## PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE.

STATE OF NEW YORK. OFFICE OF the Secretary of State, Albany, July 8, 1911. Pursuant to the provisions of section four of article seven of the Constitution of the State of New York, and section two hundred and ninety-five of the Election Law, and of section twenty-one of chapter seven hundred and forty-six of the Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, notice is hereby given that chapter seven hundred and forty-six of the Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, of which the following is a copy, will be submitted to the people for the purpose of voting thereon at the next general election in this State, to be held on the seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eleven. EDWARD LAZANSKY, Secretary of State.

### CHAPTER 746.

AN ACT making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed nineteen million eight hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of furnishing proper terminals and facilities for barge canal traffic, including the acquisition and interchange of property therefor, with a view to improving and fostering the commerce of the state, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the general election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Became a law July 24, 1911, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows.

Section 1. Definitions. The words "terminal" and "terminals" as used in this act shall mean and include lands, docks, dock walls, bulkheads, wharves, piers, slips, basins, harbors, structures, tracks, facilities and equipment for loading and unloading and temporarily storing freight transported upon the barge canals of this state. The word "land" wherever used in this act shall be taken to include lands under water as well as uplands.

§ 2. There shall be issued in the manner and at the times hereinafter recited, bonds of the state in amount not to exceed nineteen million eight hundred thousand dollars, which bonds shall be sold by the state and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury, and so much thereof as shall be necessary expended for the purpose of constructing barge canal terminals at the places in this act named and in the manner hereafter in this act described, and for the procurement of the lands required in connection therewith. The said bonds when issued shall be exempt from taxation.

§ 3. The comptroller is hereby directed, under the supervision of the commissioners of the canal fund, to cause to be prepared the bonds of this state to an amount not to exceed nineteen million eight hundred thousand dollars the said bonds to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed four per centum per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually in the city of New York. Said bonds shall be issued for a term of thirty years from their respective dates of issue, and shall not be sold for less than par. The comptroller is hereby charged with the duty of selling said bonds to the highest bidder after advertising for a period of twenty consecutive days. Sundays excepted, in at least two daily newspapers printed in the city of New York and one in the city of Albany. Advertisements shall contain a provision to the effect that the comptroller, in his discretion, may reject any or all bids made in pursuance of said advertisements, and in the event of such rejection, the comptroller is authorized to readvertise for bids in the form and manner above described as many times as in his judgment may be necessary to effect a satisfactory sale. The said bonds shall be sold in such lots and at such times as may be required for the purpose of making partial or final payments on work contracted for in accordance with the provisions of this act, and for other payments lawfully to be made under the provisions hereof.

There is hereby imposed a direct annual tax to pay and sufficient to pay the interest on each bond issued under this act as it falls due, and to pay and sufficient to pay and discharge the principal of each of such bonds within thirty years from the date thereof. The rate of such annual tax shall be six one-thousandths of a mill on each dollar of valuation of real and personal property in this state subject to taxation for each and every one million dollars, or fraction thereof, in par value of said bonds issued under this act, and outstanding or to be outstanding during the fiscal year during which the amount of such tax is computed. The tax imposed, as herein provided, shall be assessed, levied and collected in the manner prescribed by law, and shall be paid by the several county treasurers into the treasury of the state. The proceeds of such tax shall be invested by the comptroller under the direction of the commissioners of the canal fund and together with the interest arising therefrom, any premiums received on the sale of said bonds, and interest accruing on deposits of money received from the sale of said bonds or from miscellaneous sources shall constitute a sinking fund which is hereby created. Said fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of this act.

§ 4. The state engineer and the superintendent of public works are hereby directed to proceed, within three months after this law shall take effect, to construct the terminals that are to be constructed, in the manner provided in this act, and in accordance with plans that shall have been approved by the canal board.

At Buffalo, in a general way, the plans prepared shall contemplate the improvement of the entire Erie basin, in a manner that would provide twenty-three feet of water, mean lake level, and in addition, at least three piers shall be constructed to the warehouses, and such mechanical devices and machinery for loading and unloading boats as may be necessary and expedient to meet the conditions.

