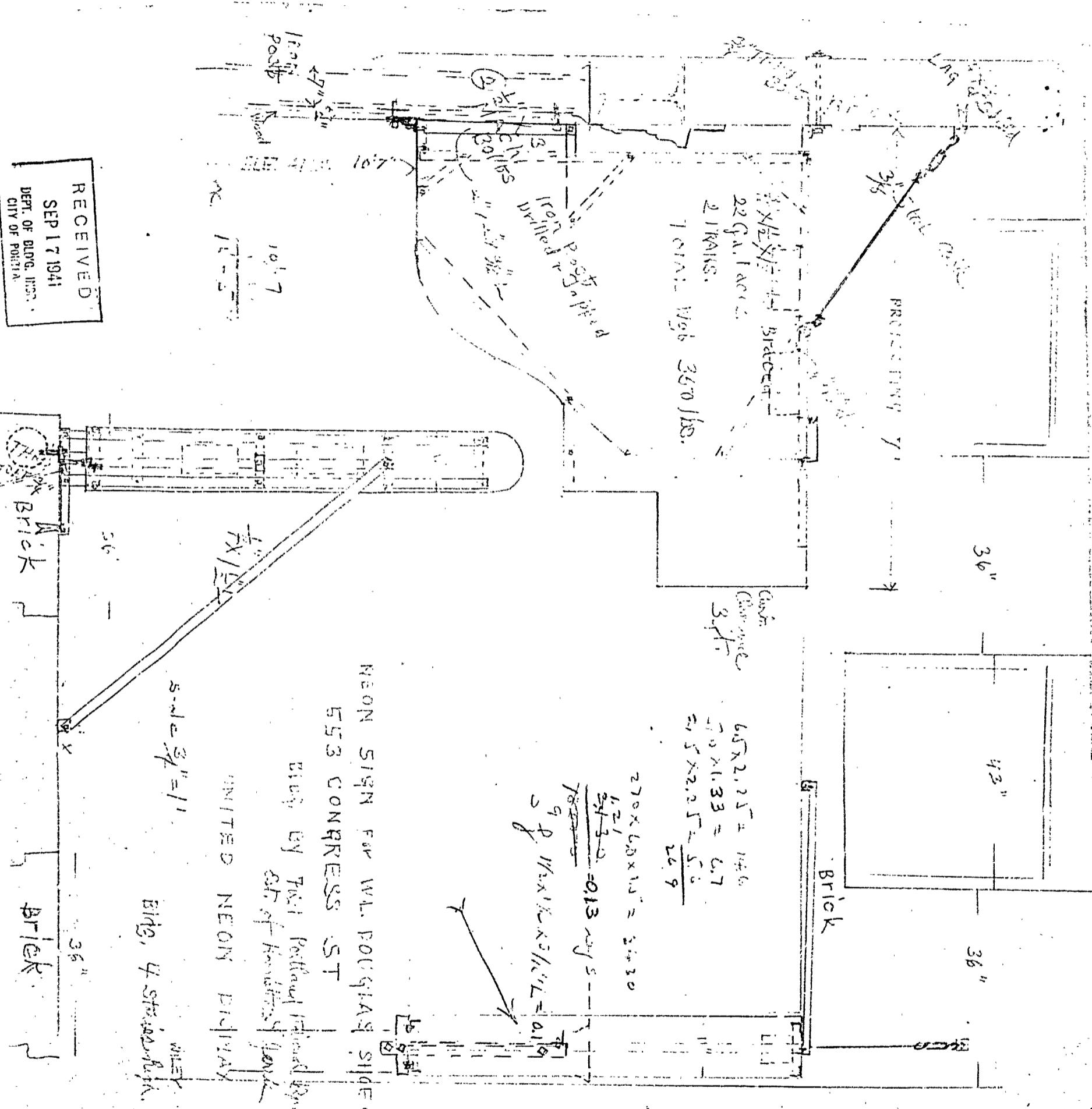
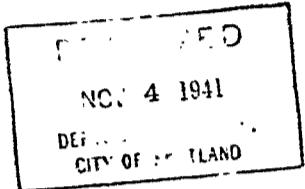


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CITY OF PORTLAND





196 So. Main St.
Pewer, Maine.

November 3, 1941

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. McDonald: Your File: Rept. 271D-I

Thank you for your letter of October 29th regarding the sign support for the Dou-las Shoe Company.

I did look over the front of this building but, as you mention, could not investigate the condition of the present column due to the finish enclosing same.

As most of the horizontal reactions were at the top of the sign against the brick wall, I did not think there would be enough additional stress in column to cause it to fail. However, I am sending drawings of an alternate design to United Neon Display showing vertical members as you suggest.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Barbour

RHB/E

Structural Engineer.

