REALTY MARKET NEWS AND COMMENT

Northdale, on Northern Avenue, Resold by Realty Company.

BIG THEATRE FOR BRONX

B. F. Keith Buys Fordham Road Corner for Site for 3,000 Seat Show House.

Purchases of an apartment house on Washington Heights and a corner in the Fordham road section of The Bronx for improvement with a $600,000 theatre were the big deals yesterday. The apartment, the Northdale, on Northern avenue and 179th street, which figured recently in trading, when the present seller took it from a mortgage company, was turned over yesterday to a buyer who is understood to have paid cash for the property. B. F. Keith is the buyer of the Fordham property taken for the theatrical improvement. The purchase reflects the wonderful development of that section of The Bronx in the last few years, since the show house will seat 3,000. Aside from these two transactions there was not much activity in real estate yesterday.

NORTHDALE SOLD FOR CASH.

The Northdale apartments at the southeast corner of Northern avenue and 179th street, a six story structure, with accommodations for sixty families, fronting 100 feet on the avenue and 95 feet on the street, has been bought by Morris Kashowitz from the Nason Realty Company. The building is fully tenanted and was held at $160,000. The Northdale and the Southdale, at the adjoining southwest corner of 179th street, were acquired last March by the selling concern from the Hudson Mortgage Company.

BIG FORDHAM ROAD THEATRE.

B. F. Keith is to give the Fordham section of The Bronx a fine theatre, one which will accommodate 3,000 persons and cost about $600,000 to erect. It will be at the northwest corner of Fordham road and Valentine avenue and will cover a site of sight lots, which were bought yesterday by the theatrical interests through Charles S. Kohler from Alfred Salter and Arthur J. Briggs.

FLAT AND DWELLING SALES.

EAST 123TH STREET—The Meister Builders have bought the four story brown stone brick building, on lot 20x100, at 23 East 123th street. They will alter it under the new three family law.

EAST 169TH STREET—Florence M. Henry has sold to Jennie A. Thornton 312 East 169th street, a three story dwelling, on lot 20x100.

WEST 38TH STREET—Dr. George E. Doty, who owns 216 West Thirty-eighth street, has bought from Harriet S. Fischer 214, adjoining, a four story dwelling, on lot 16.8x98.9. He now controls a frontage of 33.4 feet near the Hotel Navarre at the southwest corner of Seventh avenue.

SEDGWICK AVENUE—The Cruikshank Company has sold for Mrs. Fordham Morris to Henry E. Hall the three story flat at 1819 Sedgwick avenue, on lot 25x90 feet.

BUYS $15,000 BROOKLYN HOME.

The new bungalow dwelling at 551 Delamere place (East Twenty-third street), on a plot 50x100, has been sold by the builder, Arthur H. Strong, to Henry C. Hoffman for occupancy. The property was held at $15,000. Mr. Hoffman has purchased the plot at the northeast corner of Newkirk avenue and East Ninetieth street as a site for a Colonial dwelling.

WOMAN BUYS AT GREAT NECK.

Baker Crowell has sold the large estate of Lillian Relyea, overlooking Little Neck Bay, at Great Neck, L. I. The house is English Colonial, of hollow tile, stucco finish, with English half timber effect on the second floor. The purchaser is Blanche B. Barnes. The reported price is $40,000.

JERSEY BANKER INVESTS.

Steven B. Ayres has sold for the Wheeler Corporation and others to A. J. Brunson, president of the First National Bank of Plainfield, the entire block M in the development known as Watchung Heath. Mr. Brunson will cooperate in the further development of the property.

SOUTH ORANGE HOME BUYER.

Edward P. Hamilton & Co. have sold the Colonial frame residence on Page Terrace, Mountain Station, South Orange, N. J., for H. W. Stevens to Earl Biglow.

W. B. HARDING SELLS ESTATE.

William B. Harding of the Cruikshank Company has sold his place, consisting of twenty-three acres, with dwelling, outbuildings, at Somerville, N. J., on the road leading to Princeton, to Mrs. William A. Worrall.

ENGLISH HOUSE ON 62D ST.

Edmund L. Baylies has given John I. Downey the contract for the erection of a four story English basement house on the site of the former Bookman estate residence at 9 East Sixty-second street. Harry Allen Jacobs has completed plans for the improvement.

$145,000 KEW GARDENS FLAT.

Plans were filed in Queens yesterday for a $145,000 apartment house to be erected by the Riviera Construction Corporation of Manhattan on the north side of Metropolitan avenue, 175 feet west of Lefferts avenue, Kew Gardens. The building will be four stories, with a frontage of 126 feet and a depth of 85 feet.

