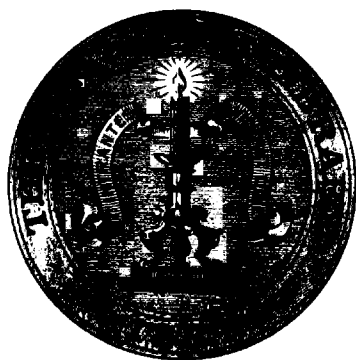


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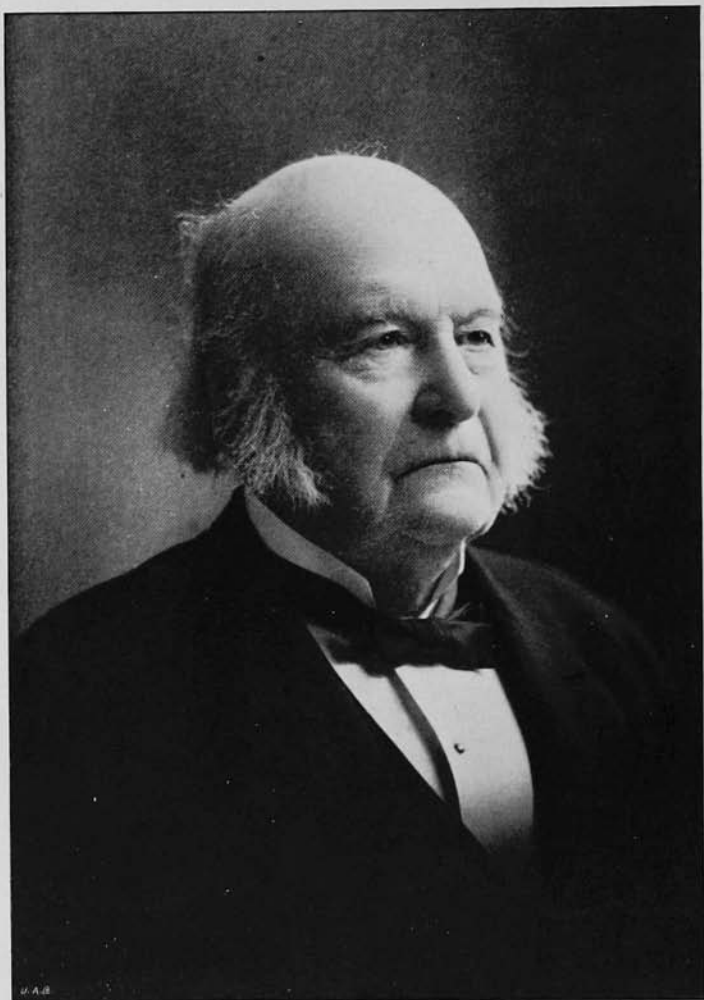
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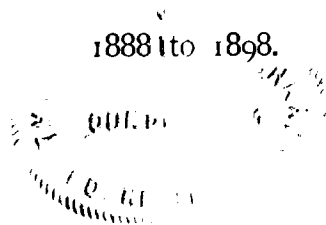


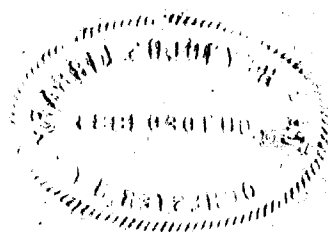
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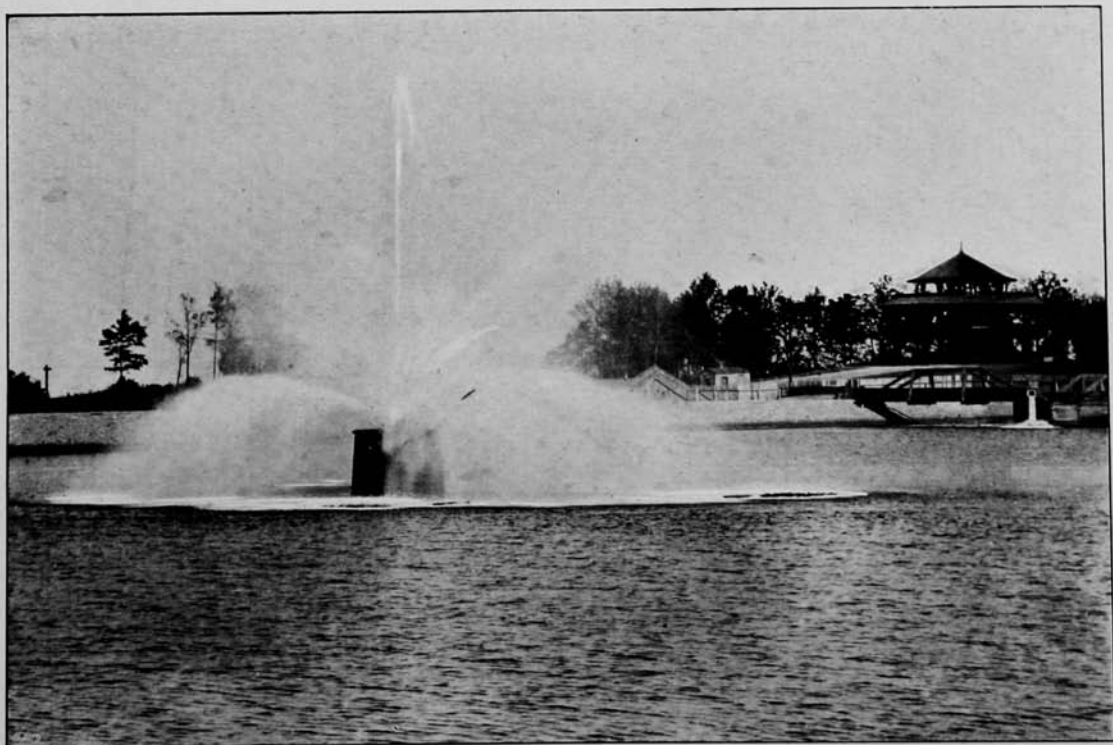


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INTRODUCTORY.

THE purpose of this report is to give a summary of the doings of the Park Board from the time of its organization, and to condense the matters appertaining to the subject so as to enable the reader to grasp the whole work with ease, and yet find it complete in its statement.

The yearly reports to the Common Council have been in close compliance with the law, but it seems proper to make some explanation of the plans and methods of work for which the money was spent.

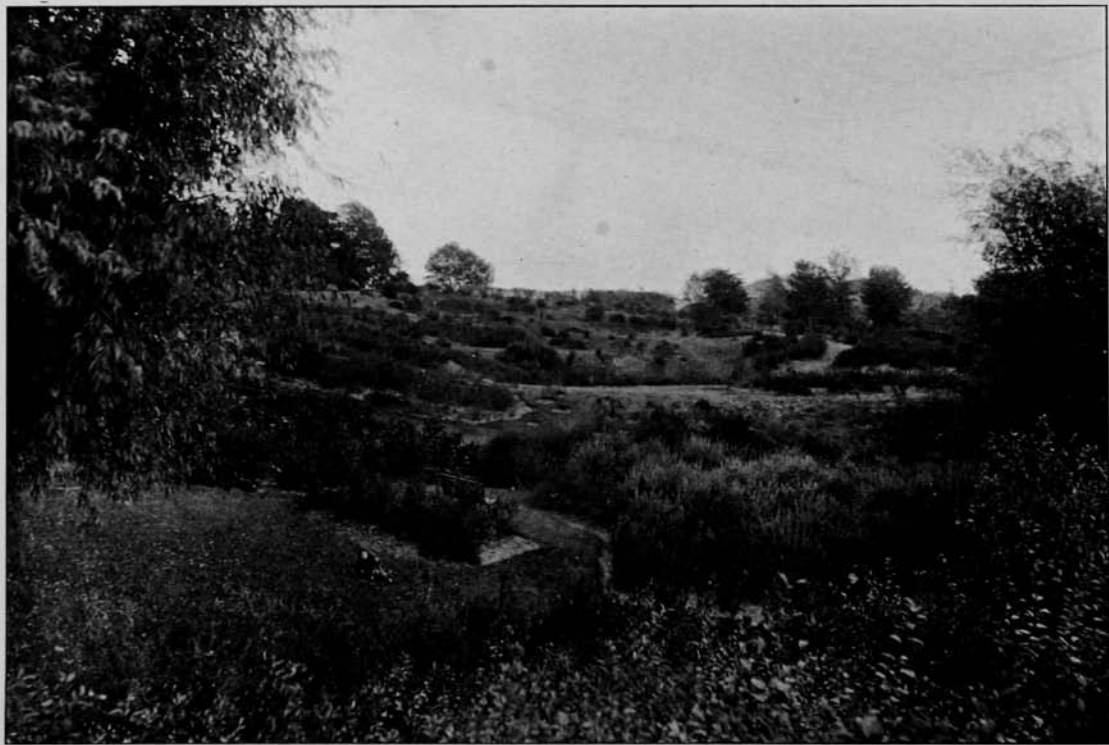
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HIGHLAND PARK—VIEW IN SHRUB COLLECTION.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

Commissioners ROCHESTER, BROWN, DURAND, TAYLOR,
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LAW AND ORDINANCES.

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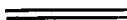
Commissioners ALLEN, ELWOOD, DUFFY, LAMBERTON, TAYLOR.

PURCHASING.

Commissioners STERN, BROWN, DUFFY, RITTER, MOORE, *ex-officio*.

POLICE AND EMPLOYMENT.

Commissioners ELWOOD, HUNTINGTON, BROWN, BARRY,
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SPECIAL PARK COMMITTEES.

BOULEVARD.

Commissioners MOORE, CAUFFMAN, LITTLE, GREENLEAF, ROCHESTER,
LAMBERTON.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

Commissioners HUNTINGTON, DURAND, WRIGHT, STERN,
MOORE, *ex-officio*.

HIGHLAND PARK.

Commissioners BARRY, MAINE, ALLEN, DUFFY, MOORE, *ex-officio*.

SENECA PARK.

Commissioners BROWN, KONDOLF, MCQUAID, GRAHAM,
MOORE, *ex-officio*.

CITY PARKS.

Commissioners ELWOOD, TAYLOR, RITTER, WRIGHT, MOORE, *ex-officio*.

FORMER PARK COMMISSIONERS.

†HIRAM W. SIBLEY,	1888-1890
*ALFRED WRIGHT,	1888-1891
*GEORGE W. ELLIOTT.	1888-1891
*WILLIAM SEE,	1888-1891
†RICHARD CURRAN,	1888-1891
*GEORGE H. NEWELL,	1888-1892
*MORTIMER F. REYNOLDS,	1888-1892
‡DANIEL W. POWERS,	1888-1893
‡JOHN GREENWOOD,	1888-1893
‡JAMES W. GILLIS,	1888-1893
†WILLIAM S. KIMBALL	1888-1893
†CHARLES J. BURKE,	1890-1891
†DR. JAMES BUCKLEY,	1891-1892
‡FREDERICK G. SEITZ,	1891-1893
†CHARLES H. WRIGHT,	1891-1895
*DR. JONAS JONES,	1892-1892
†CHARLES F. POND,	1894-1897

†Resigned.

‡Declined re-nomination, 1893.

*Died in office.





HIGHLAND PARK—VIEW IN SHRUB COLLECTION.

OUR PUBLIC GROUNDS.

	Area in Acres.	Total Area in Acres.
Genesee Valley Park,	343.422	
Seneca Park,	212.250	
Highland Park,	75.730	
	631.402	631.402

SMALL PARKS.

Plymouth Park.	.43	
Wadsworth Park,	.80	
Madison Park,	.86	
Washington Park,	1.37	
Franklin Park,	1.60	
Brown's Park,	4.50	
Jones Park,	6.70	
Lake View Park,	4.41	
Douglas Triangle,	.054	
Sumner Park,	.56	
City Hall Park,	.165	
	21.449	21.449
		652.851

ORGANIZATION OF PARK COMMISSION.

THE law organizing the Park Commission was passed April 27, 1888, and it declared the gentlemen herein named to be said board, viz.:

WILLIAM C. BARRY,	HENRY F. HUNTINGTON,
JAMES H. BROWN,	WM. S. KIMBALL,
JOSEPH CAUFFMAN,	MATHIAS KONDOLF,
HENRY BARTHOLOMAY,	BERNARD J. McQUAID,
JOHN EWING DURAND,	EDWARD M. MOORE, Sr.,
GEORGE W. ELLIOTT,	GEO. H. NEWELL,
JAMES W. GILLIS,	DANIEL W. POWERS,
JAMES S. GRAHAM,	MORTIMER F. REYNOLDS,
HALBERT S. GREENLEAF,	WILLIAM SEE,
JOHN GREENWOOD,	HIRAM W. SIBLEY,
	ALFRED WRIGHT,

all of whom took the oath of qualification except Henry Bartholomay, and Richard Curran took his place. The first meeting was held on May 7, 1888, and the first survey was made a few days after by the large executive committee. The opinion was entertained that every section of the town would be best supplied by a generous parkway, encircling the city, from which parks at favored points would be made. But we soon became aware of our ignorance of the whole subject, and found, when consulting our landscape architects afterwards, that the parks should be completed first. But we had no architects at this time to consult, and it was very obvious that we needed advice, and accordingly a visit by the whole board was made to

Buffalo to inspect their parks and ask their advice as regarded the proper procedure. This was very handsomely given, and a meeting was held with their board, preceded by a visit to their parks.

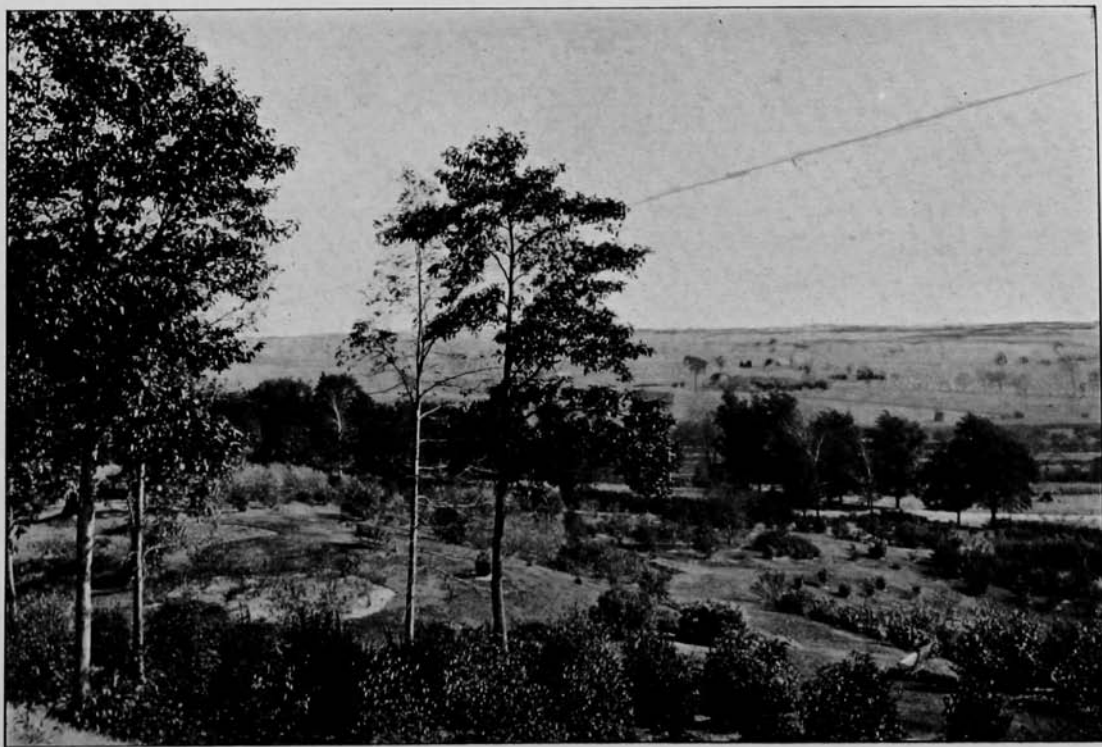
Their advice was freely given and has been of great benefit in our procedures. It may be summed up in a few words; select your landscape architect and abide by his judgment in the selection of the sites for your parks. Also, purchase all the land needed at once, and do not appreciate values that you may be obliged to pay for in the future.

In consequence of these suggestions, we asked the advice of several experts, who all agreed in the main, declaring that we must take advantage of the beautiful river that runs through our city, for no landscape is complete without the adjunct of water. Even if the river had remained as it once was, a highway of commerce, it would have been the proper place for a park by its side. But the scows and poles have long since disappeared, and the charming stream is only to float the bark of pleasure.

Even at the north, where the river is still a port nearly to the falls, commerce has deserted its former haunts, and its waters will probably bear aught but vessels of pleasure-seekers. Here the river has cut its way so as to leave one of the most beautifully wooded canons to be found and which will now, as a part of the park system, be preserved for all time. But for landscape effects we must turn to

HIGHLAND PARK.

This occupies a part of the rather remarkable moraine that extends from the Genesee River to the village of Brighton, a stretch of four miles. The donation by Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry of about twenty acres of land adjoining the reservoir was the initial step that led to the creation of the park system. This generosity has borne fruit beyond the expectation of the donors. By the purchase of fourteen acres, the total acreage of Highland



HIGHLAND PARK—LOOKING SOUTH.