The entrance to slip number three shall be widened in such manner as will permit barges one hundred and fifty feet long and forty-four feet wide to pass from the present Erie canal into the Erie basin. Slip number two from the basin to River street shall be deepened to thirteen feet at mean lake level and shall have a clear head-room of at least fifteen feet and six inches. The Erie canal from Wilkeson street north to Black Rock harbor, as being improved by the government of the United States, shall be deepened so as to give thirteen feet of water at mean lake level. The section of the canal extending southerly from Wilkeson street to and including Commercial slip may, in the discretion of the canal board, be abandoned, closed and filled; but the same shall not be abandoned, closed or filled until after slip number three shall have been improved and the Erie basin terminals constructed as herein provided.

After this work shall have been completed, it shall be the duty of the state engineer to plan at Buffalo for the improvements by the preparation of plans for a terminal on what is known as the "outer harbor," which improvement shall consist of the building of slips and piers with a mean depth of twenty-three feet of water, to accommodate the largest lake vessels, with necessary railroad tracks, warehouses and mechanical devices for the loading and unloading of boats that may be necessary.

Four hundred feet of the southerly end of the Erie breakwater shall be removed, and the westerly end of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western coal trestle for a distance of one hundred feet beyond shall also be removed, and the entrance from Buffalo harbor shall be deepened to twenty-three feet at mean lake level.

The Ohio basin including the Lackawanna slip as far as Miami street, Buffalo, shall be deepened to provide a depth of thirteen feet of water at mean lake level, pile and concrete docking walls of a permanent nature shall be built around the entire basin and the slip except across the outlet of the basin the property belonging to the state surrounding this basin and slip shall be cleared of private occupation and the dock wall on the Louisiana street side of the basin shall be located about twenty-five feet outside of the present dock line so as to permit of the erection upon the state property of a one story steel reinforced concrete shed four hundred and fifty feet long by thirty feet wide, which shed shall be erected upon such property. A power operated traveling crane of suitable power shall be provided and the necessary tracks therefor shall be laid along the entire Louisiana street side of the said basin. At said basin suitable facilities for the loading and unloading of freight shall be provided as may be recommended by the superintendent of public works and approved by the canal board. The entrance to the Ohio basin shall be widened to the limits of the state property and shall be dredged to a depth of thirteen feet at mean lake level and shall have unlimited head room.

The present Erie canal north of Wilkeson street shall be maintained and the property belonging to the state lying along this canal shall not be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of. With a view of hereafter providing small local terminals at the most convenient locations to be selected by the superintendent of public works along this section of the canal and when approved by the canal board, the state property lying back of the dock walls at such locations as may be selected shall be cleared of private occupation.

At North Tonawanda and Tonawanda the sections of concrete vertical wall lying on both sides of Tonawanda creek between Main street and the Lehigh Valley railroad bridge, which have been constructed pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the laws of nineteen hundred and three shall be reserved for docking purposes. The land lying between Main street, the Lehigh Valley railroad bridge, the southerly boundary of Sweeney street and the creek shall be reserved and developed for terminal purposes in accordance with plans to be prepared by the state engineer and approved by the canal board and the land within said boundaries which is not now owned by the state shall be acquired by the state. There may be erected upon this property on the north side of the creek a steel-reinforced concrete one story shed one hundred and fifty feet long by thirty feet wide on the opposite or south side of the creek and back of the wall already constructed the land not now owned by the state lying between Main street, the Lehigh Valley railroad bridge and the northerly boundary line of Niagara street shall be acquired by the state. All such land now owned or hereafter acquired by the state included within the above-named boundaries and the face of the dock walls shall be suitably paved and reserved for public terminal purposes. Adequate freight handling machinery shall be installed at said terminals where required in the discretion of the superintendent of public works and with the approval of the canal board.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public works and in the discretion of the canal board, it is hereby provided that in addition to the land now owned by the state along Tonawanda creek sufficient land bordering on the south side of Tonawanda creek canalized, be acquired by the state to form a strip five hundred feet wide and extending eleven thousand feet easterly from Hanover street in the city of Tonawanda, and that on the north side of Tonawanda creek canalized sufficient land be acquired by the state to form a strip five hundred feet wide and extending eight thousand feet easterly from Division street in the city of North Tonawanda.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public works, and in the discretion of the canal board, there shall be acquired by the state for terminal purposes, at an expense not exceeding seventy thousand dollars, the lands lying between the present Erie canal and the Niagara river and extending from opposite the state ditch southwesterly about twenty-seven hundred feet to property now owned by the Grand Island Ferry Company.