SKYSCRAPER AT AUCTION.

Joseph P. Day will offer at Supreme Court foreclosure sale to-day the eighteen story brick and stone office building at 170 Broadway and 2 and 4 Maiden Lane, known as the Broadway and Maiden Lane Building. It is a thoroughly modern office building with a frontage of 76.7½ feet on Broadway and a frontage of 110.11 feet on Maiden Lane, and was erected in 1902. The mortgaged indebtedness is $328,566.

NEW REALTY CORPORATIONS.

The Clech Realty Corporation, Manhattan, capital, $5,000; directors, Esther Clech, Harry Clech and Solomon Sperber. The Samaritan Realty Corporation, Brooklyn; capital, $10,000; directors, A. H. Smith, George W. Wason and Sophus Nielsen.

The Langbein Holding Company, Brooklyn; capital, $20,000; directors, William Langbein, Maria L. Langbein and Edw. Langbein.

MANHATTAN ALTERATIONS.

46TH ST, 57 W, to a 4 sty dwlg; J Aaron, 52 Vanderbilt av, owner; De Rose & Cavallerl, 589 Willis av, archts; cost $5,500

109TH ST 157-159 E, to a 4 sty dwlg; C Shaumberger, 105 East 109th st, owner; J M Feisch, 1133 Bway, arch; cost, $8,500

BROADWAY, n e cor 185th st, to a 1 sty garage; D Myers, on premises, owner; Landsman & Barton, archts; cost, $15,000

HENRIQUEZS GIVE HOLDINGS TO WIVES

Cuban Physicians Prepare to Leave for War Duty.

Dr. Carlos L. Henriques of 13 West Eighty-eighth street, and Dr. George A. Henriques of 145 Vermilye avenue, both well known physicians and members of the National Guard, have transferred their interests in the Henriquez family properties, estimated to be worth more than a million dollars, to their wives, Jeannette and Luz, preparatory to leaving for the South with their regiments next Sunday. The transfers of the doctors' interests includes the right to manage, lease or sell any of the several parcels enumerated in the deeds, which are the greatest number recorded by individuals since the war with Germany began.

Among the properties included in the transfers are the Kenmar, a five story apartment at 101 West Seventy-seventh street, at the northwest corner of Columbus avenue; the Richmond, a five story structure at 76 West Eighty-ninth street, and the block front of apartments on the east side of Broadway between Manhattan and Lawrence streets. Numerous other parcels recently acquired by the Henriques family in the Dyckman section were also included in the transfers.

The doctors are brothers of Richard Henriques, graduate of Columbia and all around athlete. There also are two sisters in the family, which is of Cuban origin. Jacob Walz looked after the legal interests of the doctors.

BUSINESS SPACE LEASED.

William A. White & Sons have leased for Henry Leerburger to Frank E. Pulis the four story and basement building at 528 Canal street, between Washington and West streets.

Michael E. Lipset has leased for William H. Whiting Company, agents, the third loft at 373 Fourth avenue to Kroeger Bros.; eighth loft at 158 to 164 West Twenty-seventh street to Daily Waist Company; fourth loft at 105 and 107 East Twenty-ninth street to Cohen, Rubenstein & Weisman; second loft at 450 Sixth avenue to Famous Manufacturing Company.

Henry Hof has leased for Thomas Nugent two lofts at 223 East Eightieth street to George Flatauer, cigar manufacturer.

CITIZENS BANK EXPANDING.

The banking quarters of the Citizens National Bank, at 320 Broadway, are being extensively remodelled by Hoggson Bros. Because of increasing business the bank has taken over for its own use considerable space formerly occupied by other tenants.

TENANT FOR UPTOWN HOUSE.

Leon S. Altmayer has leased for I. Frank the three story and basement dwelling at 138 East Ninety-fifth street, between Lexington and Park avenues.

FINE APARTMENTS LEASED.

The Payson McL. Merrill Company has leased apartments at 140 West Fifty-seventh street to Frederick R. Tibbitts; at 925 Park avenue to James S. Judd and at 257 West Eighty-sixth street to Charles Rann Kennedy.

Pease & Elliman have leased for J. E. R. Carpenter and his associates in the new house nearing completion at 550 Park avenue, corner of Sixty-second street, opposite the Colony Club, a twelve room apartment to Alfred H. Swayne.