Rept. #12-1

October 20, 1941

Mr. Robert L. Harbord,
106 So. Main Street,
Drexell, Maine

Subject: Supports of projecting
sign for Douglass Shoe Co., on
building at 555 Congress St.
named by the late Mr. Harriett
L. Jerris

Dear Mr. Harbord:

I wonder if you would let us know as soon as possible in connection with your design of the supports of the above sign whether or not you investigated, yourself, the size, condition and theoretical strength of the cast iron garage column as compared with the theoretical loads which do and will come upon it, this cast iron column being the one which supports the entire corner of the building on an unsupported height of about 17 feet as to which you propose to fasten the lower part of the sign by means of two heading bolts "tapped" into the side of the column.

My suggestion is that I be cautious about allowing any connection to this column except, likely in the way of tension or a strain which the main load on this sign would produce to some extent, because of the strategic importance of this column due to the fact that it supports both a steel lintel running along Main Street and a longer one running along Congress Street, both of which must in turn support rather substantial loads on the brick walls, the floors of the building and the roof.

I realize that it is not possible to get a very good idea of the condition of the column without removing some of the ornamentation of the store front, and perhaps that would not be necessary until it were found wise to connect to the column anyway and perhaps for a enough of the covering at the top to tell about what condition the column is in. If, however, the column at present figures to be loaded pretty well up to its capacity, I am unwilling to issue this permit based on disturbing it in any way whatever. In fact it seems to me to be rather a good column to stay away from. Although I have no desire to attempt to dictate the design of the supports of the sign, it seems to me that it is thoroughly feasible to support the sign without fastening to the column at all by providing a vertical structural member securely fastened to the brick wall above and extending down to pick up the two rigid connections which you propose for the column.

However I do not wish to be unreasonably precise about this matter, and I am giving to the conservator of the estate which owns the building a copy of this letter. If he has information which shows that it is entirely and permanently safe to attach to this column, I shall be inclined to issue the permit on the basis of your present design.

The Douglass Shoe Store is very anxious to get the sign put up having waited for a long time, and I in turn am anxious to issue the permit. It is necessary to discharge the question of safety from my mind, however, before I can do so.

Very truly yours,

W.H.D.H. Inspector of Buildings
CC: W. W. Douglass Shoe Co., 555 Cong. St.
United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square

First Portland National Bank Conservator
of Estate of Harriett L. Jerris

Gentlemen:

I realize that we have your written consent to the erection of this sign, and perhaps should not be raising this question. It seemed quite likely, however, that your written consent took no account of any of the structural conditions that exists or will exist. I would welcome the opinion of a designer representing the owner as to the advisability of attaching to this column. I have a great deal of confidence in Mr. Barbour as a designer, but after all he represents the erector of the sign and perhaps could not be expected to delve very far into the structural condition of the building.

Warren McDonald

271D-I

September 24, 1942

J. J. Douglas & Co.,
553 Congress Street
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:

I am sorry for the dilemma in which we all find ourselves concerning the erection of your proposed projecting sign at your store at 553 Congress Street, the building being owned by the Estate of Harriet L. Jerris for which First Portland National Bank is conservator.

It is unfortunate indeed that your advertising people did not heed my recommendation of more than a year ago to the effect that all of the conditions be fudged out, a tentative design of the sign, supports and fastenings be filed here with an application for a building permit and that the building permit actually be in hand before the sign was sent here.

The difficulties appear. The least important of the two arises from the fact that the very deep bolt sign, one along Congress Street and one along Oak Street have been erected for some time leaving merely a slot or groove for the projecting sign to be inserted in, thus it becomes very difficult to secure proper fastenings for the sign in that all fastenings must be above or below the sign, since no one can work on the fastenings in back of the sign after the sign has been placed in the slot. Furthermore the construction of the bolt sign and the arrangement at the building makes it quite impossible to provide any side guys except at the top of the sign. Perhaps that difficulty could be overcome if the other did not exist.

The important question is as to how the sign should be properly and safely supported against high wind and the twisting action of the sign on the supports if all except the topmost fastening of the sign is to be fastened by "slipping" bolts into the iron column which supports the corner of the upper stories of the building.

It is not my business to fix the blame but I cannot find that the contractor, United Metal Display, is at fault in any of this. In the first place unless considerable of the covering of this column is removed, not only for convenience of the true condition, but for the purpose of fastening the sign directly to the column, if that is found feasible, it is not possible to tell just what there is to fasten to, how well the column is anchored above and below and what the effect will be of the twisting. Certainly you would not expect me to assume the responsibility of approving the tentative proposition by which I can have before me, in view of the fact that this is a rather heavy sign and presents considerable resistance to the full force of the wind, until I have filed here, all of the essential details and the design of the fastenings, and investigation of the column by a competent engineer or signer.

I recommend that you employ such a designer to go into the matter thoroughly, make a design plan showing just how he proposes to take care of the situation.

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

(F.L.Douglas Sign Co. - .)

fully without overstressing any of the material according to Building Code
standards, and that on his signed statement of design to the plan. I state
that, however, I do not see how I can issue a permit for the erection of the
sign.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

H.W.

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 553 Congress St IN PORTLAND, MAINE

First Portland National Bank
Conveyator of the estate of Merrittle
Z. Jerris, being the owner of the
premises at 553 Congress St in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by W. L. Douglas Shoe Company
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit
to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit First Portland National
Bank as Conveyator, owner of said premises, in event said sign
shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become
dangerous and in even the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said sign
or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for
which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs,
its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said sign
within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign
is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this
consent and agreement this 21st day of July, 1941.

