

St. Paul, Minnesota, November 28th, 1908.

Honorable John A. Johnson,
Governor of the State of Minnesota,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned, appointed by you under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 281 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota, for the year 1897, for the purpose of acquiring lands for the extension, enlargement and beautifying of the new State Capitol Building, in the City of St. Paul, respectfully beg leave to report as follows:-

There was available for the purpose of purchasing additional grounds to enlarge and render more symmetrical the grounds of the State Capitol, the sum of Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000.) Dollars, for the year 1907, and the further sum of Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000.) Dollars, for the year 1908. Pursuant to call, the members of the Commission met upon the 16th day of July, 1907, and determined by resolution upon the purchase of the property hereinafter named, a copy of which resolution is hereto attached, and made part of this report. This property has all been acquired by the Commission, deeds have been delivered to the State, and the proper vouchers have been certified to by the Commission, and the money paid to the owners.

Lots One(1) and Two(2), Block Three(3), Brewster's Addition, which was condemned because of the inability of the Commission and the owners to agree upon a price, cost the Commission the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five and 42/100 (\$10,865.42) Dollars. There was a defect in the title to Lot Nineteen(19), Block One(1), Wabasha Street Addition, and the sum of One Hundred (\$100.) Dollars was deducted from the agreed price for the purpose of assisting in registering the title under the Torrens system.

The total amount paid the owners and persons interested in all of the property purchased, amounted to One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-five and 42/100 (\$137,565.42)

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Dollars. Certain incidental expenses have been incurred, and there has been received from the sale of the buildings upon Lot 2, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition, the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Five (\$635.) Dollars. There is a balance now in the fund amounting to *(\$9808.45)*
Nine thousand eight hundred eight and 45/100 the dollars

At the time the Commission met and the money became available for the purchase of the property, it sought the services of the Attorney General to institute and carry on condemnation proceedings, examinations of title, and to take care of all of the ^{law} work of the Commission. It was informed by the Attorney General that the time of himself and of all his assistants was so completely taken up with the important matters then pending in his office that he would be unable to render the Commission the assistance needed, and required, and recommended that it select an attorney who would act under the direction of the Attorney General. The Commission thereafter selected Thomas McDermott, of St. Paul, and his appointment was approved by the Attorney General. His bill for services has been presented and has been approved by the Attorney General, the Governor and this Commission.

The balance remaining in the fund is not enough to enable the Commission to make any further purchases of property. If it is desired to proceed with the work which has been but begun, it will be necessary for the Legislature to appropriate a further sum with which to carry on this important work. In order to carry out the general scheme of rendering these grounds symmetrical and beautiful it is quite necessary that a proper fund be appropriated for the purchase of the school-building still remaining upon Block One(1), Wabasha Street Addition, known as the Madison School, and certain property situated south of the present grounds of the Capitol, and lying between Cedar Street and Block Four(4) Butman's Subdivision of Simpson's Addition. It is also quite important that eventually money be obtained for the

purchase of the property located at the northeasterly intersection of Wabasha Street and University Avenue, so that an unobstructed view of the Capitol Building may be had upon University Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis B. B. (sic) Pres.
W. Washburn
Frank O'Meara

St. Paul, Minn., 16th July, 1907

Meeting Capitol Grounds Commission.

Members present being Messrs. J.W. Lusk and W.D. Washburn, Jr., passed the following resolutions in connection with the purchase of additional lands for the improvement of the capitol grounds:

Resolved, that they should purchase the following descriptions of land for the consideration hereafter appended, upon each individual tract:

- Parcel One. Lot One, Block One, Wabasha Street Addition, \$6,000.
Parcel Two. Westerly One-Half of Lot Thirteen, all of Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and 11 feet of Lot 19, \$15,000.
Parcel Three. Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 20, and the south-eastly one-half of lots 13 and 19, \$20,000.
Parcel Four. Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Brewster's Addition, \$7,000.
Parcel Five. Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Brewster's Addition, \$8,000.
Parcel Six. Northerly 20 feet, Lot 2, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition, \$4,500.

It was furthermore resolved, that lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition, be contracted for by the commission, the consideration, \$30,000. to be payable from the second appropriation of \$75,000. available August 1st, 1908.

Furthermore resolved, that the following property should also be acquired, payable out of the second appropriation, August 1st, 1908,

Southerly 70 feet of lot 2, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition, \$36,400.

In case of acceptance of this offer by Ernst Albrecht, it is hereby agreed that he should be permitted to collect the rents on said property until August 1st, 1908.

Furthermore resolved, that the said first appropriation is made dependent upon examination and approval of all abstracts and endorsement by the Attorney General's office.

It is furthermore resolved, that condemnation proceedings be

taken at once to secure the following described property:-

Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Brewster's Addition. and the attorney general is hereby instructed to forthwith begin such proceedings,

Aug.1st,1907.	Received from State	\$75,000.
Aug.1st,1908	" " "	75,000.
Aug.7th,1908	Received from sale of building on Albrecht property,	635.
	Total	<u>\$150,635.00</u>

July 31st, 1907	Lots 5 & 6, Block 3, Brewster's Addition. . . .	\$8000.
July 31st, 1907	Lots 3 & 4, Block 3, "	7000.
July 31st, 1907	Lot 1, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition	6000.
Sept. 16, 07	Northerly 20 ft, Lot #2, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition	4500.00
Sept. 18, 07	Lot 6, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition,	4400.00
Sept. 18, 07	Lot 5, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition,	4400.00
Sept. 18, 07	Lots 3, 4, 7, 8, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition	21200.00
Aug. 12, 1907	W ¹ / ₂ Lots 13 and lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and part 19, Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition,	15,000.
Aug. 20, 1907	Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 20, and s.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lots 13, and 19, Block 1,	19,900.
July 17, 1908	Lot 2 (except south 70 ft.) Block 1, Wabasha Street Addition.	36,400.
July 31, 1908	Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Brewster's Addition, paid to Larkin heirs,	10,176.30
	Do, awarded to City,	696.80
	Attorneys fees.	2500.00
	Advertising.	58.32
	Recording deeds to property.	19.75
	Sundry expenses.	575.38

Total: — \$ 140,876.55

Balance Unexpended:—

\$ 9808.45

Have compared with record in this office
and found to be correct. S. S.

St Paul Nov 28. 1908.

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State Auditor