

Borden
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Cam Clothing

Stone - new fascinet



PERMIT ISSUED
1939



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class AUG 4 1939

Portland, Maine, August 2, 1938

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 480 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., S. P. Schwartz, 602A Congress Telephone 3-4151
 Contractor's name and address not let Telephone _____
 Architect's name and address _____
 Proposed use of building Stores and Offices No. families _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Plans filed as part of this application? Yes No. of sheets 1
 Estimated cost \$ 400 Fee \$ 75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material Brick No. stories 5 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Last use Stores and Offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To set existing stairs first floor to basement, and to provide new top landing and entrance to store, enclosing same with metal lath and plaster
 This change is to provide store space, about 700 sq.ft. for use of public in basement, Additional means of egress from this basement shown on plan submitted

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
REQUIREMENT IS MET

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

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
 Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 To be erected on so'ld 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 lining _____
 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? no
 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

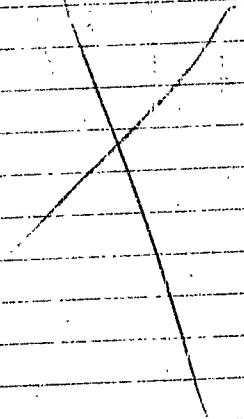
INSPECTION CODE _____ Signature of owner By John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Adney V. Schwartz

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Ward 4 Permit No. 36/1189
Loc. 480 Congress St
Owner John Hancock Mutual
Date of permit 8/4/36
Notif. closing-in _____
Insp. closing-in _____
Final Notif. _____
Final Inspn. 11/23/36
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES
8/11/36 Work started
11/23/36 Work done
a.g.

17x24 = 408
16x18 = 288
49 7x16 = 784
632 sq ft



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

Verbal in person

By ~~telephone~~

Date

11/30/34

Location

478-480 Congress St., corner ^{Center} ~~Person~~ St

Made by

Frank A. Reed (see case attached)

Inquiry-1

Is sagged place on third floor
considered safe - Sunday through
to have place increased for exam
letter to be written to Chas.
F. Lottel N. E. Regional Manager
H. O. B. Co., 150 Broadway St.

Answer-1

13 safe

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Reply by

Copy to Frank A. Ross

Mr. Charles F. Cotter, New Regional Mgr.,
Home Owner's Loan Corporation,
150 Causeway Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the City Mortgage Division of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company a certain part of the third floor of the building located at 478-480 Congress Street, corner of Center in this city, has been examined to find out if there was any dangerous weakness apparent where a sag appeared in the floor surface. For this purpose the owner removed the small section of the floor. The floor joists at this point appear to be sound and to be built into the exterior brick wall in the usual manner and there is no cause for concern as to the safety of the floor in evidence.

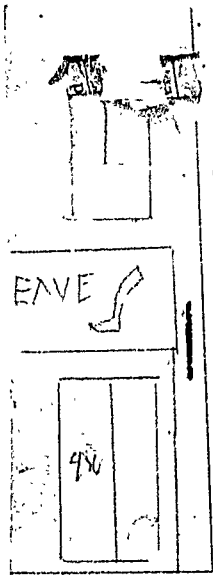
In 1928 this building was extensively remodeled and the main supporting columns and girders of the building were materially strengthened. There are several other places on the third floor where unevenness in the surface is apparent, but these are not out of the ordinary in buildings of this age, especially buildings with brick exterior walls and wooden interior frame, a type of construction which tends always toward unequal shrinkage. When such a building is renovated, as was the case with this one in 1928, no attempt is usually made to make the floors perfectly level unless some definite weakness or pronounced sag is present.

There is no reason apparent why this floor will not safely sustain the usual office load.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WED/H

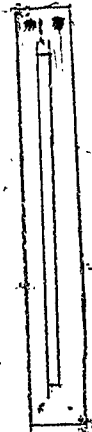


3 story

ground plan



front elev.



side elev.



Class sign four log bolts to building

30 m high 24 m wide

6" thick at back wood frame wt.

