

TRY TO MULCT CITY MANY BILLS CUT DOWN. Legislative Committee Hears Testimony on Supply Accounts.

Robert B. McIntyre, of the bureau of municipal statistics in the Controller's office, and Patrick Jones, purchasing agent of the Board of Education, gave starting testimony yesterday before the joint legislative committee which is investigating the financial condition of this city.

In showing how attempts were made to mulct the city Mr. McIntyre produced vouchers for goods supplied and work done in the Borough of Queens. Some of these showed that six office chairs, costing \$250, were valued by experts at \$73.

Mr. McIntyre then took the stand. He submitted a large number of bills questioned in the Controller's office which he had investigated, resulting in the cutting down of the price in many instances more than one-half.

He said that if there had been proper bargaining by the city these articles and this work could have been obtained at or below the value placed by appraisers engaged when the bills were questioned.

Mr. McIntyre's testimony as to the bills cut down included one for \$947 for work done in the Town Hall of Flushing, which the appraisers valued at \$20. Finally \$70.25 was allowed and paid. The same contractor had, according to the witness, bills amounting to \$14,000 which were compromised at 75 per cent.

Other bills so treated were: Billed at. Approved. Allowed. Index card cabinet, \$28.00, \$35.00, \$43.87. Cubbans, 13.50, 11.25.

James A. Shankland, chief accountant for the different departments for hay and grain in the first eight months of 1908. There was sometimes as much as \$3 a ton difference in the prices of feed. For eight months, he said, \$23,496 was paid above the lowest prevailing contract price, and for the year, based upon those figures, the total would be \$41,800.



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In quarter sizes, too. For brisk Fall walks the "Pedestrian Shoe" is it.

A black calf shoe, laced, and a weight to suit men who are just leaving off low shoes.

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Mr. Jones admitted, under some pressing questions from Assemblyman Oliver, that the school superintendents pass upon the eligibility of books which some one of their number may have written.

The witness was uncertain. An adjournment was taken until October 20. The affairs of the Department of Education will be probed much deeper, and C. B. J. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, will be called.

Under the provisions of Section 407 of the charter the Board of Aldermen may "regulate and restrict" by ordinance the height of buildings "to be hereafter erected" in this city.

John F. McIntyre, attorney for Captain Peter C. Hains, and his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, the former held for the murder of William E. Annis and the latter as an accessory to it, served notice yesterday on District Attorney Darrin of Queens County that he would challenge the array of the grand jury empaneled to pass on the cases of his clients.

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