

chairman requested him to preside, which he did.

The Committee on Public Improvements handed in a written report stating that the committee found that the plans for the bridge over the Bronx River at 176th. Street have been prepared, and that all that is necessary is to make provision for the bridge on the Westchester County side. State that they were informed by the Commissioner that the title on the New York side is vested in the city, and that they have communicated with the town authorities of Westchester.

Regarding the Willis Avenue bridge they report that the plans have been approved by the Board of Street Opening and nothing further can be done before the matter comes before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In the matter of the filling in of the land on the East River with garbage by the East Bay Land Improvement Co. the Committee reports that this subject was improperly referred to them and they beg to return it to the Board, with the suggestion that a resolution be passed condemning the filling in, and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Waterways.

The Committee also recommended the passing of a resolution requiring the closing of the Third Avenue Bridge during certain hours in the morning also in the evening. The Committee calls the attention of the Board to the recent law requiring the elevated Railroad Co. to run continuous trains from the Battery to Tremont, which has not yet been done.

Mr. John De Hart, Chairman of the Committee on Public Improvements, further reported verbally that the Executive Committee had requested their committee to confer with other organizations



relative to acquiring title to the land for the Concourse. Stated he had called a meeting for that purpose on Thursday night, and invited a Committee of the Fordham Club to be present for a conference, but that through some misunderstanding the Committee did not appear, but that said committee of the Fordham Club, consisting of Professor A. H. Dundon, Mr. Thompson and Charles Canz were present now and desired to submit to the Board of Trade their views on the Concourse matter.

The Chairman then stated that the floor was open to the Committee of the Fordham Club, whereupon Professor A. H. Dundon addressed the meeting. Professor Dundon stated that the sooner the land for the Concourse is taken the better it will be for the city of New York, for the property owners and for the whole of the North Side. That land was increasing in value in this district and that it would certainly be the proper business course, as well as the most advantageous one, for the City and tax payers to secure title while the land is cheap instead of delaying it when more will be asked for the land. Prof. Dundon also stated that at the coming election the question of the Greater New York will be voted upon and that in his opinion the vote will be cast in the affirmative. If so, he thinks the chances for appropriations for the North Side will be lessened on account of the necessities of the other districts to be annexed. For this reason he believed active measures should be taken to secure the right of way. Prof. Dundon's idea was that the North Side Board of Trade, and other organizations in the district, should set to work at once to bring all their influence to bear on the proper authorities for the speedy securing of the title to the land for the Concourse. That



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committees from all these organizations should attend the meeting of the Board of Street Openings and request said Board to sanction the application of Commissioner Haffen for the appointment of appraisers. The application would then go through the Corporation Counsel's office and then through the Supreme Court. The Professor stated further that in his opinion if the committees should be met with a refusal on the part of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the acquiring of the title unless a portion of the expense is paid, by the above property owners, it would be wise to make a proposition to the effect that the property owners consent to a tax of one-quarter of the cost. The Professor further stated on behalf of the Fordham Club that said Club would be ready to cooperate with the North Side Board of Trade in any public matters for the advantage of the North Side.

Judge Langbein moved that the Committee on Public Improvements be, and they are hereby constituted, a special committee with power for the purpose of facilitating the proposed Concourse on behalf of the North Side Board of Trade. Seconded.

Carried. ✓

The Committee on Real Estate reported the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Superintendent Byrnes has recently given it as his opinion that the upper portions of the City of New York should be better protected than they are at present, and that for such purpose the Police Department will have to be increased by at least from ten to fifteen hundred men, and

WHEREAS, it is well known that in the so-called "Annexed District" or more properly "North New York" there are posts of some policemen a mile or more in length, and that the territory covered by some of the policemen is so great that robberies can occur any night at one end of a policeman's post and he not know anything about them for sometime thereafter, therefore,