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95.

APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF STRUTHERS, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, \$30,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 4, 1937.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

96.

APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, \$16,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, February 4, 1937.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

97.

APPROVAL—LEASE TO CANAL LANDS IN GREEN TOWN-SHIP, HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO—JESSE FRANCIS, HAY-DENVILLE, OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, February 5, 1937.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval a certain canal land lease in triplicate executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works by one Jesse Francis of Haydenville, Ohio. By this lease, which is one for a term of fifteen years and which provides for an annual rental of \$6.00, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to use and occupy for building and agricultural purposes a certain parcel of abandoned Hocking Canal lands comprising .6 of an acre of land located in Green Township, Hocking County, Ohio, and which is more particularly described in said lease instrument.

Although it does not so appear from any provision or recital in the lease instrument, I assume that this lease is one executed by you under

the authority conferred upon you for the purpose by an act of the 88th General Assembly enacted under date of April 5, 1929, 113 O. L., 521, the provisions of which have been carried into the General Code as sections 14152-3, et seq. This act provides for the amendment of an act passed under date of May 31, 1911, providing for the abandonment of the Hocking Canal for canal purposes, and further provides that the Superintendent of Public Works as Director thereof is authorized to sell or lease such abandoned canal lands, subject to the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General in strict conformity with the provisions of sections 13965, et seq., except that such lease may be for a term of not less than fifteen years nor more than twenty-five years and that the bed and banks of such abandoned canal may be included in any lease of such canal lands. The lease here in question is one for a term of fifteen years and provides for an annual rental of six per cent of the appraised value of the parcel of land leased, as provided for in the sections of the General Code referred to in this act.

This lease has been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said Department and by Jesse Francis, the lessee therein named. I find, upon examination of this lease, that you are authorized to execute the same under the statutory enactments above noted and inasmuch as the provisions of this lease and the conditions and retsrictions therein contained are in conformity with such statutory enactments and with other statutory provisions relating to canal land leases, I am approving this lease as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—WARRANTY DEED TO LAND IN PIKE COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 5, 1937.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: This is to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication with which you submit for my examination and approval a