Park has become about sixty acres, in connection with the reservoir property turned over by the city. The peculiarities of the three parks, Seneca, Genesee Valley and Highland, are so very strongly marked as to remove the thought that there is an ideal that can be necessary to a park. Mr. Olmsted looked upon the landscape before him and marked out its adaptation and special effect. This he styles the motive of a park. Thus Highland Park is made an arboretum of low-growing trees and shrubs, being confined to the growth of such as are below fourteen feet when of adult size. The elevation of one hundred feet on the apex of the hill occupied by the pavilion marks the motive of this park.

The view looking south reveals a landscape of miles in extent and of extraordinary beauty unimpeded by high-growing trees. This is its character looking south. Turning to look north and we have the city before and below us, with the blue line of the horizon revealing Lake Ontario. Looking toward the west we see a fountain that carries the water supply of the city. Hence the motive. It is a magnificent place of observation. The Bristol Hills bound the horizon at the distance of thirty miles, the village of Fairport seen at ten miles, and Pittsford at seven miles distance. Lake Ontario with its blue line bounds the horizon at the north, nine miles away.

But Highland Park, besides its great landscapes and remarkable fountain, presents other claims to special forms of beauty. The site of the park is a moraine in which the forces of erosion have scraped out sharp, narrow and deep valleys. The desire of Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry to have an arboretum has been partially carried out without marring the effects described. The south side is the seat of about eleven hundred species and varieties of the shrubs as described above of the eighteen hundred possible in this latitude. Upon the north side the evergreen finds a very natural home upon the slopes of its valleys, and as time progresses we hope to see a specimen of every one of the coniferae that can live among us.

When these hills shall have been properly and completely planted, we expect to present to the people of Rochester a park of unique and great beauty. Mr. George W. Elliott, when a member of the Common Council, was a very warm friend of the park system and became afterwards a member of the Park Commission. He urgently solicited Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry to build a pavilion upon the apex of the hill which has heightened the effect of the landscape. These solicitations were very generously acceded to by Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry, and they erected a building of great beauty, designed by Shepley, Rutan & Cooleage of Boston.

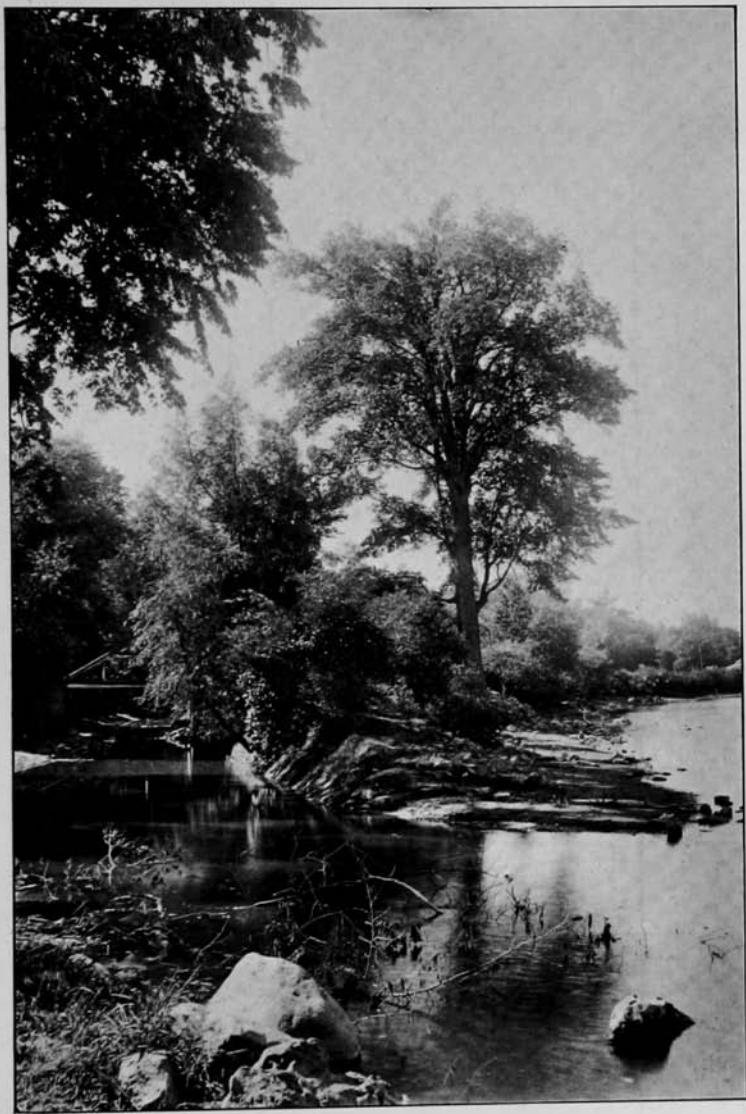
It is circular in form, three stories in height, forty-six feet from the ground to the apex and sixty-two feet in diameter. This was donated to the children of Rochester on the 29th of September, 1890, at which time the children and their friends assembled to the number of ten thousand.

At the first visit of our landscape architect to Highland Park we investigated the qualities of the site. Having done this, we proceeded to an inspection of the places indicated by popular opinion.

The Warner property was the special favorite of the public. Its proximity to the city and the well wooded slopes of the eroded hills produced an effect on the aesthetic sense of the people. But when the critical and trained eye was brought to bear on it the absence of water was declared to be fatal to its pretension to a park in its completeness. "It would be an ornament to a park, but you cannot make a proper park of it. Let us go to the river. On arriving at the river the architect's professional eye recognized the extraordinary capacity of the present site of

GENESEE VALLEY PARK,

and it was declared to be "almost ideal." This park consists of 258 acres on the east side of the river and 85 acres on the west. The land is essentially level, but is somewhat rolling and possesses some features of great beauty.



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—MOUTH OF RED CREEK.

The river has graceful curves and a placid surface for the small boat or canoe.

Its grove of full grown trees affords grateful shade in summer, and its broad lawns are charming features of the landscape. Such a combination of effects lends itself very readily to the "motive" of the architect.

"I wish to make a restful place for the people of Rochester." Accordingly, the railroad and its noisy belongings are shut out by a screen of forest trees, and upon the southern boundary the same method is employed, with the forest fringe less wide to hide the farm road from view.

Thus the Valley Park is shut in from the world and becomes a restful place. The sports of the young are provided for on the west side. There is very much to be added to this park, but the planting, a matter of primary necessity, has been essentially accomplished. The forest growth is from ten to fifteen feet high, ten years from the seed. But roads and bridges are still to be constructed.

The special features of this park are the grove of full grown trees of about five acres, and only a short distance from the entrance on the east side of the river, Red Creek traverses it near its center with its banks lined with full grown trees of great beauty.

Two broad lawns, one on each side of the creek, are enlivened by the deer and the sheep. The whole is enclosed by the forest growth, shutting out the noisy work-day world.

The park includes the river. But the west side is devoted to very different objects from those indicated above,—a restful place.

The activity of youth and early manhood demands at times the opposite conditions. Accordingly, there are provisions made for boat clubs, ball clubs, athletic clubs on bicycle tracks where races are run, foot races on "straightaways" and other athletic conveniences. The bicycle track is the constant scene of contests, and two ball grounds are seldom unoccupied. Other athletic sports

will be added; the future is big with promise. The street cars come to the river in the heart of this department of the park system. There is abundant space for almost any form of athletics. The bicycles reach almost every part of the parks on both sides of the river.

SENECA PARK.

In this park we have the incomparable efforts of nature in one of her finest opportunities. The park, lying on both sides of the river, contains the canon of the Genesee with banks rising two hundred feet from the river and densely clothed with a native forest. This park contains 212 acres, 71 west and 141 east. The road and walk run near the bank, the former diverging through a native forest, which remains in its primitive beauty. A small lake of five acres fed by springs becomes the next strongest point of interest, and the twenty-five thousand trout contributed by the Fish Commission have continued to grow from their infantile condition until they are almost ready for the line.

A few animals illustrative of our native fauna are a constant source of amusement and instruction. The varied plateaus of this park produce a great variety of wild shrubs and trees, 125 distinct species of which are already enumerated. On both sides ball grounds are provided, and we hope to add other athletic conveniences.

In the year 1894, April 1st, the city squares and open spaces called city parks were placed under the care of the Park Commission by act of the Common Council. The Washington Park was prepared for the reception of Lincoln's monument by special ordinance under the direction of Mr. Olmsted during the previous year. The great beauty of this park after its adornment prompts to the same method at Plymouth, Franklin, Wadsworth and Madison Parks. There is still much to be done upon the small parks of the city. The transference of these parks to the care of the Park Commission involved the planting,



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—RIVER VIEW FROM HICKORY TREE "GEN. JACKSON."

trimming and thinning of the trees in them. This was followed by the transference of the care of all the forest growth along the streets and avenues. This has necessitated the organization of a gang of men under a foreman to be employed in winter in the removal of dead trees and in summer in trimming redundant growth. The powers of the commission over the forest growth were defined and confirmed by special act of the legislature in 1897.

On looking over the city from the pavilion at Highland Park one is struck with the large amount of forest growth. the tall buildings and church spires rising out of a wooded landscape. The habit has become universal to plant trees before a residence. In this matter the custom has established a sort of right to occupy the land devoted to the public street, which is only superseded by the paramount necessities of the public.

The choice of the tree has always been at the will of the resident. This has destroyed the harmony of the avenue. Moreover, the tree once planted and perhaps barely surviving, has been totally neglected both in the nourishment it should receive and the care of its spreading branches.

The American people have so long regarded the forest tree as a thing with power to hold its own, that they have disregarded the utterly changed conditions from the primitive forest to the street. The great and unique beauty of an avenue of trees of a single species has been almost absolutely ignored. It is the hope of the Park Commission to initiate a vast reform in this particular.

The planting and grading of the city squares has added so much to the finish and charm of the street as to give great satisfaction to the people. The style usually adopted is that of a mound slightly rising to the center and protected by a broad curb, with cement walks crossing the green planted with shrubbery and trees. The respect that has been shown by the youthful population to the plants is a gratifying fact.

In the year 1891, May 5th, a special act created park-

ways (boulevards). Such parkways are intended especially for residence and consist of a lawn and rows of trees in front of the property which is built on, one or two roadways are constructed, dependent upon the width of the parkway.

They are under the special control of the Park Commission. The general law creating the commission gave the power to make parkways, but it did not possess the power to assess the abutting property for maintenance.

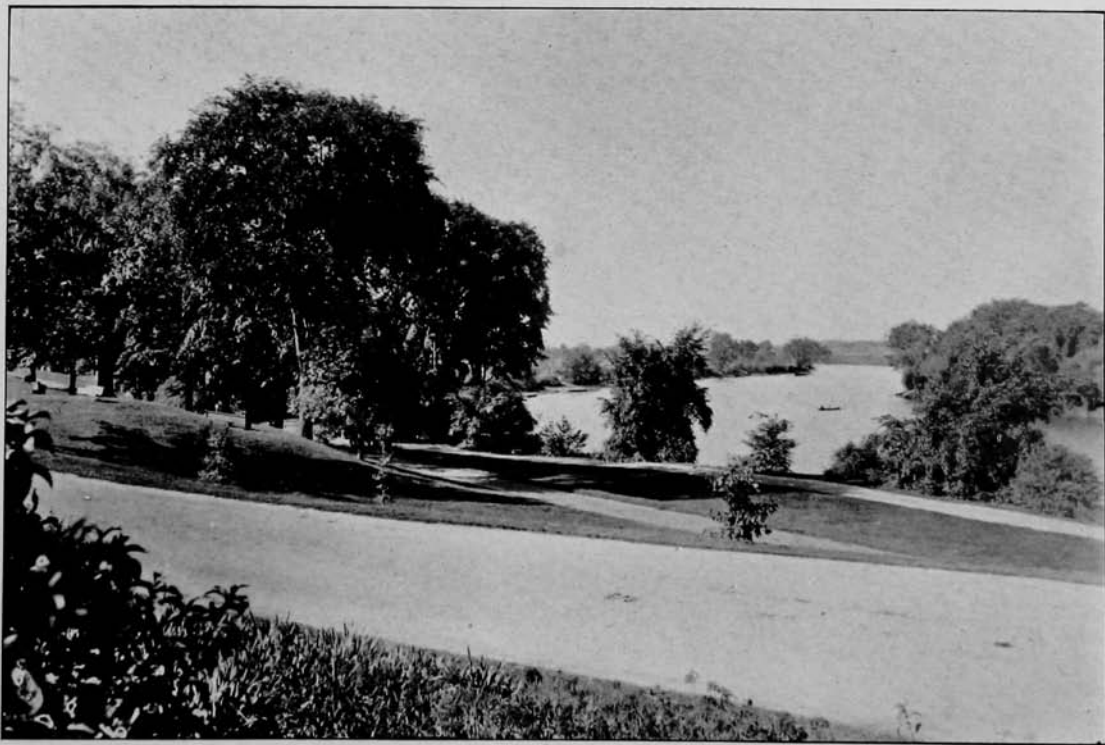
A special act was therefore passed which directs the commission to indicate the proportion of expense that should be borne by the city and what should be paid by the abutting owners and also the amount, not more than ten cents a running foot, to be assessed on the abutting property for maintenance. Under this act a parkway extending one mile has been constructed, extending westward from Lake Avenue through lands formerly known as the "Lake View Association."

As stated above, the purpose of a parkway is to secure the residents from the annoyance incident to the disagreeableness of work-day avocations.

Being under the control of the Park Commission they acquire the character of private ways in contradistinction to that of the public street.

No workshop or saloon would be allowed, or any offensive trade mar the uniformity of the plan upon which it would be designed. Such ways must lead all other streets in comfort and beauty.

E. M. MOORE, Sr., President.



GENESSEE VALLEY PARK—RIVER VIEW.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

THE land at Genesee Valley Park was bought in the fall of 1888. A topographical survey was made during the winter, and the map was forwarded to Mr. Frederick L. Olmsted. A topographical survey of Highland Park was also made during the winter. On April 18, 1889, the work of improving Genesee Valley Park began by taking down all the interior fences of the farm. On April 22d, the work of clearing the land at Seneca Park, on the east side, began. The land at Genesee Valley Park designed for meadows, was thoroughly sub-soiled and then rolled and harrowed, after which twelve cords of manure to the acre was spread on the land with Kempe and Burpee manure spreaders. This was turned in and covered with gang plows, as deeply as possible, without disturbing the turf. The land was then worked with a disc harrow until well pulverized on the surface. The disc harrow was followed with the acme harrow, and during the latter part of August the acme harrow was followed with a fine tooth harrow to prepare the soil for sowing. The land was then rolled with a light roller, followed with a fine tooth harrow. On the freshly-harrowed ground, thirty pounds of fancy re-cleaned red-top grass seed, thirty pounds of fancy re-cleaned Kentucky bluegrass seed and ten pounds of white clover were sown per acre. With the seed was sown five hundred pounds of ammoniated super-phosphate per acre. After the seed and phosphate were sown, the land was rolled with a light roller to cover in the seed. It was the wish of the landscape architect to

have the sowing done by the 15th of September, and it was nearly completed by that time. A space on the border of the park was reserved for a young forest, and this land was trench plowed; that is, two furrows deep were plowed, followed by the subsoil plow. The land was thoroughly drained where required. A farm tile drain was laid on each side of the driveways. The picnic grove was manured, plowed and sowed with Kentucky blue grass and rough stalked meadow grass, both of which thrive in the shade. A semicircular arch culvert of five feet span and one hundred and ten feet in length was built across the little creek south of the picnic grove. October 29th the work of planting trees in the forest began. Small seedling trees and shrubs, purchased at very low rates, were used in planting. Ten thousand five hundred native shrubs, 58,000 trees and 10,000 willows were planted during the fall of 1889. The shrubs were sumacs, mountain holly, winter berry, choke berry, spice bush, sweet pepper, sweet gale, bay berry, dwarf gray willow, wild roses, meadow sweet, indigo shrub, silky cornel, magnolia glauca, pinxter flower, nine bark, button ball, arrow wood, paniced dogwood and red osiers. The trees were ash-leaved maple, red, silver and sugar maples, ailanthus, white mulberry, black, yellow, red and canoe birches, bitternut, white, mockernut and pignut hickories, swamp white, scarlet, burr, white, pin and chestnut oaks, black locust, honey locust, Kentucky coffee tree, osage orange, black walnut, butternut, white and green ash, catalpa, American aspen, European larch, hop tree, tulip and cucumber tree, shining leaf willows, shad tree, flowering and alternate leaved dogwoods, stag-horn sumac, iron-wood, sassafras, black, red and choke cherries. The hard wood trees were generally planted for permanent trees, and the soft wood trees for nurse trees. In addition to these trees in the young forest plantation, 493 trees, in groups or as single specimens, have been planted along the drives and walks and in the meadows and along the river bank. They consist of 22 scarlet maples, 29 silver



