MODEL EDUCATION BOARD.

BROOKLYN SEES NEW YORK, AND GOES A VAST DEAL BETTER.

How and Where the Money Goes, and who has been making a very Handsome Thing—Flutter among the Lesser Lights of Brooklyn Politics.

The Investigating Committee of the Board of Education continued their session yesterday. Their first meeting was held on Friday last, and the great the following interesting testimony was elicited. Mr. Geo. A. W. Stewart, Secretary of the Board testified that Messrs. Seabury, Bellingham, and Wynant, constitute the Committee on Supplies, which last met on April 12, 1869, previously not since May 14, 1867. Supplies are not purchased by the year, but by Mr. Seabury, the Chairman, whenever required, there being no competition. The Library Committee have charge of the purchase of books, but when they are needed they are sent on the requisition of Mr. Dean. The requisitions for the supply of books, slates, &c., are made on Dr. Thorne as acting member of the Library Committee; the bills are presented to the Finance Committee, and being passed a warrant is drawn, which is signed by the President of the Board and Secretary. The supply of these articles has never been advertised as open to competition. Such is a general summary of the charges upon which the Committee on Supplies are arraigned.

HOW COAL WAS PURCHASED.

Mr. John McLoughlin, a wholesale coal merchant, said that on the 24th of April he would have sold coal at $7 a ton, delivered at residences, and would have supplied the Board with 1,000 tons at $7.25 delivered in the bins at the school houses. In former years the Board advertised for proposals, and being the lowest bidder he had procured the contract. Mr. Hazard, the present contractor, is not a large dealer in coal, and $8.50 is an exorbitant price, as at the time the Board purchases coal could have been bought at $5.40. Coal dealers charge unfairness in the giving of this contract, and imagine that Mr. Hazard has a monopoly of the job, merely because he is a friend of Mr. Seabury.

WHY BOOKS, PENCILS, AND SLATES ARE SO DEAR.

Mr. Barnes, of the firm of Barnes & Co., New York, dealers in books, testified that some business had been transacted by the Board with his firm during the past year, and that he understood that pretty nearly all the supplies were furnished by Appleton & Co. This partiality to one dealer was attributed to individual influence in the Board. The pens for which the Board was now paying a dollar a box could be supplied by his firm for sixty-five cents, and a larger kind, for which they were paying fifty-five cents a gross, at fifty cents. The prices of slates have not varied. In New York the Board of Education send a schedule to each of the publishers, and invite general competition. He, however, could supply the same kind of slates at a reduction of twenty per cent. on the present prices paid by the Board, and pencils for which they now pay $3.50 a gross, at $3. In the list of books supplied by Messrs. Appleton & Co., he recognized five which he had offered to supply to the Board at greatly reduced rates.

Mr. Payson, teacher in the Polytechnic Institute, testified that as an author he had only a copyright interest in the copy books used in the Brooklyn schools, and did not undertake to supply them to the city. He kept some for the accommodation of friends. The Board paid for them $1.50 a dozen, but they could be procured at $1.44.

Mr. Dyson, a retail dealer of East New York, testified that although he only bought slates in small quantities, he could procure them at as cheap a rate as the Board is paying. He knew a dealer in Brooklyn named Geoghan, who could furnish copy books as good as those at present in use in the schools at $1 a dozen or even less.

WHO MADE PROPOSALS AND HOW.

Mr. Stewart, Secretary of the Board, testified that the only persons invited to make proposals for the supply of school furniture were Robert Paton and Nathaniel Johnson of New York. Others who were desirous of making proposals were in some way prevented. The preventive agency was not disclosed.

Mr. Thos. Kelly, dealer in wood, had supplied the Board for the last three years. When they advertised, four years ago, he sent in a proposal, but got badly beaten. Last year, Mr. Hazard, the coal contractor, asked him to send Mr. Seabury a proposal, which was accepted. The witness declined to answer the question whether he was afraid of being beaten on the last occasion.