Z. Jerris
First Portland National Bank
Conveyator of the Estate of Merrittle &
Witness By Wm. P. French
Owner
TRUST OFFICER

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Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine
223 Congress St.* Projecting Sign for Douglas Shoe Co., by United Neon Display.
9/20/41

To Installer:

This sign does not appear stiff enough with only one side guy, and the lower horizontal angle fastened to the building would not be long enough to support the sign. I suggest that the horizontal angle of frame between the lower short guy and the top horizontal angle be extended to a suitable connection to the building, and either that a side guy be attached to it or the horizontal angle be made heavier so as to work out as a cantilever without a side guy or at least a short one, or gusset plate.

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONING

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 17230
REV. 6-1942



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 553 Congress Street

Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached First Portland National Bank, conservator

Name and address of owner of sign W. L. Douglas Shoe Co., 553 Congress Street

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square Telephone 2-0595

When does contractor's bond expire? 10/1/43

Information Concerning Building		CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED
No. stories 4	Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick	
Details of Sign and Connections		
Electric? Yes	Vertical dimension after erection 5'-10"	Horizontal 7'
Weight 350 lbs	Will there be any hollow spaces? Yes	Any rigid frame? Yes
Material of frame 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/16 angles	No. advertising faces 2	material #22 gauge sheet steel
No. rigid connections 2	Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? Yes	
No. through bolts 1	Size 3/4"	Location, top or bottom top
No. guys 2	material 3/8" steel cable & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1/4 angle iron	Size 30'-7"
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street		

Maximum projection into street 7'

Fee \$ 1.00

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT. Signature of contractor United Neon Display
INSPECTION COPY

By P. C. Roberts

mit No. 411720 P

ation 553 Congress Street
Owner W. S. Douglas Shoe Co.

Date of permit 10/6/41

Sign Contractor

Final-Inspr. 11/4/41. O.K.

NOTES

A.S.H. C. lotte forwarded
carries out that this
sign has been +
constructed in
accordance with
our Building Dept.
plans before leaving
Shop above being
fairly close with
or on they erect

11/10/41. Re-insp. was
performed by C. lotte
which showed O.K.
as well as all parts
as, Court sign added.



GENERAL PERMIT

Permit No. 970

Nov. 21, 1932

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine November 21, 1932

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

I the undersigned hereby apply, for a permit to erect and install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted at tenth and the following specifications:

Location 753 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits 28 Dist. No. 2

Owner's or Lessee's name and address S. L. Douglas Shoe Co. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Maine Tile Co., Inc. 37 Union St. Telephone P 7481

Architect's name and address

Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. family

Other buildings on same lot

Plans filed as part of this application? No. No. of sheet

Estimated cost \$ 100. Fee \$.50

Description of Present Building to be

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing
stores and offices Last use No. families

General Description of New Work

To provide new tile ramp for entrance to store, lowering front to sidewalk grade

APPLICATION BEFORE APPROVAL
OR CLOSING OF CONTRACT

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Height average grade to top of plate

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of Roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of living _____

Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____ to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? _____

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? _____

Signature of lessee By Mr. J. P. Tiffey Douglas Shoe Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Ward 5 Permit No. 32/2033
Location 553 Congress St.
Owner J. L. Dingley & Sons
Date of permit 11/21/32
Notif. closing-in
Inspec. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 11/26/32

Cert. of Occupancy issued (None)

NOTES:

11/25/32 - Pending
Ogden



Rec'D

553½ Long St

Wood 4

yes

Dis No 1

Miss Harriet Jensen

Dr Brown Doctor

Elyn & Parke

243½ Middle St Tel 3833

May 30

4 Stories



Ht 22" Hangable 38"

yes wood no

2 adv. faces wood

2 reg. com yes none

2 wire braces

15 ft

Max Proj. 40"



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0552

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN # 1032
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, May 4, 1932

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 555½ Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Harriet Jerris

Name and address of owner of sign Dr. Eben Brown, 555½ Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Flynn, The Painter 245 Middle St. Telephone 2-5542

When does contractor's bond expire? May, 1932

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 4 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 22" Horizontal 58"

Weight 20 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? no Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame 20 lbs No. advertising faces 2 material wood

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts none Size , Location, top or bottom

No. guys , material , Size

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 40"

Flynn, The Painter

Fee \$ 1.00

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of contractor By In. J. Campbell
Oliver L. Danforth

Check one of the boxes

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LEAVING
OR CLOSING-IN IS WANTED.
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
IS WANTED.

