453 | 15.213 | 1.09 | 0.11 | 4,118,081.00 |
| | | GRAND TOTALS | 2617.0523 | 919.3343 | 1684.0180 | 34.92 | 8.81.5 | 91,171,096.00 |

PARKWAYS AND STREETS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

| | Parkways and Streets | Location | Total Length in Miles | Total Area in Acres bet. Property Lines | Acres Improved Paved | Acres Unimproved | Total n- Appraised d Valuation |
|-----|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Bay Parkway | Ocean Parkway, bet. Avenues I and J, to Bensonhurst Beach | 2.56 | 30.99 | 30.99 | | \$1,500,000.00 |
| 2. | Bay Ridge Parkway | Fort Hamilton ave., bet. 66th and 67th sts., to 1st ave., bet. 66th st. and Wakeman pl. | 1.40 | 6.28 | 6.28 | | 400,500.00 |
| 3. | Buffalo Avenue | Eastern Parkway, bet. Rochester and Ralph aves., to East New York ave., bet. E. 96th and E. 98th sts | 0.12 | 1.96 | | 1.96 | 31,000.00 |
| 4. | Bushwick Avenue | Myrtle ave., bet. Ditmars st. and Charles pl., to Jamaica ave., bet. Shet-field and New Jersey aves | 2.24 | 31.41 | 31.41 | | 500,000.00 |
| 5. | Eastern Parkway | Prospect Park Plaza to Ralph ave., bet. Union st. and Lincoln pl | 2.50 | - 61.12 | 61.12 | | 3,350,000.00 |
| 6. | Eastern Parkway Extension | Ralph ave., bet. Union st. and Lincoln pl. to Bushwich ave., bet. De Sales pl. and Stewart st | 1.39 | 18.55 | 18.55 | | 1,300,000.00 |
| 7. | Fort Hamilton Parkway | Ocean Parkway and Prospect ave. to Fort Hamilton | 4.27 | 48.25 | 48.25 | | 1,100,000.00 |
| 8. | Highland Boulevard | Bushwick ave., bet. Dahlia and Gillen pls. to Highland Park | 0.67 | 9.00 | 9.00 | | 150,000.00 |
| 9. | Lincoln Road | Ocean ave. to Bedford ave., bet. Lefferts ave. and Maple st | 0.30 | 2.61 | 2.61 | • • • • | 138,000.00 |
| 10. | Ocean Parkway | Prospect Park Circle to Coney Island Concourse | 5.50 | 140.00 | 140.00 | | 5,000,000.00 |
| 11. | Parkside Avenue | Prospect Park Circle to Flatbush ave. at Robinson st | 0.68 | 8.15 | 8.15 | | 433,800.00 |
| 12. | Plaza Street | Prospect Park Plaza | 0.38 | 4.31 | 4.31 | | 229,400.00 |
| 13. | Shore Road | First ave., bet. 66th st. and Wakeman pl. to Fort Hamilton | 2.65 | 13.00 | 13.00 | | 3,100,000.00 |
| 14. | Seventy-fifth Street | Fort Hamilton Parkway and 7th ave | .08 | 1.01 | 1.01 | | 30,000.00 |
| 15. | Cathedral Place | Between Bridge and Jay sts | .10 | .34 | .34 | | 20,000.00 |
| 16. | Prospect Place | Franklin ave. to Classon ave | .18 | 1.53 | 1.53 | | 70,000.00 |
| 17. | Concourse | Ocean Parkway to West 5th st | 0.21 | 2.50 | 2.50 | | 200,000.00 |
| | | Totals | 25.23 | 381.01 | 379.05 | 1.96 | 17,552,700.00 |

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ARBORICULTURAL SECTION

The annual report of the Arboricultural Bureau for the year ending December 31, 1927, is herewith submitted.

The work of the Bureau in caring for trees and shrubs both in parks, parkways and city streets of the Borough was systematically covered throughout the year. Also the work of the Bureau is becoming so recognized and understood by the citizens that it is now only necessary to summarize briefly the outstanding facts.

Spring.

The Spring season was given over to regular routine such as cutting out dead and superfluous matter. General planting of trees, shrubs, vines, roses and ground cover plants. At this season all plant life lying dormant through the Winter is now stirred to action and no time is lost in regulating plantations and setting out trees and shrubs to meet the necessary requirements.

Summer.

Summer is the growing season. All new plantations are cultivated, watered and systematically cared for, and insect extermination is extensive during these months.

Autumn.

This season is also full of action, as Nature's products are now ripe and ready to be harvested.

Extensive tree and shrub planting at this time is most convenient. Planting laid over from the Spring season is undertaken with much satisfaction, and many trees and shrubs are set out in parks and trees on the streets during these months.

Fertilizing is of primary importance to the life of plants. Trees and shrubs both in parks, boulevards and city streets were well manured with material taken from compost pits in Prospect Park.

Winter.

Through the dormant months, an abundance of necessary work was undertaken. Removing dead trees and systematic pruning was chiefly the principal work.

Many dead trees in the parks and boulevards, also on the city streets, appeared and the work of taking down, cutting up and disposing of them was accomplished before the Spring season opened.

Insect and Fungii Control.

Insect control is progressing favorably in the Department. There are many varieties of pernicious insects which make considerable trouble during the summer. A study of insect life on park and city-street trees shows this condition.

The Tussock Moth, a formidable enemy of tree foliage, is a source of annoyance, and special efforts are put forward by the Department to destroy the pests.

The Hickory Beetle, another destructive boring insect, is causing much damage to the hickory trees within the park area. The affected trees were sprayed last summer; placing arsenic at the base of the petiole where the insects feed, and the result attained cannot be determined until the coming June.

The Fall Webworm, the Wooly Bear, and the Leopard Moth are other tree-destroying insects. The webworm and the woolly bear strip the trees of their foliage in the late summer and early Fall, while the grubs of the leopard moth bore into the trees, create galleries, and in many instances girdle large branches which the slightest wind blows down, causing injury to trees and danger to pedestrians.

Scale insects are also numerous. San Jose, Ouster Shell, Scuffy and numerous species of aphids or plant lice affect trees and shrubbery. Effective remedies are applied to destroy the pests and much progress is made along those lines.

City-Street Trees.

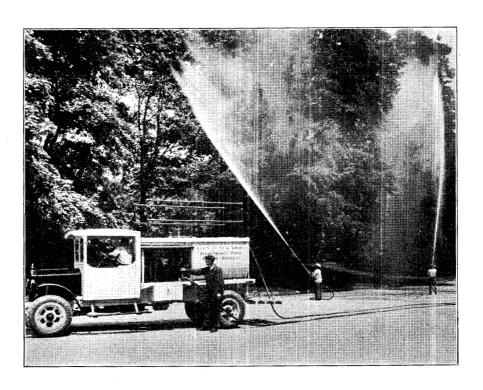
The care and preservation of city-street trees has become a very serious problem. Many of the old trees are unhealthy, the cause of which is largely due to building encroachments on suburban settlements. Public-spirited citizens notice these conditions and are interested in establishing new trees wherever possible to plant them. The abolition of parking spaces, setting of new curbs, and the laying of heavy concrete sidewalks are a detriment to tree growth. Careless auto-truck and automobile drivers strike trees and seriously injure them. Young trees are run over; larger trees when hit, though not uprooted, are stripped of their bark and loosened in the soil.

The use of heavy excavating machinery by contractors, also the laying of asphalt roadways, injure many trees.

Dust, soot, gas and drought render trees poor and unhealthy. All these destructive agencies are being corrected from time to time by the Department.

Applications and Complaints of Citizens in Regard to the Care of City-Street Trees

The interest which citizens are taking in the care of city-street trees can be judged by the letters received at the office each year. The past year, 1927,





TREE SPRAYING-TREE PRUNING

| was no exception in this respect, as the following figures | show: | |
|--|----------|--------------|
| For pruning and removing dead and dangerous trees, we | 6 407 | 1:4: |
| received | | applications |
| For spraying to exterminate caterpillars and other insects | 2,761 | applications |
| For planting trees | 1,339 | applications |
| | | |
| Total for the year | 10,507 | applications |
| Of this number of applications the following receive | d attent | tion: |
| Pruning and removing dead and dangerous trees | 3,867 | applications |
| Spraying to exterminate insects | 2,321 | applications |
| Planting trees | 1,339 | applications |
| Training attention of the second | 7 527 | 1: 4: |
| Total applications attended to | 7,527 | applications |
| Leaving in our files applications untouched to the num- | | |
| ber of | 2,980 | |

Bedford Park.

Tree and shrubbery plantations received attention. Eleven trees were pruned and the wounds tarred over. Four loads of wood and brush were collected and hauled away. One hundred and fifty trees were sprayed to destroy insects and two hundred shrubs were set out in vacant spaces within the park area.

Betsy Head Playground.

All trees inside and around the Farm Garden, also those in the play-ground, were sprayed to exterminate caterpillars and other insects. Three hundred and sixteen trees and five hundred shrubs were treated and freed of insects, after which the plantations showed remarkable progress in health and vigor.

Bushwick Park.

Two hundred and seventy-five trees within the park were attacked by grubs of the Tussock Moth Caterpillar during the summer months. These trees were sprayed with a solution of arsenate of lead, which destroyed the larvae before they had time to devour the leaves and cause defoliation.

