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OPINION.

cross the Reisterstown Turnpike, then a considerable cut will have to be made in the turnpike, in order to make these cross streets available. I also understand that a similar situation will arise in connection with other streets that cross the Reisterstown Turnpike, and perhaps other turnpikes also. The only situation, however, which is of present importance, is that concerning Orem Park Place and Auchentoroly Terrace.

168 Some years ago a general system of grades for all streets and proposed streets in the Annex was adopted; these grades, I understand, were established by the City Surveyor in connection, I believe, with the City Engineer's office. The aim of this work was, not so much to make proposed streets conform to existing grades, as it was to establish what was considered a good and proper system of grades for the Annex generally; therefore, when existing grades were considered bad they were re-established in a way that was thought proper.

2169 The Reisterstown Turnpike was considered to be badly graded, and from the profiles which Mr. Fendall has shown me, I think there is no doubt that this is so. Therefore, the grade of the Reisterstown Turnpike was re-established to conform to what the City officials thought it properly should be; this was done on September 5, 1906. The grades of Orem Park Place and Auchentoroly Terrace were also established, - not in conformity with the existing grade of the turnpike, but in conformity with the grade of the turnpike as re-established to what the City Surveyor thought it ought to be. Of course, the result of this is, that when it comes to actually grading these two cross streets, one of two things is necessary, - either: (1) the grade of the turnpike must be changed to the grade established for it; (2) or the grade established for the cross streets must be re-established so as to conform to the existing grade of the Turnpike.

7170 Mr. Atwood seemed to think that practically the latter course was the easiest and the best; Mr. Fendall, however, does not think so. His idea is, that in the establishment of grades, you must look to and consider the future, and that the best interests of the Annex require that the grades in it should be good and proper; and this means that the general system of grades already established should be