7332 A

Ward 5 Permit No: 32 / 553
Location: 5535 Congress St
Owner: D. Ellen Brown
Date of permit: 5/15/32

Is tractor

Final Inspn: 5/19/32

NOTES

Signature: D. E. Brown

Building No:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

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Permit Type:

Expiry Date:

Issuing Authority:

Signature:

Date:

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SIGNS

WINDOW LETTERING
STORE FRONT PUBLICITY
DECORATIVE DISPLAY



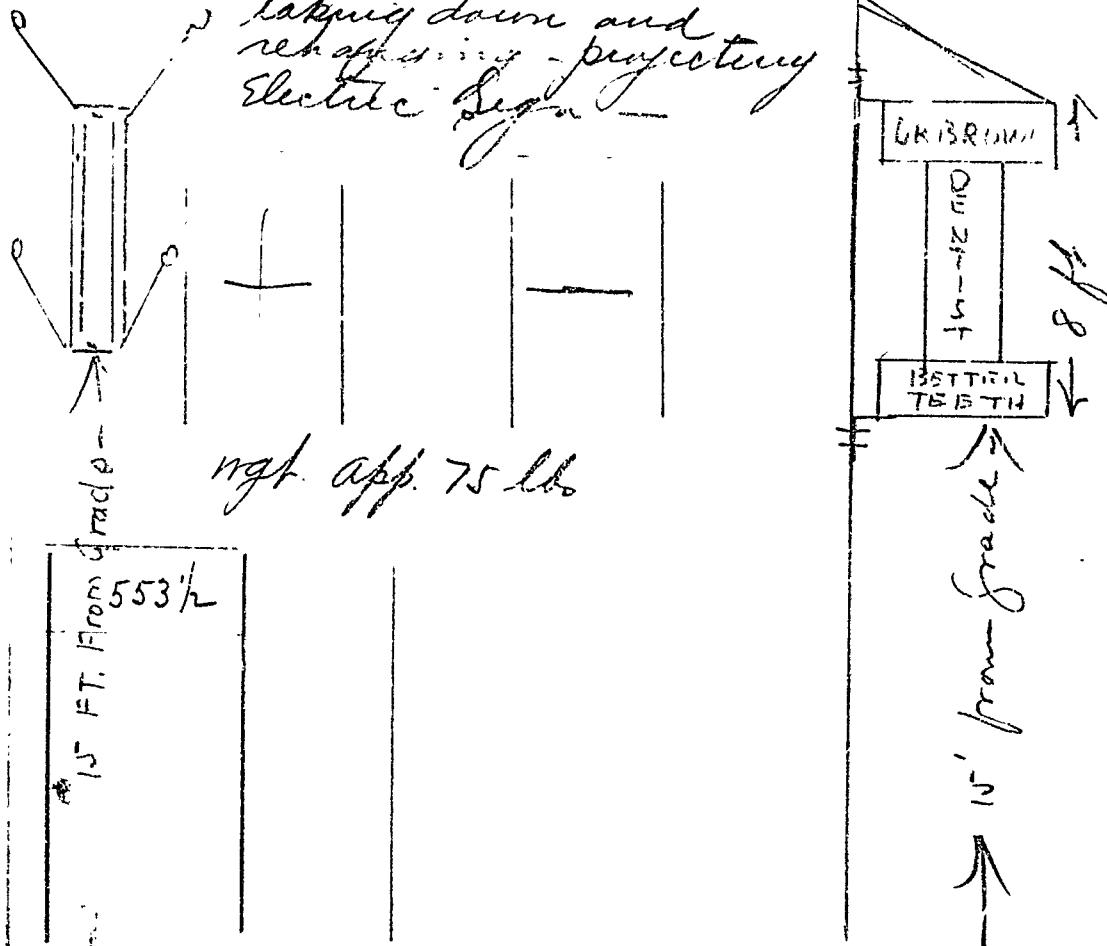
ELECTRIC SIGNS
ANY DESCRIPTION
BANNERS -- WALLS -- BULLETINS

CHARLES OERTER, JR.

46 WILLARD STREET, SO. PORTLAND, MAINE

153 Congress St. Portland,
Dr. J. H. Brown
553½ Congress St.

taking down and
replacing - projecting
electric signs



Miles More & Boston - Miss Brown's agent

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGNS
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
2314
1929

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 553 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Yale & Moore, Boston

Name and address of owner of sign Dr. E. M. Brown, 553 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Charles Carter, Jr., 453 Congress St. Telephone P 1680 W

When does contractor's bond expire? October 18, 1930

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 4 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? Yes Vertical dimension after erection 4 8' Horizontal 8 4'

Weight 75 lbs, Will there be any hollow spaces? Yes Any rigid frame? Yes

Material of frame iron N. advertising faces 2, material galv iron

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? Yes

No. through bolts 20, Size _____, Location, top or bottom _____

No. guys 4, material galv. cable wire, Size 3/8"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 18'