Carroll Park.

The installing of playground equipment caused a great change in the park proper, which necessitated many changes in the planting areas. Three trees were cut down and removed. Four loads of brush were collected and hauled away.

The renovation of the shrubbery plantations became necessary and fifteen hundred and fifty-six shrubs of different species and sizes were set

out during the Fall season. The plantation changed the entire aspect and created a wonderfully improved appearance in the park and playgrounds.

One hundred and eighty trees were sprayed to exterminate caterpillars and sixty-four trees were brushed to destroy cocoons and egg masses.

Eastern Parkway.

The trees along the Parkway, most of which are Memorial Trees, are progressing favorably. These trees are young and vigorous. There are also a number of old elm trees which have outlived their usefulness and are gradually passing out. One hundred of these old trees were removed during the year, six hundred and seventy-eight were pruned and relieved of dead wood, thirty trees were headed back, one hundred young trees were planted, two thousand six hundred and fourteen trees cultivated, three thousand seven hundred and eighty-three trees sprayed to exterminate caterpillars, twenty-six tree guards repaired, sixty-nine loads of wood and brush collected and carted away and one thousand and seventy-one trees fertilized.

Fort Greene Park.

The removal of one dead tree and the hauling of three loads of brush became necessary during the year.

Caterpillars were numerous during the summer season and it required the services of a high-powered spray machine to check the ravages of the grubs. One thousand and ninety-four trees were sprayed and results were most satisfactory.

The privet hedge surrounding the Ship Martyrs Monument was trimmed and put in shape and one thousand four hundred shrubs were pruned and regulated.

Fort Hamilton Parkway.

Trees on the Parkway need much attention, owing to the unfavorable condition of the thoroughfare. During the year eight dead trees were cut down and removed and one hundred and twenty-seven were pruned, the wounds treated and tarred over.

The Parkway in many sections is taken up with retail stores and in time, no doubt, will become an entire business thoroughfare where trees will be an obstruction instead of a necessity.

Fulton Park.

Trees and shrubbery in this park are in very good condition and little work was necessary through the year.

Thirty trees were pruned, eight were removed and ten loads of wood and brush were hauled away.

Fort Hamilton Park.

During the month of January the shrubbery beds were thoroughly gone over, pruned and put in shape. The trees are good and healthy and need little attention through the year. This park is in fine condition and a credit to the neighborhood.

Highland Park.

In Highland Park one dead tree was taken down, forty-nine trees were pruned, fifty-five trees were cultivated, six loads of wood and brush were collected and carted away. The shrubbery plantations were pruned and regulated and the park in general appears to be in the pink of condition.

Irving Square Park.

This park is in fairly good condition. Some caterpillars appeared in the late summer. A spraying crew was assigned to destroy the pests. One hundred and seventy-nine trees were sprayed and results appeared to be very satisfactory.

Lincoln Terrace Park.

The steep hill on the north side of the park needed shrubbery to stay the encroachment of people who made it a habit of climbing the fence as a short cut over the embankment.

In the month of March the gardening force was put to work to stop this encroachment, and preparations were made to set out a number of shrubs along the bank. Holes were dug, soil carted from Prospect Park, and over three hundred and ninety-five shrubs of various species were set out and are doing well.

One dead tree was removed, three loads of brush were hauled away and four hundred and sixteen trees were sprayed to exterminate caterpillars and other insect pests.

Kings Highway.

The trees on the Highway are in need of much attention. During the year one thousand, four hundred and fifty-two trees were pruned and regulated, nine hundred and eighty-six were cultivated, twenty-four dead trees were removed, nineteen loads of brush and rubbish were collected and hauled away, seven hundred and four tree guards were repaired and a number of trees were straightened that had been hit and injured by trucks and automobiles.

McKinley Park.

Much work was accomplished in the interior of the park during the early months of the year. Two hundred and thirty-seven trees were pruned, three were headed back, fourteen were taken down, cut up, and thirty-five loads of brush and wood were carted away. In the Fall months one thousand one hundred and twenty shrubs were set out on the north slopes along Seventy-third Street and on the east side along Fort Hamilton Parkway.





PROSPECT PARK ROSE GARDEN—VALE OF CASHMERE

Ocean Parkway.

The Parkway was in poor condition during the early months of the season. This was primarily due to the tearing up of the eastern traffic road, for the purpose of installing a sixty-inch water main, running from Church Avenue to Avenue N, a distance of about three miles.

When the contract was completed, it was found many trees were injured by the machinery used for excavating purposes. Tree men were immediately put to work to repair the damage and the work has progressed to the following extent:

| Trees pruned and headed back | 1.015 |
|--|--------------|
| Dead trees taken down, cut up and removed | 1,015 193 |
| Loads of wood and brush hauled | 305 |
| | 1,192 |
| Old Stumps dug up and removed | 71 |
| Young trees planted | 397 |
| Trees fertilized | 654 |
| Trees sprayed for caterpillars and other insects | 2,600 83 |
| Trees brushed and cleaned of caterpillar cocoons | 83 |

The work of renovation and repair will continue until the six thousand trees which line the boulevard will receive the necessary attention.

Prospect Park.

In treating Prospect Park, every known consideration is given to the care and preservation of trees, shrubs, roses and plant life. The park in general is in a good healthy condition and no one can dispute these facts. The choicest and best flowering trees and shrubs, also trees with colored foliage, were specially selected and set out at convenient points where they shall display their colors when the flowering season arrives.

These trees are set out at the Main Entrance, along the West Drive to Fifteenth Street; more are planted along the East Drive leading to the Vale of Cashmere, and many are set out along the South Lake Drive.

The species selected are the Flowering Crab, Flowering Cherry, Magnolia, Japan Cherry, Purple Leaf Plum, Copper Beech, Flowering Peach, Flowering Viburnum Prunifolia, Tree Syringa, Hawthorn, White Flowering Dogwood, the Japan Pagoda Tree or Sapora Japanica, and Schwedler Maple.

Extensive planting was also carried on in various other sections of the park. Rhododendrons and Kalmias were set out at the Flower Garden and at the Vale of Cashmere. Deciduous shrubs were planted along the bank leading from the Rose Garden to the Blind Gate; also to the east of the Rose Garden and Rocky Pass plantations were replenished with much shrubbery. New roses were set out in the Rose Garden and vines were planted around the Lake in the Vale of Cashmere. Pruning and removal of dead trees are always in order.

Spraying to exterminate caterpillars, plant lice, lace fly and fungii were in operation until late Fall.

Trees and shrubs were cultivated and watered during the growing season and fertilizing and mulching were extensive during Fall and early Winter months.

The following figures give an idea of the work performed in Prospect Park during the year 1927:

| Trees pruned | 3.454 |
|--|-------|
| | |
| Dead trees removed | 504 |
| Loads of wood and brush collected and hauled | 1,048 |
| Trees cultivated and watered | 3,570 |
| Trees planted and staked | 277 |
| Trees fertilized and mulched | 513 |
| Trees sprayed to exterminate caterpillars and fungii | 4,538 |
| Trees brushed and cleared of caterpillar cocoons | 1,496 |
| Trees treated for cavities | 10 |
| Shrubs planted | 4.410 |
| Vines planted | 1.280 |
| Feet of sod laid | 1.500 |
| Shrubs sprayed | 5,648 |

Christmas trees were provided and set up at different points around the park and at the Plaza. When lighted during Christmas time, the illumination cast weird shadows through the trees and was much admired by people who visited the park to witness the display.

Red Hook Park and Playground.

In late June and early July the trees and shrubbery within the park and playground were attacked by caterpillars and a spraying crew was immediately set to work to exterminate the pests. Three hundred and eighteen trees and two hundred shrubs were sprayed with a solution of arsenate of lead and results were most satisfactory.

Saratoga Park.

This park is in fairly good condition. The people who use it for rest and recreation seem to value the plantations and do not destroy them. Thirty-seven trees were pruned through the year. Two trees were headed back and seven dead trees were removed and hauled away. Also one hundred trees were sprayed through the caterpillar season.

Sunset Park.

The interior of the park needs some attention. Soil, grass sod, trees and the replenishing of shrubbery plantations are very necessary. Three hundred and twenty-two trees were sprayed in mid-summed to exterminate caterpillars and other insects.

Tompkins Park.

The park was renovated in early spring. The grass plots were dug up, resoiled, graded and seeded down. Eight thousand feet of grass sod were laid along the borders, two hundred and twelve trees were pruned, two dead trees removed, one hundred and sixty-five sprayed and one hundred and sixty trees brushed to destroy caterpillar egg masses.

Winthrop Park.

Thirty-three trees were pruned, three dead trees removed, thirteen trees planted, twenty-three tree guards repaired, seventeen new guards put on Memorial Trees, four hundred and thirteen trees sprayed to exterminate caterpillars. The physical condition of the park is excellent.

Seaside Park.

The hedge along the Concourse was clipped and the shrubbery inside the park was pruned and regulated.

City-Street Tree Work.

