

NEW CONTRACTS LET FOR INTERBORO YARDS

Rejection of Earlier Bids by the City Make \$50,610 Temporary Facilities Necessary.

The refusal of the Board of Estimate last year to approve contracts for additional permanent facilities at the Lenox Avenue shops, between 147th and 148th Streets, made it necessary for the Transit Commission to award contracts yesterday for temporary facilities, which will later have to be scrapped. The cost of the temporary work will be \$50,610. It covers the construction of a temporary shed at the Interborough yards at 147th Street and Lexington Avenue, together with the necessary frogs, tracks, switches, &c. The contractors are John B. Roberts & Co., whose bid for part of the work was \$27,325, and the Reynolds Contracting Company, whose bid for the rest of it was \$23,285.

The work is made necessary by the order of the commission directing the Interborough Rapid Transit Company to provide immediately 100 of 350 new cars, and it was found impossible to finish any permanent work in time to take care of this addition to the company's rolling stock.

Another contract, awarded by the commission, was for the construction of tracks, switches and bumper posts in the East 180th Street yard of the Interborough Company. This contract went to the Slattery Engineering and Construction Company, whose bid, the lowest, was \$7,505.

On June 26 the commission will receive bids for the installation of tracks in the Fourteenth Street—Eastern District subway from Sixth Avenue, Manhattan, to a point near Meserole Street, in the Bushwick district of Brooklyn, the end of the subway section of the line. When these tracks are installed and the signal system is ready for use, the subway part of the line will be ready for operation.

The commission reaffirmed its recent order to the Interborough Company to construct a new stairway at Mott Avenue and 138th Street.

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