The Committee adjourned until Friday evening.

Blue Laws on a Jersey Railroad.

A no-smoking New Jersey Railroad Superintendent has just promulgated an order which decidedly interferes with the wishes and tastes of the overworked employees of this road. They think the subject is wholly foreign to the duties of the Superintendent, intending to deprive them of what little harmless pleasure may be found during their long hours of labor. The excitement runs very high.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All employees are forbidden to smoke while on duty, or at any time in the stations or offices of this Company.

F. WOLCOTT JACKSON,
Gen. Sup't of the United R. R. of N. J., and the Trenton R. R.

This order was immediately followed by another, which was posted up about the depots and buildings of the Company:

HEADQUARTERS SMOKING BRIGADE, IN THE FIELD.—SPECIAL ORDER No. 1.—Engineers are hereby ordered to prevent their locomotives smoking while on duty, or at any of the stations or depots.

ADAM CHILLADAY.

The men all along the road are highly indignant at the attempted restraint upon their innocent recreation, which does not interfere with their duties, but contend that it enables them to get through their weary hours with a lighter heart. They look upon the act of the Superintendent as a petty piece of tyranny, that would not be sustained by the more humane owners of the road. They still hope that it will end in smoke.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Messrs. A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co. will sell to-day valuable real estate, situate at Bayside, L. I. The property is but eleven miles from New York, on Little Neck Bay, close to the town of Flushing, and is in the centre of a fine, healthy, and picturesque country. For many years the resident gardeners have lived on this property, cultivated a lot of fine fruit, exclusively, and realized over an acre of ground. Now, the spirit of progress is felt even there, and Mr. Bradley, the owner of the property, to be sure, on its to cut down all the fruit, and the opportunity yet presents of selling a handsome little fully detached cottage. The terms of sale are very liberal. Where people appreciate a home have made the whole amount of the original purchase money by half down most easy. A fine collation will be ready for the arrival of the excursion train. Maps, tickets, and full information will be furnished on application at the auctioneers' office, 77 Cedar street. Should the day prove rainy, the sale will be given of the sale.

Mr. Stanley Day will sell on Saturday, May 22, on the premises, desirable property on the Kingsbridge and 3rd Macomb's Dam roads. Maps, &c., at his office, 925 Broadway.

Messrs. Mallory & Blackwell sell on Tuesday, May 25, seventy desirable lots, known as the Richard Archer property, in Yonkers, N. Y. For particulars see advertisement.

Mr. J. M. Gibson, 27 Montgomery street, Jersey City, offers at private sale several fine houses in Jersey City, Hudson City, and Brooklyn.

E. R. Hennessy, 3 Broadway, offers at private sale cheap the property described in Elizabeth, N. J., bound to the office for a special sale.

Mr. Thomas Barclay, 9 Nassau street, offers at private sale lots in Cedar Town, N. J.

Messrs. A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co. sell on Tuesday, May 25, desirable lots at White Plains, N. Y. Terms liberal.

The Menlo Park Association offer at private sale desirable lots at Menlo Park, New Jersey. See the advertisement.

See our advertising columns.

Bowery Jeweller Honorably Acquitted.

Liggins & Sons' jewelry store, in North Second street, Philadelphia, was robbed in March last of about $3,000. Part of the stolen property was carried to New York, and on Monday Charles Liggins appeared for a search warrant, to examine the premises of J. Boas, 249 Bowery, where some property was found that evening. Mr. Liggins claimed his property, but Boas was taken before Justice Hogan, and when he said that he had bought the goods in a legitimate manner Justice Hogan liberated him on bail. On examination it was shown that Boas bought the goods in January (two months before the alleged robbery); and he was therefore honorably acquitted.

Court Calendars this Day.

SUPREME COURT, CIRCUIT.—Part 1.—Oyer and Terminer. Nos. 1396, 1401, 1375, 1398, 1535, 1536, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1544, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588,