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Report of Civic Bureau
to Board of Directors

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it that the contractors kept the dust down by frequent sprinkling of the roadway.

Health Department Building
Appropriation of \$250,000:

This matter is not settled one way or the other, but the feeling is that The Bronx has received a great deal more than its share of corporate stock for the current year, and that it may be impossible to put through this appropriation.

However, the matter is not dead, and the Health Commissioner and the Borough President, who has promised his active co-operation, may yet be successful in getting the required funds.

Garbage Disposal:

The City is now conducting experiments in garbage disposal. Also Fire Chief Kenlon will shortly leave for Europe for the purpose of making an investigation into the methods of garbage disposal in use in Europe.

PROPOSED STADIUM:

Just before the close of the Conference, Borough President Bruckner presented a rough plan of the layout for a vast stadium, playground and athletic field, to be constructed on the City-owned property now comprised in the 3200 lots forming the undeveloped portion of the Jerome Park Reservoir Tract. The Borough President's plan calls for the development of the entire area from the Armory north to the pumping station, and from Jerome Avenue west to the reservoir wall. Included in the layout are a Public School; dressing rooms, comfort stations, shower baths, etc., for City employees and other athletes, a 1-1/4 mile running track, baseball field, football field, cricket field, outdoor training quarters for men and women, swimming pools, etc.. Around the running track is to be constructed a vast elliptical bowl, consisting of tiers of seats which can be constructed from rock on the premises, etc.. The site of the stadium may also be utilized as a Municipal Landing Station for aeroplanes. The cost of the project is estimated at about two million dollars.

The Borough President impressed on the Committee that they were the first persons, outside of his official family, to see these plans, that they were in the formative stage as yet, and that it might be sometime before he went to the City Authorities for the money to carry out the ideas involved.

He did, however, request the Committee to consider the fact that this property is already owned by the City, that it is a vast area such as could probably never be assembled in the City again for similar purposes, and that the carrying out of this idea would mean a great deal to The Bronx.

The Borough President requested the support of The Board, and the Bureau recommended that The Board give its fullest and most cordial support to the proposition, at such time as the Borough President presents it to the City Authorities.

HEALTH EXPOSITION:

The Department of Health is working up a Bronx Health Exposition, which it is proposed to hold next month at the Hunt's Point Palace. Meetings of prospective exhibitors were held at the Board Rooms on April 11th and 18th.

The Bureau recommends that a Sub-Committee of its members, preferably Doctors, be appointed to work in conjunction with the Department of Health, for the success of the proposed Bronx Health Exposition.

SMOKE NUISANCE:

A representative of the United Electric Light and Power Company visited The Board in regard to its complaint of dust and soot coming from their plant. He explained that the Company is now using up the last of the coal stored away during the war-time period, and that they are now installing cinder-screens, and other apparatus, in the smoke-stacks, in an effort to reduce the volume of smoke. This work will be completed in two or three weeks, when the smoke will be materially reduced; and he asked The Board's indulgence in the meantime.