During the year 1927 an enormous amount of tree work was carried on in all sections of the Borough.

| Trees pruned |
|--|
| Dead trees removed |
| Loads of brush collected and hauled |
| |
| Trees cultivated |
| Trees brushed to destroy caterpillar cocoons |
| Tree guards repaired |
| Stumps removed |
| Trees planted |
| Trees staked |
| Tree guards put on |
| Tree holes dug |
| Cement walks cut for tree holes |
| Trees fertilized |
| Trees sprayed with insecticides |

RECAPITULATION OF THE WORK COMPLETED

Parks, Parkways, City Streets-Year 1927

| Trees pruned | 13.107 |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Trees headed back | 732 |
| | 2.064 |
| Trees removed | |
| Loads of brush | 3,415 |
| Trees cultivated | 10.576 |
| Trees brushed | 1.821 |
| | 16 |
| Trees transplanted | |
| Tree guards repaired | 1,406 |
| Trees straightened | 15 |
| Stumps removed | 107 |
| | 2,364 |
| Trees planted | |
| Trees staked | 2,427 |
| Guards put on | 2,156 |
| Holes dug | 2,296 |
| Tree cavities cleaned and filled | 10 |
| | |
| Cement walks cut for tree holes | 123 |
| Trees manured | 2,464 |
| Trees sprayed | 63.871 |
| Shrubs planted | 7.681 |
| | |
| Shrubs sprayed | 6,348 |
| Shrubs pruned | 1,400 |
| Vines planted | 1,280 |
| Sods laid | 9,500 |
| Dods late | 2,300 |

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

1927

Personal Service—

Salaries Regular Employees-

| 1275 | Administration— | | |
|------|--|---|--------------|
| | 1. Assistant Engineer | | \$5,000 00 |
| | 2. Superintendent | | 5,250 00 |
| | 3. Secretary to Commissioner | | 3,500 00 |
| | 4. Stenographer to Commissioner | | 3,000 00 |
| | 5. Supervisor of Recreation | | 4,000 00 |
| | 6. Chief Clerk | | 3,600 00 |
| | 7. Assistant Engineer | | 2,800 00 |
| | 8. Transitman | | 2,400 00 |
| | 9. Axeman | | 1,900 00 |
| | 10. Axeman | | 1,700 00 |
| | 11. Property Clerk | | 2,900 00 |
| | 12. Clerk | | 2,605 00 |
| | 13. Clerk | | 2,310 00 |
| | 14. Clerk | | 1,910 00 |
| | 15. Clerk | . 2 at \$1,850 | 3,700 00 |
| | 16. Clerk | | 1,300 00 |
| | 17. Clerk | . 2 at 1,200 | 2,400 00 |
| | 18. Clerk | | 1,000 00 |
| | 19. Clerk | | 940 00 |
| | 20. Stenographer and Typewriter | | 4,320 00 |
| | 21. Stenographer and Typewriter | | 1,400 00 |
| | 22. Stenographer and Typewriter | | 1,200 00 |
| | 23. Foreman of Repairs | | 3,601 00 |
| | 24. General Foreman | | 3,300 00 |
| | 25. Keeper of Menagerie | | 2,166 00 |
| | 26. Assistant Supervisor of Recreation | | 4,500 00 |
| | 27. Play Leader | | 9,900 00 |
| | 28. Play Leader | | 1,650 00 |
| | 29. Play Leader | 5 at 1,450 | 7,250 00 |
| | 30. Play Leader | . 20 at 1,260 | 25,200 00 |
| | 31. Play Leader | | 2,400 00 |
| | 32. Automobile Engineman | | 8,400 00 |
| | 33. Messenger | | 2,000 00 |
| | 34. Telephone Operator | | 1,368 00 |
| | 35. Chief Attendant | | 1,900 00 |
| | 36. Attendant | . 42 at 1,500 | 63,000 00 |
| | 37. Automobile Engineman | | 1,950 00 |
| | 38. Automobile Engineman | | 1,800 00 |
| | | | |
| | Schedule Total | | \$199,520 00 |
| | benedute 10tal | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | φ1>>,520 00 |
| 1276 | Parks and Boulevards— | | |
| | | | 42.000.00 |
| | 1. Arboriculturist | | \$3,000 00 |
| | 2. Inspector of Tree Complaints | | 7,600 00 |
| | 3. Foreman of Greenhouses | | 2,400 00 |
| | 4. Foreman of Stables | • • • • • • • • • | 2,300 00 |
| | 5. Foreman of Laborers | | 2,150 00 |
| | 6. Foreman of Laborers | | 38,000 00 |
| | 7. Gardener | | 2,500 00 |
| | 8. Gardener | | 2,350 00 |
| | 9. Clerk | | 2,400 00 |
| | 10. Janitor | • | 2,000 00 |
| | | | |
| | Schedule Total | | \$64,700 00 |
| | | | |

| 1277 | Salaries 7 | Temporary Employees— | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---|------------------|---------|---|
| | 1. | Director (Children's School Farms), | | | |
| | | 2 at \$2,250 (9 months) | \$3,375 | 00 | |
| | | | | | |
| 1278 | Wares Re | egular Employees— | | | |
| 1276 | | | ቀ7 በረሰ | ۲۸ | |
| | 1. 2. | Licensed Fireman3 at \$7.25 a day (366 days) Hostler | \$7,960 7,320 | | |
| | 2. | 110stici 4 at \$5 a day (500 days) | 7,020 | | |
| | | Schedule Total | \$15,280 | 50 | |
| | | | | | |
| | Wages Tem | porary Employees— | | | |
| 1279 | - | Boulevards— | | | |
| 12/9 | | | #2.000 | 00 | |
| | 1. 2. | Bricklayer | \$2,800 3,336 | | |
| | 3. | Plumber | 17,040 | | |
| | 4. | Carpenter | 20,016 | | |
| | 5. | Housesmithat \$12 a day (828 days) | 9,936 | | |
| | 6. | Painter | 15,290 | 00 | |
| | 7. | Sheet Metal Workerat \$12 a day (277 days) | 3,324 6.048 | 00 | |
| | 8. 9. | Blacksmith | 6,648 | | |
| | 10. | Horseshoer | 2,770 | | |
| | îĭ. | Wheelwrightat \$10 a day (554 days) | 5,540 | | |
| | 12. | Automobile Machinistat \$10 a day (556 days) | 5,560 | | |
| | 13. | Harnessmaker | 2,493 | | |
| | 14. | Cement Mason | 6,648 4,608 | | |
| | 15. 16. | Blacksmith's Helper | 7,410 | | |
| | 17. | Climber and Pruner | 147,720 | | - |
| à | 18. | Gardener | 96,786 | 00 | , |
| | 19. | Automobile Enginemanat \$6 a day (6,886 days) | 41,316 | | |
| | 20. | Driver | 33,000 | | |
| | 21. 22. | Laborer | 511,890 2,013 | | |
| | 23. | Attendant | 5,330 | | |
| | 24. | Cleaner | 3,285 | 00 | |
| | | 0.1.11 77.1 | 10(0.007 | <u></u> | |
| | | Schedule Total | \$960,807 | JU | |
| | | | | | |
| 1280 | Patching a | and Resurfacing— | | | |
| | 1. | Foreman Laborerat \$6.50 a day (366 days) | \$2,379 | 00 | |
| | 2. | Laborer | 54,697 | 50 | |
| | | • | *** | | |
| | | Schedule Total | \$57,076 | 50 | |
| | | | | | |
| 1281 | Beaches as | nd Playgrounds- | | | |
| | 1. | Life Guardat \$5 a day (300 days) | \$1,500 | 00 | |
| | 2. | Swimming Instructorat \$4 a day (300 days) | 1,200 | 00 | |
| | 3. | Play Leader | 13,400 | 00 | |
| | 4. | School Farm Attendantat \$4 a day (790 days) | 3,160 | 00 | |
| | | Schedule Total | \$19,260 | 00 | |
| | | Total Personal Service | \$1,320,019 | 50 | |
| | | | | _ | |
| | | Veterinary Supplies | \$13,000 | | |
| 1283 | Fuel Supplie | 25 | 22,000 | | |
| 1284 1285 | Uffice Supp | lieseaning and Disinfecting Supplies | 800 2.500 | | |
| 1400 | Laundry, Ci | caning and Disinfecting Supplies | 2,500 | w | |

