RAISES THE PAY OF POLICE AND FIREMEN

New York Mayor's Recommended Increases Approved

235 Are Added to Force—Mr. Mitchel Says More Money for Faithful Service is "Urgently Needed and Greatly Deserved"

The New York Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate at a session the other night approved an increase in the pay of first grade policemen from \$1,400 to \$1,450 a year. It also approved increases for captains from \$2,750 to \$8,900, these being one-half of the increases recommended by Commissioner Woods. Likewise it approved an increase for the Chief Inspector of the force from \$5,000 to \$6,000 and for the Borough Inspector of Brooklyn and Queens from \$3,500 to \$4,200 a year.

Upon the mayor's recommendation the committee made provision for 235 policemen to be added to the force during the coming year and for the promotion of forty-three patrolmen to the grade of sergeant. This action in the police department amounts to an added expenditure of \$587,100.

At the same time the committee adopted the mayor's recommendation that first-grade firemen be advanced from \$1,400 to \$1,450 a year and that graineers of steamers be advanced from \$1,600 to \$1,700 a year. These increases involve an added expenditure of \$208,000. In announcing the increases the mayor said:

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"This seems to be the smallest measure of recognition that the citizens of New York can accord the policemen and the firence." They have given service of a conspicuously high order, and especially during the last year. It is everywhere conceded that the police department is better than it has ever been before. There is a finer esprit de corps, a marked freedom from graft, and a noticeably increased good record of devotion to duty, self-sacrifice, and bravery. I do not believe that any thoughtful citizen will deny that these raises in salary are urgently needed and greatly deserved.

"What has made it possible for the Board of Estimate to take this step in recognition of the services of the police and firemen is the painstaking economy of the administrative departments under the jurisdiction of the mayor during the last three years, which permitted a reduction of the aggregate of the budgets



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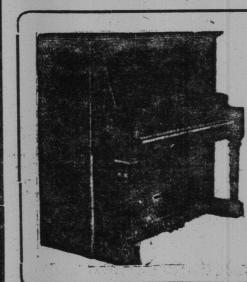


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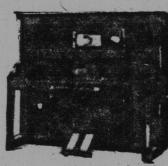
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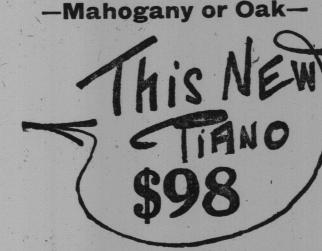
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