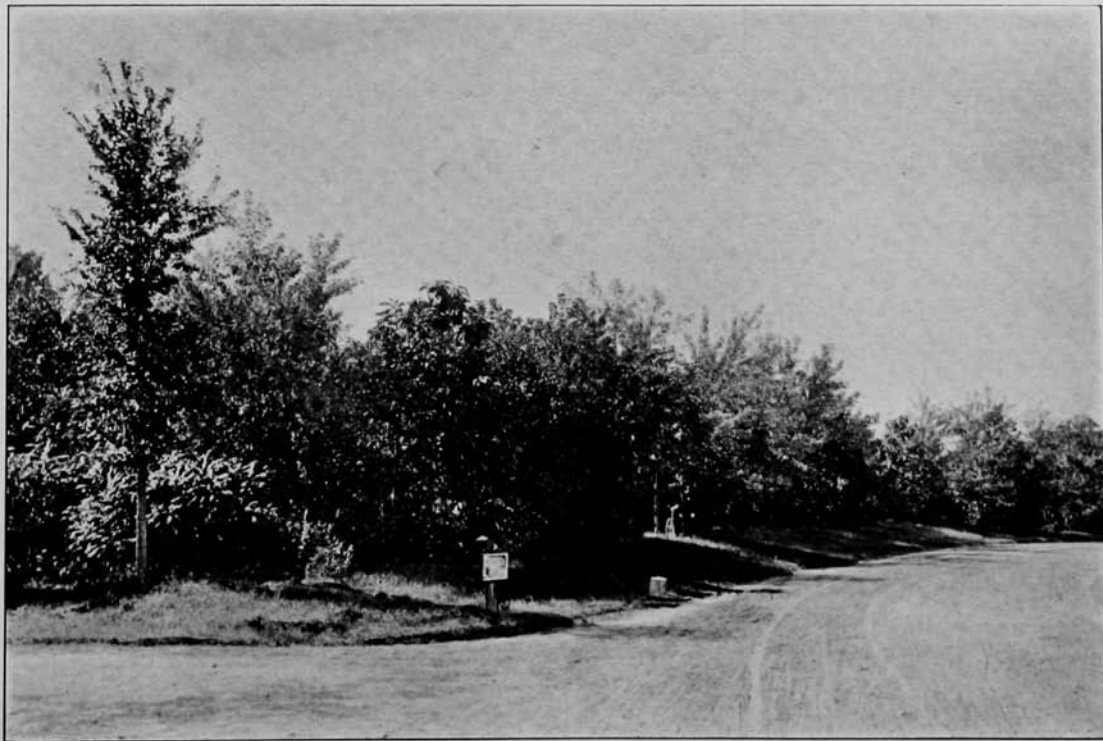
VIEW IN GENESSEE VALLEY PARK.

maples, 20 Norway maples, 32 sugar maples, 20 lindens, 8 white oaks, 10 red oaks, 4 bur oaks, 6 pin oaks, 10 butter-nuts, 11 liquidambers, 24 buckeyes, 22 tulip trees, 15 nettle trees, 47 American elms, 13 cucumber trees, 6 Babylonian willows, 6 Wisconsin willows, 3 black willows, 106 European white birch, 11 red birch, 12 black birch, 28 white ash, 5 American beech, 19 white mulberry, 4 white hickories. The river banks were planted with basket, long-leafed, shining-leafed, golden bark and black willows, and indigo shrub to prevent the washing of the banks. In addition to the deciduous trees, 1280 evergreen trees, consisting of 414 hemlock, 250 red pine and 616 white pine have been planted along the banks of the small creek which flows through the park and passes under the road near the southeast corner of the picnic grove. The evergreens have been planted for the purpose of making the valley of the creek look deeper and somewhat like a ravine. The roads east of Red Creek were gravelled to a depth of six inches, and 3150 cubic yards of gravel were used on them. This only made a road suitable for light driving. On each side of Red Creek, a cinder path 6 feet wide and about 2200 feet in length has been built. It is built where the walks are designed to go, but as no walking is done so far from the entrance to this park, this path is generally used by bicyclists. A path 2000 feet in length has been built from Red Creek to the river, parallel with the park road. On the east side of the river, in the picnic grove, is the refectory where refreshments are sold. Two rooms in the refectory building are specially devoted to the use of women and children. On the west side of the river, south of Elmwood Avenue, and close to the bridge, is located the athletic building, designed for the use of athletes who make use of the athletic grounds. The building is a two-story structure, octagonal in shape, and containing 2060 square feet of floor space. The upper floor contains a waiting-room and dressing-rooms; the lower floor contains shower-baths, small dressing-rooms and toilet-rooms. A bridge over the running track permits an entrance to the

athletic grounds without crossing the running track at grade. The athletic grounds are surrounded by an oblong one-third of a mile bicycle track, 23 feet in width, bounded by a picket fence 30 feet from the inside of the track. A 220 yards straightaway dash runs through the centre of the space inside the fence. Inside the one-third of a mile track is a one-fourth of a mile running track, topped with cinders. Space on one side of the dash is reserved for tennis, and the other side is reserved for gymnastic apparatus. Between the river and the athletic grounds is a space about 80 feet in width, shaded by elm, maple and sycamore trees. Spectators of the athletic games congregate beneath these trees on gala days. Up the river, from this space, is located the building of the Rochester Athletic Club House, on park grounds. On the north side of Elmwood Avenue are the two ball grounds. The Rochester Canoe Club house and the Oak Hill Boat Club house are located between the ball grounds and the river. Several hundred feet down the river is located the public boat house, where rowboats can be rented at reasonable prices fixed by the park commission.

At Highland Park is the shrub collection, which includes 52 families, 140 genera, and about 1100 species and varieties of hardy and semi-hardy shrubs. The pinetum designed for the part of the park north of the children's pavilion has been started by planting white and red pine, hemlock, white spruce, red cedar and arbor vitæ. Many additions to the pinetum have been made this spring. The pinetum when completed will contain all the thoroughly hardy coniferae which the experience of the most enterprising American tree planters have found in the last two hundred years suitable for this climate.

Seneca Park is located on both banks of the Genesee River gorge, and extends from the bridge below the lower falls, northerly, 2.8 miles on the right bank, and 1.8 on the left bank, where it is joined by the grounds of St. Bernard's Seminary, the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the Riverside Cemetery, thus preserving the foliage on



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—FOREST PLANTING, TEN YEARS FROM SEED.

the left bank to a point opposite the northerly line of the park on the east bank of the river. The planting in Seneca Park is confined almost wholly to trees indigenous to the northern states. One hundred and twenty-five species of trees and shrubs were found growing naturally there when the land was acquired for park purposes. A few of the trees and shrubs found growing wild were foreign plants that had escaped from the nurseries and became naturalized in the park. A list of trees and shrubs found growing wild in the park in 1889 has been made by Mr. Joseph E. Fuller, of Rochester, which will be found on pages 101, 102, 103 of this report, together with a list of trees and shrubs that have since been planted in the park.

A small lake, five acres in area, and named by Dr. Moore Trout Lake, was formed by building a road across a swale. The material used in the road was excavated from the swale. The water is kept clear by the many cold springs which ooze from the high banks east of the railroad. Several of these springs have been tapped, and the water has been collected and led through vitrified pipe to the lake. Through the longest droughts in the past three years there has been an abundant supply of water. The lake has been stocked with California rainbow trout, which are thriving on an abundance of natural food.

The soil in Seneca Park is gravelly, affording excellent material for roads and walks, which are made and maintained at a light expense.

The park is well wooded, and springs of excellent, cool water abound. Several perpetually flowing rills pass through deeply shaded ravines to the river, 160 feet below the high bank. The outlet of Trout Lake forms one of these streams. Two shelters have been built in Seneca Park east, and one is contemplated for Seneca Park west.

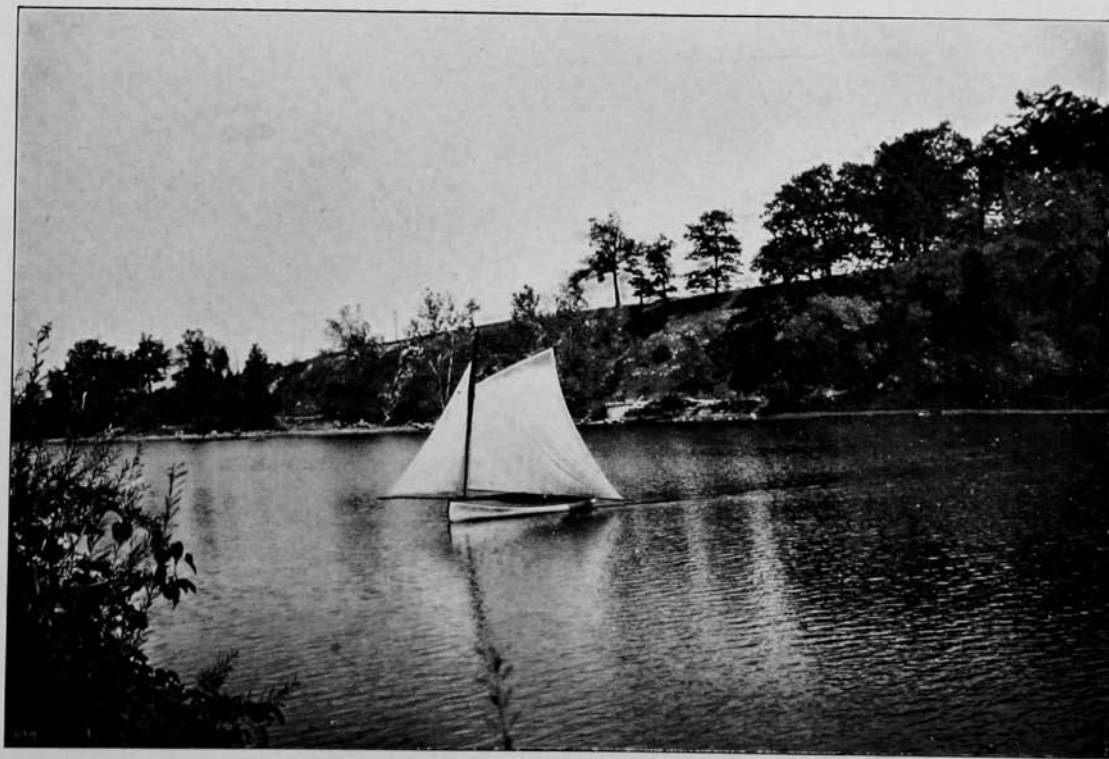
A beginning has been made of a collection of the fauna of this state, and the animals, except the deer and elk, are kept at Seneca Park. The animals now owned by the park are two American elk or wapiti, one male white-tailed deer, one black bear, two raccoons, three foxes, four woodchucks

one prairie-dog, one opossum, eight gray squirrels, three red squirrels, three flying squirrels, one fox squirrel, three cotton-tail rabbits, one bald eagle, five great-horned owls, two Arctic owls, three red-tailed hawks, three Cooper's hawks, one rough-legged hawk, two sparrow hawks, two herring gulls, four wild black ducks and three brows. Besides these animals indigenous to the state, there are domestic rabbits, Guinea pigs, and Mongolian pheasants. The opossum, generally supposed to be a southern animal, thrives on Long Island, and has been found at Macedon and Churchville.

Many of these animals have been presented to the Park Commission by friends of the parks, and other contributions will be thankfully received.

CALVIN C. LANEY,
Superintendent and Engineer.





GENESEE VALLEY PARK—OAK HILL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1897.

Dec. 28, 1896—Cash in the city treasury to the credit of the Park Commission :

Maintenance Fund	\$	322.73
Improvement Fund		19,785.10
		\$20,107.83

Receipts from Dec. 28, 1896, to Dec. 27, 1897 :

Appropriation, Maintenance Fund .	\$31,400.00		
Material sold from parks and rentals	1,651.93		
From the Executive Board for labor .	188.78		
Interest on bank account, Maintenance Fund .	126.66		
Interest on bank account, Improvement Fund	668.47		
			\$34,035.84
			\$54,143 67

Disbursements from Dec. 28, 1896, to Dec. 27, 1897 :

Warrants paid, Maintenance Fund	\$33,281.00		
To correct error in books, 1894	2.50		
			\$33,283.50

Cash balances in City Treasury Dec. 27, 1897 :

Maintenance Fund	\$	406.60	
Improvement Fund		20,453.57	
			\$20,860.17
Total			\$54,143.67

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

December 27, 1897.

Labor and pay		\$25,018.14
Miscellaneous		5,962.35
Buildings and structures		2,112.75
Printing and advertising .		50 36
Stationery		128.53
Engineering		8.87
To correct error in books, 1894		2 50
Total		\$33,283.50
Balance in City Treasury Dec. 27, 1897		20,860.17
		\$54,143 67

GENERAL STATEMENT FROM THE CREATION OF THE
PARK COMMISSION.

May 10, 1888, to January 1, 1898 :

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation from city	\$249,415 86
Bonds sold	360,000.00
Material sold from parks	12,413.33
Other receipts, rents, etc.	2,517.27
Sale of land	1,565.00
Interest on bonds and Maintenance Fund.	6,427.00
Total	<u>\$632,338.46</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Placed to credit Improvement Fund	\$366,943 37
Placed to credit Maintenance Fund	265,395.09
Total	<u>\$632,338.46</u>

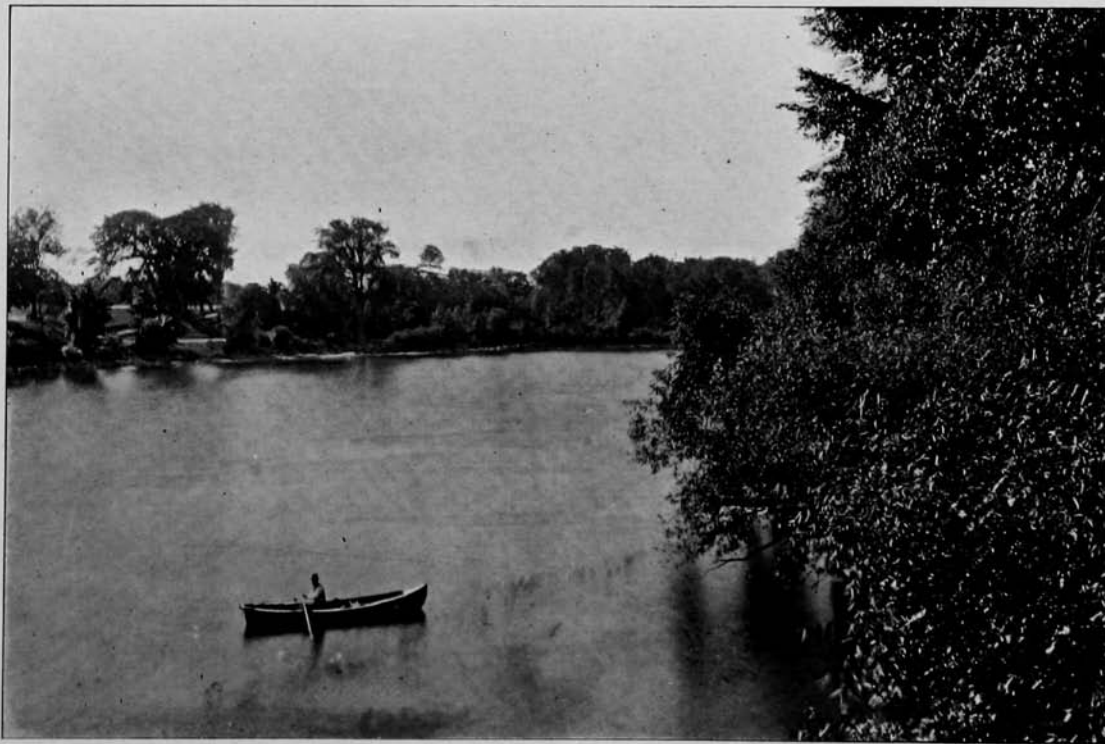
DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Balance in City Treasury, Maintenance Fund	\$ 406 60
Balance in City Treasury, Improvement Fund	20,453 57
Purchase of land	297,328.38
Labor and pay	196,300 20
Labor and pay, city parks and street trees	10,511.14
Buildings, structures and tools	43,954 34
Park police	16,984.13
Miscellaneous	41,940.92
Printing and advertising	752.23
Stationery and office supplies	677.75
Engineering	3,029.20
Total	<u>\$632,338.46</u>

EXPENDITURES ON EACH PARK.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

Purchase of land	\$136,750.72
Labor and pay	65,675.33
Buildings, structures and tools	46,000 80
Total	<u>\$248,426 85</u>



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—LOOKING SOUTH FROM ELMWOOD AVENUE BRIDGE.

CITY OF ROCHESTER.

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SENECA PARK.

Purchase of land, east side .	\$96,307 25	
Purchase of land, west side	<u>59 956.65</u>	\$156,263.90
Labor and pay, east side	\$38,982.49	
Labor and pay, west side	<u>3,005.65</u>	
		\$41,988.14
Buildings, structures, tools, etc.	<u>14,760.42</u>	\$213,012 46

HIGHLAND PARK.

Purchase of land	\$16 988.00	
Labor and pay	31,613.18	
Buildings, structures and tools	<u>16 610.43</u>	\$65,211 61

CITY PARKS AND STREET TREES.

Labor and pay, seven small parks	\$6,891.79	
Labor and pay, care of street trees	3,619.35	
Tools, etc.	<u>377.20</u>	\$10,888 34
Park police pay rolls		16,984.13
All other expenditures		<u>77,815.07</u>
Total		\$632,338.46

JOHN E. DURAND, Treasurer.



BY-LAWS
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

ADOPTED 1894.

ARTICLE I.

REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Regular meetings shall be held on the last *Monday in each month at 3:30 o'clock P. M., at the rooms of this Board. The annual meeting shall be held at the date of the regular meeting in February, and its proceedings shall take precedence of all other business.

ARTICLE II.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The President may call special meetings whenever he deems necessary ; he shall also call special meetings when requested to do so by seven Commissioners, or by a majority of the chairmen of the Standing Committees.

SUBJECT MATTER OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. In the call for special meetings the subject matter for consideration must be specified, and no other subject matter can be considered.

ARTICLE III.

QUORUM.

A majority of all the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum, and at each committee meeting the majority shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, who shall be members of the Board, and a Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Board. All these shall be elected by ballot at each

*Amended to read "on the last Wednesday of each month."