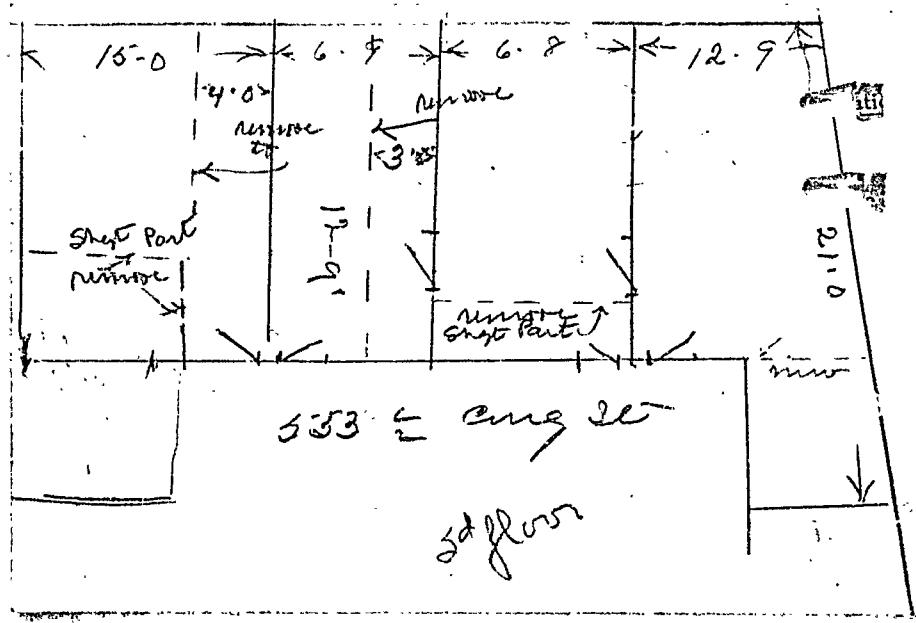
Maximum projection into street 4 1/2'

Fee \$ 1.00

APPROVED Signature of contractor

INSPECTION COPY

Oliver T. Sanborn
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.





Permit No. 2104
ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Third Class

OCT 8 1929

Portland, Maine, October 8, 1929

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect, alter, install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 653½ Congress Street

Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Dr. Eben M. Brown, 659½ Congress St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address Hayden & Dingwall, 192 Brackett St. Telephone 3 3149 W

Architect's name and address _____

Proposed use of building stores and offices

Other buildings on same lot _____ No. families _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use store and office No. families _____

General Description of New Work

one
To move 12' non-bearing partition over about 3' on second floor
To move one 12' non-bearing partition over about 4' " " "
and put in two short partitions as shown on plan submitted

Details of New Work

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____

Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Distance, heater to chimney _____

If oil burner, name and model _____

Capacity and location of oil tanks _____

Is gas fitting involved? _____ Size of service _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. sheets 1

Estimated cost \$ 100. Fee \$.50

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

INSPECTION COPY Signature of lessee Dr. Eben M. Brown By Edward F. Hayden 1/6

Ward 5 Permit No. 29/2104
L. 553 1/2 Lincoln St.
Owner D. E. M. Brown
Date permit 10/8/29
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn.
Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Ward	5	Permit No.	<u>29/2104</u>
Address	<u>5536 Congress St.</u>		
Owner	<u>D. E. M. Brown</u>		
Date permit issued	<u>10/8/29</u>		
Notif. closing-in			
Inspn. closing-in			
Final Notif.			
Final Inspn.			
Cert. of Occupancy issued			
NOTES			
<u>10/18/29 - Work nearly completed</u>			
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(To be filled in by Inspector)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date of inspection</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Inspector</p>			



Permit No. P

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second ClassPortland, Maine, April 27, 1929

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 633 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1Owner or Lessee's name and address Yale & Moore, Inc., 52 Channing St., Boston Telephone 4-4345Contractor's name and address F. A. Remond Co., 633 Forest Ave. Telephone 4-4345

Architect's name and address _____

Proposed use of building mercantile No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat gas Style of roof flat Roofing sheet metal

Last use _____ No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To remodel store front as per plan submitted

*Front door to swing outwards
or be double acting wind*

Details of New Work

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____

Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Distance, heater to chimney _____

If oil burner, name and model _____

Capacity and location of oil tanks _____

Is gas fitting involved? _____ Size of service _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? _____ NO _____

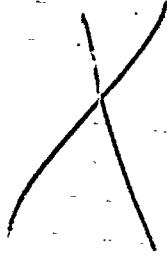
Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. sheets 2 & Spec.Estimated cost \$ 1000. Fee \$ 1.00Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes _____ *Yale & Moore, Inc.*Signature of owner by *Yale & Moore* 153

INSPECTION COPY

Ward 5 Permit No. 29/643
Location 553 Congress St.
Owner Yslet Moose, Inc.
Date of permit 4/29/29
Notif. closing-in _____
Inspn. closing-in _____
Final Notif. _____
Final Inspn. _____
Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES

Work not started
5/16/29 add.
Work started
5/21/29 add.
7/1/29 - Work done, A.G.S.





Sign for Walk-Over Shoe Store 355 Congress St.
Two Sided Projecting - Weight 85 lbs.

Tamish Sign Co.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

ZONE
PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 1458
1510 1928

Portland, Maine, Feb. 2- 1928.

