

CONEY TO FIGHT TO SAVE OLD PIER AT DREAMLAND

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It Is Condemned.

Coney Island is up in arms planning to fight to the last ditch an attempt to tear down the Dreamland pier. The Dock Department condemned the pier and the work of demolishing it will soon begin unless protests which are being made by the Taxpayers' Alliance, composed of Coney Island merchants, are heeded.

"The pier should not be demolished," said W. J. Ward, President of the Bank of Coney Island and Secretary of the Alliance, today. "It is as good as any outside the great pier of Atlantic City."

"It has been declared a menace to public safety," declared Deputy Dock Commissioner Richard C. Harrison. "C. W. Stanford, Chief Engineer of the Dock Department, condemned it. Mr. R. A. C. Smith, the Dock Commissioner, agrees with the Alliance that two piers are needed in Coney Island. But he does not think that the old Dreamland pier should stand."

Members of the Alliance, however, believe Chief Engineer Stanford and Mr. Smith have been to put it mildly, "too stern" in their condemnations of the famous pier. For three years they said, they have had to go out and make a fight for the structure.

Two years ago they retained Kingsley Martin, who was Chief Engineer for the Dock Department, to make

a report on the condition of the pier. He is understood to have advised that the pier is in a state of disrepair and that it is unsafe for use. The Dock Department is now in the process of demolishing the pier. The Taxpayers' Alliance is fighting to save the pier, claiming that it is a valuable structure and that its removal would be a great loss to Coney Island.

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