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—RED CREEK VALLEY.

annual meeting, and they shall hold office until their successors are elected, except the Secretary, who shall serve during the pleasure of the Board. In case of the Secretary's absence, disability or resignation, the office may be filled by a new election or by temporary appointment. Vacancies of offices may be filled by ballot at any meeting, and in all cases a majority vote of all the members of the Board shall be necessary to elect.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Commissioners, and shall be an *ex-officio* member of all the Standing Committees excepting the Auditing Committee. He shall execute all contracts and other papers necessary for the transaction of the business of the Park Commissioners when authorized by them to do so, and shall appoint committees as hereafter provided.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the President, or in case he is for any reason disqualified or unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-President shall exercise all the powers and perform the duties of the President until his return or such disability is removed, or until a new election of a President is made. In case of the absence or disability of both, then the Board may appoint a President *pro tempore*.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall have the control and custody of all the moneys belonging to the Park Commissioners (except when the City Treasurer is their lawful custodian), and he shall pay out the same upon warrants as hereinafter provided. He shall sign all checks, but they must also be countersigned by the President and Secretary. He shall keep accounts showing the amount expended for the purchase of land for each separate park, boulevard and parkway, and the amount expended upon each of them, and also classified accounts as follows: "Buildings and Structures," "Tools," "Labor and Pay," "Engineer," "Stationery, Printing and Advertising," and "Miscellaneous." He shall not serve on the Auditing Committee, but he shall be a member of the Finance Committee. He shall make an annual report to *March 1st of each year, giving a detailed statement of all expenditures and of all funds received by him from the city, and of all moneys received by him from the sale of lands, materials, houses or otherwise. His books shall be open at all times for the inspection of any Commissioner. Whenever any funds are received other than those appropriated by the city or from the sale of bonds, the Board shall direct the Treasurer what disposition shall be made of such funds. After an account is ordered paid by the Board, the Secretary shall issue a warrant on the Treasurer, as hereafter provided, certifying the date when it was audited and also when ordered paid by the Commissioners, which, attached to the bill, shall be accepted by the Treasurer, who shall

*Report must now be made on Jan. 1st, of each year, to conform to change in city charter.

then pay the amount by check on the City Treasurer, or from other funds in his possession, if so ordered. In case of the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Park Commissioners shall appoint a Treasurer *pro tempore*.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Board at all meetings, and also of all committee meetings if requested to do so; give notice of all regular, adjourned and special meetings, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board. His books shall be open at all times for the inspection of any member of the Board. He shall keep a warrant book, and after any account has been properly audited and ordered paid, or money authorized to be expended by the Commissioners, he shall issue a warrant upon the Treasurer upon which shall appear the following: Amount of warrant, its date, to whom payable, for what material or purpose issued, by whom ordered, when audited and when ordered paid. This record shall also be kept by the Secretary on the stub of each warrant issued. He shall also send written notices of all meetings to each Commissioner through the mails, or by messenger, at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding the date of said meeting.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION I. There shall be the following Standing Committees:

1. Finance.
2. Law and Ordinances.
3. Auditing.
4. Purchasing.
5. Genesee Valley Park.
6. Seneca Park
7. Highland Park.
8. City Parks and Forestry.
9. Boulevards and Parkways.
- *10. Police and Employment.

SEC. 2. Other Standing Committees may be created at any time by a resolution of the Park Commissioners.

SEC. 3. All Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President or presiding officer, subject to confirmation by the Board, and they shall hold office until their successors are appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

SEC. 4. Each Standing Committee shall consist of the President *ex-officio* and four members, except the Auditing Committee, which shall consist of five Commissioners other than the President and Treasurer.

SEC. 5. The presiding officer shall appoint all Special Committees unless otherwise directed.

*Created by resolution of the Board, Feb. 24, 1896.



GENESEE VALLEY PARK—VIEW OF MEADOWS.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. Each Standing Committee shall report at every regular meeting or whenever required. They shall keep minutes of all their proceedings, which shall be filed with the Secretary and open to the examination of every Commissioner.

DUTIES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 2. The Finance Committee shall consist of the President and Treasurer *ex-officio*, and three members of the Board in addition, and shall have the general charge of the finances of the Board.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND ORDINANCES.

SEC. 3. The Law and Ordinance Committee shall have referred to it for examination and report all subjects of a legal nature, and it shall propose, from time to time, such laws, amendments to these by-laws, and ordinances, as in its judgment is deemed proper. All laws, amendments and ordinances proposed by any other member or committee shall first be referred to it for examination and report.

DUTIES OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SEC 4. The Auditing Committee shall have charge of all bills and accounts against the Board. Such bills and accounts (except as hereinafter provided) shall be first referred to this Committee, which shall examine and report upon the same to the Board. No bill shall be considered by the Auditing Committee until it has been certified to under oath as correct by the creditor, and, if desired, vouched for by the Commissioner, Committee or officer who authorized the same. So certified, if found reasonable and just, it must be audited and referred to the Board for action. After such report the Board shall take final action upon the account. Salaries or compensations of employes of the Park Commissioners which have been previously fixed by the Board, may be paid by the Treasurer whether said bills or accounts have been audited and passed by the Committee or not; likewise shall the Treasurer pay the Superintendent's daily and weekly park employes' pay rolls, when sworn to by the said Superintendent. All of which afore-mentioned bills for salaries and compensations and the said pay rolls shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee before the next subsequent regular meeting of the Board for approval.

DUTIES OF PURCHASING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 5. The Purchasing Committee shall purchase, by written order, all materials, tools and other articles used in and about the construction and maintenance of the parks, parkways and boulevards, and all stationery and supplies necessary for the use of the Commission; and no Commissioner, engineer, contractor or employe shall, in any event (except as hereinafter provided), purchase anything upon the credit of the Commissioners, except by the direction of this Committee or upon a special order of the

Board. They may authorize the Superintendent, or some other employe of the Commission, to make such small and necessary purchases as are required from time to time, but a bill of every such purchase must be taken at the time and filed in the park office.

DUTIES OF THE GENESEE VALLEY, SENECA AND HIGHLAND PARK COMMITTEES.

SEC. 6. The Genesee Valley, Highland and Seneca Park Committees shall have full charge and control, respectively, of each separate park, so named, and on such park shall see that all ordinances, rules and regulations or directions of the Park Commissioners are enforced, and all work, policemen or employes shall be under their supervision and direction.

DUTIES OF THE CITY PARKS AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 7. The City Parks and Forestry Committee shall have charge of all the small city parks and squares, and of the trees in the streets, and shall have the same powers and duties as the other Park Committees.

DUTIES OF THE BOULEVARD AND PARKWAY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. The Boulevard and Parkway Committee shall have charge of all the boulevards and parkways, and shall have the same powers and duties as the Park Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS.

Each Commissioner shall have the same powers and duties as any individual member of any of the Park or Boulevard and Parkway Committees in regard to violations of any of the ordinances or rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioners upon any of the parks, boulevards and parkways, and is authorized to make or order arrests or to take such other action as in his judgment is best.

ARTICLE VIII.

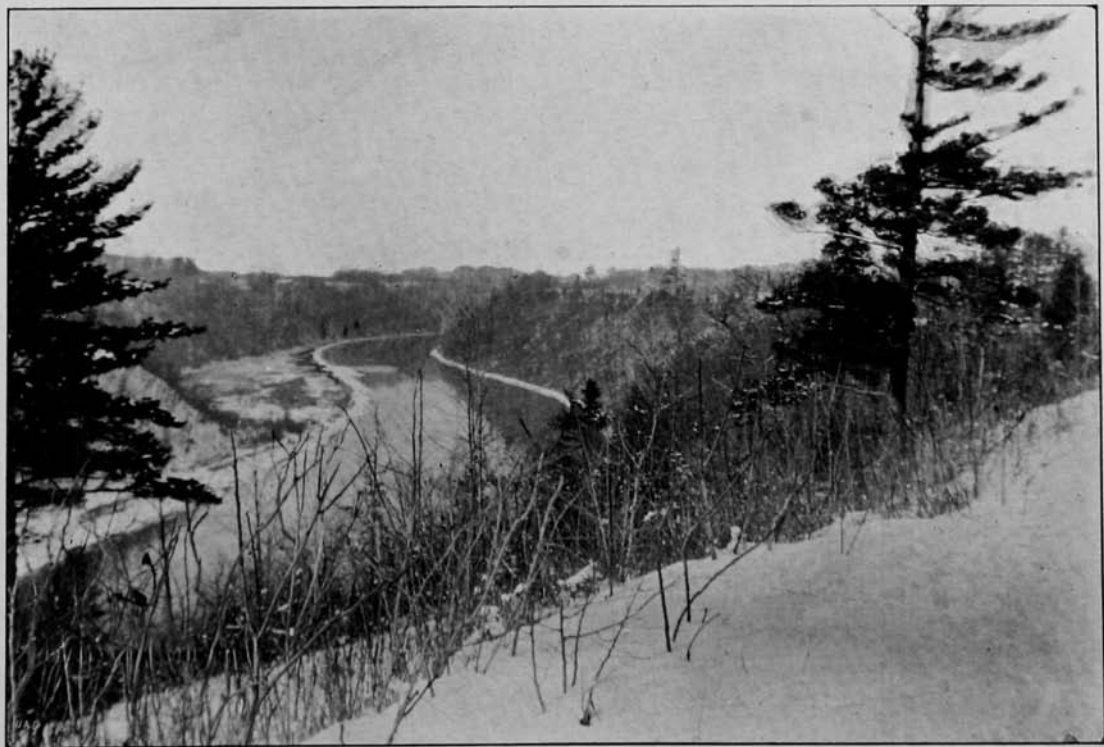
SUPERINTENDENT AND ENGINEER AND HIS DUTIES.

A Superintendent and Engineer shall be elected by a majority vote of all the Commissioners, and shall hold his office during their pleasure. He shall have police powers and be the Captain of the park policemen. He shall prepare plans for all improvements, do all engineering work not otherwise provided for, and, subject to the direction of the Board or their proper Committee, have full control of all improvements or work authorized on all the parks, boulevards and parkways, and of all policemen, mechanics, foremen and other employes. He shall make a written report at every regular meeting, and shall from time to time make such recommendations in regard to his department as may seem to him desirable.

ARTICLE IX.

SALARIES AND PAY OF EMPLOYES.

SECTION I. All salaries shall be fixed by a majority vote of all the Commissioners.



SENECA PARK - RIVER GORGE, LOOKING NORTH FROM EAST SIDE.

SEC 2. The Board may authorize the Superintendent to employ laborers and other necessary employes on the parks, boulevards and parkways, their compensation to be no higher than is paid to other men engaged in similar employment

ARTICLE X.

CONCERNING PAYING OF MONEY.

SECTION 1. All resolutions authorizing the purchase of land or condemnation proceedings shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Commissioners.

SEC. 2. All resolutions authorizing the making of contracts or the payment of moneys shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board.

SEC 3. The ayes and nays shall be called and recorded of all votes authorizing the payment of money and the making of contracts.

ARTICLE XI.

RULES OF ORDER.

The following shall be the rules of order at the meetings of the Board, viz.:

1. On the appearance of a quorum the Board shall be called to order by the President.
2. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.
3. No motion shall be debated or put unless seconded, and if required by any Commissioner present, it shall be reduced to writing.
4. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend, to lay on the table, to postpone, or for the previous question.
5. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made at the same meeting, or at the next subsequent regular meeting, by Commissioner who voted with the majority. The motion to re-consider, having been voted down at the same or the next succeeding regular meeting, cannot again be made.
6. The ayes and nays may be called for by any member on any question which shall be submitted to a vote of the Board, and such vote shall be duly recorded in the minutes.
7. Cushing's "Manual of Parliamentary Law" shall be ultimate authority on all other points of procedure.

ARTICLE XII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business shall be observed at every meeting, changes being allowed by unanimous consent :

1. Calling the roll.

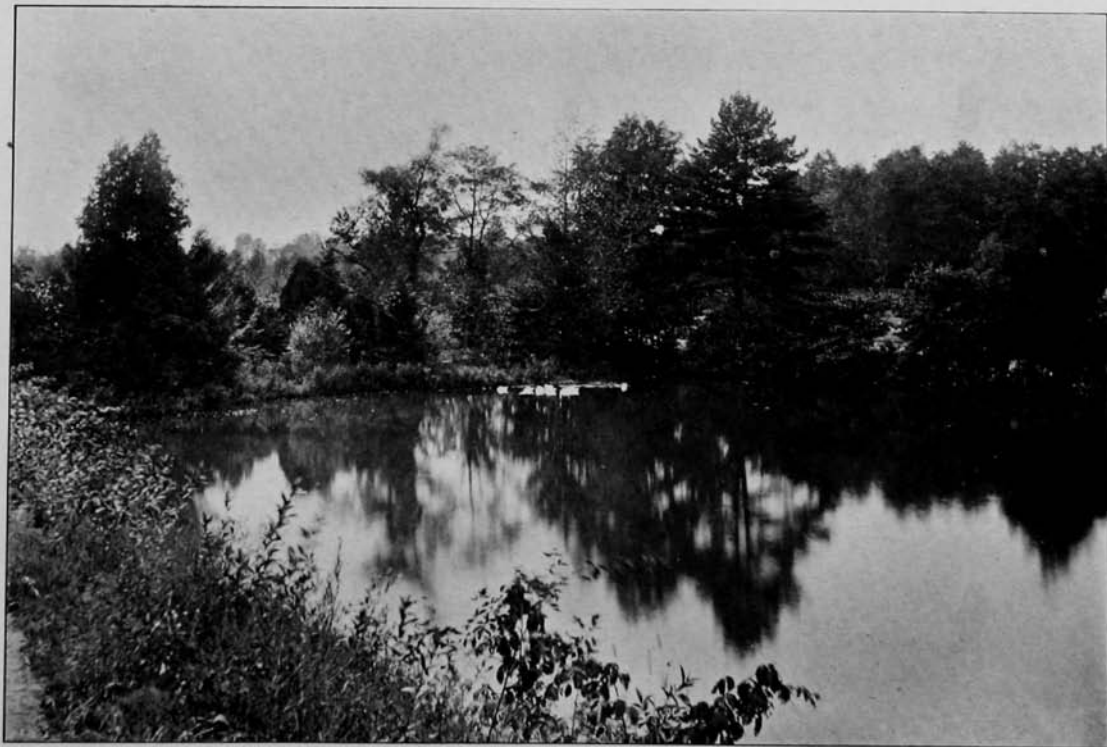
2. The reading of the minutes of the preceding regular meeting and of special meetings.
3. Report of the President.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of the Finance Committee.
6. Report of the Law and Ordinance Committee.
7. Report of the Purchasing Committee
8. Report of the Auditing Committee.
9. Report of the Superintendent.
10. Reports of the Genesee Valley, Seneca and Highland Park Committees, and after all have been received, action upon them in the order in which they were presented.
11. Report of the City Parks and Forestry Committee.
12. Report of the Police and Employment Committee.
13. Report of the Boulevard and Parkway Committee.
14. Reports of other Standing Committees in the order in which they may hereafter be created.
15. Reports of special Committees.
16. Report of Secretary.
17. Unfinished business.
18. New business.
19. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHANGES OF BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed and new ones added when notice of the same shall have been given at a previous regular meeting ; and it shall require a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Board for their adoption.





SENECA PARK—TROUT LAKE.

PARK BOULEVARDS.

SECTION 1. POWERS OF COMMISSIONERS.—The park commissioners of the city of Rochester, in addition to the powers already granted to them by chapter one hundred and ninety-three of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and the amendments thereto, shall have power to select and locate such grounds in and near the city of Rochester, as may in their opinion be proper and desirable to be reserved, set apart or acquired for one or more public park boulevards, and for this purpose may take any part or parts of existing streets in said city, and change the lines thereof, and may take by gift, or purchase, or may acquire by condemnation proceedings, such land or lands as may to them seem necessary for such purposes. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 1.*]

SEC. 2. RESOLUTION OF COMMISSIONERS.—Whenever said park commissioners shall determine to lay out any park boulevard, they shall at a regular meeting of said commissioners, by resolution, declare such determination, and shall cause an estimate of the cost and expenses of such improvement* to be made, and they shall describe and declare the portion or part of the city of Rochester which they deem proper to be assessed for the expense of such improvement, and if, in the judgment of said commissioners, a part of such expense should be paid by the city at large, they shall declare what part or portion of such expense shall be paid from the public treasury and what part or portion thereof shall be assessed on the territory declared by them to be benefited. Where the taking of land or the acquirement of a right or easement therein is necessary, it shall not be necessary to include the damage and charges therefor in the estimated expense. [*L. 1891, chap. 317, § 2.*]

SEC. 3. CERTIFICATE TO COMMON COUNCIL.—As soon as practicable after the adoption by said commissioners of a resolution as in section two herein provided, said commissioners shall certify to the common council of the city of Rochester a copy of such resolution, with a minute of all the proceedings relating thereto, containing a description of the proposed improvement, the estimated expense of the same, the proportion, if any, of the cost of such improvement to be paid from the public treasury, and the portion or part of the city to be assessed. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 3.*]

* So in the original.