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:
Location 555 Congress St., Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Hutchinson Shoe Company,
Name and address of owner of sign Hutchinson Shoe Co., 555 Congress St.,
Contractor's name and address G. C. Tainsh Sign Co.,
When does contractor's bond expire? 1st. 3-1928 Telephone F-4246

No. stories Two Info Concerning Building
Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick
Details of Sign and Connections
Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 8 feet Horizontal 6 feet
Weight 85 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces two, material galv. iron
No. rigid connections two Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes
No. through bolts , Size , Location, top or bottom
No. guys four, material " galv. cable , Size 1/4
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 20 feet
Maximum projection into street 6 feet

Fee \$ 1.00

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of contractor G. C. Tainsh Sign Co.
By A. M. Finch

5710 P.

5 Permit No. 28/156 H

Location 555 Congress St.

Owner Hutchinson Shoe Co.

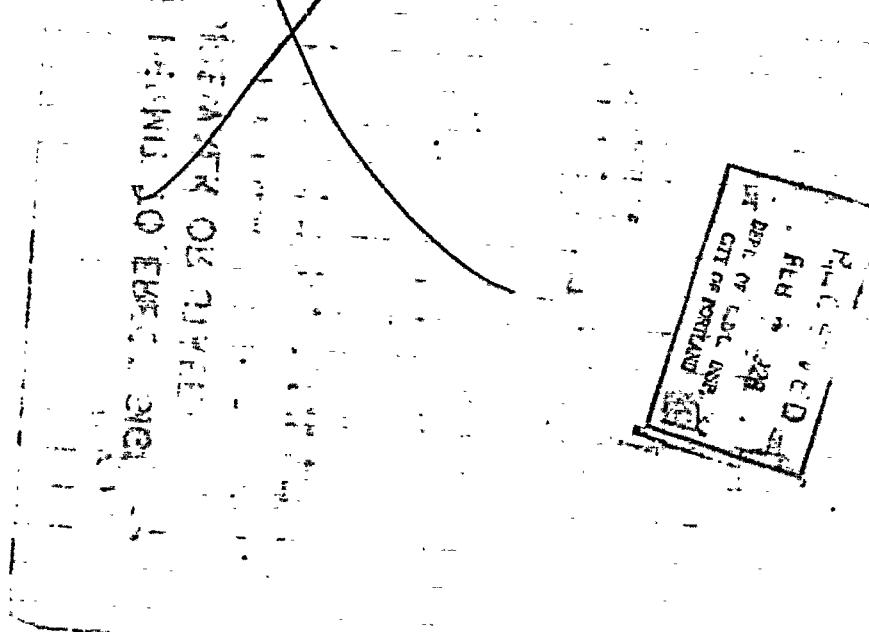
Permit 2/10/28

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn 3/15/28 H

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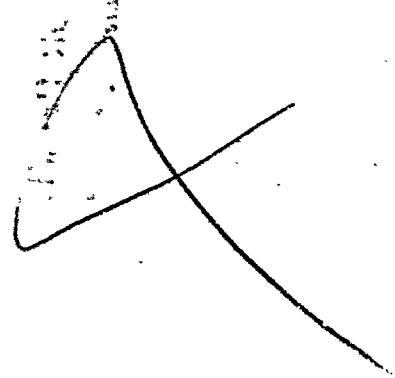
Sign removed.
Signature 2/18/44



Ward	Permit No.
Location	533
Owner	7L
Date of permit	
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	
Cert. of Occupancy issued	

NOTES

Final inspection
covers door sealing
apt O.K. only work
has been done since
time





553 Congress St
X
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City of Portland, Maine

Barren McDonald COMMITTEE ON SIGNS
MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS GEO. W. HARDY, CITY ELECTRICIAN
AND SUPERVISOR, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
Oliver T. Denhorn
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

October 21, 1925

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This may certify that Mile, Co (L) Mr. the Painter
has permission to erect maintain a electric sign on 553 Congress Street,
Ward 5.

Provided said electric sign to be steadfast and free from oscillation, and not to extend over or upon the sidewalk of said street more than feet from the building line or the inside line of said sidewalk, and the lower edge of said sign to be fifteen feet or more above the grade of said sidewalk, and in all other particulars to be erected and maintained in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Portland relating to signs.
All illuminated signs shall be constructed of metal.

For Committee on Signs.

1-31-13

This is a sign
that was taken down
for the purpose of
framing or by it
has worn top and
bottom and metal
front & back. I find
that the ordinance
does not require the
signs to be of metal

M.W. Gould

553 Congress St.

C^ODEST AND LARGEST PAINT SHOP IN NEW ENGLAND

ELECTRIC SIGNS
COMMERCIAL SIGNS
HIGHWAY BULLETINS

ESTABLISHED 1875

FLYNN THE PAINTER, INC.

EDWARD W. FLYNN, MGR.

FACTORY AND AUTO PAINTING DEPT., CUSTOM HOUSE WHARF
SIGN DEPT., 237 FEDERAL STREET
"WE LIGHT THE WAY"

SHOW CARDS
BANNERS, EMBLEMS
WINDOW LETTERING

PORLTAND, ME. Oct. 30

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Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:-

We respectfully ask for a permit to replace our electric corner sign 2' x 6' weighing approximately 150 lbs. for the Wiley Co. 553 Congress St.

