

File No. 25386 Continued.

The appropriations to which reference is made by Mr. Osborne are found in the back of appropriations for the following years as follows:

In the 1917 book, page 140, under the heading "List No. 2, New Improvements":

"Improvements to markets (to be expended only upon written order of Board of Estimates) -  
(9.233) ..... \$ 175,000.00"

In the 1918 book, page 162, under the heading "List No. 2, New Improvements":

"Improvements to markets (to be expended only upon written order of Board of Estimates) -  
(9.233) ..... \$ 30,000.00"

In the 1919 book, page 168, under the heading "List No. 2, New Improvements":

"Improvements to Markets (to be expended only upon written order of Board of Estimates)  
(9.233) ..... \$ 30,000.00"

You will notice that each one of these budgets also carries an item for repairs to markets under the heading "List No. 1, Expenses".

The large appropriation of \$175,000, made in the 1917 budget, was for extensive improvements or betterment as distinguished from repairs which were planned to some of the markets, especially, as I recall, to Lexington Market. This appropriation, like the appropriation of \$250,000 for new schools made in the budget for 1917, page 99, was not used because the War came on in April 1917, and put a stop to practically all public improvements. The Government drafted all the young men of the country, practically all of the mechanics and properly asserted the first claim of all material, and it became a matter of practical impossibility to build new schools or