| 1286 Recreational Supplies 1287 Botanical and Agricultural Supplies. 1288 Motor Vehicle Supplies. 1289 General Plant Supplies. 1290 Office Equipment 1291 Motor Vehicles and Equipment 1292 Recreational Equipment 1293 General Plant Equipment 1294 Live Stock 1295 Highway Materials 1296 Other Materials 1297 Repairs to Pavements and Walks. 1298 Motor Vehicle Repairs 1299 General Repairs 1300 Shoeing and Boarding Horses Including Veterinary Service 1301 Carfare 1302 Telephone Service 1303 Music 1304 Contingencies | 1,450 00 16,900 00 10,000 00 2,250 00 200 00 9,000 00 5,000 00 700 00 12,100 00 32,000 00 32,000 00 2,800 00 4,000 00 2,600 00 1,680 00 26,700 00 400 00 |
|--|--|
| Total Other Than Personal Service | \$204,680 00 |
| Departmental Summary— | |
| Total Personal Service | \$1,320,019 50 204,680 00 |
| Departmental Total | \$1,524,699 50 |
| 1340 Personal Service— Salaries Regular Employees— 1. Director | \$6,500 00 3,500 00 |
| 3. Secretary 4. Business Manager 5. Chief Clerk | 1,449 00 3,200 00 1,525 00 |
| 6. Clerk 7. Assistant 8. Office Assistant 9. Stenographer | 1,440 00 1,317 00 1,100 00 1,449 00 |
| 10. Messenger 2 at \$848 11. Artist | 1,696 00 2,400 00 3,500 00 |
| 13. Assistant Curator of Fine Arts | 2,400 00 1,449 00 3,500 00 1,229 00 |
| 17. Curator of Natural Science | 3,000 00 2,160 00 1,830 00 |
| 20. Curator of Mollusks | 1,708 00 2,772 00 2,280 00 |
| 23. Assistant | 1,100 00 2,904 00 1,317 00 2,128 00 |
| 26. Assistant 2 at 1,064 27. Museum Guide and Instructor | |

| | 28. Custodian 29. Chief Engineer 30. Assistant 31. Assistant 32. Fireman 3 at 1,537 33. Electrician 34. Cabinetmaker 35. Assistant 36. Assistant 37. Painter 38. Repairer and Gilder 39. Chief Attendant 40. Doorkeeper 41. Attendant (First Class) 3 at 1,317 42. Attendant (Second Class) 36 at 1,185 43. Assistant 3 at 1,185 45. Matron 4 at 1,000 46. Matron 4 at 1,000 47. Watchman 4 at 1,317 49. Assistant 2 at 1,185 50. Assistant 2 at 1,185 | 2,400 00 2,100 00 1,500 00 1,500 00 1,683 00 4,611 00 1,683 00 2,040 00 1,405 00 1,405 00 1,561 00 1,561 00 1,561 00 1,317 00 3,951 00 42,660 00 1,317 00 3,555 00 4,000 00 3,680 00 1,361 00 5,268 00 1,317 00 2,160 00 |
|---|--|--|
| Salar | ries Temporary Employees— | |
| | 52. Fireman, Mechanic, Assistant Engineer | 10,000 00 |
| | Total Personal Service | \$166,722 00 |
| 1341 Expe 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. | Office Supplies Laundry, Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies. General Plant Supplies. Office Equipment General Plant Equipment General Plant Materials. Repairs and Replacements | \$15,000 00 1,400 00 940 00 6,000 00 1,000 00 4,600 00 6,550 00 6,550 00 4,100 00 150 00 800 00 2,625 00 |
| 8 . 1 . | Total Other Than Personal Service | \$50,815 00 |
| | | |
| : <i>I</i> | Departmental Summary— | |
| | Total Personal Service | \$166,722 00 50,815 00 |
| | Departmental Total | \$217,537 00 |

| BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHILDREN'S | MUSEUM. |
|---|--|
| Personal Service— | |
| 1350 Salaries Regular Employees— | |
| 1. Curator 2. Assistant 3. Assistant 4. Secretary 5. Librarian 6. Assistant 7. Museum Guide and Instructor 8. Messenger 9. Mechanic 10. Janitor 11. Matron 12. Attendant and Motion Picture Operator 13. Assistant | \$3,140 00 1,896 00 1,650 00 1,488 00 1,708 00 992 00 1,317 00 660 00 1,229 00 992 00 1,708 00 1,200 00 960 00 |
| Total Personal Service | \$18,940 00 |
| 1351 Expenses Other Than Personal Service— | |
| 1. Fuel Supplies 2. Office Supplies 3. Laundry, Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies 4. Office Equipment 5. General Plant Equipment 6. General Plant Materials 7. General Plant Service 8. Telephone Service 9. Carfare 10. Expressage and Deliveries 11. Contingencies 12. Insurance Total Other Than Personal Service | |
| Total Personal Service Total Other Than Personal Service | \$18,940 00 4,440 00 |
| Departmental Total | \$23,380 00 |
| BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, BOTANIC AND ARBORETUM. Personal Service— 1360 Salaries Regular Employees— | |
| 1. Director of Garden 2. Curator of Plants. 3. Curator of Public Instruction. 4. Curator of Plant Breeding. 5. Curator of Elementary Instruction. 6. Assistant Curator of Elementary Instruction. 7. Secretary and Accountant 8. Custodian and Registrar. 9. Secretary to Director. 10. Librarian 11. Instructor 12. Herbarium Assistant 13. Stenographer | \$5,500 00 3,195 00 3,200 00 3,030 00 2,970 00 2,040 00 1,823 00 1,920 00 1,708 00 1,317 00 1,068 00 1,171 00 |

| 14. Horticulturist and Head Gardener 15. Foreman of Laborers 16. Foreman of Gardeners 2 at \$1,586 17. Gardener 3 at 1,464 18. Guard and Gardener 3 at 1,464 19. Garden Aid 20. Labeler 21. Painter and Glazier 22. Engineer 23. Fireman 24. Night Engineer 25. Night Watchman 26. Janitor 27. Cleaner 27. Cleaner | 2,160 00 1,767 00 3,172 00 4,392 00 1,317 00 1,064 00 1,708 00 1,708 00 1,317 00 1,317 00 1,317 00 1,317 00 920 00 |
|---|---|
| Wages Temporary Employees— | |
| 28. Laborers (Temporary), not exceeding \$5.50 a day | 16,419 00 |
| Total Personal Service | \$72,253 00 |
| 1. Fuel Supplies 2. Office Supplies 3. Laundry, Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies 4. Botanical and Agricultural Supplies 5. General Plant Supplies 6. Wearing Apparel 7. Office Equipment 8. General Plant Equipment 9. General Plant Materials 10. Repairs and Replacements 11. Light, Heat and Power 12. General Plant Service 13. Hire of Horses and Vehicles with Driver 14. Telephone Service 15. Carfare 16. Expressage and Deliveries 17. Contingencies | \$4,200 00 500 00 80 00 1,300 00 350 00 40 00 200 00 1,350 00 4,000 00 350 00 500 00 500 00 325 00 60 00 300 00 100 00 |
| Trial Other The Description | #15 OOF OO |
| Total Other Than Personal Service | \$15,805 00 |
| Departmental Summary— | |
| Total Personal Service | \$72,253 00 15,805 00 |
| Departmental Total | \$88,058 00 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1926, OF ALL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, AND OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR PRIOR YEARS HAVING UNEXPENDED BALANCES