SEC. 4. ACTION OF COMMON COUNCIL.—At a regular meeting of the common council of the city of Rochester, held after such resolution shall have been certified to it, the said common council shall proceed to consider said resolution, and the improvement proposed thereby, and shall take action thereon in the same manner as action is had and taken by it on matters of public improvements, under the provisions of the charter of the city of Rochester, except that it shall not be necessary for said common council to have any further estimate of the cost or expense of such improvement other than is furnished by such resolution. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 4*]

SEC. 5 ACQUIRING TITLE OF LANDS.—Whenever the common council shall determine to make any of the improvements in this act authorized, and it shall be necessary for the purpose of such improvement to acquire title to the lands of any person or corporation, the city of Rochester is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire such lands, or any rights or easements therein, that may be necessary, either by gift, purchase or condemnation proceedings, and whenever it may be necessary to acquire such lands by condemnation proceedings, the said proceedings shall be taken in the same manner and form as is had and taken by said city in acquiring land for the purpose of opening streets under the provisions of the charter of the city of Rochester. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 5.*]

SEC. 6. TITLE IN CITY OF ROCHESTER.—Whenever the fee, or any right or interest in lands shall be acquired by the city of Rochester by virtue of this act, or the proceedings authorized herein, for the purposes of this act, such lands shall be taken in the name of the city of Rochester, but shall be subject to, and shall be under the management and control of, the park commissioners, and shall become and be a part of the park system of said city. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 6*]

SEC 7. ORDINANCE; PAYMENT OF IMPROVEMENT. — Whenever the common council shall determine that the improvements recommended by resolution of the park commissioners shall be made, and that the whole or any part of the expenses of such improvement shall be defrayed by an assessment on the real estate declared by said resolution of said park commissioners to be benefited thereby, it shall declare the same by an entry in its minutes, and after ascertaining* as it deems proper, the estimated expense of such improvement, it shall declare whether the whole or what portion thereof shall be assessed on such real estate, specifying the estimated expense and the portion of the city deemed benefited by the improvement. When the estimate of the expense of such improvement, to be assessed, shall exceed in the aggregate the sum of two thousand dollars, the expense of such improvement to be assessed may be paid one-third in cash, and the balance in the city's note at one and two years, with interest not exceeding six per centum, payable annually, and the city may get its notes discounted for a period not exceeding one year, with which to make such first payment,

* So in the original.

when such improvement is completed. The entire expense thereof and connected therewith, shall be ascertained* by the city treasurer, together with the interest paid on the orders or notes issued by the city to pay the expense of such improvement, and interest on such sum shall be reckoned to the time the last installment of such assessment shall become due. The aggregate amount shall thereupon be reported to the common council, to adjust and report to the assessors of said city the amount to be assessed upon the property benefited, as in this act provided, and it shall meet for that purpose. Persons so assessed who shall make any payment previous to the maturity of said last installment therein, shall be entitled to a discount, at the same rate as if paid on the city's note issued to pay for such improvement. The common council may determine, at the time of fixing such amount to be assessed, if the sum shall exceed two thousand dollars, that the tax payers pay their assessments, in not more than three equal payments, one-third within thirty days of the time that the treasurer shall advertise the same, as hereinafter provided, one-third within one year, and one-third within two years from the confirmation of such roll. The city treasurer may, in his discretion, issue his warrant for the collection of any part of such assessment that may have become due. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 7.*]

SEC. 8. ASSESSMENT.—The common council shall, thereupon, make an order reciting the amount of the expenses to be assessed, as aforesaid, and thereupon the assessors of said city if they are not interested in any of the property directed in the ordinance, or in any other subsequent resolution, to be assessed, and not of kin to any person interested in any such property, and if any two of them are not so interested or of kin, then such two shall make an assessment upon all the lots and parcels of land within the portion or part of the city directed to be assessed, of the amount of expenses, in proportion, as nearly as may be, to the advantage which each shall be deemed to receive by such improvement, which order shall be certified by the clerk of the city and delivered to one of said assessors. The said assessors shall thereupon take action thereon, and proceed in the same manner, as if said assessment was an assessment for an improvement authorized by the charter of the city of Rochester. The common council shall have power, instead of designating the city assessors to make such assessment, to appoint one or more special assessors for such purpose, who shall have the same powers and be subject to the same duties, and proceed in the same manner provided in reference to the city assessors. All assessments made under this act shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the charter of the city of Rochester for the collection of assessments for local improvements. [*L. 1891, ch. 317, § 8.*]

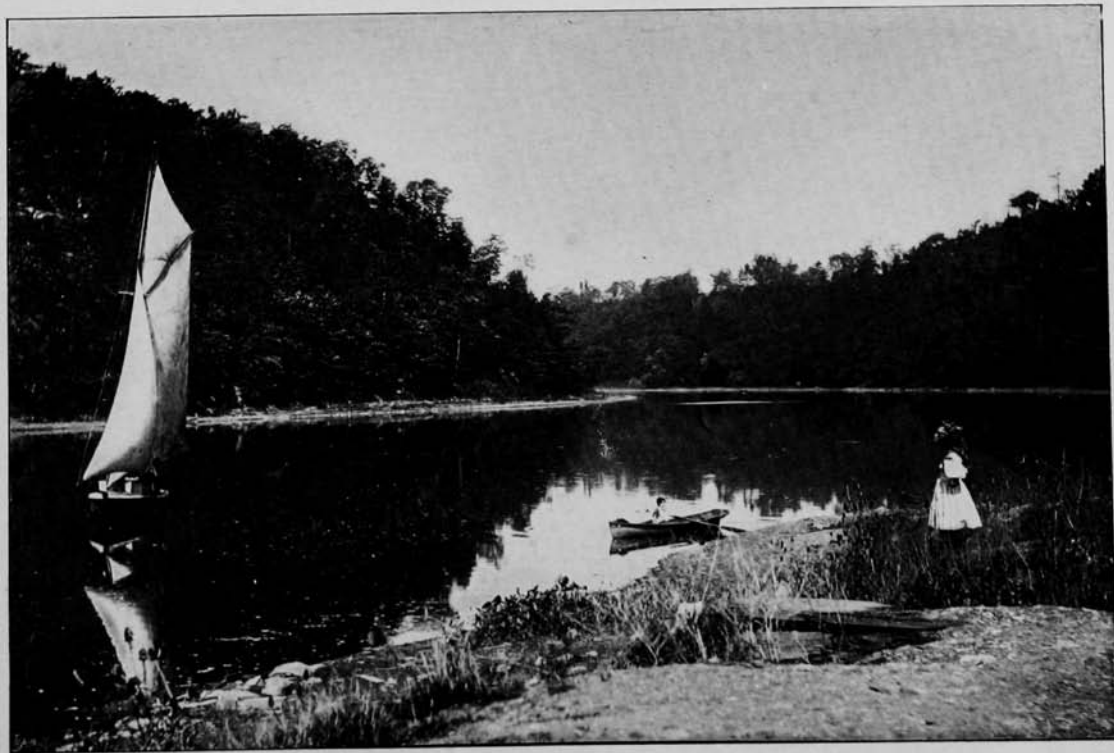
SEC. 9. EXECUTION OF WORK.—Whenever the common council shall have determined to make any improvement authorized by this act, the park commissioners of the city of Rochester shall have sole power to execute the

*So in the original.

work necessary, and said improvement, and all matters and things appertaining thereto shall be under the control and management of the said park commissioners, and the said work may be done by said commissioners, either by contract or otherwise, as in the judgment of said park commissioners may seem best. [L. 1891, ch. 317, § 9.]

SEC. 10. PARK BOULEVARD FUND.—For the purpose of paying such part or portions of the expense of any improvement authorized by this act, which shall be declared payable out of the public treasury, the common council shall raise annually such sums as shall be reported by its finance committee as necessary for that purpose. The said finance committee shall ascertain and report the amount of money necessary for this purpose, in the same manner and at the same time that said committee ascertains and reports the sums necessary to be raised in each year for the various funds and departments of said city; and the common council shall raise the sum or sums necessary to be raised for the purposes of this act in the same manner and at the same time as are raised the various sums of money necessary for the various funds and departments of said city, and such moneys when raised shall be set apart by the treasurer of the city of Rochester, and credited to a fund to be known as the park boulevard fund; said treasurer shall hold all such moneys on account of and for the purposes of the improvements herein authorized, and shall pay them out on order of the park commissioners and not otherwise. The park commissioners shall draw drafts upon the said treasurer, signed by the president and secretary, specifying the purpose for which they are drawn, and the name of the fund from which they shall be paid, and the said city treasurer shall pay the same out of the said fund. [L. 1891, ch. 317, § 10.]

SEC. 11. CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF BOULEVARD.—For the purpose of paying for the care and maintenance of said park boulevards after the same shall have been constructed, the common council of said city shall annually, upon the written application of the park commissioners, levy a tax upon all the lands abutting upon such park boulevards, not exceeding in any one year the sum of ten cents per lineal root front of all lands abutting on such park boulevards. The tax shall be apportioned equally upon all the lands so on such park boulevards, and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general city tax in said city. The amount of such tax, when collected, shall be set apart, by the city treasurer of said city, and credited to the said park boulevard fund. [L. 1891, ch. 317, § 11.]



SENECA PARK—LOOKING NORTH FROM BREWER'S DOCK.

THE PARK COMMISSION LAW.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall commence and take effect throughout the State, on and not before the twentieth day after the day of its final passage, as certified by the Secretary of State. Section 12, title 4, chapter 7, part 1, Revised Statutes]

CHAPTER 193.

AN ACT to authorize the selection, location and acquiring of certain grounds for public parks and parkways in and near the City of Rochester, and to provide for the maintenance and embellishment thereof.

APPROVED by the Governor April 27, 1888.

PASSED, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

COMMISSIONERS—TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. William C. Barry, Henry Bartholomay, James H. Brown, John Ewing Durand, George W. Elliott, James S. Graham, Halbert S. Greenleaf, John Greenwood, James W. Gillis, Henry F. Huntington, Joseph Cauffman, William S. Kimball, Mathias Kondolf, Bernard J. McQuaid, Edward M. Moore, George H. Newell, Daniel W. Powers, Mortimer F. Reynolds, Hiram W. Sibley, William See, and Alfred Wright, are hereby appointed Commissioners of the parks, parkways and approaches thereto which may be created pursuant to the provisions of this act, with the name and style of Park Commissioners. The said Park Commissioners shall hold office for the term of five years from the first day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight, and until others are appointed in their places. In case any of the persons above named shall not undertake the office of this commission, or in case of a vacancy in said Board occasioned by expiration of terms of office, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor of the City of Rochester, by and with the advice and consent of not less than two thirds of all the members of the Common Council of said city, and the person so appointed shall hold his office for the term of five years from the date of his appointment and until another shall be appointed in his place, except that when a person is appointed to a vacancy occurring before the term of office in which the vacancy occurs shall have been completed, such person so appointed shall hold his office for the remainder of the said term of five years not completed by his predecessor and until another shall be appointed in his place. No member of said

Board shall receive any compensation for his services ; but each Commissioner shall receive his actual disbursements or expenses in visiting and superintending said parks when done by direction of the Board of Park Commissioners.

*[Said board may by a four-fifths vote of all the members of the board at a regular meeting of the board agree upon and fix a salary of not to exceed twelve hundred dollars per year, to be paid to the president thereof, in such manner and at such times as other salaries are paid to the employes of such board, and the amount thereof shall be paid from the funds appropriated for the use of said board. The president shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office, and no salary shall be paid to such president until the amount thereof shall have been fixed for the then fiscal year, and in case of the death or resignation of the president of such board no salary shall be paid to his successor until the amount thereof shall have been fixed by four-fifths vote of all the members of said park board. No member other than the president of said board.]

OFFICERS.

SECTION 2. Every Commissioner shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution of the State, which oath shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Monroe county. The said Park Commissioners shall hold their first meeting on the first Monday of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Eight, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Mayor's office in said city ; and shall, at said meeting, elect by ballot a president, vice president, secretary, and a treasurer of said board, who shall, except the secretary, be members thereof.

POWERS.

SECTION 3. The said Park Commissioners shall have power to select and locate such grounds in and near the City of Rochester, as may, in their opinion, be proper and desirable to be reserved, set apart or acquired for one or more public parks and parkways between such public parks and approaches thereto, and streets connecting the said parks ; and for this purpose may take any part or parts of existing streets, and change the lines thereof ; †[but none of the lands so located, set apart or acquired by purchase under this act, shall be nearer than one and one-quarter miles to the center of the bridge upon East Main street, over the Genesee river]. The said Park Commissioners shall make such selection and location in view of the present condition, future growth and wants of said city as they shall deem best with a view to the general convenience and advantage of residents in every portion of said city. Within ten days after organization as in the last section provided, the said Park Commissioners shall proceed to have surveys and plans made and as soon as practicable thereafter enter into agreements of purchase in the name of the City of Rochester, of lands within the location and boundaries by them fixed for said park, parks, park-

*Added to Section 1, by act of Legislature in 1897.

†The words within the above brackets were purposely left out in amendment by act of Legislature in 1890.

ways, streets and approaches, for which owners will make contracts of sale, and the same shall be paid for out of the Park Improvement Fund hereinafter provided from the sale of Rochester Park Bonds. They shall report in detail such selection and location and lands purchased to the Common Council of said City of Rochester, on or before the first day of January, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine, and from time to time thereafter when requested by the Common Council. In said reports the said Park Commissioners shall state the boundaries of the grounds located by them for the park or parks, parkways, approaches and streets, by them laid out; also, the name or names of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches and streets, and the portions thereof then acquired by gift or purchase. *[The aggregate quantity of land which the said Commissioners shall select and locate under the provisions of this act for a park or parks, park-ways or streets connecting the same, and approaches thereto, shall not exceed five hundred acres. But land in existing streets, highways, public squares or places, or now belonging to said city, or given and granted for a nominal consideration by citizens to the City of Rochester for the purpose and use of a park or parks, parkways, streets or approaches thereto, under the provisions of this act, shall not be estimated in the said five hundred acres.] And the tracts, pieces and parcels of land which may be described in the said report, are hereby declared to be public places; and shall be deemed to have been taken and acquired by said City of Rochester for public use as and for a public park or parks, parkways, public streets connecting the same, and approaches thereto. All parts of streets, avenues and highways now laid out as running through said lands are hereby closed and discontinued, so far as the same would run through or intersect any of said lands, except parkways and streets connecting parks. The said Park Commissioners, for the purpose of performing the duties imposed upon them by this section, shall have power to employ a surveyor and necessary assistants, at a yearly expense not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars, and the same when certified by said Park Commissioners, shall be a charge upon the City of Rochester, and shall be paid out of the moneys hereby authorized to be raised for the purposes of this act. Before any proceedings shall be had or taken for acquiring the title to any real estate, except by gift or for a nominal consideration or by agreement of purchase as herein provided, the said Commissioners shall cause to be made a map of the land which they shall determine to take for such park, park ways, streets connecting the same and approaches thereto, which shall be certified by the president and said surveyor, or a majority of the Commissioners and the surveyor, and filed in the office of the Clerk of Monroe County, and a copy thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of the City of Rochester.

*The words within the above brackets were purposely left out in amendment by act of Legislature in 1890.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SECTION 4. Upon filing the map and copy mentioned in the foregoing section, the Common Council of said city shall, at the next regular meeting of the Common Council thereafter, by resolution declare that the said city intends to take the pieces or tracts of land described in the said map for a public park and shall give notice of such intention by publishing the same in the official paper of the city for twenty successive week days.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

SECTION 5. At the next regular meeting of the Common Council after the expiration of the said publication, the said Common Council shall, by resolution, declare that the City of Rochester has determined to take and appropriate the said pieces or tracts of land for the purposes aforesaid ; and they shall give notice of such determination by publishing the same in the official paper of the city for ten successive week days, and that the said City of Rochester will, on some day to be named in said notice, apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in the judicial district in which the City of Rochester is, for the appointment of *three disinterested commissioners* to ascertain and report the just compensation to be paid to the person or persons or corporation or corporations owning or having an interest in said pieces or tracts of land.

SUPREME COURT APPOINTS.

SECTION 6. On the opening of such Court on the day designated in the notice mentioned in the next preceding section, or as soon thereafter as he can be heard, the City Attorney of said city, on behalf thereof, shall, upon a copy of said resolution certified by the City Clerk, and upon proof of the due publication of said notices, *apply to said Court to appoint such Commissioners*. Such Court shall hear such application and shall appoint three commissioners for the purposes aforesaid. If any commissioner, so appointed shall die, be disqualified or decline to serve, the said Court may, upon application to the said City Attorney, upon like notice, appoint another in his place. Each of said Commissioners, from the park fund herein provided shall be paid ten dollars for each day employed as such commissioner.

FURTHER OFFICIAL NOTICE.

SECTION 7. The three Commissioners so appointed shall, before they enter upon their duties, take and subscribe an oath to be administered by some person authorized to administer oaths, faithfully to execute their duty according to the best of their ability. They shall give *notice of the time and place of their meeting* to view the said piece or tract of land, and to take evidence as to the compensation which should be paid therefor, by publishing the same in the official paper for five successive week days.

AWARDS AND REPORT.

SECTION 8. The said three Commissioners shall together view such property and receive any legal evidence as to the compensation which should

be made therefor, or for any part thereof, and may adjourn from time to time. They shall ascertain and award to the respective owners of the land and property to be taken and to all persons and corporations interested therein, such compensation therefor as in their opinion shall be just and proper. The report of such Commissioners, signed by all or by a majority of them, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Monroe county as soon as completed ; and the said report shall be made and *filed within one month from the time of the appointment of such Commissioners*, unless the time shall be further extended by the Court on application of said City Attorney.

COMMON COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE REPORT.