Douglas L. Elliman & Co. have leased an apartment in the new building under construction at 815 Park avenue to Giles K. Tinker, and an apartment at 122 East Seventy-sixth street to James A. Edwards; also an apartment at 70 East Seventy-seventh street for Pease & Elliman to Mrs. George G. Bourne.

E. K. Van Winkle has rented for the Loton H. Slawson Company an apartment in the new building at 302 West Eighty-sixth street to Mrs. E. Bergman.

RENTING IN WESTCHESTER.

Blakeman Quintard Meyer has rented for Crane & MacMahon their house on Grandview avenue, Rye, for one year to T. L. Curtis.

Griffen, Prince & Ripley have leased for L. Ward Prince his Colonial residence on Walworth avenue, Greenacres, furnished, for the winter to C. Herbert Covall of Bayshore, L. I.

The Robert E. Farley Organization has rented the house of Mary Ammory Green of Croton, N. Y., to Walter Fuller of New York city.

RENTALS AT RIDGEWOOD, N. J.

S. S. Walstrum-Gordon & Fornan have leased furnished for the summer at Ridgewood, N. J., for Mrs. Josephine W. Thayer her residence on Crest road to Kilburn Powers of Brooklyn; for Ira W. Travell to Mrs. Mary W. Simpson of Brooklyn 35 Highwood avenue, and for Mrs. Edwin F. Clark to Mrs. W. H. Gregory of Brooklyn 84 Walnut street.

BROKERS IN RECENT LEASE.

Herbert Hecht & Co. were the brokers in the recently reported leaks of the northeast corner of Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue to the Louis K. Liggett Company.

BUS SERVICE EXTENDED NORTH

After a four year fight by Washington Heights organizations for an extension of the bus service the system has been extended to Fort George. The first buses over the new route left Washington Square at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and made the trip to St. Nicholas avenue and 194th street.

MANHATTAN BUILDINGS.

BROADWAY, n e cor 184th st, for a 2 sty stores and garage, 25x119; W Hutton Jr, 68 Northern av, owner; W H Temple, 491 W 149th st, architect; cost.....$5,000

RESULTS AT AUCTION.

[AT 14 VESEY STREET.]

By Joseph P. Day.

8TH AV, 871, n w cor 52d st, 22.5x80, 4 sty tnt and str—Franklin Savings Bank agt Wm Cahill et al; due, $41,990.82; taxes, &c, $1,899.82; adjourned to July 25.

92D ST, 59 W, n a, 445 e Columbus av, 20x100.8, 3 sty dwlg—Trustees of Fund for Aged Infirm Clergymen of Protestant Episcopal Church agt P S Ketterer et al; due, $13,577.75; taxes, &c, $256.00; to the plaintiff $12,500

By Arthur C. Sheridan.

CANAL ST, 164-68, s w cor Elizabeth st, 47x100x34x irreg, 6 sty bldg—E D De Belzedon and ano, trus, agt Margt Schrenkeiser et al; due, $91,732.81; taxes, &c, $30.16; to plaintiff....$75,000

[AT 2205 THIRD AVENUE.]

By Joseph P. Day.

MORRIS AV, 780, e s, 50 s 158th st, 25x101.10 to Park av x27.9x89.2, 3 and 2 sty bldgs—Harlem Savings Bank agt M J. Broderick et al; due, $5,875.93; taxes, &c, $205.84; to plaintiff....$4,500

By George Price.

NELSON AV, s e cor 179th st, 24.6x100, vacant—City of New York agt Margt McCarthy et al; due, $3,772.67; taxes, &c, $1,311.14; to plaintiff.....$320

By James J. Donovan.

CAULDWELL AV, 806, e s, 74.9 n 158th st, 22.6x88.2, 4 sty dwlg—Harry Meyer agt Wolf Burland et al; due, $8,827.17; taxes, &c, $962; to plaintiff.....$1,000

By Joseph A. Jo.

FORDHAM ROAD, 852 E, s s, 26 e Lorillard pl, 21x102, 2 sty dwlg—Harlem Savings Bank agt A S Connolly et al; due, $4,520.68; taxes, &c, $393.72; to plaintiff $4,000

SATISFIED MECHANICS' LIENS.

Manhattan.

116TH ST, 420 W—Welsh Machine Works agt Seerun Society et al, April 12, 1917 .....$868.90

19TH ST, n s, 50 w 4th av—Dragonetti Bros agt N Y Municipal Ry Corp et al, June 15, 1917 .....$410.08

BROADWAY, 1483—Daniel M Rader et al agt Webster Iron Works et al, Sept 11, 1916 .....$210

Bronx.

