

FINISH LENONT

CONDEMNATION

Virginia Board of Appraisers Finishes Task—City to Purchase.

VIRGINIA, Nov. 20.—The board of appraisers this afternoon met and affirmed the condemnation of the Lenont hospital site, desired by the city for the erection of a new city hall. The purchase will probably be made by the city council at the regular meeting tomorrow night.

Saturday was the last day for the filing of written objections to the confirmation of the award for the site, but no complaints were filed with City Clerk Albert E. Bickford. Nothing can now be done to halt the proceedings, according to local attorneys.

The appraisers have voted to pay \$42,100 with the buildings remaining on the land in the Lenont site. With the buildings removed, \$42,900 is the amount of the award. Owners of the realty in question are Dr. Charles B. Lenont, whose building and land are valued at \$30,000; Morris Shanedling, owner of two lots and a residence, valued at \$3,000; William Tritchler, owner of a building, appraised at \$600; Alderman Elmer Matheson, owners of three lots and a building, appraised at \$10,500.

Composing the board of appraisers, which was named by the city council are Senator O. H. Griggs, chairman; Herman J. Nathanson, Fred L. Johnson, Martin Nelson and William R. Shaver.

Among the sites that were offered for city hall purposes were lots owned by Martin Lavell of Hibbing on Second street south, between Third and Fourth avenues; Julius Shanedling, First street South, between Third and Fourth avenues; Cole-McDonald company, Third avenue West, between Chestnut and First streets South. Attorney Morgan had an option on lots on the north side of First street South, between Third and Fourth avenues, which he offered the city.

The amount asked by the owners of the Lenont property site was \$62,000. Fifty thousand dollars has been levied by the city for the purchase of a city hall site. Aldermen who voted against the continuation of the condemnation proceedings on the Lenont site were R. J. McGhee, D. Coffey, George Harvey and J. Arthur Walsh. Councilmen favoring the purchase of the property were Fred J. Moilan, Charles C. Olson, H. H. Lein, Elmer Matheson and E. F. Murray. Mayor Boylan has also supported the Lenont site proposition.

The Lenont property contains 11 lots and four buildings.