

city. The necessity for this, we hope to have clearly understood, is, we believe, not because persons of equal or even better ability do not reside within the city limits, but because the best in each of the several lines of work are more often employed in this thriving community than in some other communities where industrial activity does not keep pace with like activities here. Therefore, people of ability in the several lines in other communities are much more apt to be open for positions than are people of the better grade in their respective lines in this city.

PENSIONS:

In the matter of pensions, we desire to call your attention to the fact that this Commission is administering the Pension Law, as provided by Chapter 5, Title 9, of the City Charter. One of the tables hereinafter set out deals with this question of pensions in figures. Just what this pension law will eventually cost the City is an unknown quantity at the present time, and this Commission desires to call attention to the fact that in its report as far back as 1922, it recommended that a Committee of Actuaries be appointed to study and report to your Honorable Body a system of equitable pensions. We still believe that that would be advantageous to the City and to the service.

RELATION WITH DEPARTMENTS:

We are again pleased to report to your Honorable Body that the relations of this Commission with the several departments continues to be most cordial. In general, we have received most hearty co-operation, to the end that the administration of all of the provisions of the City Charter may result in the highest degree of benefit possible to the community.

RELATION WITH THE PUBLIC:

It is also a pleasure to report that our relations with the general public are most cordial and that we receive from individuals, societies and many of the institutions of learning of the city and state, most cordial and efficient help in the conduct of professional and technical examinations that we find ourselves required to give. One of the tables hereinafter set out shows the citizens of high standing who have assisted us, and also, the co-operation of the several departments in the conduct of examinations.

On the whole, we are glad to report that the year just past has been notable in that the number of people requisitioned to carry on this work has been decreased but the quality of work has been increased. This, we believe, points to at least a measure of success attained in the efforts of this Commission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Per ROBERT J. WOJCINSKI,
President.

For report, see file of Council proceedings of this date.
Accepted and placed on file.

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 Santa Maria Avenue, from Fairfield Avenue to Wyoming Avenue, where not already opened and widened as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Tuesday, January 15th, 1929, which was confirmed by the Court Saturday, January 19th, 1929.

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

Respectfully,
CHAS. W. CASGRAIN,
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

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 the Petition of the City of Detroit for additional land for the enlarging of the William C. Stoepel Park site, Recreation or other Municipal Bldgs. to be thereon constructed: Located in the blocks south of West Chicago Avenue and between Asbury Park Avenue and Grandmont Avenue, for the use or benefit of the public, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Monday, December 31st, 1928, which was confirmed by the Court Saturday, January 19th, 1929.

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

Respectfully,
CHAS. W. CASGRAIN,
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Detroit House of Correction
January 23, 1929.
To the Honorable, the Common Council.

Gentlemen—The Board of Commissioners of the Detroit House of Correction, respectfully request your ap-