The face of this sign is made of metal and is also backed up with steel. The frame is made of wood. The reason for taking this sign down was for repainting only and not for repairing.

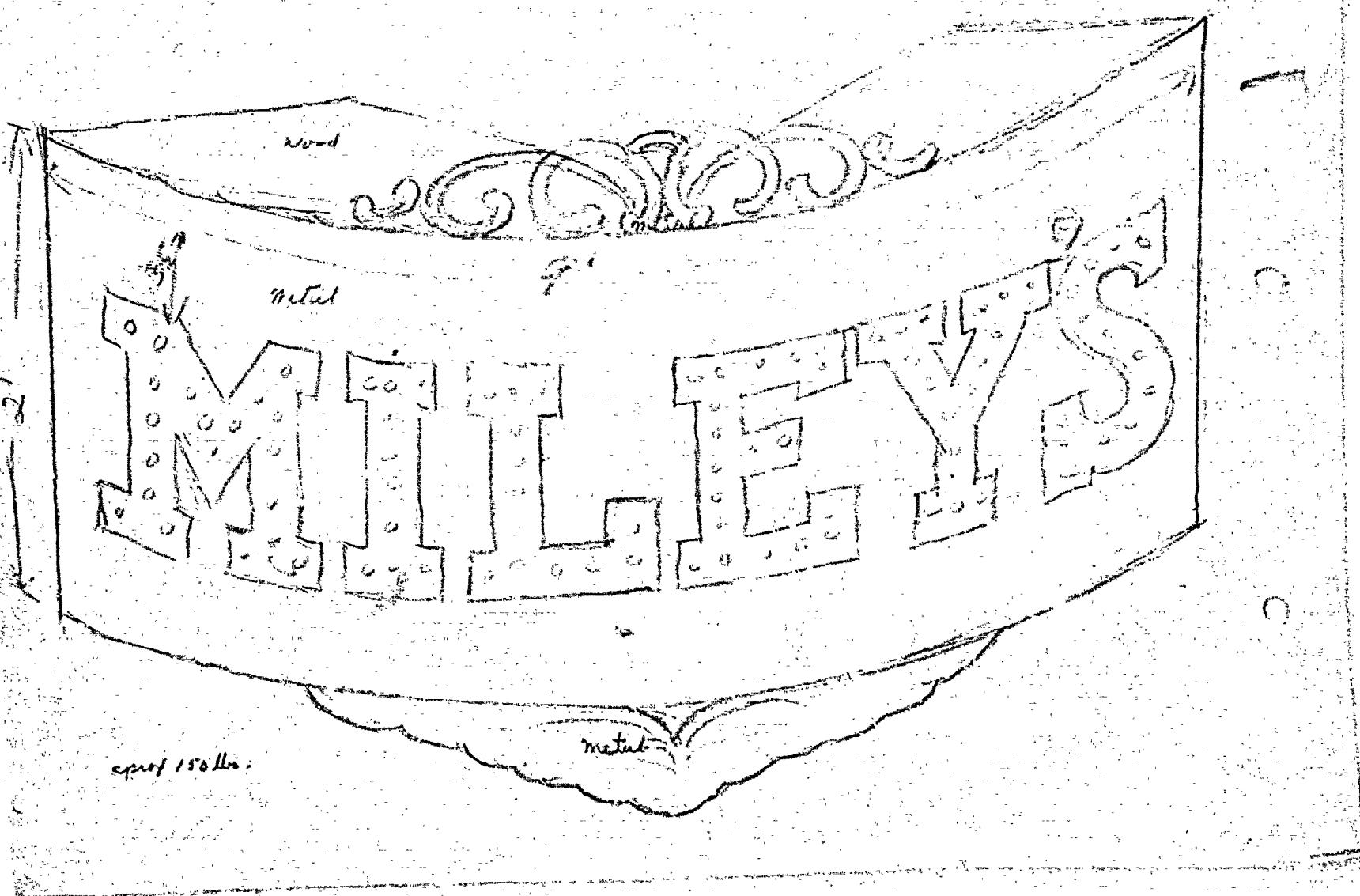
Yours truly,

Flynn The Painter, Inc.

By Edward W. Flynn

EWF/B

"FLYNN IS IN"