SECTION 9. After the report of the said Commissioners shall be so filed the said Common Council shall give notice, by publishing the same in ten successive numbers of the official paper of the city, that they will, on a day to be specified in said notice, apply to the said Supreme Court of the State of New York for an order *confirming the report* ; and on the day so appointed the said Court, upon proof of the due publication of said notice, as in this section provided, shall confirm such report, and shall make an order of confirmation containing a recital of the substance of the proceedings in the matter of the appraisal and description of the real estate appraised, for which compensation is to be made ; and shall also direct to whom the money is to be paid, or in what bank or in what manner it is to be deposited.

RECORD OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 10. A certified copy of the order so to be made as aforesaid shall be recorded at full length in the office of the Clerk of the County of Monroe ; and thereupon and on payment or deposit of the sums to be paid as compensation for the lands so taken, as directed by the said order, the fee of the said lands shall vest in the said City of Rochester for the uses and purposes named in this act, and the same shall be held by said city for such uses and purposes forever. And the said Park Commissioners shall be entitled to enter upon, take possession of, and forever use the said lands for the purposes of a public park ; and the same shall thenceforth be, for all purposes whatever, part of the park or parks of said city under the jurisdiction and control of the said Park Commissioners.

CONFLICTING CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 11. If there shall be adverse and conflicting claimants of the money, or any part of it, to be paid as compensation for the real estate taken for the purposes aforesaid, the Court may direct the moneys to *be paid into Court by the City*, and determine who is entitled to the same ; and direct to whom the same shall be paid ; and may, in its discretion, order a reference to ascertain the facts on which said determination and order are to be made.

TO AMEND DEFECTS

SECTION 12. The said Court shall have power at any time to amend any defect or informality in any of the proceedings to acquire title to the said land, as may be necessary.

PERFECTING TITLE.

SECTION 13. If, at any time after an attempt to acquire title by appraisal as aforesaid, it shall be found that the title thereby attempted to be acquired is defective, the City of Rochester shall proceed anew to acquire or perfect such title in the same manner as if no appraisal had been made; and at any stage of the proceedings, after the confirmation of the report of the said Commissioners, the said Court may authorize the said Park Commissioners, if in possession, to continue in such possession, and if not in possession, to take possession and use such real estate during the pendency and until the final conclusion of such new proceedings and may stay all actions or proceedings against the Park Commissioners, or against the City of Rochester, on account thereof, upon the City of Rochester paying into Court a sufficient sum, or giving such security as the Court may direct, to pay the compensation therefor, when finally ascertained.

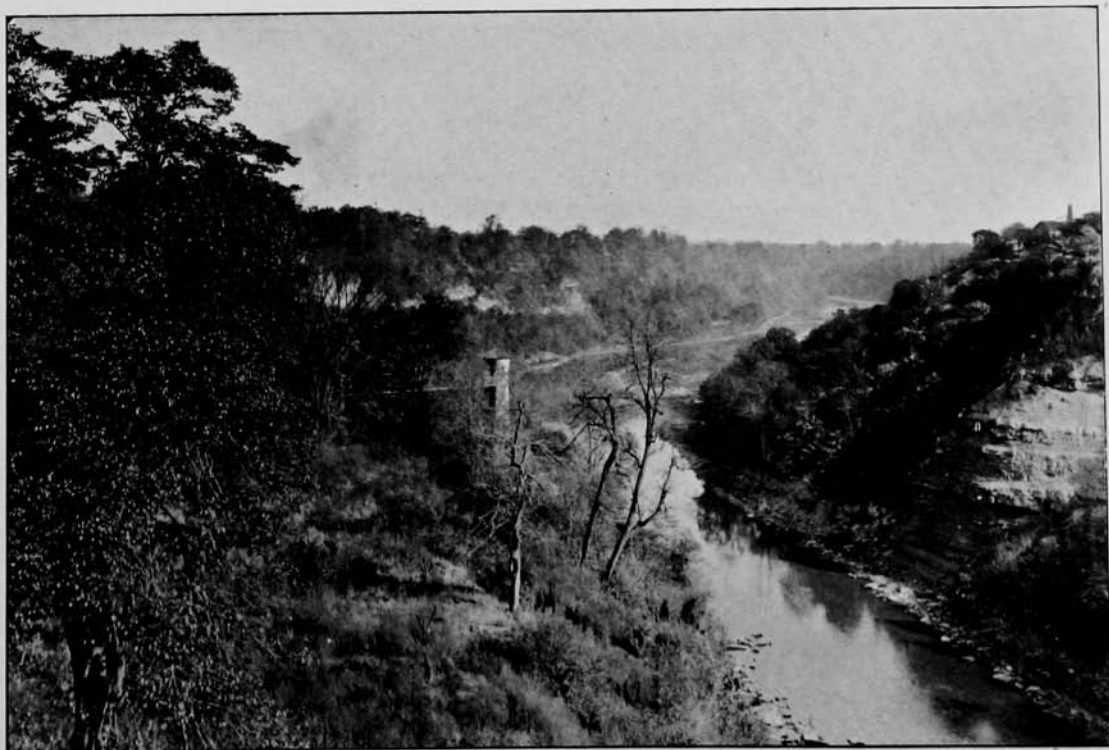
COVENANTS DISCHARGED.

SECTION 14. In all cases where any real estate subject to any lease or other agreement shall be taken under the proceedings authorized by this act, *all the covenants* and stipulations contained in such lease or agreement shall, upon the final confirmation of the report of said Commissioners, cease, *determine and be discharged*; and in all cases when a part only of any real estate shall be so taken, the said covenant and stipulations shall be so discharged only as the part so taken, and the Supreme Court of the state of New York may, on the application of any party in interest to such lease or agreement, and after a notice in writing of eight days upon the other parties interested, appoint *three disinterested freeholders of the city*, residents therein, *to determine the rents*, payments and conditions which shall thereafter be paid and performed under such lease or agreement, in respect to the residue of such real estate; and the report of the said freeholders, on being confirmed by the Court, shall be binding and conclusive on all persons interested in such real estate.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS THE LIMIT.

SECTION 15. For the purpose of paying for the lands which may be taken or purchased under the provisions of this act, and for the purpose of laying out, improving or embellishing the park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto, and connecting streets created under the provisions of this act, and the expenses of acquiring title thereto under the provisions of this act, the bonds of the City of Rochester, to such an amount not exceeding **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars*, as shall be necessary, shall be

* Amended by act of Legislature in 1895 to read \$360,000.



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issued by the Treasurer of said city, from time to time, as the same shall be required for the purposes aforesaid. Said bonds shall be known as the "Rochester Park Bonds," and shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer, and the seal of the city of Rochester affixed thereto; shall be countersigned by the president of said Board of Park Commissioners, and shall be *payable in not less than ten nor more than forty years from the date thereof*; shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four percentum per annum, interest and principal payable in the City of New York; interest payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year; and said bonds shall be *payable at the option of said city after ten years from the issue*. And the proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall constitute the funds for *paying the cost of the lands* taken under the provisions of this act, and the expenses of acquiring the title thereto, and for the laying out, *improvement and embellishment thereof*. And the Treasurer of said city shall pay on the order of said Park Commissioners the sums which may be awarded as above provided to the owner or owners or persons in any way interested in the lands which shall be taken pursuant to the provisions of this act, and the purchase price of lands obtained by agreement of purchase by said Park Commissioners. And as the said bonds are from time to time issued, the Treasurer shall cause to be kept in his office, in a book to be provided for that purpose, a true and correct statement and an account of each and every bond issued under the provisions of this act, showing the number of each bond and the date and the amount thereof, and the time when due; and such books shall be open for public inspection, and shall be delivered to his successor in office.

† This act shall not be construed to authorize the bonds of said city to be issued to an amount exceeding sixty thousand dollars in addition to the bonds already issued for park purposes in pursuance of the act above referred to, and the proceeds of the additional bonds authorized under the provisions of this act shall be used only ‡ *in the purchase* of such lands and interest therein for park purposes as the Common Council of said city may approve.

HOW BONDS MAY BE ISSUED.

SECTION 16. The bonds of the City of Rochester which shall be issued by virtue of this act, bearing a rate of interest not greater than four percentum per annum, shall be sold by the City Treasurer at public sale to the highest bidder, after ten days' notice published in such newspaper as the said Park Commissioners shall designate, but at not less than par. And the proceeds of such sale, including the premium if any be received therefor, shall be paid to the Treasurer of said city, and said Treasurer shall, with the concurrence of the Mayor of said city, on the request of a majority of said Park Commissioners by resolution adopted at any regular meeting

† Added to Section 15 by act of Legislature in 1895.

‡ Amended by act of Legislature in 1896 to read "in payment" instead of "in the purchase "

thereof, pledge any of said bonds for money borrowed temporarily and for the purposes of this act, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum.

PARK LANDS SECURITY FOR THE BONDS.

SECTION 17. The lands hereby authorized to be taken by said city for a public park or parkways, approaches thereto, and streets connecting the same, are hereby pledged for the payment of the bonds which may be issued by virtue of this act.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS.

SECTION 18. In order to provide for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds hereby authorized to be issued by said city, there shall be added to the general city tax of the City of Rochester at large, in the year when the first issue of bonds hereby authorized shall be made, and each year thereafter, such sum of money in each of said years as shall be required to pay the interest upon the bonds which shall have been issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, and also a sum of money equal to one per centum upon the whole amount of the bonds issued pursuant to this act. And such sums of money as may be raised by taxation pursuant to this act, shall be applied, first, to the payment of the interest upon the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, and such sums of money raised as aforesaid, as may remain after the payment of said interest shall be held by the Treasurer of said city, and shall be used by said Treasurer in the redemption and payment of any of said bonds which may be presented for payment, even though the same may not be due. It shall be the *duty of the Treasurer of said city to estimate and ascertain the amounts required to be added to the general city tax of said City of Rochester by virtue of this act, and to transmit a statement each year to the Common Council of said city, in time to have such amount included in the general tax of said city for that year; and it shall be the duty of said Common Council to cause such amount to be included in such general tax.* And said Common Council shall annually provide by tax for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act.

RULES, ETC., OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 19. A majority of the Board of the said Park Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The said Board shall have the full and exclusive control to make rules and by-laws for the orderly transaction of their business; to govern, manage and direct, and to lay out and regulate the said park or parks, parkways, the approaches thereto, and the streets connecting the same; to appoint such engineers, * *clerks and other officers (except a police force)* as may be necessary; to prescribe and define their respective duties, and to fix the amount

* Amended to read "clerks, police and other officers as may be necessary." "And other officers except a police force" omitted." Act of Legislature, 1890.

of their compensation and generally, in regard to the said park or parks, parkways, the approaches thereto, and the streets connecting the same, they shall possess all the power and authority now by law conferred on or possessed by the Common Council of said city, in respect to the public squares and places in said city.

COMMISSIONERS CANNOT BE INTERESTED.

SECTION 20. It shall be a misdemeanor for any Commissioner to be directly or indirectly *in any way pecuniarily interested in any contract or work* of any kind whatever connected with said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto or streets connecting the same; and it shall be the duty of any Commissioner or other person who may have knowledge or information of the violation of this provision, forthwith to report the same to the Mayor of the City of Rochester who shall present the facts of the case to the Supreme Court of the State of New York. The said Court shall hear in a summary manner such Commissioner in relation thereto, and any evidence he may offer; and if, after such hearing, the said Court shall be satisfied of the truth of the said charge, the Justice holding the same shall, by an order of said Court, to be made at Chambers or in term, immediately remove the said Commissioner.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 21. The said Park Commissioners shall, in the ** month of March* in each year, make to the Common Council of said city a full report of their proceedings and a detailed statement of all their receipts and expenditures.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 22. Whenever the City of Rochester shall have become vested with titles of the lands taken pursuant to this act, it shall be lawful for the said Park Commissioners to let from year to year any buildings and the grounds attached thereto which may be within the bounds of the lands so taken, until the same shall be required for the laying out, regulation and improvement of the land so taken; and the said Park Commissioners may sell any buildings, improvements and other materials within the boundaries of the lands so taken and belonging to said city, which, in their judgment, shall not be required for the purposes of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same; and the proceeds of such leases and sales shall be deposited with the Treasurer of said city, to the credit of the said Park Commissioners, and used by them for the improvement of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same.

*In conformity to change in city charter, report must now be ready to be submitted to Common Council on January 1st of each year instead of in the month of March.

RAILWAYS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 23. The said Park Commissioners shall have the power, upon such terms, or upon the payment of such yearly license fee or per capita tax as the Park Commissioners may prescribe, to grant to any street railway company in said city, the privilege of laying down and operating a railway for the carriage of passengers only, through the said connecting streets and approaches; but no street railway or other railway, or wagon or carriage, except for carrying passengers, nor any line of telephone or telegraph poles shall enter upon, in or through the said park or parks except with the consent of said Commissioners. The said Park Commissioners shall have power to license hacks for use in said park or parks, to let from year to year, or for any term not exceeding three years, the right to sell refreshments within the said park or parks, under such regulations as the said Park Commissioners, shall prescribe. Any and all sums of money which may be received by the said Park Commissioners, pursuant to this section, shall be devoted to the improvement of the said park or parks, park-ways, approaches thereto, or streets connecting the same; but all such money shall be deposited each month with the City Treasurer, and by him be placed to the credit of the Park Improvement Funds, as an addition thereto.

* TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS THE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT LIMIT.

SECTION 24. No plan for the laying out and improvement of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto, and streets connecting the same, shall be adopted or undertaken by the said Park Commissioners, of which the entire expense of maintenance shall be a greater sum than † twenty thousand dollars per annum, in addition to the interest of said sum of three hundred thousand dollars hereinbefore provided to be issued in bonds of the City of Rochester, and the one per cent hereinbefore provided to be annually levied, and the income derived from rents or privileges granted by the said Park Commissioners.

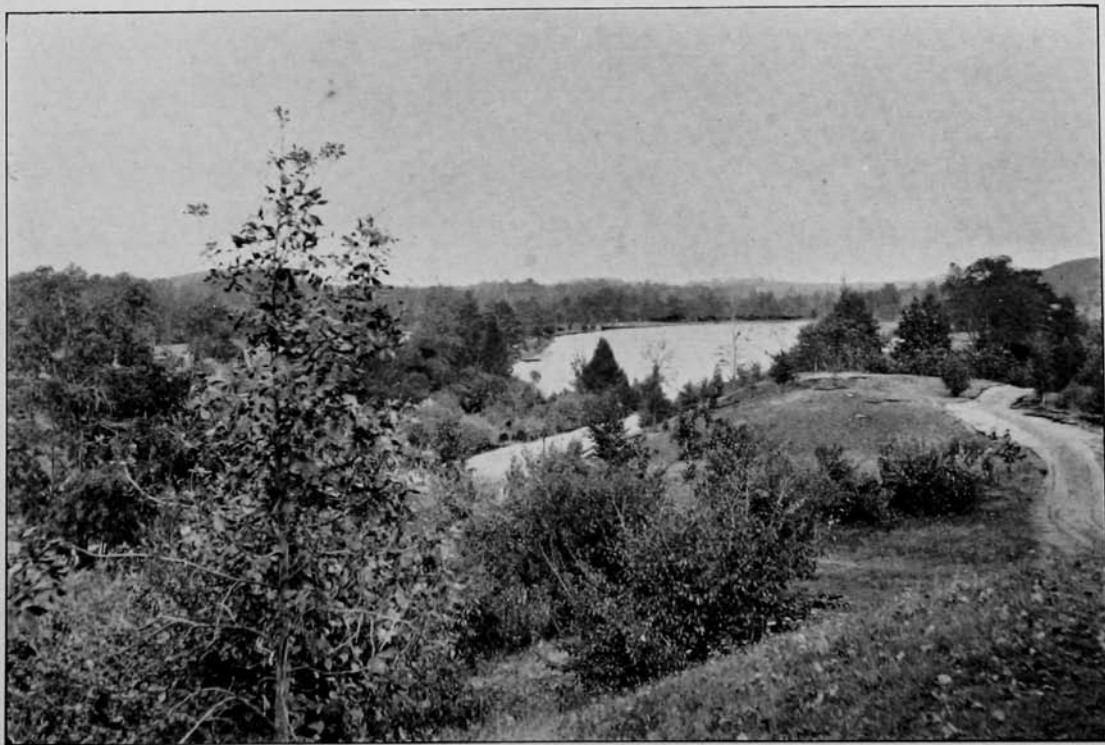
‡ PLANTING AND CARE OF STREET TREES.

In addition to the powers hereinbefore conferred, said Park Commissioners shall have the care, maintenance and control of all the public parks and public squares within the City of Rochester, and shall have the power to plant, set out, protect and preserve shade trees in the streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city, and to cause such trees to be removed, pruned and trimmed whenever required for their protection, or for public convenience and comfort, or for necessary public improvements, and no person, corporation or any officer, department or agent of said city shall hereafter remove, trim, prune, cut down, or in any way interfere with shade

* Amount changed to \$40,000 by act of Legislature, 1895.

† \$40,000.

‡ Added to section 24, by act of Legislature in 1895.



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trees in the streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city without first procuring a written consent from said park commissioners, or such officer or committee as may be designated by them.