| • | | Encumbrances (Not to include amount of any vouche heretofore transmitted to Department of Including Appropriation, Including Vouchers | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|--|---|---|---|
| _ | Code No. 1926 A | | Transfer (If Any) by Board of Estimate and Apportionment | Cash Refunds and Journal Credits D | Jour- nal | Net Funds Available (C+D-E) F | Registered, Based on Cancellation and | Balances | Reserve for | Net Reserv for Open Ma ket Orders and Miscl. Invoices K | r- Net Reserve for | Total Net Encum- brances, i. e. Net Reserves M | cumbered Bal- ances |
| | 1275 1276 1277 1278 1279 1280 1281 1282 1283 | Salaries Regular Employees, Administration | 14,387.34 14,890.34 44,089.33 3,360.00 82,820.00 10,822.50 | | | \$134,948,45 14,387,34 14,890,34 44,089,33 3,360,00 82,820,00 10,822,50 673,918,90 | \$134,879.10 14,354.70 14,620.88 44,036.20 2,805.00 81,433.00 10,518.75 629,870.37 | \$69.38 32.64 269.46 53.13 555.00 1,387.00 303.75 49,048.53 | | \$6.25 1,362.00 | \$6.25 1,362.00 258.75 49,048.53 | \$6.25 1,362.00 258.75 49,048.53 | \$69.35 32.64 269.46 53.13 555.00 25.00 45.00 |
| | 1284 1287 1288 1289 1290 1291 | Wages Temporary Employees, Care of Trees, City Streets and Parks Wages Temporary Employees, Children School Farms Forage and Veterinary Supplies Fuel Supplies Office Supplies Laundry, Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies | . 147,722.00 . 3,160.00 . 11,100.00 . 17,525.00 . 775.00 | | | 51,020.00 147,722.00 3,160.00 11,100.00 17,525.00 775.00 2,900.00 | 48,768.65 142,749.00 3,160.00 9,810.42 15,179.44 774.36 2,727.55 | 2,251.35 4,973.00 1,289.58 2,345.56 .64 172.45 | \$2,172.23 | 777.10 17.00 | 2,251.35 4,973.00 | 2,251.35 4,973.00 777.10 2,189.23 | 512.49 156.33 .64 |
| | 1292 1293 1294 1295 1296 1297 | Recreational Supplies Botanical and Agricultural Supplies Motor Vehicle Supplies. General Plant Supplies. Office Equipment Motor Vehicles and Equipment. | . 1,350.00 . 12,450.00 . 9,700.00 . 2,250.00 . 175.00 . 7,700.00 | | | 2,900.00 1,350.00 12,450.00 9,700.00 2,250.00 175.00 7,700.00 | 2,727.33 1,335.38 9,383.79 8,388.32 2,040.30 172.11 7,374.81 | 14.62 3,066.21 1,311.68 209.70 2.89 325.19 | 2,693.50 604.80 | 48.50 8.10 314.10 100.22 76.15 | | 48.50 8.10 3,007.60 705.02 76.15 59.88 | 123.95 6.52 58.61 606.66 133.55 2.89 265.31 |
| | 1298 1299 1300 1301 1302 1303 | Recreational Equipment General Plant Equipment Live Stock Highway Materials Other Materials Pavements and Walks, Repairs and Replacements | . 4,800.00 . 9,500.00 . 2,750.00 . 13,000.00 . 30,500.00 . 14,500.00 | | | 4,800.00 9,500.00 2,750.00 13,000.00 30,500.00 14,500.00 | 4,604.78 8,200.57 2,748.90 12,580.46 28,288.12 12,131.19 | 195.22 1,299.43 1.10 419.54 2,211.88 2,368.81 | | 155.91 1,147.85 354.64 2,203.34 1,767.50 | •••••• | 155.91 1,147.85 354.64 2,203.34 1,767.50 | 39.31 151.58 1.10 64.90 8.54 601.31 |
| | 1304 1305 1306 1307 1308 1309 | Motor Vehicle Repairs. General Repairs Shoeing and Boarding Horses, Including Veterinary Services Carfare Telephone Service Contingencies | . 2,500.00 . 24,000.00 . 700.00 . 2,600.00 . 1,800.00 | | | 2,500.00 24,000.00 700.00 2,600.00 1,800.00 500.00 | 2,152.50 2,203.31 696.22 2,452.96 1,520.20 399.25 | 347.50 21,796.69 3.78 147.04 279.80 100.75 | 279.80 | 340.27 20,808.45 147.04 100.75 | | 340.27 20,808.45 147.04 279.80 100.75 | 7.23 988.24 3.78 |
| | 1340 1341 | Salaries Regular Employees, Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Cent Museum Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Cent, Museum, Expenses Othe | . 143,787.00 | | • | 143,787.00 | 130,555.83 | 13,231.17 | | 13,231.17 | ••••• | 13,231.17 | •••••• |
| | 1350 | Than Personal Service | . 51,590.00 | ••••• | ••••• | 51,590.00 | 27,002.00 | 24,588.00 | | 1 720 02 | 24,588.00 | 24,588.00 | |
| | 1351 | dren's Museum Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Children's Museum, Expenses Othe Than Persnoal Service | r | | | 18,460.00 3,615.00 | 16,921.17 3,029.85 | 1,538.83 585.15 | | 1,538.83 | 585.15 | 1,838.83 585.15 | |
| | 1360 | Salaries Regular Employees, Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S Botanical Garden and Arboretum | 70,761.00 | | ••••• | 70,761.00 | 65,971.73 | 4,789.27 | | 4,789.27 | | 4,789.27 | |
| | 1361 | Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Botanical Garden and Arboretum Expenses Other Than Personal Service | 15,828.00 | ***** | ••••• | 15,828.00 | 12,851.65 | 2,976.35 | | | 2,976.35 | | |
| | | Total | \$1,663,254.86 | ., | | \$1,663,254.86 | \$1,518,692.82 | \$144,562.04 | \$5,750.33 | \$47,986.07 | \$86,049.38 | \$139,785.38 | \$4,776.26 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF CONTRACTS AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1926

| | | | | Total Amor Certified, Based on Additor | Vouchers Registered | l Balance |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Comptrolle Contract Number A | t of | Name of Contractor | Nature of Contract | Estimate and | | Estimated Liability |
| 60334 | Feb. 19, 1922 | Cranford Co.—C. D. P. 222-A | Improvement, Ocean Parkway | \$61,172.05 | \$60,875.4 6 | \$296.59 |
| 58952 | Oct. 13, 1921 | Cranford CoC. D. P. 222-E | Improvement, Ocean Parkway | 141,269.98 | 140,406.41 | 863.57 |
| 60822 | Mar. 23, 1922 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Co.—C. D. P. 222-D | Improvement, Ocean Parkway | 27,355.60 | 27,144.20 | 211.40 |
| 58942 | Oct. 13, 1921 | Cranford Co | Improvement, Ocean Parkway | 98,838.09 | 98,255.00 | 583.09 |
| | • | Total | | \$126,193.69 | \$125,399.20 | \$794.49 |
| 37239 | July 31, 1913 | Charles O'Hara-C. D. P. 251-A | Removal Debris, Dreamland | \$14,993.00 | \$13,493.70 | \$1,499.30 |
| 71657 | July 15, 1924 | McKim, Mead & White-C. D. P. 243-K | Architect's Services | 2,400.00 | 1,678.29 | 721.71 |
| 81373 | Oct. 26, 1926 | Bayley & Sons, Inc | Electric Light Fixtures | \$28,900.00 | | \$28,900.00 |
| | | Total | | \$31,300.00 | \$1,678.29 | \$29,621.71 |
| 61656 | June 28, 1922 | Cranford Co.—N. D. P. 212-E | Improving East Lake Drive | \$51,518.97 | \$51,146.49 | \$372.48 |
| 61603 | June 1, 1922 | Cranford Co. | | 7,967.89 | 7,843.60 | 124.29 |
| 61791 | June 15, 1922 | Cranford Co | Improving South Lake Drive | 57,344,06 | 56,926.78 | 417.28 |
| | | Total | | \$116,830.92 | \$115,916.87 | \$914.05 |
| 64199 | Dec. 28, 1922 | Cranford Co.—N. D. P. 254 | Improvement, Bay Parkway | \$84,919.54 | \$84,259.01 | \$660.53 |
| 64218 | Jan. 11, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Co | Improvement, Bay Parkway | 111,861.65 | 111,003.71 | 857.94 |
| 64735 | Feb. 28, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Co | Improvement, Bay Parkway | 105,420.96 | 104,579.96 | 841.00 |
| | | Total | •••••• | \$302,202.15 | \$299,842.68 | \$2,359.47 |
| 66192 | June 21, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt CoN. D. P. 255 | Improvement, Fort Hamilton Parkway | \$106,089.31 | \$105,406.44 | \$682.87 |
| 80302 | July 13, 1926 | Cranford CoN. D. P. 263 | Improvement, Shore Road | 137,867.50 | 115,393.46 | 22,474.04 |
| 68497 | Jan. 3, 1924 | John Brook-R. D. P. 214 | Repairing Roofs, Brooklyn Museum Building. | 5,125.00 | 5,022.50 | 102.50 |
| 80506 | July 27, 1926 | Pizzo & Foley—R. D. P. 216-J | Improvement, Plot No. 3, McCarren Park | 15,382.50 | 13,668.53 | 1,713.97 |
| 78492 | July 28, 1924 | Edwin H. Denby—1924-1305 | Architect's Services | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 78948 | April 17, 1926 | Commonwealth Fuel Co.—1926-1289 | Coal | 9,374.00 | 7,685.77 | 1,688.23 |
| 78967 | Mar. 23, 1926 | Burns Bros | Coal | 484.00 | • • • • • • • | 484.00 |
| | | Total | | \$9,858.00 | \$7,685.77 | \$2,172.23 |
| 81369 | Nov. 9, 1926 | Utility Oil Corp.—1294 | Gasoline | \$2,100.00 | \$1,495.20 | \$604.80 |
| 78509 | Jan. 1, 1926 | New York Telephone Co.—1308 | Telephone Service | 1,800.00 | 1,520.20 | 279.80 |
| 80675 | Feb. 13, 1926 | J. Keur—1293 | Flowering Bulbs | 2,693.50 | | 2,693.50 |

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF CORPORATE STOCK, ASSESSMENT BOND, SPECIAL REVENUE BOND AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1926