NEEDHAM AV, 1461—Joseph Balletta agt Antonio Ceretta et al, Aug 22, 1916.$1,85

TRANSACTIONS RECORDED.

TRANSFERS.

(With names and address of lender and attorney. If lender's name is omitted address party of the first part.)

Downtown.

(South of Fourteenth street.)

WATER ST, 88, s e s, 102.7 n e from s e cor Broad st, 28.7x80.7—Elbridge T Gerry to J W Becherer, 25 Midwood st, Bklyn, July 3; attys, Harris & T, 255 Bway .....$1.

WEST BROADWAY, s e s, 80 s Worth st, runs s 100 to n s Thomas st x e 200x n 100x e — to w e Church st x n 30 to s e Worth st x w 275.1 to West Bway x s 80 to beg—H B Claflin Corpn to Claflins, Inc, 224 Church st, mtg $450,000, July 10; attys, Patterson, B G & D, 128 Bway $1

MOTT ST, 63, w s, 125 n Bayard st, 25x100—Herbert Baum to the Mottdel Realty & Leasing Co, 887 Madison av, b and s, c e s, all liens, July 10; attys, Moss, M & W, 233 Bway $100

ESSEX ST, 25, n w s, at s w s Hester st, 25x42.6—Meyer Greenberg to Israel Mursin, 48 Henry st, mtg $44,500, July 10 .....$1

ORCHARD ST, 49, —x— —Wolf Nadler to the Public Stables, Inc, 299 Bway, June 5; atty, A Gutterman, 49 Orchard st.$100

MONROE ST, 171, n s, 139.8 w Montgomery st, 27.10x100x32.10x100—Albert H Petersen to Peter J White, 239 W 105th st, mtg $25,000, June 22; atty, Wm P Adams, 59 Broad st $1

STANTON ST, 70, s s, 50 e Clinton st, 25x75—Fannie Dublin to Marie Kahrs, 1492 Edgewater rd, mtg $15,100, all liens, July 10 .....$1

PITT ST, 12, w s, 175.8 s Grand st, 25.8x125—Joe Spyber to Cisch Realty Corpn, 299 Bway, July 11; atty, Samuel Schack, 299 Bway $1

HOUSTON ST, 26 W, n s, 50 w Mercer st, 25x105 (foreclos July 5, 1917)—Irving Washburn, ref, to Bond & Mtg Guar Co, 175 Remsen st, Bklyn, July 10; atty, Title Guar & T Co, 176 Bway.....$27,500

East Side.

(East of Fifth avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

58TH ST, n s, 220 w 2d av, 25x100.5—Lawyers Mort Co to Susanna Van Der Horst, 238 E 52d st, July 10; atty, Title Guar & T Co, 176 Bway $100

65TH ST, s E, s s, 175 e 5th av, 42x100.5; 64th st, n s, 175 e 5th av, 42x100.5—Mary T Hill, 240 Summit av, St Paul, Minn, widow Jas J Hill, to United Securities Co, St Paul, Minn, et al, June 28; atty, Lawyers Title & T Co, 160 Bway, 12 deeds each $1

65TH ST, s E, s s, 175 e 5th av, 42x100.5—United Securities Co to Brooklyn Improvement Co, 44 Wall st, July 6; atty, Lawyers T & T Co, 160 Bway $1

AVENUE A, 1361, s e, 76.5 s 72d st, 25.1x100—Frank Lutter et al to Wenzel Lutter, 1261 Av A, b and s, c s, July 10; atty, Jno A Stolba, 405 E 75th st.$1

West Side.

(West of Fifth avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

18TH ST, n s, 206 w 9th av, 21x92—Jos W Keller to Elvmo Realty Co, 59 Liberty st, b and s, July 10; atty, Lawyers Mort Co, 59 Liberty st....$100

24TH ST, 136 W, s s, 325 e 7th av, 25x98.9 (foreclos July 5, 1917)—Arthur Cohen, ref, to Lawyers Mort Co, 59 Liberty st $110,000

117TH AV, e s, 24.9 s 26th st, 24.8x100—Philip Stevenson to Chas Shortmeier, Tottenville, S I, and ano, July 10; atty, Deyo & B, 111 Bway $1

37TH ST, 222-24 W, s s, 275 w 7th av, 37.6x98.9—Irma B Weiss to W Forbes Morgan, Jr, trustee, 52 W 9th st; atty, Title Guar & T Co, 176 Bway $1

ST NICHOLAS AV, 580—Gordon Bros agt Treblig Realty & Construction Co, owner and contractor $117.55

12TH ST, 413 E—Wright & Brown agt Y Ice Co, Inc, owner; Burling Engineering & Construction Co, con'ctor.$1,241.57

160TH ST, 646 to 664 W—Marcus E Cummings agt Homo Construction Co, Inc, owner; Moskowitz & Linder, contractors $2,960.47

160TH ST, 646 to 652 W—Anton Larson & Son, Inc, agt Homo Construction Co, owner and contractor.....$200

Bronx.