* Said Park Commissioners shall also have the care, maintenance and control of all the public parks and public squares within the city of Rochester. (Said Park Commissioner shall have the power to plant, set out, protect and preserve trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city. They shall have the power to cause any of the trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys in said city to be removed, pruned and trimmed whenever required for a necessary public improvement, and to cause such trees owned by the city to be removed, pruned and trimmed. In all other cases said Park Commissioners shall have the power to remove, prune and trim trees in the public streets, parks, avenues, squares and alleys of said city, with the consent of the owner of such trees, or after paying the damages to which the owner of such trees may be entitled, to be agreed upon with such owner or determined by proceeding taken under the condemnation law. Whenever said Park Commissioners shall desire to plant or set out any trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues or alleys of said city, they, and the Common Council and other officers and agents of said city shall proceed in the same manner as in the case of park boulevards, under chapter three hundred and seventeen of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act to authorize the construction and maintenance of park boulevards in and near the city of Rochester, and to provide for the cost and expense thereof," and for that purpose said Park Commissioners, Common Council and other officers and agents of said city are hereby invested with the same authority as is conferred upon them by said statute in relation to park boulevards.) Said Park Commissioners shall have power, by contract or otherwise, to plant trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city, and to cause the expense thereof, with the expense of the care of such trees for three years after such planting, to be assessed upon the lots and parcels of land which they may deem benefited thereby. Whenever said Park Commissioners shall determine to plant such trees they shall adopt a resolution specifying the improvement, the estimated expense, and the territory to be assessed. They shall then cause to be published in one of the newspapers of said city a notice stating when and where they will take further action with reference to said improvement. At the time and place given, or such other time or times to which postponements may be had, after hearing all persons appearing, they shall, by resolution, direct the amount to be assessed against each lot or parcel of land and their assessment shall be deemed to include all lots or parcels of land benefited. On or before the first day of February of each year, they shall cause to be delivered to the City Assessors a certified copy of all such resolutions, not previously certified, and in the preparation of the assessment rolls for gen-

* Added to section 24, by act of Legislature in 1897.

eral city taxes for that year, said Assessors shall insert against each lot or parcel of land the amount so certified. Such assessments shall be collected and the payment thereof enforced with, and in like manner as, the general city taxes, in said city, and when paid shall be placed by the City Treasurer to the credit of the improvement on account of which they were collected. Said Park Commissioners shall also have power to cause any of the trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city to be removed, pruned and trimmed when owned by the city and whenever required for a necessary public improvement, and in any other case, with the consent of the owner of such trees, or after making compensation, to be agreed upon or determined by proceedings taken under the condemnation law. The compensation allowed and expenses of such proceedings may be paid out of the funds of said Park Commissioners or assessed and collected as hereinbefore provided in the case of the planting of trees. Said Park Commissioners shall also have power to pass ordinances to protect and preserve all trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city, and to regulate and prohibit the planting of such trees, a violation of which ordinances shall be a misdemeanor and shall subject the offender on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court. No officer, contractor or agent of said city shall hereafter remove, trim, prune, cut down or in any way interfere with trees in the public streets, parks, squares, avenues and alleys of said city without first procuring a written consent from said Park Commissioners or such officer or committee as may be designated by them.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

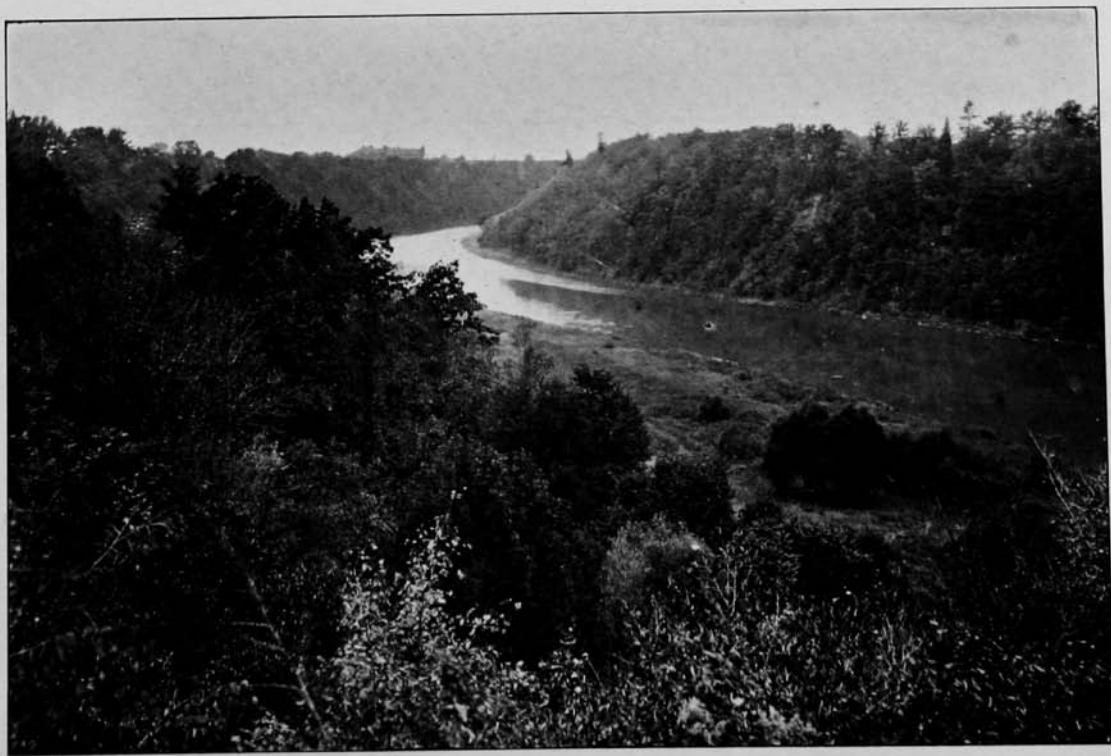
SECTION 25. The Common Council of said city shall every year grant the said Park Commissioners such sum of money as they shall require, and as to said Common Council shall appear reasonable and just, for the government and maintenance of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same, and for keeping in repair the improvements and structures therein, and for providing a suitable office for said Commissioners, (*and for providing necessary police protection; for the maintenance of small parks in said city, and care of shade trees in said small parks and the streets, avenues and alleys of said city). The sum of money granted pursuant to this section shall be paid out of general fund of said city, not exceeding in any year the twenty thousand dollars in the last section preceding limited.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

SECTION 26. The money raised by the sale of the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be deposited as fast as the same

*Added to Section 25 by act of Legislature in 1895.

†Amended to read \$40,000 by act of Legislature in 1895.



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shall be realized with the Treasurer of the City of Rochester, who shall keep a separate account of all moneys received by him for the laying out and improvement of the park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same, to be known as the "Park Improvement Fund." He shall hold all such moneys on account of and for the purposes of said improvement and the expenses herein authorized, and shall pay them out as provided in this act, and not otherwise. The said Park Commissioners shall draw their drafts upon the said Treasurer, signed by their President and Secretary, for all claims, charges and expenses authorized and incurred by the Commission in the laying out and improving of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same, specifying in such drafts the purposes for which they are drawn; and the Treasurer shall pay the same out of the improvement moneys upon the presentation of said drafts. The moneys voted by the Common Council pursuant to Section 25 of this act, shall be deposited with the Treasurer of said city, who shall keep a separate account of all such moneys, and the same shall be known as the "Park Maintenance Fund" (*which may be used for any park purposes except that of purchasing land); and he shall pay them out upon the drafts of the said Park Commissioners issued in the form and manner prescribed by this section, and not otherwise; and the said Treasurer shall pay the said drafts out of the said "Park Maintenance Fund" upon the presentation of said drafts.

PROHIBITION AGAINST DEBT, ETC.

SECTION 27. None of the said Park Commissioners, nor any person, whether in the employ of said Commissioners or otherwise, shall have the power to create any debt, obligation, claim or liability for or on account of the said Park Commissioners, except with the express authority of said Commissioners, conferred at a meeting thereof, duly convened and held.

HOW COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE MAY BE VACATED.

SECTION 28. The office of any of the said Park Commissioners who shall not attend the meetings of the said Board of the said Park Commissioners for three successive months, after having been duly notified of said meetings, without reason therefor satisfactory to said Board, or without leave of absence from said Board, shall by said Board be declared vacant, and the term of office of said Commissioner shall be ended thereby.

GRANTS AND BEQUESTS.

SECTION 29 Real and personal property may be granted, bequeathed, devised or conveyed to the said City of Rochester, for the purpose of the extension, improvement or ornamentation of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto and streets connecting the same, or for the establishment

*Added to Section 26 by act of Legislature.

or maintenance therein of museums, zoological or other gardens, collections of natural history, observatories, libraries, monuments, works of art, or bathing facilities, upon such trusts and conditions as may be prescribed by the grantors or devisors thereof, and agreed to by the said Park Commissioners. All property so devised, granted, bequeathed or conveyed heretofore to the City of Rochester, within the boundaries of the system of parks, parkways, streets and approaches, under this act located by the Park Commissioners, or hereafter for the purposes of this act acquired by the City of Rochester, and the rents, issues, profits and income thereof, shall be subject to the exclusive management, direction and control of the said Park Commissioners. All other lands acquired by the said City of Rochester, under the provisions of this act, except lands received by gift, whenever the Board of the Park Commissioners shall determine the same or any parcel thereof is unnecessary to be longer used for the purposes of the commission, may be sold at public auction after twenty days' notice thereof in the official paper of the city by the City Treasurer. The deed thereof shall be executed to the purchaser by the Mayor of the city, and the purchase price thereof paid to the City Treasurer and put to the credit of the Park Improvement Fund, as an addition thereto.

PARK ORDINANCES.

SECTION 30. It shall be lawful for said Board of the Park Commissioners at any meeting thereof duly convened, to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary, for the use, regulation, protection and government of the said park or parks, parkways, approaches thereto, and streets connecting the same, not inconsistent with the ordinances of the City of Rochester, or with the provisions of this act; such ordinances shall, immediately upon their passage, be published for ten days in two daily newspapers published in said city, one of which shall be the official paper.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PARK ORDINANCES.

SECTION 31. All persons offending against such ordinances shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished, on conviction, before any Court or magistrate of competent jurisdiction in the City of Rochester, by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPREME COURT.

SECTION 32. All proceedings in any Court, contemplated by this act shall be had in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, except under the last preceding section. Whenever in this act the words "streets connecting" are used, the same refer only to streets within the boundaries of the grounds located by the Board, and reported to the Common Council under Section 3 of this act.

CITY OFFICIALS INELIGIBLE AS COMMISSIONERS.

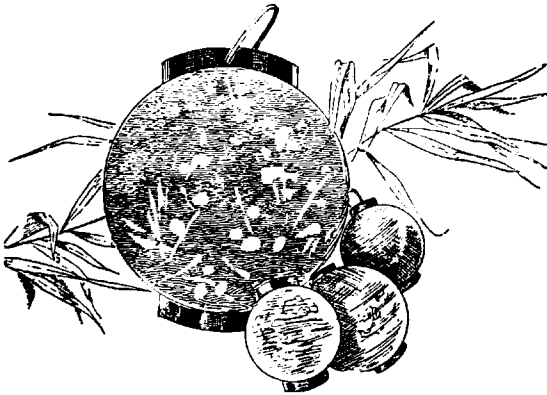
SECTION 33 No officer of the said City of Rochester, receiving a fee or salary for his services, except Commissioner of Deeds, shall be eligible to the office of a Park Commissioner, and acceptance by any Park Commissioner of such elective or appointed office of said city, shall vacate his said office as Park Commissioner.

SECTION 34. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

FREDERICK COOK, Secretary of State.



PENAL ORDINANCES

Relating to the Use and Government of the Public Parks and
Parkways of the City of Rochester.

Passed August 26, 1896.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the city of Rochester do enact as follows :

DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. The terms "parks" used herein shall be construed to include all lands and waters under the control of the Board of Park Commissioners of the city of Rochester, except parkways, and the term "said Board" shall be construed to mean the Board of Park Commissioners of said city.

GENERAL RULES AS TO USE OF PARKS.

SECTION 2. The parks of the city of Rochester are for the benefit and pleasure of the public, and every person shall use said parks subject to the ordinances of said Board.

The roadways in the parks shall not be used by any vehicles except those employed for the purposes of pleasure ; the rides and bridle paths shall be used only by persons on horseback or bicycles, and the walks shall be used exclusively by pedestrians, except that baby carriages and invalid chairs and children's carts and tricycles may be propelled thereon

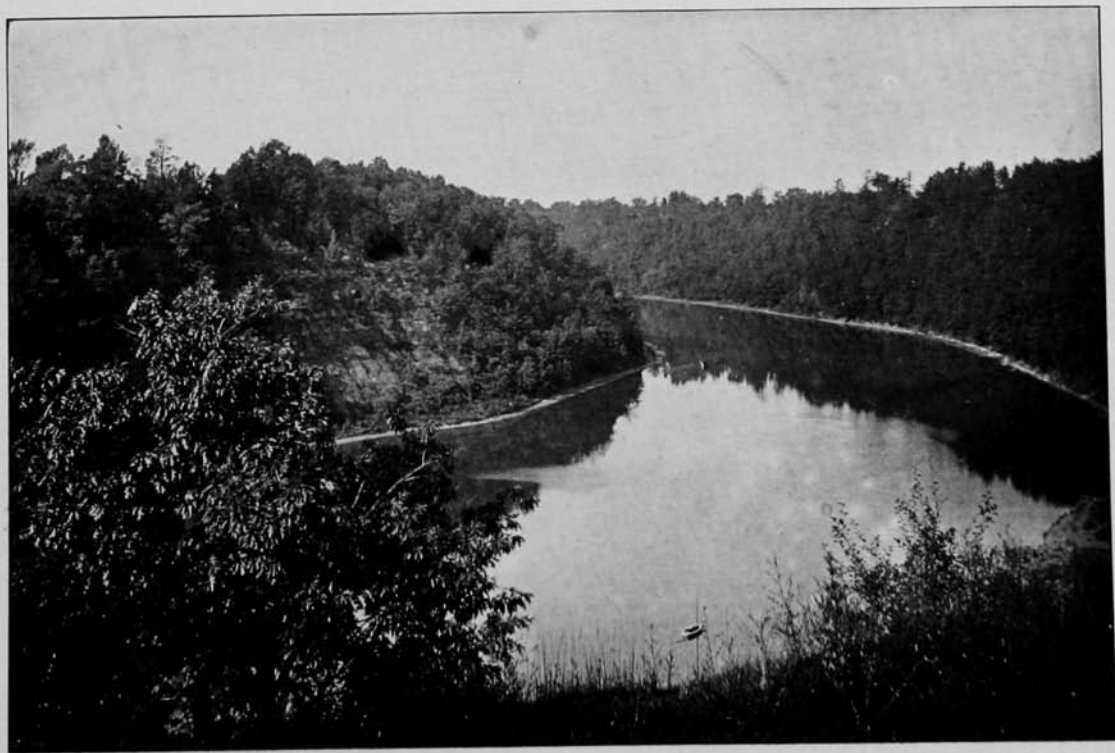
This section shall not apply to vehicles used by order of said Board.

The parks shall be closed from 11 o'clock P. M., until 5 o'clock A. M., during the summer season, and from 10 o'clock P. M., until 7 o'clock A. M., during the winter season ; and no persons except employes of said Board on duty, or members of said Board, shall go into, or remain in said parks, while closed. The summer season shall be from April 1st until November 15th, and the winter season shall be from November 15th until April 1st.

ACTS PROHIBITED

SECTION 3. No person shall commit any of the following acts within said parks :

1. Commit any disorderly or immoral acts
2. Be intoxicated.
3. Throw stones or missiles



SENECA PARK—LOOKING NORTH.

- 4 Utter loud or indecent language.
5. Play any game of cards or chance.
6. Tell fortunes.
7. Beg.
8. Publicly solicit subscriptions.
- 9 Drive or lead a horse not well broken.
10. Allow any dog to run at large.
- 11 Throw or drain offensive substances into any park waters
12. Bathe in park waters without having the body concealed by suitable covering extending from the knees to the shoulders.

ACTS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION.

SECTION 4. No person shall commit any of the following acts within said parks without the consent of said Board, or some duly authorized person.

1. In any manner injure any tree, plant, grass, flower, fruit, turf or structure.
2. Keep or offer anything for sale.
3. Play any music.
4. Post or display any sign, banner or advertisement.
5. Deliver any public speech.
6. Solicit passengers for any boat or vehicle for hire.
7. Obstruct in any way a roadway or path
8. Discharge any firearm or fireworks or send up any balloon.
9. Permit any animal, except horses and dogs, to enter said parks.
10. Ride or drive any animal or vehicle at a speed exceeding eight miles per hour. This shall not apply to the vehicles of the fire or police departments, ambulances, nor vehicles used by physicians when actually engaged in responding to emergency calls or to driving on the "speedway" in Genesee Valley Park.
11. Hold any picnic at a place not designated by said Board for that purpose.
12. Hold any public meeting or engage in any marching or driving as members of a military, political or other organization.
13. Conduct any funeral procession nor vehicle containing the body of a deceased person.
14. Build any fire.
15. Write, paint or carve on any tree, bench or structure.
16. Climb any tree, nor tie any horse to a tree.
17. Enter any place upon which the words "No Admittance" shall be displayed.
18. Play baseball, tennis, nor any other game at a place not designated by said Board for that purpose.
19. Take ice from any park waters.
20. Fish in any park waters.
21. Bathe in any place not designated by said Board for that purpose.

22. Enter nor leave said parks except at the established ways of entrance and exit.
23. Place or propel any boat or other craft upon park waters.
24. Land from any boat at a place not designated by said Board for that purpose.
25. Carry any flowers or shrubs, firearm, sling-shot, axe, saw, shovel or spade within the following parks, viz.: Genesee Valley Park, Highland Park, Seneca Park east and Seneca Park west.
26. Occupy in any way the slopes of the river banks.
27. Violate the regulations of said Board relating to any building or place.
28. Injure or unnecessarily disturb any fish, water fowl, birds or animals.
29. Injure any notice posted by order of said Board.

