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on January 21st, 1921, in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment unanimously deciding to set aside \$2,500,000 for the purpose of providing The Bronx with this new structure. An additional appropriation of \$750,000 was later authorized, making for a total appropriation available of \$3,250,000.

It is estimated that the new hospital will cost, when completed and equipped, in the vicinity of \$3,225,000.

Since early in 1921, our Board of Trade continually co-operated with Commissioner Coler, whose Department will have supervision over the hospital, and the architect, Mr. Charles B. Meyers, in many angles of the work of preparing the plans, etc., for this structure, which will be a monument to The Bronx and to the Greater City of New York.

LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Another civic victory of great import to The Bronx was registered in November for The Bronx Board of Trade and other civic bodies who rallied to the defense of the South Bronx and its hospital facilities, when, in accordance with a resolution approved by the Board of Estimate in June, the City of New York took over the buildings, equipment and grounds belonging to LINCOLN HOSPITAL, paying to the Board of Managers of Lincoln Hospital the sum of \$750,000.

Justice Lydon, sitting in The Bronx Supreme Court, signed an order on October 31st, permitting the Board of Managers of Lincoln Hospital to dispose of the institution for this sum.

At a meeting of the Committee of the whole of the Board of Estimate held on Thursday, November 12th, an appropriation of \$750,000 in tax notes was approved, to carry out the City's obligation under the contract to purchase.

The Board of Estimate approved of the Committee's recommendation at its meeting on Friday, November 13th, and the transaction was closed on the following day. The City takes over the operation of the Hospital on January 1st, 1926.

It is the intention of the Board of Managers of Lincoln Hospital to build a Nurses' School on the block East of the Hospital, fronting on Southern Boulevard, which they own, and a contract is to be entered into whereby nursing service will be furnished to Lincoln Hospital in the same manner as the Bellevue Nurses' School furnishes nursing service to Bellevue Hospital.

About two years ago, the Board of Managers of Lincoln Hospital realized that the Hospital, with nearly 70 per cent City (charity) cases, was steadily losing money to such an extent that eventually it would have to close its doors, unless its income should be increased.

Then, to add to the burden, the State Board of Regents issued an order requiring that a separate Nurses' Home be built for the institution.

The expenditure that would be involved was entirely too much for the Board of Managers of Lincoln Hospital, which is also a Home for aged colored folks, to assume, and legislation was introduced at Albany which empowered the Board of Managers to sell the institution to the City of New York.

The Bronx Board of Trade, aware of conditions, immediately supported that legislation, and thereafter consistently kept up a vigorous campaign to preserve the fine facilities given to the South Bronx by Lincoln Hospital, finally seeing the proposition through to a successful culmination in November.

The Board desires to acknowledge the splendid co-operation of Hon. Henry Bruckner, Borough President; Hon. Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, whose department will have supervision over Lincoln Hospital as a City Institution; Alderman Edward W. Curley; the Rotary Club of The Bronx; The Bronx Lions' Club, and The Bronx Grand Jurors' Association, all of whom worked shoulder to shoulder with us to prevent the threatened closing of the hospital.

THE BRAND CONCOURSE

During the past year, the Special Committee on GRAND CONCOURSE continued to function relative to the further development of what has now become one of the World's best-known boulevards.

We are pleased to report that the TRANSVERSE ROAD, at Fordham Road, which carries the center roadway under Fordham Road, a project which had the fullest possible support of our Board of Trade, is now in use, and is considerably helping traffic conditions at that congested intersection.

NEW YORK AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB STADIUM

We are pleased to note that the management of the New York American League Baseball Club, the "Yankees", have decided to complete the YANKEE STADIUM, at 161st Street and River Avenue, so that in 1926 seating accommodations will be provided for from 85,000 to 90,000 people, a larger capacity than that of the Yale Bowl, which at the present time is the country's largest stadium.

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The Yankee Stadium, with this immense seating capacity, will not only be able to take care of everyone wanting to see a baseball game during the summer season, but also it will be possible to seat all of the spectators at the important football games.

Our congratulations to Colonel Jacob Ruppert and his associates on their enterprise, which will give to The Bronx the largest outdoor gathering place in the United States.

REFUSE DESTRUCTORS

The Board continued to do what it could during the past year to abate the nuisances caused by the burning of refuse and rubbish on Riker's Island, in the East River, and succeeded to a certain extent, but there is still cause for some complaint.

A certain amount of nuisance will continue to exist until the City has in operation the REFUSE AND RUBBISH DESTRUCTORS (INCINERATORS) which it proposes to build in the various Boroughs.

Two of these Destructors are now in operation, one on the lower west side of Manhattan, and the second at 139th Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, near the Harlem River waterfront, while others are soon to be built in other sections.

It is understood that there will be at least six of these Destructors in the Borough of The Bronx, each to serve a certain fixed area, so that all of the refuse and rubbish originating in that area each day will be destroyed with the following twenty-four hours.

The Board also gave its attention to the LAND DUMPS in the various parts of The Bronx, and did what it could to eliminate nuisances affecting the areas neighboring on these dumps.

The City has not as yet adopted any final system for GARBAGE disposal but experiments have been under way for nearly five years at a plant on Welfare Island, and it is understood that a report covering the operations of this experimental plant will soon be prepared.

Meanwhile, a limited amount of garbage is incinerated at the aforementioned Rubbish Destructors, with no odor or nuisance arising from such incineration.