181ST ST, 267 E—Frank Scolaro agt Ensign Improvement Co, owner and contractor $1

183D ST, s w cor Morris av, 48.1x106.7—Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg Corpn agt 183d St & Morris Av Corpn, owner; Samuel C. Allsopp contractor.$2,325.83

VALENTINE AV, n w cor 181st st, 67.8x185—Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg Corpn agt Ensign Improvement Co, owner; James B Smith, contractor...$1,589.56

VALENTINE AV, n w cor 181st st, 62x100—A Filippi Co agt Ensign Improvement Co, owner and contractor....$350

178TH ST, 856 E—F McManus & Bros agt Boulevard Holding Co, Inc, and John Doe, owners; Boulevard Holding Co, Inc, contractor $411.31

LIS PENDENS.

Manhattan.

70TH ST, 218-224 W—Estate of Charles F Hoffman agt Directors Realty Holding Co et al (foreclosure of mortgage); attys, Middlebrook & Borland.

23D ST, 418 W—Farmers Loan & Trust Co agt Vera S Cushman et al (foreclosure of mortgage); attys, Geller, Rolston & Horan.

114TH ST, 231 E—Cornelia H Hughes agt Louisa Garofalo et al (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, A J McClure.

107TH ST, 232 E—Louise Sands agt Simone Fortunato et al (foreclosure of mortgage); attys, Middlebrook & Borland.

MADISON AV, 1659—Minnie M Herrman agt Frances Bernstein et al (amended foreclosure of mortgage); attys, Studin & Sonnenberg.

MADISON AV, n e cor 89th st, 100.8x85.11—Realty Co of America agt Jacob Emsheimer (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, B G Paskus.

11TH AV, n e cor 36th st, 24.9x100—Obermeyer & Liebman agt Felix McKenna et al (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, M J Weinstein.

Bronx.

WASHINGTON AV, w s, 165 s 171st st, 37.6x140.1—East River Savings Institution agt Bertha Becker et al (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, O F Hibbard.

TO BOOM VIRGIN ISLES' TRADE.

Bill Would Extend U. S. Customs Laws to New Possessions.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Extension of the United States customs revenue laws to the Virgin Islands (Danish West Indies) and use of the net revenue so collected for the benefit of the island Government was proposed in a draft of a bill submitted to the House to-day by Secretary McAdoo. He said he believed the extension would stimulate markets for the products of the island.

Wallace on Rock Island Board.

James N. Wallace, president of the Central Trust Company, was elected a director of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company at the directors' meeting yesterday. He succeeds E. D. Hulbert, who resigned.

Hopkins & Allen Holders Organize.

BOSTON, July 11.—Stockholders of the Hopkins & Allen Arms of Norwich, Conn., which went into the hands of a receiver recently, met here to-day and elected a committee to protect their interests.

DECISION TO SAVE STATE $15,000,000

Reynolds Company Loses Fight for Under Water Lands Taken for Canal.

HUGHES MEETS DEFEAT

Verdict of $1,283,219 Quashed and Case Sent to the Claims Court.

ALBANY, July 11.—Annulling the largest judgment ever recovered against the State of New York, the Court of Appeals to-day laid down principles affecting the value of lands under water which will save the State a sum estimated in excess of $15,000,000.

The decision was made in the case of the First Construction Company of Brooklyn, which claimed to be the absolute owners of lands under water in Gowanus Bay taken for barge canal purposes and upon this contention was awarded $1,081,111, with interest for two years, a total recovery of $1,283,219.

Hughes Meets First Defeat.

By this decision former Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes experienced his first defeat since returning to the practice of law. Mr. Hughes was retained to argue the case in the Court of Appeals. He was opposed by Sanford W. Smith, First Deputy Attorney-General, who handled the case for the State.

Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis, who carried the case from the lower courts, pointed out to-night that the decision would affect the value of all the lands under water taken by the State for barge canal purposes in the vicinity of New York city, where fourteen terminals are to be located. The value of these lands in a large number of cases is in litigation.