DISPOSITION OF VAGRANT ANIMALS.

SECTION 5. Pounds for temporarily restraining animals found running at large within said parks shall be established at such places as the Superintendent of Parks may designate

All animals found running at large within said parks contrary to the ordinances of said Board, may be seized by any person and conducted to any one of such pounds. Upon the impounding of any animal within a park pound, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Parks forthwith to notify the keeper of the city pound, who shall at once take and dispose of such animal in the manner provided by the penal ordinance of the city of Rochester relating to the disposition of vagrant animals.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF PARK ORDINANCES.

SECTION 6. Any violation of these ordinances shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and in default of the payment of such fine, any person so convicted may be imprisoned in the Monroe County Penitentiary for period not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

FORMER ORDINANCES REPEALED.

SECTION 7. The ordinances of said Board, passed January 26, 1891, and all ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.



SENECA PARK—LOOKING SOUTH FROM EAST SIDE.

CITY OF ROCHESTER.

TREES AND SHRUBS.

The following list of Trees and Shrubs growing naturally in Seneca Park,
is furnished by Mr. Joseph B. Fuller :

- Tulip Tree—*Liriodendron Tulipifera*,
Moonseed—*Menispermum Canadense*.
*Common Barberry—*Berberis vulgaris*.
Basswood—*Tilla Americana*.
Climbing Bittersweet—*Celastrus scandens*.
Alder-leaved Buckthorn—*Rhamnus alnifolia*.
*Common Buckthorn—*Rhamnus Cathartica*,
New Jersey Tea—*Ceanothus Americanus*.
Summer Grape—*Vitis aestivalis*.
Frost Grape—*Vitis rivaria*.
Virginia Creeper—*Ampelopsis quinquefolia*
Striped Maple—*Acer Pennsylvanicum*.
Mountain Maple—*Acer spicatum*
Sugar Maple—*Acer saccharinum*.
Silver Maple—*Acer dasycarpum*.
Red Maple—*Acer rubrum*.
*Tree of Heaven—*Ailanthus glandulosus*
Staghorn Sumac—*Rhus typhina*.
Smooth Sumac—*Rhus glabra*.
Poison Sumac—*Rhus venenata*.
Poison Ivy—*Rhus Toxicodendron*.
Fragrant Sumac—*Rhus Canadensis*.
Common Locust—*Robinia Pseudacacia*.
Wild Plum—*Prunus Americana*.
Wild Red Cherry—*Prunus Pennsylvanica*.
Choke-cherry—*Prunus Virginiana*.
Wild Black Cherry—*Prunus serotina*.
Purple-flowering Raspberry—*Rubus odoratus*.
Wild Red Raspberry—*Rubus strigosus*.
High Blackberry—*Rubus villosus*.
Running Swamp Blackberry—*Rubus hispidus*
Swamp Rose—*Rosa Carolina*.
Dwarf Rose—*Rosa humilis*.
American Crab-apple—*Pyrus coronaria*.
Choke Berry—*Pyrus arbutifolia*.
*European Mountain Ash—*Pyrus aucuparia*.
*English Hawthorn—*Crataegus Oxyacantha*.
Scarlet Thorn—*Crataegus coccinea*.

* These naturalized from Europe.

- Black Thorn—*Crataegus tomentosa*.
 Dotted-fruited Thorn—*Crataegus punctata*.
 Shad-bush—*Amelanchier Canadensis*.
 Shad-bush—Round-leaved—var. *rotundifolia*.
 Snow Berry—*Symphoricarpus racemosus*.
 Wild Gooseberry—*Ribes Cynosbati*.
 Wild Black Currant—*Ribes floridum*.
 *Garden Currant—*Ribes rubrum*.
 Witch Hazel—*Hamamelis Virginiana*.
 Dwarf Dogwood—*Cornus Canadensis*.
 Flowering Dogwood—*Cornus florida*.
 Round-leaf Cornel—*Cornus circinata*.
 Silky Cornel—*Cornus sericea*.
 Panicked Cornel—*Cornus paniculata*.
 Alternate leaved Cornel—*Cornus alternifolia*.
 Red-osier Dogwood—*Cornus stolonifera*.
 Tupelo—*Nyssa sylvatica*.
 Common Elder—*Sambucus Canadensis*.
 Red-berried Elder—*Sambucus racemosus*.
 Dockmackie—*Viburnum acerifolium*.
 Downy Arrow-wood—*Viburnum pubescens*.
 Arrow wood—*Viburnum dentatum*.
 Sheep-berry—*Viburnum Lentago*.
 Fly-Honeysuckle—*Lonicera cillata*.
 Swamp Fly-Honeysuckle—*Lonicera oblongifolia*.
 American Woodbine—*Lonicera grata*.
 Small-flowered Honeysuckle—*Lonicera glauca*.
 Bush Honeysuckle—*Diervilla trifida*.
 Button Bush—*Cephalanthus occidentalis*.
 Black Huckleberry—*Gaylussacia resinosa*.
 Deerberry—*Vaccinium stamineum*.
 Dwarf Blueberry—*Vaccinium Pennsylvanicum*.
 Low Blueberry—*Vaccinium vacillans*.
 Arbutus—*Epigaea repens*.
 Azalea—*Rhododendron nudiflorum*.
 White Ash—*Fraxinus Americana*.
 Black Ash—*Fraxinus sambucifolia*.
 Sassafras—*Sassafras officinale*.
 Spice-bush—*Liddera Benzoin*.
 Leatherwood—*Dirca palustris*.
 *Daphne—*Daphne Mezereum*.
 Canadian Shepherdia—*Shepherdia Canadensis*.
 Red Elm—*Ulmus fulva*.
 American Elm—*Ulmus Americana*.

* These naturalized from Europe.

- Red Mulberry—*Morus rubra*.
 *White Mulberry—*Morus alba*.
 Plane-tree—*Platanus occidentalis*.
 Black Walnut—*Juglans nigra*.
 Butternut—*Juglans cinerea*.
 Shell-bark Hickory—*Carya alba*.
 Pig-nut Hickory—*Carya porcina*.
 Bitter nut Hickory—*Carya amara*.
 Bay-Berry—*Myrica cerifera*.
 Black Birch—*Betula lenta*.
 Yellow Birch—*Betula lutea*.
 Spotted Alder—*Alnus incana*.
 Beaked Hazel-nut—*Corylus rostrata*.
 Hop-Hornbeam, Ironwood—*Ostrya Virginica*.
 Hornbeam, Ironwood—*Carpinus Caroliniana*.
 White Oak—*Quercus alba*.
 Swamp White Oak—*Quercus bicolor*.
 Chestnut Oak—*Quercus Prinus*.
 Yellow Oak—*Quercus Muhlenbergii*.
 Red Oak—*Quercus rubra*.
 Black Oak—*Quercus coccinea* var. *tinctoria*.
 American Chestnut—*Castanea sativa* var. *Americana*.
 American Beech—*Fagus ferruginea*.
 Black Willow—*Salix nigra*.
 Peach Willow—*Salix amygdaloides*.
 Shining Willow—*Salix lucida*.
 Yellow Willow—*Salix alba* var. *vitellina*.
 Hybrid Willow—*Salix alba* var. *vitellina* X *S. lucida*.
 Long-beaked Willow—*Salix rostrata*.
 Glaucous Willow—*Salix discolor*.
 Prairie Willow—*Salix humilis*.
 Hybrid Willow—*Salix humilis* X *S. discolor*.
 Purple Willow—*Salix purpurea*.
 Drooping Willow—*Salix purpurea* var. *pendula*.
 Heart-leaved Willow—*Salix cordata*.
 American Aspen—*Populus tremuloides*.
 Large-toothed Aspen—*Populus grandidentata*.
 Cotton-wood—*Populus monilifera*.
 White Pine—*Pinus Strobus*.
 Hemlock—*Tsuga Canadensis*.
 Arbor Vitæ—*Thuja occidentalis*.
 Common Juniper—*Juniperus communis*.
 Red Cedar—*Juniperus Virginiana*.
 Canadian Yew—*Taxus Canadensis*.
 Black Alder—*Ilex verticellata*.

* These naturalized from Europe.

TREES AND SHRUBS THAT HAVE BEEN PLANTED AND
ARE GROWING IN SENECA PARK.

TREES.

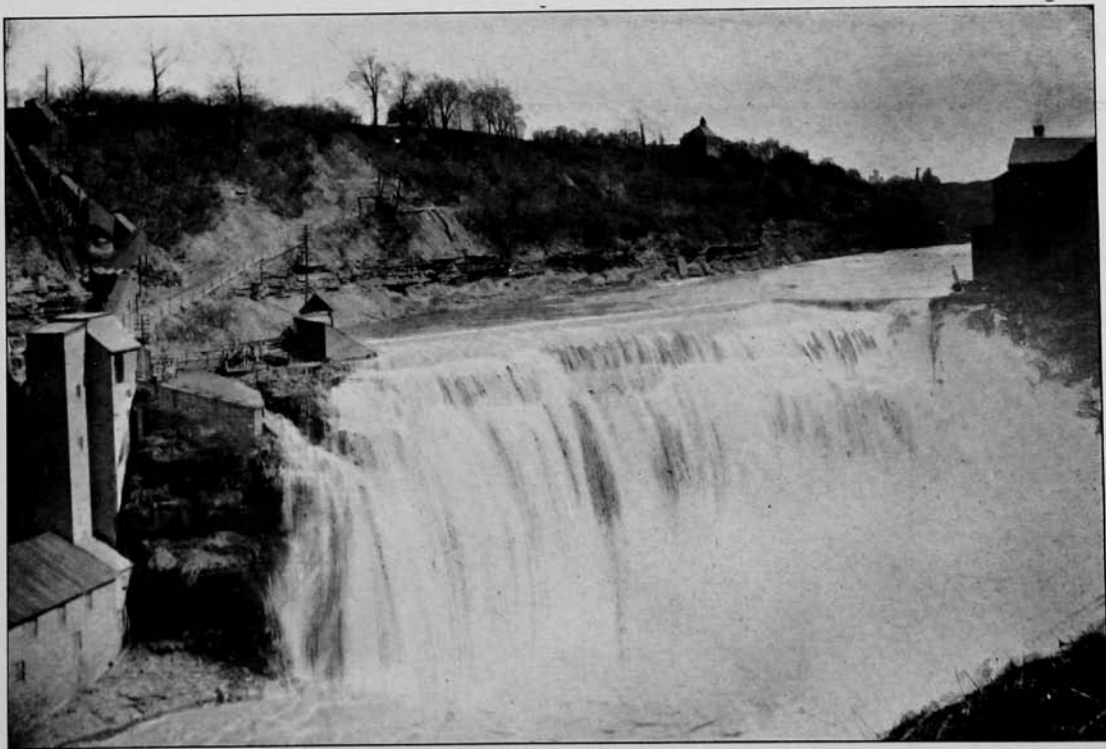
Canoe Birch,
Red Birch,
White Birch (of U. S.)
European White Birch,
Pin Oak,
Bur Oak,
Post Oak,
Black Jack Oak,
Willow Oak.
Laurel Oak,
Turkey Oak,

Judas Tree.
Japanese Ginkgo, or Maidenhair tree
Scotch Elm,
Cucumber Tree,
Norway Maple,
Tamarack,
White Spruce,
Black Spruce,
Balsam Fir,
Colorado Blue Spruce,
Red Pine.

SHRUBS AND VINES.

Juniperus communis.
Kalmia latifolia,
Rhododendron maximum,
Rhododendron Vaseyii,
Rhodora Canadensis,
Rubus hispidus,
Vinca minor,
Clethra alnifolia,
Myrica gale,
Potentilla fruticosa,
Lonicera Halleana,
Salix tristis,
Salix pentandra,
Salix caprea,
Salix rosmarinifolia,
Salix purpurea,
Euonymus radicans,

Euonymus atropurpureus,
Euonymus Americanus,
Rhus copallina,
Corylus Americana,
Ptelea trifoliata,
Spiraea opulifolia,
Spiraea salicifolia,
Spiraea tomentosa,
Myrica asplenifolia,
Nemopantes Canadensis,
Periploca graeca,
Rosa setigera,
Rosa rubiginosa,
Rosa lucida,
Rosa nitida,
Lycium barbatum.



LOWER FALLS, GENESEE RIVER.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF 1897

... OF ...

THE PARK AND OUTDOOR ART ASSOCIATION.

TABLE COMPILED BY

MR. PACK THOMAS,

FORMER SECRETARY OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The following table compiled by the late Mr. Pack Thomas, the former Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of Louisville, Ky., is of general interest, as it shows something of what has been done in the way of park improvement in the principal cities of this country.

These figures were arranged by Mr. Thomas for "The Park and Outdoor Art Association" a national organization, and were published in its report for 1897. It will be seen that Rochester, with 647 acres of park land has expended a very small per capita sum as compared with other cities in the list. In reference to the question as to whether investment in parks is profitable, the opinion has become general, based upon the experience of leading cities in this and other countries, that the making and maintenance of public parks is not burdensome to tax payers. The influence of parks in all cities, in increasing real estate values, is marked, and they consequently lessen the general tax rather than increase it.

In an address delivered by Gen. Andrew Cowan, before "The Park and Outdoor Art Association," at its session last year in Louisville, Ky., he very truthfully and concisely said: "Park lands are everywhere worth more than they cost, they are a good investment for the tax payers, the expense of their improvement and maintenance will be returned to the city treasury in many ways. Parks make the burden of city life easier and the people more contented. They draw capital from abroad to build up manufacturing enterprises, and constantly increase the strength and profit of our commerce."

Name of City.	No. Large Parks.	Acreage.	Interior Squares.	Acreage.	Total Acreage.	Total Appropriation and Cost.	Population.	Cost per Capita.	No. Inhabitants per acre.
N. Y. City Park System.	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,190	50,000,000	2,000,000	\$25 00	385
Boston, Mass., proper	22	2,190	65	147	2,337	13,747,000	500,250	27 48	214
Brooklyn, N. Y.	2	1,052	29	523	1,575	30,000,000	1,300,000	23 07	825
Albany, N. Y.	3	280	8	15	295	2,135,700	100,000	21 35	339
Baltimore, Md.	9	1,100	20	37	1,137	10,000,000	600,000	16 66	527
Chicago, Ill.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
South Parks	5	1,181	-----	-----	1,498	14,190,600	-----	-----	-----
South Parks Boulevards	-----	-----	9	317	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
West Parks	3	566	5	30	746	8,371,060	-----	-----	-----
West Parks Boulevards	-----	-----	9	150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lincoln Park	1	350	-----	-----	350	7,000,000	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,594	29,561,660	1,800,000	16 42	694
Washington, D. C.	18	328	283	76	404	4,495,237	277,000	16 22	685
Minneapolis, Minn.	11	1,500	25	40	1,540	2,750,000	200,000	13 75	130
Minneapolis Boulevards	9								
Cambridge, Mass.	1	137	2	21	158	1,021,500	81,650	12 51	516
Buffalo, N. Y.	4	889	13	61	950	4,000,000	350,000	11 43	369
Newark, N. J.	7	3,113	-----	-----	3,113	2,500,000	215,800	11 12	69

San Francisco, Cal.....	3	1,090	14	224	1,314	3,744,605	360,000	10 40	274
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1	767			767	3,000,000	290,000	10 35	378
St. Louis, Mo.....	10	2,134	10	43	2,177	5,100,000			
St. Louis Botanical Garden			1	45	45	338,000			
Total.....					2,222	5,438,000	630,000	8 63	283
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	6	400			400	2,000,000	300,000	6 66	750
Duluth, Minn.....	4	400	10	25	425	550,000	67,000	8 20	158
Peoria, Ill.....	4	322	3	12	334	350,000	60,000	5 83	180
Toledo, Ohio.....	8					625,000	125,000	5 00	
Cleveland Ohio.....	8	1,178	8	36	1,214	2,000,000	350,000	5 71	288
Omaha, Neb.....	6	550	3	2	552	750,000	140,000	5 35	254
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	3,300	22	318	3,618	6,250,000	1,250,000	5 00	345
Fairmount.....									
Louisville, Ky.....	3	1,055	4	10	1,113	1,003,520	215,500	4 66	194
Parkway.....			1	48					
Metropolitan Boston	7				8,000				
Reservations.....									
Parkways.....	3	9 miles				4,300,000	1,025,000	4 20	41
400 sq. miles 25,000 ac's in district								District	
Springfield, Mass.....	1	463	24	20	483	169,000	50,000	3 38	104
Milwaukee, Wis.....	7	400	9	61	461	1,140,000	300,000	3 80	651
Denver, Colo.....	9	520	2	20	540	387,608	150,000	2 58	278
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	89	2	27	116	290,000	183,000	1 58	1,578
					(condemnation on hand for more land.)				
Des Moines, Iowa.....	4	400	3	5	405	116,000	75,000	1 55	185
Kansas City, Mo.....	3	1,338			1,338	100,000	160,000	0 63	119
					(condemnation on hand for more land.)				
St. Paul, Minn., Land.....	2	592							
St. Paul, Minn., Water.....		210							
Total.....		802	44	87	889	maintenance 296,415	155,000		174
Richmond, Va.....	4	354	9	31	385	132,000	100,000		267
Hartford, Conn.....	6	1,060	9	7	1,067		70,000		65
Wilmington, Del.....	4	225	10	30	255		70,000		275
Rochester, N. Y.....	3	630	8	17	653	632,338	175,000	3 61	268
						to Jan. 1, '98.			

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