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pole and lamp post should replace those that now encumber the Main Thoroughfare in the City of Detroit. At that time the illumination should also be increased; as the lighting in Woodward Avenue is about the minimum permissible; is entirely adequate ten years ago, but not commensurate to the needs of present day traffic. The greatest expense will be involved in installing proper lighting in the Dix-Waterloo Highway. Adding to this the cost of the improved lighting in Woodward Avenue will add \$1,251,000.00 to be eventually expended for street lighting, or a total of \$3,576,000.00.

The tentative plans of the Public Lighting Commission to provide for the needs of the City of Detroit in this direction is the following:

For the last ten years, the average of the annual appropriations received for extensions of street lighting; extensions of service to public buildings; for substation buildings and for other minor projects (not including the new power plant), has been \$464,719.00. Of this amount about \$150,000 has been the average annually expended for improving the lighting in the principal streets.

Ordinance No. 142-B requires the removal of overhead wires from such principal streets by not later than January 1st, 1934. To do this within the required time will necessitate an average annual appropriation of \$125,000.00. The Public Lighting Commission believes that another \$100,000.00 should be appropriated annually for the purpose of improving the lighting in some of the main thoroughfares. If appropriations in the amounts specified may be secured, then the Commission can carry the program outlined to completion within a period of ten years. During this period, if it is found that there are individual locations at which the lighting is so inadequate as to result in an actual hazard, some additional lamps may be added to the installations now in service. If, however, appropriations can be allowed in larger amounts, then all of the work outlined may be completed within a shorter period.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. Mistersky, General Superintendent,  
General order for Friday, Feb. 27.

#### From the City Election Commission

February 18, 1925.

To the Honorable the Common Council:  
Gentlemen:—In response to advertisements the following proposals were received for printing, numbering, padding, boxing and delivering 300,000 city office and

amendment ballots for the March 4, 1925, Primary Election:  
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., \$2.25 per M.  
Douglas Printing Co., \$2.75 per M.  
Williams & Houghton, \$3.00 per M.

The Peninsular Press, \$3.33 per M.  
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract and the confirmation of your Honorable Body is hereby requested.

Respectfully,  
RICHARD LINDSAY,  
Chairman,

By Councilman Dingeman:

Resolved, That the contract between the City Election Commission and Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., covering the printing, numbering, etc., of city office and amendment ballots for the March 4, 1925, primary election, at \$2.25 per M, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Broderick, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Murphy, Nagel, Stevenson and the President.—9.

Nays—None.

#### From the Recorder's Court

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a Jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening and widening of Madison Avenue from Randolph Street to Gratiot Avenue, where not already widened, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening, Thursday, May 1st, 1924, which was confirmed by the Court, Saturday, January 31st, 1925.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,  
CHARLES W. CASGRAIN,  
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### From the Department of Parks and Boulevards

February 18, 1925.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Referring to the Controller's letter of February 13, enclosing financial statement for period ending January 31, 1925.

This matter has given me considerable concern during the past two months. The work of checking up funds to see that division heads keep within their appropriations is a matter that was delegated to the Secretary and General