The First Construction Company, of which former Senator William H. Reynolds is president, claimed ownership of all the lands taken by the State by virtue of legislative grants made prior to 1884. The old board of claims sustained this claim to the extent of 1,443,022 square feet and allowed the company compensation at the rate of 75 cents a square foot.

Sent Back to Lower Court.

The Court of Appeals holds that this was error; that the company was the owner of only a small portion and as to the rest had secured from the State only the right to acquire title by filling in the lands under water, which had never been done, although thirty years had elapsed since the right was granted.

The court further holds that failure to comply with the conditions of the grant requiring filling in rendered the company liable to forfeiture for nonuse, and that the compensation to be awarded should be measured by the value of such right or franchise and not upon the theory that the company was the absolute owner of the property.

The case is sent back to the court of claims to determine what compensation, if any, the claimant is entitled to on the theory laid down by the Court of Appeals.

BELL SYSTEM LOSES BIG UNIT.

Chicago Judge Orders Central Union to Operate Independently.

CHICAGO, July 11.—The Central Union Telephone Company, operating in Illinois outside of Chicago and in Indiana and Ohio outside of Cleveland and Cincinnati and deriving a yearly business of $9,600,000 from its 370,000 stations, has been divorced from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and all stock held in the C. U. T. Company by the A. T. and T. Company has been ordered sold at public auction. Henceforth it will operate as a separate, independent company.

This was brought about to-day by a decree entered by Judge William E. Dever of the Cook county Supreme Court as a result of the action brought against the Central Union company et al. by William A. Read et al. The court holds that the Bell system is a monopoly and has been ever since its establishment. The decree orders that all notes of the C. U. T. held by the A. T. and T. amounting to more than $40,000,000, be surrendered and cancelled. It holds that all stockholding of the A. T. and T. Company in the C. U. T. Company is illegal and void and orders it sold at auction. The A. T. and T. Company is prohibited from bidding for or buying in this stock. The court orders an accounting against the A. T. and T. for wrongful diversions of business, for unfair treatment in payment of so-called originating commission, for the A. T. and T.'s conduct in handling leased wire business, for the diversion of tolls on messages handled jointly by both companies and for expenses incurred by the C. U. T. in redeeming the $6,000,000 of its matured bonds in 1912 without any proper reason therefor.

The court holds that the A. T. and T. Company must share with the C. U. T. Company the losses incurred by the latter through the fight made by it on behalf of the entire Bell system and against the independent telephone companies operating in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

RAILROAD EARNINGS GROW.

Western Lines Show Biggest Gains for Month of May.

WASHINGTONA July 11.—Reports of 178 of the principal railroads of the United States to the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day showed that despite heavy increases in expenditures earnings had increased in May, 1917, more than $3,500,000 over May, 1916. These roads earned in May, 1916, $101,169,248; in 1917, $104,721,377. Eastern roads showed a decrease in earnings, which was more than offset by increases for both the Southern and Western roads.

May earnings for Eastern railroads in 1916 were $45,590,116; for May, 1917, $41,246,770. Southern roads increased from $15,158,713 to $15,717,557. Western roads showed a gain from $40,425,419 to $47,757,050.

HAVRE COTTON 'CHANGE OPENS.

Closed Since Prices Jumped Alarmingly on June 22.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, July 11.—The Havre cotton exchange, closed June 22 by ministerial decree, is to be reopened. No further official action will be taken without the approbation of the Havre Chamber of Commerce. This will hold good until after the war.

The exchange was closed following an extraordinary jump in prices.

Resigns From Lackawanna.

John H. Bessel, general paymaster of the Lackawanna Railroad in Hoboken, resigned yesterday after fifty years continuous service. Ill health is said to be the cause for the resignation. As his successor the company named Assistant Paymaster F. N. Hallsted.

B. R. T. CAR CASE UP TO-DAY.

Court to Decide on Order for Added Equipment.

Whether the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company will be forced to change its present attitude and comply with the order of the Public Service Commission to purchase 250 new cars will be argued to-day in Part I. of the Supreme Court. William L. Ransom, chief counsel for the commission, and George D. Yeomans, for the B. R. T., will be the opposing counsel.

The commission ordered the company to buy the cars on February 8 last. The company refused to submit to it and secured a writ of certiorari to review the action of the commission. The motion which will be argued to-day will be for the dismissal of the writ.

Commissioner Whitney said that from complaints and investigations made by the commission it was found that the continuous overcrowding of the surface cars in Brooklyn was resulting in intolerable conditions threatening the health and safety of the travelling public, "and that the company was absolutely prevented from improving their car service by reason of the lack of rolling equipment—that a substantial part of the cars were very small, antiquated and inadequate for the needs of the travelling public."