At Rochester there shall be constructed in accordance with plans made by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board a concrete wall along the east bank of the Genesee river extending southerly from a point four hundred feet south of the location of the new dam. Measuring from the face of the said dock wall there shall be acquired by the state enough land to give it possession of a strip of land one hundred feet wide said strip to extend the full length of the dock wall and also to a point about three hundred feet from the Clarissa street bridge, between which point and the bridge the width of the reservation shall be narrowed enough to permit the new location of the railroad, hereinafter provided for, to connect with the present location at a point near the bridge. The tracks and structures of the Lehigh Valley railroad shall be removed from this strip for the full distance between the beginning of the dock wall and Clarissa street. Upon the area so acquired there may be built a suitable warehouse and mechanical devices for the transfer of freight. From the Clarissa street bridge the strip of land herein provided to be acquired by the state shall be reserved for its entire length for public use and shall be preserved free from private occupation. An approach shall be built to South avenue passing under the railroad tracks which shall be elevated for that purpose and sufficient land shall be acquired to the north of the proposed dock to permit of such approach. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public works, and upon the approval of the canal board, if they shall deem other approaches to the docks necessary, such approaches may be made from Mount Hope avenue over a grade crossing to be located between Hickory and Averill streets, and from Court street, or from either of said streets. The Genesee river canal feeder between the present Erie canal and Clarissa street shall be filled in.

The portions of the trackage, yards and other structures of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company which it shall be necessary to remove from their present location as hereinbefore provided may be relocated upon the state lands which shall be reclaimed from the Genesee river canal feeder, and so much of such state lands as shall be required to give the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at the new location an area equal to that taken from it at its old location may be ceded in payment or partial payment for the lands of the company acquired by the state to the said Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and further provided, if the state land so to be ceded to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company shall not be sufficient to give the said railroad company at its new location an area equal to that taken by the state at the said railroad company's old location, the state shall acquire and convey to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company sufficient of the land adjacent to the state land, which together with the state land will equal the area taken from the said Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at its old location.

In the discretion of the canal board a concrete dock wall shall be constructed approximately five hundred feet long, and paralleling Plymouth avenue, to be located just northerly of the old state dam at the head of the Genesee river canal feeder, and the area now owned by the city of Rochester lying between the face of the said dock wall and Plymouth avenue shall be suitably paved. The improvement provided for shall be made by the state in the method herein provided as to other improvements authorized by this act when the city of Rochester shall have ceded to the state the land it now owns lying between the face of the said dock wall and Plymouth avenue and further when the city of Rochester shall have entered into and executed an agreement with the state stipulating that the said city of Rochester shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the property which it now owns adjacent to the property hereinabove provided to be ceded to the state and to reserve said land until needed for the future enlargement of this terminal. After the terminals hereinabove provided for shall have been completed such portions of the Genesee river canal feeder within the city of Rochester which are not necessary for such terminals may be abandoned and may be ceded to the city of Rochester.

At Lyons in the vicinity of the south abutment of the Geneva street bridge there shall be constructed a dock or terminal in accordance with plans drawn by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board and in addition thereto a suitable warehouse to be constructed to meet the needs of traffic.

At Syracuse, there shall be constructed a harbor in accordance with plans prepared by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board at the southerly end of Onondaga lake between the Boulevard drive and Spring street. The plans shall provide the necessary docking facilities, warehouse and mechanical freight handling machinery; and all parts of acts or laws inconsistent with this provision are hereby repealed.

At Oswego a terminal shall be constructed at the junction of the Oswego river and Lake Ontario in accordance with plans prepared by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board such terminal to be located on lands to be acquired from the United States government if possible, between the prolongation of West Third street and the Oswego river or at some other location in this vicinity if so selected by the canal board. The harbor improvement shall provide the necessary piers, warehouse, mechanical freight handling devices and machinery that may be deemed necessary for the proper entering of boats.