480 long

8 ft

sidewalk

Hyman & Partners



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0822

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, June 27, 1938

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 450 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Leon Clothing Company

Name and address of owner of sign Kenores Dining Room 450 Congress Street

Contractor's name and address Wynn, The Painter 45 Middle St. Telephone 4-2995

When does contractor's bond expire? April 1939

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 20 Horiz. 24

Weight 25 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? no Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame wood No. advertising faces 2, material aluminum

No. rigid connections 1 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

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

No. guys none, material _____, Size _____

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8'

Maximum projection into street 3'

Fee \$ 1.00

Wynn, The Painter
By E. F. Ross

Signature of contractor
H. Garbort

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CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATITUDE
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED.
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED.

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INSPECTION COPY

Signature of contractor

4 Permit No. 33/822
 Location 480 Congress St.
 Pencil Drawing Room
 Date of permit 6/27/83
 Sign Contractor _____
 Final Inspn. 7/10/83

NOTES

7/10/83 *Sign secretary*

OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET
 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGNS

Details of sign and connections
 Information Controller Program

1. Application No. 33/822



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

ISSUED
2106
Permit No. 710 1932

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Nov 28 1932

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 480 1/2 Congress St. Use of Building Mercantile
Name and address of owner Frances J MacDonald Ward 4
Contractor's name and address Portland Gas Light Co. Telephone 5500

General Description of Work

To install Gas Range.

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED.
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED.

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is heater or source of heat to be in cellar? No If not, which story 2nd Kind of Fuel Gas
Material of supports of heater or equipment (concrete floor or what kind) asbestos covered with sheet iron
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace, on wooden floor
from top of smoke pipe _____, from front of heater _____ from sides or back of heater 8 in.

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____
Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____
Location oil storage _____ No. and capacity of tanks _____
Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____
Amount of fee enclosed? \$1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

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Signature of contractor Portland Gas Light Co
By Allen K. Andrews

Ward 4 Permit No. 32/3106

Location 480A Congress St.

Owner Frances J Mac Donald

Date of permit 12/1/32

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

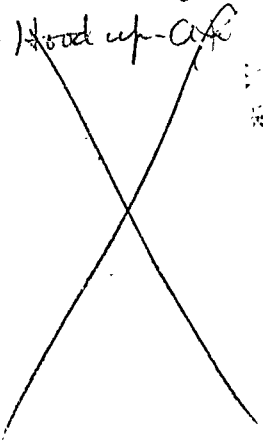
Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. 12/8/32

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

12/30/32 - Hood is to
be installed over
range - removed
12/1/32 - Hood not yet up
A.A.B.
12/8/32 - Hood up - OK



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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

NOV 15 1932

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, November 15, 1932

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 490 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Ex American Clothing Co. 478 Congress St Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address A. O. Soule 15 Dudley Street Telephone 7 8517-M
Architect's name and address _____
Proposed use of building Stores, tea room, offices, and school No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Plans filed as part of this application? no (See 22/1935-1) No. of sheets _____
Estimated cost \$ 50.00 Fee \$.50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

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

General Description of New Work

To put in non-bearing sheet rock partition 40' x 10' high in rear of 2nd floor to divide tea room from storage space to be used by owner

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED.
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately 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 lining _____
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? no
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

Signature of owner By American Clothing Co.
Arthur O. Soule

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Ward 4 Permit No. 3217984

Location 480 Congress St.

Owner American Gas Co.

