\$2,500,000 REAL ESTATE SALE.

Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Has Disposed of Its Fifth Avenue Block—Secrecy About Buyer.

The block bounded by Fifth and Madison Avenues, Fifty-first and Fifty-second Streets, has been sold by the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum. The purchaser is a client of the firm of Richard M. Montgomery & Co., and the price is understood to have been \$2.500,000.

George D. Mackay, Chairman of the committee from the Trustees of the asylum having the sale in charge, would say nothing in regard to it beyond that negotiations had reached such a point that he could refer inquirers to Mr. Montgomery. The latter declined to give any clue as to the identity of the buyer, or even to admit that the transaction had been closed, but a remark made by him that "title to the property would probably pass from the hands of the asylum in the near future" may be regarded as conclusive.

Whether the buyer is a syndicate or an individual is not known. The asylum authorities have insisted on selling all of the block or no part of it, which makes it probable that the institution will give title to the entire parcel to some single representative of those who have agreed to take the various portions of it.

the various portions of it. The block measures 200 feet 10 inches on the avenues and 420 feet on either street. The property was bought by the asylum about 1850, and has since been the site of the building occupied by the male branch of the institution. The asylum's new site, a large tract at Fordham Heights, extending along Sedgwick Avenue southerly from King's Bridge Road, was bought about a year ago from the Burley estate for something over \$300,000, and the construction of the new buildings is now in progress.

BIG SUIT OVER REAL ESTATE.

Purchaser of Fifth Avenue Property, Sues to Recover \$100,000.

James B. Healy, a tailor of 205 Montague Street, Brooklyn, has brought suit in that borough against C. Grayson Martin, E. Clarence Martin, and Frank A. Barnaby to recover \$100,000. Barnaby is a real estate broker of 195 Montague Street, Brooklyn. Healy's action purports to be founded on a real estate transaction, in which property at Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street, Manhattan, is involved.

Healy claims to have bought the property in question through Barnaby and the Martins for \$350,000. He says that he paid \$250,000 in cash and the remaining \$100,000 in equities. The plaintiff alleges that he saw the owner of the property, W. G. Read, and that the latter told him that he had received \$250,000 in cash for the property, but denied that any equities were offered him in the making of the sale. Healy thereupon brought the present suit.

thereupon brought the present suit. Mr. Barnaby, when seen yesterday, said that he had been simply a broker in the matter, and that Mr. Healy had put up no money with his firm. Mr. Barnaby declared that an action brought by his firm against Healy last week to recover commissions and \$1,200 advanced to Healy for the purchase of the revenue stamps upon the papers in the transaction had probably displeased Mr. Healy, and led to the bringing of nis suit. Mr. Barnaby denied any responsibility in the matter and asserted that Mr. Healy had not lost a dollar.

MORE LAND FOR MR. CARNEGIE.

Takes Title to Four Pieces Adjoining His Fifth Avenue Property.

Andrew Carnegie took title yesterday to four pieces of property on the south side of Ninety-first Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues, having a frontage of 127 feet. The most westerly piece adjoins Mr. Carnegie's previous holdings on the Fifth Avenue front, and he now owns on the south side of Ninety-first Street a frontage of 352 feet from Fifth Avenue, running very nearly to the Madison Avenue corner.

The taking of title by Mr. Carnegie is the sequel to a number of transfers covering the same pieces of property which were record-

ed early in June. When he made his original purchase of the two block fronts on Fifth Avenue, from Ninetieth to Ninety-second Street, Mr. Carnegie was represented in the deal by Edward D. Cowman, who is associated with the law firm of Butler, Notman, Joline & Mynderse. Since that time there have been frequent rumors that Mr. Carnegie had increased his holdings, and when early in June the various owners of the four parcels already referred to conveyed one of them to Grant Notman, another to William H. Fain, and two to John F. Devlin—all of whom are in the offices of the law firm mentioned—real estate men generally read Andrew Carnegie between the lines, although nobody would admit that he was interested. Yesterday Messrs. Notman, Fain, and Devlin transferred the properties to Mr. Carnegie. The consideration stated was nominal in each instance.

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