At Utica there shall be constructed a harbor in accordance with plans to be prepared by the state engineer and surveyor, and approved by the canal board from a point approximately north of the west end of the river straightening channel so called down the old Mohawk river channel to a point at or near Lee street. The plans shall provide the necessary docks, docking facilities, warehouses and mechanical freight handling machinery and devices for loading and unloading of boats and the handling of canal traffic in a satisfactory manner, and the said state engineer may in his discretion, subject to the approval of the canal board, for the purpose of providing additional terminals build such other necessary locks, docks and dams along the line of the river straightening channel, so called, as he may deem necessary and proper.

At Rome, there shall be constructed a harbor in accordance with the plans prepared by the state engineer and surveyor, and approved by the canal board, on the south side of the relocated street to be constructed by the state to take the place of the abandoned Whitesboro street near the junction of Mill street. The plans shall provide necessary docking facilities, warehouses and mechanical freight handling machinery. The present Erie canal between Rome and Mohawk shall be retained at not less than its present dimensions, and all structures, locks, bridges and docks thereon shall be maintained and operated by the state for terminal purposes.

At Troy there shall be constructed a harbor or terminal in accordance with plans prepared by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board, on the east side of the Hudson river in the city of Troy, at a point approximately between Adams and Congress streets, and the state engineer may in his discretion, subject to the approval of the canal board for the purpose of providing additional terminals, build a local terminal on the east side of the Hudson river between Congress street and Federal street. The plans for each of such terminals shall provide the necessary docking facilities, warehouses and mechanical freight handling machinery that may be necessary.

At Albany there shall be constructed a suitable harbor or terminal in accordance with plans prepared by the state engineer and surveyor and approved by the canal board, at a location on the westerly side of the Hudson river between the entrance of the present Erie canal and the northerly end of the Lumber district (so called). The plans shall provide the necessary docking facilities, warehouses and mechanical freight handling machinery that may be necessary.

Canal terminals or harbors shall also be built upon plans prepared by the state engineer and approved by the canal board at Lockport, Herkimer, Little Falls, Fort Plain, Canajoharie, Schenectady, Rouses Point, Port Henry, Plattsburg, Whitehall, Mechanicville, Troy and Albany.

At each of the localities mentioned the plans shall provide for the necessary docks, warehouses and mechanical devices for the loading and unloading of boats and the handling of canal traffic in a satisfactory manner.

§ 5. With the view to providing a barge canal terminal at any of the following places, namely, Amsterdam, Fultonville, Clyde, Palatine Bridge, Port Gibson, Saint Johnsville, Constantia, Waterloo, Newark, Palmyra, Fairport, Lyon, Spencerport, Brockport, Holley, Albion, Frankfort, Medina, Cohoes, Waterford, Fort Edward, Seneca Falls, Ithaca and Geneva, and at any other places for which no terminals for barge canal traffic are in this act specifically provided to be built, the mayor or board of aldermen on behalf of any such city, the president or board of trustees on behalf of any such village, the supervisor on behalf of any such town, together with at least twenty-five citizens residing in such city, village or town respectively, as the case may be, may present a petition duly verified to the superintendent of public works setting forth the facts showing that there is no adequate terminal or suitable landing place for the handling of barge canal traffic at such place, and that the traffic there handled or to be handled would warrant and require in the interest of the merchants, manufacturers or farmers of such place and of those in its vicinity the construction of a dock wall or a suitable landing place, and the erection thereon of a suitable shed or storehouse and the installation of suitable machinery for loading and unloading freight, and stating the length of such wall and the dimensions of such shed or storehouse and the character of such freight handling machinery. Such petition shall also state as nearly as possible the character and amount of freight of all kinds shipped from or received at such place, whether by rail or water, stating that by rail and by water separately, the number of tons of all kinds at such place and the number of persons employed therein, and such other information as would serve to enable the superintendent of public works to reach a proper decision on the petition. The superintendent of public works upon the receipt of such a petition shall investigate as to the requirements of the barge canal traffic at such place and within thirty days after the filing of such petition with him shall report the result of his investigation to and file the petition with the canal board. The canal board within thirty days after the filing with it of the report of the superintendent of public works on any such petition shall determine if the terminal petitioned for shall be built. If the decision of the canal board shall favor the granting of the petition such decision shall be final, but if the superintendent of public works or the canal board shall favor a modification of the plan of the terminal petitioned for the canal board shall report to the petitioners through the first signer of such petition by communication addressed to him the proposed reject