Court of Appeals Adjourns.

ALBANY, July 11.—The Court of Appeals adjourned to-day for the summer recess until October 1.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

BEEVES—Receipts, 1,568 head, including 17 cars for the market, of which 10 cars were steers. On very light receipts trade was active and steers advanced 15@25c.; bulls and cows steady to a fraction higher. Steers sold at $10.80@12.15 per 100 lbs.; no real choice do. on sale; bulls, $7@9.75; 1 extra do., $11; cows, $4.50@8.85; one do., $9.25. Dressed beef firm; native sides, 15½@17½c. per lb.; some fancy beef exceeding quotations.

Sales—McPherson & Co.: 17 Pennsylvania steers, 1,256 lbs. average, at $12.15 per 100 lbs.; 22, 1,189, $12.75; 17, 1,151, $12.60; 31, 1,152, $12.25; 20 Virginia, 1,123, $11.70; 20 Ohio, 1,158, $11.30; 1 bull, 1,360, $11; 1, 1,320, $8.80; 1 cow, 1,090, $9.25; 1, 961, $8.25; 2, 970, $7; 5, 780, $5.75; 4, 695, $4.75. Kerns Commission Company: 20 Virginia steers, 1,279, $12.75; 23, 1,047, $11.40; 2 bulls, 1,065, $7.65. Tobin & Shannon: 20 Ohio steers, 1,169, $11.75; 2 cows, 760, $4.75. J. Shamberg & Son: 21 Ohio steers, 1,214, $12.25; 20, 1,099, $11.75. c. Sanders: 1 bull, 1,980, $9.75; 2, 1,495, $8.60; 5, 1,052, $8; 2, 1,075, $7.50; 2 cows, 1,060, $8.75; 8, 1,172, $8.60; 2, 1,116, $5.50. S. Judd & Co.: 4 bulls, 950, $8.10; 2 cows, 790, $5.85. Jelliffe, Wright & Co.: 12 bulls, 737, $7; 8 cows, 558, $4.65. J. G. Curtis & Son: 2 bulls, 1,595, $8.25; 2, 1,105, $8; 2, *1,050, $7.85; 5, 916, $7.50; 2, 1,135, $7; 2 cows, 725, $7.

CALVES—Receipts, 2,350 head; 1,970 on sale. Demand good and prices steady. The pens were cleared. Common to prime veals sold at $13@18.50 per 100 lbs.; culls and throwouts, $10@12.50; skim milks and fed calves, $10@11. City dressed veals moderately active at 20@24½c. per lb.; country dressed, 14@23c.

Sales—J. G. Curtis & Son: 280 veals, 157 lbs. average, $16.50 per 100 lbs.; 7, 151, $16; 35, 139, $15; 10, 163, $14; 12 18 lbs., $15.50; 13 culls, 116, $12; 17 skim milks, 185, $11; 32, 182, $10.50; 150 various weights, $10.50@16.50. John T. Dreslan: 242 veals, 161, $16.50; 26, 157, $16.25; 20, 165, $15.75; 10, 171, $15; 13, 105, $14.50; 1 milked, 100, $12.50; 22, 148, $11.50; 22 skim milks, 158, $10.50. W. R. Hume: 76 veals, 144, $16.50; 13, 130, $16.25; 4, 102, $13; 10 culls, 121, $12; 3, 98, $11. Andrew Matten: 2 veals, 120, $16.50; 3, 133, $15; 7, 155, $13.50. Jelliffe, Wright & Co.: 4 veals, 117, $16; 2, 120, $15; 7 culls, 138, $10. S. Judd & Co.: 20 veals, 145, $16.25; 120, 130, $16; 38, 183, $15.75; 14 mixed, 180, $11; 38 grassers and skim milks, 175, $10.50. Kerns Commission Company: 101 veals, 150, $16.50; 20 skim milks, 142, $11; 5 calves, 140, $10. Tobin & Shannon: 28 veals, 142, $16.25; 32 Virginia, 158, $15.75; 4 culls, 112, $12; 20 mixed, 181, $11; 8 Sanders: 9 veals, 148, $16.50; 76, 145, $16.25; 44, 146, $16; 32, 137, $15; 8 skim milks, 142, $11. McPherson & Co.: 6 veals, 143, $16.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,623 head 8 cars on sale. Sheep unchanged; lambs slow and weak to a fraction lower. Sheep sold at $7@10 per 100 lbs.; lambs, $14@17.25. Dressed mutton steady at 13@17c. per lb.; dressed lambs at 18@24c.; a few choice hog dressed do., 25c.

