

Railroad Company to any purchaser or purchasers upon such terms and conditions as he may deem best subject, nevertheless, to the provisos herein above stated: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary of War shall deem it to be in the public interest that any real or personal property owned by the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company not connected with the railroad itself should be separately disposed of or held for later disposition, he is hereby authorized to cause such property to be transferred from the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company to the United States, and thereafter to sell the same upon such terms as he deems best, or if more expedient, he is hereby authorized to form a corporation to acquire such property, and is authorized to cause such property, or any part thereof, to be transferred from the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company to such new corporations so organized and to accept in place thereof the stock of such new corporation, and to hold the same until such time as he secures what he shall deem to be a fair and reasonable price for such property, at which time he is authorized to sell said property in whole or in part or the stock in the said new corporation to which such property is transferred on such terms and conditions as in his judgment will best promote the public interest, and the Secretary of War is further authorized to make and impose any terms, conditions, or reservations necessary to effectuate the purpose hereof, and to enter into such contracts as will effectuate the same: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as relieving or exempting the property acquired hereunder by the Port of New York Authority from any municipal taxes or assessments for public improvements, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as an expression on the part of the Congress as to whether the States of New York and New Jersey, or either of them, should relieve or exempt the said Port of New York Authority from taxation or subject the said port of New York or any of said property to taxation.

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Disposal of other than railroad property.

Holding corporation authorized.

Sale, etc.

Terms.

No exemption from municipal or State taxes.

CHAP. 341.—An Act To authorize the sale of lands in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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[Public, No. 480.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell after due advertisement at competitive sale, with the right reserved to reject any and all bids, at not less than its appraised value as fixed by three disinterested landowners to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and at a sum not less than its original cost to the United States, and convey by his deed as such Secretary that certain parcel of land belonging to the United States situate in the fourteenth ward of the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, and particularly described as follows:

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sale of tract of Government land in.

Beginning at a stone monument on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube Company, being south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east, a distance of ninety-one feet from Forbes Street and the northeast corner of the said property of the United States; thence south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east fifty-eight and eighty-nine one-hundredths feet to a stone monument, being a corner common to land of the United States and the tract now being described; thence north eighty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes forty-five seconds east sixty-six and seventy-one one-hundredths feet to a point on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube

Description.

Company; thence north fifty degrees forty-one minutes fifteen seconds west seventy feet to a concrete monument, being a corner common to the land of the National Tube Company and the tract as now being described; thence north fifty-two degrees twenty-six minutes fifteen seconds west twenty and eighty one-hundredths feet to a stone monument, being the point of beginning, containing one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and four one-hundredths square feet: *Provided*, That such sale shall be made on such terms and conditions as will protect the uses of the Government to property adjacent thereto as to light and other easements.

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CHAP. 342.—An Act To authorize a five-year building program for the public school system of the District of Columbia which shall provide school buildings adequate in size and facilities to make possible an efficient system of public education in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Five-Year School
Building Program Act.

Purposes of authori-
zation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the purpose of this Act, which shall hereafter be known as the Five-Year School Building Program Act, to provide a sufficient number of school buildings to make it possible: To abandon all portables; to eliminate the use of rented buildings; to abandon the use of undesirable rooms; to reduce elementary school classes to a standard of not more than forty pupils per class; to provide a five-hour day of instruction for elementary school pupils, thereby eliminating part time classes; to abandon all school buildings recommended for immediate or early abandonment in 1908; to abandon other school buildings which have become unfit for further use since 1908; to provide a full day of instruction for high school pupils thereby eliminating the "double shift" program in the high schools; to provide for the annual increase in enrollment of pupils during said five-year period; and in general, to provide in the District of Columbia a program of schoolhouse construction which shall exemplify the best in schoolhouse planning, schoolhouse construction and educational accommodations.

Elementary schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Land for school sites,
playgrounds, and the
construction of build-
ings.

SEC. 2. The following items for the purchase of land for schools sites and school playgrounds and for the construction of buildings for elementary schools are authorized in the:

FIRST DIVISION

First division.

For the erection of an eight-room extensible building, including a combination gymnasium and assembly hall, on a site on Calvert Street now owned by the District of Columbia.

For the purchase of land adjoining or in the vicinity of the site on Grant Road now owned by the District of Columbia.

For the erection of an eight-room extensible building, including a combination gymnasium and assembly hall, on a site on Grant Road now owned by the District of Columbia.

For the purchase of a site on which to locate a new eight-room school building in Potomac Heights to replace the one-room building on Conduit Road.

For the erection of a four-room extensible building on the site to be purchased in Potomac Heights.