555 Congress St.

City of Portland, Maine



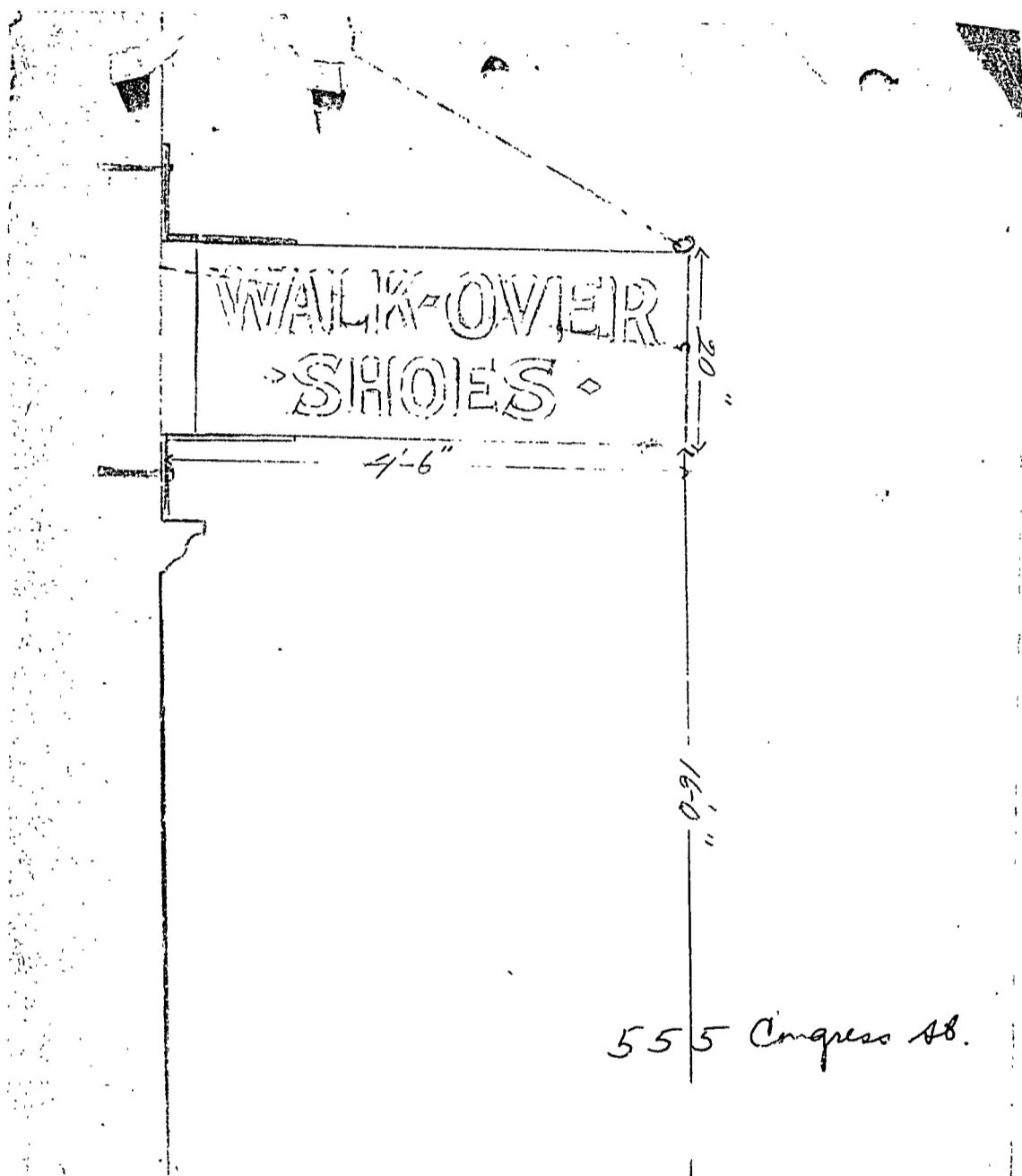
Wren McDonald, Chairman, Committee on Signs
FREDERIC J. SCHWEIKER, INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
MERRIT P. BUTLER, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
OLIVER R. BUNBORN, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
EDWARD HARDY, CITY ELECTRICIAN

Date 26/25 191

This may certify that G. C. Tuineh Sign Co. (a/k/a V. F. Boot Co.)
has permission to erect and maintain an electric sign on 555 Congress Street,
Ward 5. All connections at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " metal, all connecting bolts
at least $\frac{5}{8}$ " diam.

Provided said electric sign to be steadfast and free from oscillation, and not to extend over or
upon the sidewalk of said street more than 5 feet from the building line or the inside line of said sidewalk,
and the lower edge of said sign to be fifteen feet or more above the grade of said sidewalk, and in all other particular
to be erected and maintained in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Portland relating to signs.
All illuminated signs shall be constructed of metal.

For Committee on Signs.



GEO. C. TAINSH
Commercial Signs

CARD, CLOTH,
WOOD, GLASS,
METAL AND

Electric Signs

TELEPHONE FOREST 4246



27 MONUMENT SQUARE
PORTLAND, MAINE

555 Congress St.
ESTABLISHED 1905

Out Door Advertising

WALL OR BULLETIN
TO PROMOTE THE
SALE OF ANYTHING

Locations Secured

SKETCHES FURNISHED

June 26-1925.

Sign Committee,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen,-

We wish to secure permit for hanging two sided
projecting electric sign size 20" X 4'-6" for Walk-Over Boot
Shop located at 555 Congress St., as per sketch attached, sign
to be hung 15ft above sidewalk, weight approximately 20 lbs.

Very truly yours,
G. C. Tainsh Sign Co.,

CCT/MLT

*affixed
Seattle Harbor
June 26, 1925*

3/12/37, sign removed.
see also 297344 28/107