| : | | | | Miscel- | | Net | | Encumbrances (Not to include amount of any voucher heretofore transmitted to the Department of Finance) | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|----------------|--|---|
| | Code No. A | Title of Fund or Account | Total Authoriza- tion as Adjusted C | laneous Credits and Journal Adjust- ments | Total Adjusted Credits (C+D) E | Vouchers Registered, Based on Cancellations and Adjustments | Credits Unex- pended | for | Net Reserve fo Open Mar- ket Orders and Miscl. Invoices J | Reserve for | Total Net Encum- brances i, e, Net Reserve | cumbered Bal- ances |
| | C. D. P. 212 212A | Construction of Shelter House on Tennis Grounds, Prospect Park Erection of Comfort Station in Prospect Park | 17,500.00 | | \$49,586.70 17,500.00 | \$47,563.85 17,220.08 | \$2,022.85 279.92 | | | | | \$2,022.85 279.92 |
| | 222 A | Permanent Pavement on Ocean Parkway between Kings Highway at Main Roadway | 178,634.71 | ******* | 178,634.71 | 178,338.12 | 2 96.59 | \$296.59 | | | \$296.59 | |
| | 222B | Permanent Pavement on Ocean Parkway between Kings Highway at Main Roadway | 258,650.93 | | 258,650.93 | 257,787.36 | 863.57 | 863.57 | | | 863.57 | |
| , | 222D | Paving Ocean Parkway, Main Roadway—Park Circle to Coney Islan Main Roadway | 801,651.79 | | 801,651.79 | 800,857.30 | 794.49 | 794.49 | | | 794.49 | |
| | 243 J 243 K 251 A | Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Plumbing, Electrical Work, Heating, etc Comp. Brooklyn Inst. of A. & S., Ceiling Light, Bronze Railing, etc Removal of Debris, etc., from Ocean Front and Improvement of Seaside P | 92,500.00 k. 24,546.86 | ••••• | 238,263.52 92,500.00 24,546.86 | 238,263.52 1,697.49 23,047.56 | 90,802.51 1,499.30 | 29,621.71 1,499.30 | \$32,690.00 | ••••• | 62,311.71 1,499.30 | 28,490.80 |
| | 253 | Development and Improvement of Public Park at Johnson and Lorim Streets | | • | 30,000.00 | 14,432.28 | 15,567.72 | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 15,467.72 |
| | | Total | \$1,691,334.51 | | \$1,691,334.51 | \$1,579,207.56 | \$112,126.95 | \$33,075.66 | \$32,790.00 | | \$65,865.66 | \$46,261.29 |
| | N. D. P. 212E | Paving and Improvement of East Lake Drive and South Lake Drive Prospect Park | e, \$121 928 91 | | \$121,928.91 | \$121,014.86 | \$914.05 | \$914.05 | | | \$914.05 | |
| | 222G 222H 222J 234A 254 255 255A 255D 256 260 261 | Purchase of Top Soil and Fertilizer for restoring of areas, Prospect Park Construction of Water Pipe and Cast Iron Pipe Drains, etc., Ocean Pkwy Improvement of Ocean Parkway Terminus at Coney Island. Improvement of Snake Hill Drive, Highland Park. Paving Bay Parkway Paving Fort Hamilton Parkway from 62d Street to Shore Road. Repaving Settled Sections of Roadway Pavement, Bushwick Parkway. Repaving, Resurfacing and Curbing, Ocean Parkway. Permanent Parking Place for Motor Vehicles in Rear, Dreamland Park. Converting Property on Avenue S and E. 15th St. into Public Playgrout Construction and Improvement of Gravesend Playground, 18th Aven | 5,000.00 26,145.00 23,020.00 67,000.00 312,172.17 277,968.57 11,000.00 47,520.00 134,700.00 23,550.00 | | 5,000.00 26,145.00 23,020.00 67,000.00 312,172.17 277,968.57 11,000.00 47,520.00 134,700.00 23,550.00 | 4,984.42 24,388.32 | 15.58 1,756.68 23,020.00 1,167.70 2,359.47 682.87 2,178.64 47,497.50 10,389.91 21,756.69 | 2 359.47 682.87 | \$600.00 13 877.50 | | 600.00 13,877.50 2,359.47 682.87 37,505.00 | \$15.58 1,156.68 9,142.50 1,167.70 2,178.64 9,992.50 10.389.91 21,756.69 |
| | 262 262A | between 55th and 58th Streets | 30,000.00 16,000.00 | | 30,000.00 16,000.00 4,500.00 | 17,777.43 9,755.88 | 12,222.57 6,244.12 4,500.00 | | 100.00 58.00 | | 100.00 58.00 | 4,122.57 6,186.12 4,500.00 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF CORPORATE STOCK, ASSESSMENT BOND, SPECIAL REVENUE BOND AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1926—Continued

| | · · | | | | | | Encumbrances (Not to include amount of any voucher heretofore transmitted to the Department of Finance) | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Code | | Total Authoriza- tion | Miscellaneous Credits and Journal Adjust | Total Adjusted | Net Vouchers Registered, Based on Cancellations | Credits | | Net Reserve for Open Ma ket Orders and Misc | r- Reser for | ve Encum brances | et Unen cumbered Bal ances | | |
| A No. | B Title of Fund or Account | Adjusted C | ments D | (C+D) | Adjustment F | | for Contracts H | Invoices | Rolls | | e (G—L) M | | |
| N. D. P. 263 | Reconstruction, Paving and General Improvement, Bay Ridge Parkway | | | | | | | | | -2.47.01 | 101 000 01 | | |
| 264 | and Shore Road | | ••••• | 348,000.00 | 130,643.72 | 217,356.28 | 22,474.04 | ••••• | • • • • • • • | 22,474.04 | | | |
| 265 266 | South 5th Streets. Removal of Old Building over Coney Island Creek at Ocean Parkway, etc. Erection and Equipment of Comfort Station, Commercial and Dupont Sts. | 45,000.00 | | 13,770.00 45,000.00 15,000.00 | | 3,756.80 45,000.00 15,000.00 | | | | | 3,756.80 45,000.00 15,000.00 | | |
| | Total | \$1,522,274.65 | | \$1,522,274.65 | \$1,106,455.79 | \$415,818.86 | \$26,430.43 | \$52,140.50 | | \$78,570.93 | \$337,247.93 | | |
| R. D. P. 214 216 216B | Emergency Repair Work on Skylights, etc., Brooklyn Museum Building Purchasing Top Soil, etc., Sunset Park | 15,000.00 | | \$25,932.04 15,000.00 | \$25,829.54 14,979.11 | \$102.50 20.89 | \$102.50 | | | \$102.50 | \$20.89 | | |
| 216E | Garden Developing Plot of Land Bounded by Commercial, Dupont and Franklin | 40,000.00 | ••••• | 40,000.00 | 38,732.58 | 1,267.42 | • | ••••• | • • • • • • | | 1,267.42 | | |
| 216F 216J 217 | Streets Making Available for Use as Playground Site under Williamsburg Bridge Improving Undeveloped Gore Plot in McCarren Park as War Memorial. Purchasing Additional Tree Guards and Name Plates for Brooklyn Me- | 33,325.00 7,455.00 21,500.00 | •••••• | 33,325.00 7,455.00 21,500.00 | 14,934.86 2,577.83 15,990.96 | 18,390.14 4,877.17 5,509.04 | 1,713.97 | \$900.00 | | 2,613.97 | 18,390.14 4,877.17 2,895.07 | | |
| 217B 217C 1303-1926 | morial Trees Repairing Spray Equipment of Tree Department Remodeling Small Park at Bedford and Division Avenues for War Memorial Pavements and Walks—Repairs and Replacements. | 3,000.00 5,500.00 | | 1,500.00 3,000.00 5,500.00 15,000.00 | 1,494.35 2,889.19 | 5.65 110.81 5,500.00 15,000.00 | ••••• | 2,826.70 | | 2,826.70 | 5.65 110.81 2,673.30 15,000.00 | | |
| | Total | \$168,212.04 | • | \$168,212.04 | \$117,428.42 | \$50,783.62 | \$1,816.47 | \$3,726.70 | | \$5,543.17 | \$45,240.45 | | |
| S. D. P. | Special and Trust Funds | | | | | т. | Na Danasita | | | | | | |
| 3. D. F. 3. 26 27 28 29 31 32 | Restoring and Repaving, Special Fund. Maintenance and Improvement of Public Park on Brooklyn Heights Planting Trees on City Streets Damage to Trees and Other Departmental Property. Shore Road Property and Proceeds. Contribution to Brooklyn Botanical Garden Improvement Fund. Payment by Navy Department for Restoring City Park, Brooklyn. | 16,554.94 188,641.55 5,391.06 20,740.00 100.000.00 | | \$164,054.02 16,554.94 188,641.55 5,391.06 20,740.00 100,000.00 16,666.26 | 15,680.24 178,727.91 3,298.66 | \$46,362.69 874.70 9,913.64 2,092.40 234.01 1.20 6.07 | Oue Deposito \$33,341.91 | \$2,547.10 1,471.75 | | \$35,889.01 1,471.75 | \$10,473.68 874.70 8,441.89 2,092.40 234.01 1.20 6.07 | | |
| | Total | \$512,047.83 | ••••• | \$512,047.83 | \$452,563.12 | \$59,484.71 | \$33,341.91 | \$4,018.85 | | \$37,360.76 | \$22,123.95 | | |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1927, OF ALL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, AND OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR PRIOR YEARS HAVING UNEXPENDED BALANCES