Sales—Newton & Co.: 224 Kentucky lambs, 73 lbs. average, $17.25 per 100 lbs.; 246, 61, $16; 12 sheep, 136, $9. Kerns Commission Co.: 215 Pennsylvania lambs, 73, $17; 221, 64, $16.75; 116, Maryland, 66, $16.50; 15 Ohio, 76, $16.50; 7, 52, $14; 94 Virginia, 83, $11; 8 sheep, 122, $10; 24, 80, $9; 15, 83, $7. Tobin & Shannon: 236 Kentucky lambs, 75, $16.75; 372 Virginia, 76, $16.87½; 29, 68, $15.50; 7 Kentucky sheep, 145, $8; 6 Virginia, 82, $8. S. Judd & Co.: 6 State lambs, 60, $16; 5 sheep, 103, $7.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,340 head; one car on sale. Market steady to 25c. lower. Reported sales of prime medium to fairly heavy weights, $16 per 100 lbs.; roughs, $14.

Sales—S. Judd & Co.: 49 Pennsylvania hogs, 187 lbs. average, $16 per 100 lbs.; 5 State, 224, $16; 5 roughs, 287, $14. Kerns Commission Co.: 8 State hogs, 225, $16; 2 Pennsylvania, 150, $16; 5 roughs, 240, $14.

Other Cities' Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; weak at 5c. above yesterday's average. Bulk, $14.50@15.80; light, $14@15.40; mixed, $14@15.65; heavy, $14.10@15.70; rough, $14.15@14.40; pigs, $10.75@13.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; unsettled. Native beef cattle, $8.40@14; stockers and feeders, $6.30@9.50; cows and heifers, $4.40@11.80; calves, $10@15.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; weak. Wethers, $7.75@11; ewes, $7@9.25; lambs, $10@15.75.

ST. LOUIS, July 11.—Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; lower. Lights, $14.75@15.30; pigs, $10@14.50; mixed and butchers, $14.75@15.55; good heavy, $15.40@15.60; bulk, $14.85@15.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 5,400; higher; Southern cattle higher. Native beef steers, $7.50@12.85; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@13.50; cows, $4@10.50; stockers and feeders, $6@9.50; Texas quarantine steers, $5.50@9.50; prime Southern beef steers, $8@12.35; beef cows and heifers, $4.25@9; prime yearling steers and heifers, $7.50@10; native calves, $6@14.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,800; steady. Lambs, $14.50@15.80; ewes, $5@9; canners, $4@5; choppers, $6@8.50.

KANSAS CITY, July 11.—Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; higher. Bulk, $14.75@15.50; heavy, $15.50@15.70; packers and butchers, $15@15.50; lights, $14.50@15.30; pigs, $13@14.

Cattle—Receipts, 9,000, including 600 Southerns; higher. Prime fed steers, $12.50@18.85; dressed beef steers, $9.50@12.85; Southern steers, $6.75@11.75; cows, $5.75@10; heifers, $7.50@12.50; stockers and feeders, $6.50@9.50; bulls, $6.50@8; calves, $7@14.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,400; steady. Lambs, $14.75@15.80; yearlings, $10@11.50; wethers, $8.50@10; ewes, $8@9.35.

PITTSBURG, July 11.—Cattle—Steady; supply light. Choice, $11.50@12; prime, $12.50@13.

Sheep—Steady; supply light. Prime wethers, $10@10.50; cull and common, $4.50@6; lambs, $11@16; veal calves, $15@15.50.

Hogs—Lower; receipts, 10 double decks. Prime heavies and mediums, $15.70@15.75; heavy yorkers, $15.50@15.70; light yorkers, $15@15.25; pigs, $14.50@15; roughs, $13.50@14.

EAST BUFFALO, July 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; steady.

Veals—Receipts, 200; active and strong, $5@16.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,600; slow; heavy, $15.90@16; mixed, $15.85@15.90; yorkers, $15.75@15.85; light yorkers, $15.25@15.50; pigs, $15@15.25; roughs, $13.85@14; stags, $12@12.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 200; active and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, July 11.—Hogs—Receipts, 3,300; steady. Packers and butchers, $15@15.65; common to choice, $10@15.55; pigs and lights, $11@15; stags, $8@12.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 1,100; active; steers, $7@11.50; heifers, $6@11.50; cows, $5.75@9; calves strong, $6@14.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,200; steady, $3@8.25. Lambs weak, $7@16.

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