| | | Appropriation, | | | | Net Vouchers | | Encumbrances (Not to include amount of any voucher heretofore transmitted to Department of Finance) | | | | |
|------------|---|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|
| | | Transfer | Cash | | | Registered, | | | Net Reserv | | Total Net | |
| Cod | • | (If Any) by Board of | Refunds and | Jour- | Net Funds | Rased on Cancellation | Unex- | | for Open Ma ket Order | | Encum- brances, | cumbered Bal- |
| No | | Estimate and | Journal | nai | Available | and | Balances | for | and Miscl | , for | i. e. Net | ances |
| A 192 | Title of Account B | Apportionment C | Credits D | Debits E | (C+D-E) | Adjustment G | s _H (F–G) | Contracts J | | Pay Rolls L | Reserves M | N (H—M) |
| 127 | Salaries Regular Employees, Administration | \$176,129.16 | ••••• | | \$176,129.16 | \$174,611.06 | \$1,518.10 | | | \$1,518.10 | \$1,518.10 | |
| 127 | Salaries Regular Employees, Parks and Boulevards | 60,979.20 | | | 60,979.20 | 60,880.26 | 98.94 | | | ******** | ******** | \$98.94 |
| 127 | | | | • • • • • | 3,375.00 | 3,217.50 | 157.50 | | | | | 157.50 |
| 127 127 | | | | • • • • • | 14,860.00 | 14,650.00 | 210.00 | | • • • • • • • | 26 522 07 | 26 522 07 | 210.00 |
| 128 | | | | | 915,500.65 57,070.00 | 888,976.68 54,237.44 | 26,523.97 2,832.56 | | | 26,523.97 2,832.56 | 26,523.97 2,832.56 | |
| 128 | | | | | 18.660.00 | 18,660.00 | 2,002.00 | | | 2,032.30 | 2,002.00 | |
| 128 | | | | | 11,500,00 | 11,463.95 | 36,05 | | \$36.05 | | 36.05 | |
| 128 | Fuel Supplies | 18,000.00 | | | 18,000.00 | 17,891.83 | 108.17 | | | | | 108.17 |
| 128 | | 850.00 | • • • • • | | 850.00 | 849.28 | .72 | | ****** | • • • • • • • • | ***** | .72 |
| 128 | | | | • • • • • | 2,500.00 | 2,246.11 | 253.89 | | 74.43 | | 74.43 | 179.46 |
| 128 128 | | | • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 1,450.00 12,450.00 | 999.07 8,605.91 | 450.93 3.844.09 | \$3,390.00 | 423.00 428,66 | | 423.00 3,818.66 | 27.93 25.43 |
| 128 | | | | | 10,500.00 | 5,372.02 | 5,127.98 | 817.22 | 132,65 | • • • • • • • • | 949.87 | 4,178.11 |
| 128 | | 2,250.00 | | | 2,250.00 | 1,921.48 | 328.52 | | 711.15 | | 111.15 | 217.37 |
| 129 | | 330.00 | ***** | | 330.00 | 297.84 | 32.16 | | 10.75 | | 10.75 | 21.41 |
| 129 | Motor Vehicles and Equipment | 13,300.00 | • • • • • • | | 13,300.00 | 7,464.93 | 5,835.07 | | 5,492.71 | | 5,492.71 | 342.36 |
| 129 | | | | • • • • • | 5,000.00 | 4,976.21 | 23.79 | | 21.25 | | 21.25 | 2.54 |
| 129 | | | • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 9,000.00 | 8,186.62 | 813.38 | • • • • • • • | 554.56 | | 554.56 | 258.82 |
| 129 129 | | | | • • • • • • • | 350.00 | 12 202 12 | 350.00 | • • • • • • • • | 25 50 | • • • • • • • | 25 50 | 350.00 |
| 129 | | | • • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 12,300.00 32,000.00 | 12,202.12 29,982.00 | 9 7.8 8 2,018.00 | • • • • • • • • | 35.50 | • | 35.50 | 62.38 449.32 |
| 12 | | | • • • • • • | | 14,500.00 | 14,500.00 | 2,018.00 | | 1,568.68 | • | 1,568.68 | |
| 129 | Motor Vehicle Repairs | | ***** | | 2,000.00 | 1,866.50 | 133.50 | | 50.64 | | 59.64 | 82.86 |
| 129 | | | | | 4,000.00 | 2,024,26 | 1,975.74 | | 1.675.75 | | 1,675.75 | 299.99 |
| 130 | | 900.00 | • • • • • | | 900.00 | 706.90 | 193.10 | | 38.50 | ****** | 38.50 | 154.60 |
| 130 | | | | | 3,000.00 | 2,984.48 | 15.52 | | • • • • • • • | | | 15.52 |
| 130 | | | • • • • • | | 1,680.00 | 1,476.64 | 203.36 | 203.30 | • • • • • • • • | • • • • • • • • • | 203.30 | .06 |
| 130 | | | • • • • • • | | 26,700.00 | 26,317.50 | 382.50 | | 160.00 | • • • • • • • | 160.00 | 222.50 |
| 130 | | 400.00 | • • • • • | • • • • • • | 400.00 | 395.80 | 4.20 | • • • • • • • • | • • • • • • • • | 15 041 72 | 15 041 72 | 4.20 |
| 13- 13- | | | • • • • • • | • • • • • • | 166,722,00 51,590.00 | 151,680.27 39,987.07 | 15,041.73 11,602.93 | ****** | 11,602.93 | 15,041.73 | 15,041.73 11,602.93 | • • • • • • • • |
| 13 | | | | | 18,940.00 | 17,360.93 | 1,579.07 | | 11,002.93 | 1,579.07 | 1,579.07 | ******* |
| 13 | | | | | 4,440.00 | 4,000.34 | 439.66 | | 439.66 | 1,379.07 | 439.66 | ******* |
| 13 | Salaries Regular Employees, Brooklyn Botanical Garden a | nd | | | ., | ., | | | | | .0,.00 | |
| | Arboretum | 72,253,00 | | | 72,253.00 | 67,297.14 | 4,955.86 | | ****** | 4,955.86 | 4,955.86 | |
| 13 | 1 Brooklyn Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Expenses Otl | ier | | | | | | | 4 000 | • | | |
| | Than Personal Service | 15,695.00 | • • • • • • | | 15,695.00 | 13,724.41 | 1,970.59 | | 1,970.59 | ••••• | 1,970.59 | |
| | Total | \$1,761,174.01 | | | \$1,761,174.01 | \$1,672,014.55 | \$89,159.46 | \$4,410.52 | \$24,827.46 | \$52,451.29 | \$81,689.27 | \$7,470.19 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF CONTRACTS AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1927

| - | Comptrolle Contract Number A | of | Name of Contractor | Nature of Contract | Total Amou Certified, Based on Additon Estimates and Adjustment E | Vouchers Registere al Based on | d Balance of Estimated Liability |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | 71657 | July 15, 1924 | McKim, Mead & White-C. D. P. 243-K | Architect's Services | \$1,929.76 | \$1,208.05 | \$721.71 |
| | 81373 | Oct. 26, 1926 | Bayley & Sons, Inc | Electric Light Fixtures | 28,900.00 | 15,007.50 | 13,892.50 |
| | | | Total | | \$30,829.76 | \$16,215.55 | \$14,614.21 |
| | 37239 | July 31, 1913 | Chas. O'Hara-C. D. P. 251-A | Removal Debris, Dreamland | \$14,993.00 | \$13,493.70 | \$1,499.30 |
| | 81823 | Dec. 14, 1926 | Pizzo & Foley-N, D. P. 222-J | Improvement, Ocean Parkway | 13,877.50 | 12,236.09 | 1,651.41 |
| | 64199 | Dec. 28, 1923 | The Cranford Co.—N. D. P. 254 | | 84,919.54 | 84,259.01 | 660.53 |
| | 64218 | Jan. 1, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Co | Improvement, Bay Parkway | 111,861.65 | 111,003.71 | 857.94 |
| | 64735 | Feb. 28, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Co | Improvement, Bay Parkway | 105,420.96 | 104,579.96 | 841.00 |
| 3 | | | Total | | \$302,202.15 | \$299,842.68 | \$2,359.47 |
| | 66192 | June 21, 1923 | Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt CoN. D. P. 255 | Improvement, Fort Hamilton Parkway | \$106,089.31 | \$105,406.44 | \$682.87 |
| | 84328 | June 7, 1927 | M. J. O'Hara—N. D. P. 255-E | Improvement, Shore Road | 143,288.68 | 132,385.50 | 10,903.18 |
| | 84328 | June 7, 1927 | M. J. O'Hara-N. D. P. 263 | Improvement, Shore Road | 174,538.82 | 132,385.50 | 42,153.32 |
| | 84710 | June 28, 1927 | Wm. D. Moore's Son-N. D. P. 266 | Constructing Field House | 10,887.00 | 7,838.64 | 3,048.36 |
| | 83395 | April 8, 1927 | Edwin H, Denby—N. D. P. 267 | Architect's Services | 3,441.86 | | 3,441.86 |
| | 85812 | Oct. 18, 1927 | M. Barash | General Construction Work | 28,282.00 | | 28,282.00 |
| | 85818 | Oct. 18, 1927 | Thos. E. O'Brien, Inc | Plumbing Work | 3,453.00 | | 3,453.00 |
| | | | Total | | \$35,176.86 | | \$35,176.86 |
| | 85816 | Oct. 18, 1927 | Foley & Pizzo-N. D. P. 269 | Improvement, Guider Park | \$26,341.17 | \$5,074.20 | \$21,266.97 |
| | 85348 | Aug. 30, 1927 | Ascher Engr. & Cont. Co., Inc.—N. D. P. 270 | Pipe Rail Shelters | 11,289.00 | • | 11,289.00 |
| | 81823 | Dec. 14, 1926 | Pizzo & Foley-1926-1305 | | 15,980.00 | 12,236.08 | 3,743.92 |
| | 85052 | July 28, 1927 | Stumpp & Walter Co1927-1287 | Flowering Bulbs | 3,390.00 | | 3,390.00 |
| | 85718 | Oct. 10, 1927 | Utility Oil Corp.—1927-1288 | Gasoline | 1,164.00 | 346.78 | 817.22 |
| | 82463 | Jan. 1, 1927 | New York Telephone Co.—1927-1302 | Telephone Service | 1,679.94 | 1,476.64 | 203.30 |

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF CORPORATE STOCK, ASSESSMENT BOND, SPECIAL REVENUE BOND AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1927

| | · | | | | | | (Not to include amount of any vouch heretofore transmitted to the Departme of Finance) | | | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Miscel- laneous | | Net Vouchers | | | Net | | | |
| | | Total Authoriza- | Credits | | Registered, | | Not | Reserve for | | Total Net | |
| | | tion | and Journal | Total Adjusted | Based on Cancellations | Credits Unex- | Net Reserve | Open Mar- ket Orders | | brances | Bal- |
| Code No. | Title of Fund or Account | as Adimeted | Adjust- | | and | pended | for | and Miscl | | i. e. Net | |
| A | B | $C^{{f Adjusted}}$ | D ments | E (C+D) | Adjustments F | G (E—F) | H | J Invoices | Rolls K | Reserve L | (G—L) M |
| C. D. P. | C to the Color Home Process Park | 440 506 50 | | | | | | | - | | +2.00=.05 |
| 212 212 A | Construction of Shelter House, Prospect Park | | | \$49,586.70 17,500.00 | \$47,563.85 17,220.08 | \$2,022.85 279.92 | • • • • • • • • | | | | \$2,022.85 279.92 |
| 212F | Construction of Picnic House, Prospect Park | | | 100,000.00 | | 99,000.00 | | | | | 99,000.00 |
| 243 K | Brooklyn Institute, Ceiling Lights, etc | 92,500.00 | | 92,500.00 | 50,088.75 | 42,411.25 | \$14,614.21 | | | \$14,614.21 | 27,797.04 |
| 251A | Removal of Debris, Dreamland Park | . 24,546.86 | | 24,546.86 | 23,047.56 | 1,499.30 | 1,499.30 | | | 1,499.30 | r 071 00 |
| 253 | Developing Park, Johnson and Lorimer Streets | | | 30,000.00 | | 5,271.08 | ******* | | • • • • • • • | | 5,271.08 |
| N. D. P. | Total | \$314,133.56 | • • • • • • • • • | \$314,133.56 | \$163,649.16 | \$150,484.40 | \$16,113.51 | • • • • • • • • | | \$16,118.51 | \$134,370.89 |
| 222G | Purchase of Top Soil and Fertilizer | . \$5,000.00 | | \$5,000.00 | \$4,984.42 | \$15.58 | | | | | \$15.58 |
| 222H | Construction of Water Pipe Drain, Ocean Parkway | | | 26,145.00 | 24,388.32 | 1,756.68 | | | | | 1,756.68 |
| 222 J 234 A | Improving Ocean Parkway Terminus Improving Snake Hill Drive, Highland Park | | | 23,020.00 67,000.00 | 14,177.82 65,882.30 | 8,842.18 1,117.70 | \$1,641.41 | • • • • • • • • | | \$1,641.41 | 7,200.77 1,117.70 |
| 254A 254 | Paving Bay Parkway | | | 312,172.17 | 309,812.70 | 2,359.47 | 2,359.47 | | | 2,359.47 | 1,117.70 |
| 255 | Paving Fort Hamilton Parkway | | | 277,968.57 | 277,285,70 | 682.87 | 682.87 | | | 682.87 | |
| 255A | Repaving Bushwick Parkway | 11,000.00 | | 11,000.00 | 8,923.86 | 2,076.14 | | | | | 2,076.14 |
| 255D | Repaving Ocean Parkway | | | 47,520.00 | 45,257.53 | 2,262.47 | 10.002.10 | | | 10.002.10 | 2,262.47 |
| 255E 255F | Improvement of Shore Road | | | 525,000.00 55,000.00 | 132,607.25 2,114.76 | 392,392.75 52,885.24 | 10,903.18 | | | 10,903.18 | 381,489.57 52,885.24 |
| 256 256 | Permanent Parking Space for Autos, Dreamland | | | 134,700.00 | 124,310.09 | 10,389.91 | | | | | 10.389.91 |
| 260 | Converting New Playground, Avenue S and East 14th Street | | | 73,550.00 | 2,531.55 | 21,018.45 | | | | | 21,018.45 |
| 261 | Construction of Gravesend Playground | . 32,900.00 | | 32,900.00 | 18,472.56 | 14,427.44 | | | | | 14,427.44 |
| 262 | Marine Park, Engineering Survey | | • • • • • • • • | 16,000.00 | | 432.99 | | • • • • • • • • | | | 432,99 4,277.0 9 |
| 262A 263 | Marine Park, Construction of Roads | | | 4,500.00 343,225.00 | 222.91 300,462.88 | 4,277.09 42.762.12 | 42,153.32 | | | 42,153.32 | 608.80 |
| 264 | Improving Playground, Williamsburg Bridge | | | 13,770.00 | 10,193,20 | 3,576.80 | 12,133.32 | | | 42,130.02 | 3,576.80 |
| 264A | Completion of Williamsburg Playground | . 35,000.00 | | 35,000.00 | | 35,000.00 | | ******* | | | 35,000.00 |
| 265 | Removal of Bridge, Coney Island Creek | | | 45,000.00 | 37,116.26 | 7,883.74 | | • • • • • • • • | | | 7,883.74 |
| 266 | Erection of Comfort Station, Commercial and Dupont Streets | | • | 15,000.00 50,000.00 | 8,599.83 | 6,400.17 | 3,048.36 | \$4.06E.00 | | 3,048.36 | 3,351.81 9,858.14 |
| 267 268 | Remodeling Smith MansionPurchase of Property, Eastern Parkway and Buffalo Avenue | | | 28,000.00 | ******* | 50,000.00 28,000.00 | 35,176.86 | \$4,965.00 | | 40,141.86 | 28,000.00 |
| 269 | Development of Guider Park | 40,000.00 | | 40,000.00 | | 32 927.09 | 21,266.97 | | | 21,266.97 | 11,660.12 |
| 270 | Improvement of Various Playgrounds | . 25,000.00 | | 25,000.00 | 4,204.24 | 20,795.76 | 11,289.00 | | | 11,289.00 | 9,506.76 |
| 271 | Improvement of Park, Milton and Noble Streets | | • • • • • • • | 12,000.00 | | 12.000.00 | | | | | 12,000.00 |
| 272 273 | Improvement of Coney Island Concourse | . 59,500.00 32,500.00 | | 59,500.00 32,500.00 | , | 57,008.85 32,500.00 | • • • • • • • | 54,960.00 | | 54,960.00 | 2,048.85 32,500.00 |
| 273 274 | Regulating and Grading 66th Street | | | 33,600.00 | 22,891,49 | 10,708.51 | | | | | 10.708.51 |
| 275 | Regulating and Grading Buffalo Avenue | | | 63,000.00 | | 63,000.00 | | ******* | | | 63,000.00 |
| | Total | . \$2,357,070.74 | | \$2,357,070.74 | \$1,439,570.74 | \$917,500.00 | \$128,521.44 | \$59,925.00 | | \$188,446.44 | \$729,053.56 |
| R. D. P. | | eat 700 00 | | #21 F00 00 | #10.050.40 | 41 547 60 | | | | | A1 547 CO |
| 216J 218 | Installing New Lighting Conditions in Lefferts Homestead | | | \$21,500.00 300.00 | | \$1,547.60 35.00 | | | | | \$1,547.60 35.00 |
| 1297-1927 | Repairs to Pavements and Walks | | | 15,000.00 | | 3,748.49 | \$2,517.00 | | \$90.22 | \$2,607.27 | 1,141.27 |
| | Total | | | \$36,800.00 | | \$5,331.09 | \$2,517.00 | | \$90.22 | \$2,607.22 | \$2,723.87 |
| | Special and Trust Funds | , | | £7 | 4 | . , | | | 4 | 42,00 | 4-3, |
| S. D. P. | Destading and Descripe | . \$174,587.17 | | ¢174 €07 17 | ¢124 900 01 | \$40.786.06 | Due Deposit | | | 0.11 240 46 | 40 5/5 90 |
| 3 26 | Restoring and Repaving | | | \$174,587.17 17.346.60 | | \$49,786.26 633.61 | \$37,859.06 | \$3,381.40 | | \$41,240.46 | \$8,545.80 633.61 |
| 27 | Planting Trees on City Streets | . 212,539.05 | | 212,539.05 | 201,643.66 | 10,895.39 | | 1,906.50 | | 1,906.50 | 8,988.89 |
| 28 | Damage to Trees and Other Departmental Property | . 5,760.56 | | 5,760.56 | 3,333.66 | 2,426.90 | | | | | 2,426.90 |
| 29 | Shore Road Property and Proceeds | . 20,740.00 | • • • • • • • • | 20,740.00 | | 234.01 | • • • • • • • • | • • • • • • • • | • • • • • • | | 234.01 |
| 31 32 | Contribution to Brooklyn Botanical Garden Improvement Fund Payment by Navy Department for Restoring City Park | | | 100,000.00 16,666.26 | | 1.20 6.07 | • | ••••• | • • • • • • • | | 1.20 6.07 |
| 52 | Total | | <u></u> | \$547,639.64 | | \$63,983.44 | \$37,859.06 | \$5,287.90 | | \$43,146.96 | \$20,836.48 |
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