Date of permit 11/15/32.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

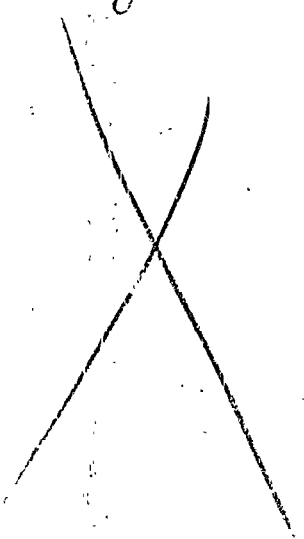
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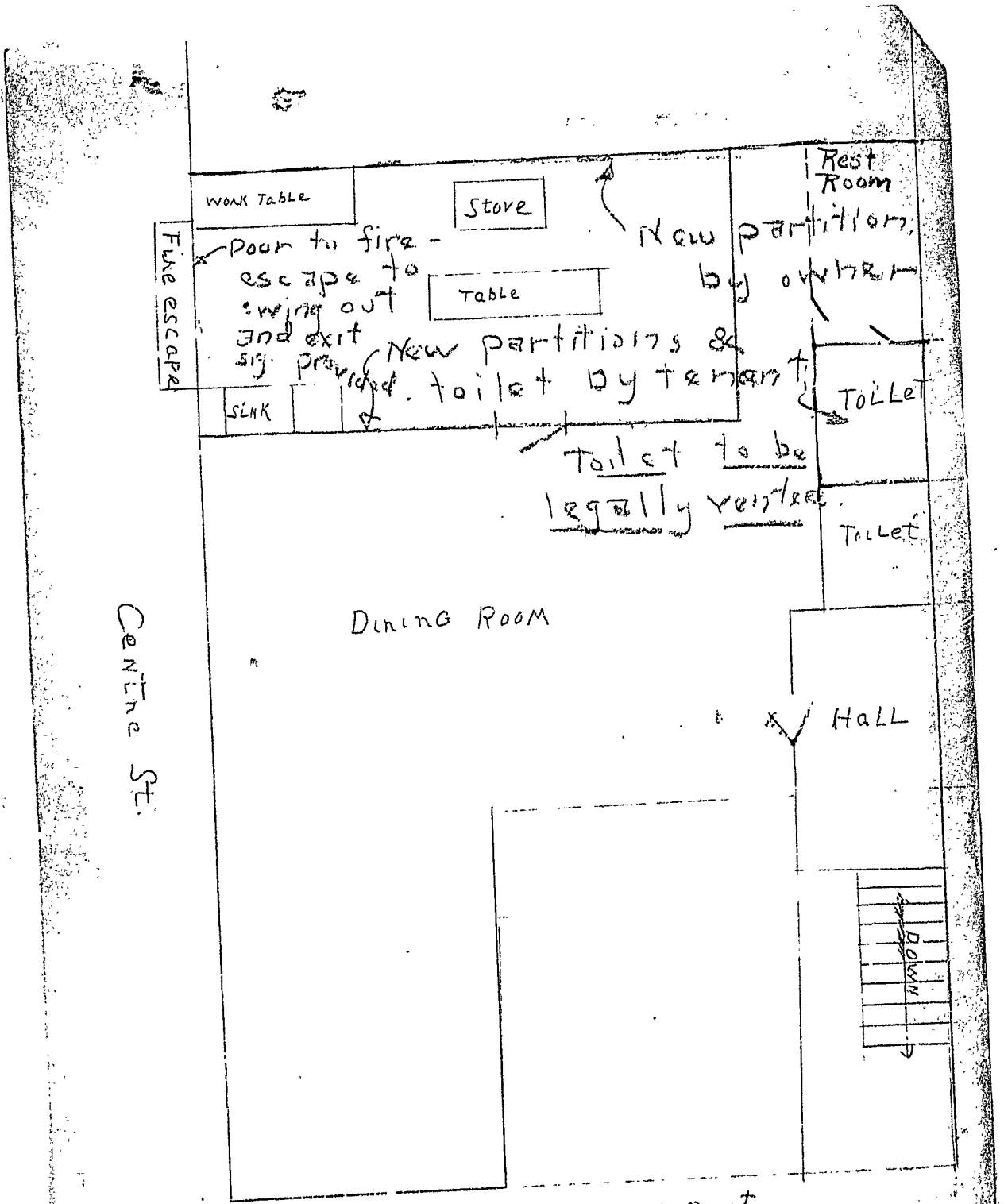
Final Inspn. 11/17/32.

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

11/17/32 - Permission
given to close in par-
tition - A.G.C.





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480. CONGRESS ST.

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(C) GENERAL BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT 1935

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class NOV 7 1932

Portland, Maine, November 4, 1932

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 480 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Frances J. MacDonald, 237 High St. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address A. O. Soule, 15 Dudley Street Telephone F 5517 M
Architect's name and address _____
Proposed use of building Stores, tea room, and offices and School No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1
Estimated cost \$ 200. Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use stores, offices and school No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To put in non-bearing sheet rock partitions in portion of second floor as shown on plan submitted to provide for tea room
To change window to door to lead onto existing fire escape
New toilet room to be provided to be vented by shaft at least fifty-six square inches in cross section thru roof

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 lining _____
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 6x3 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

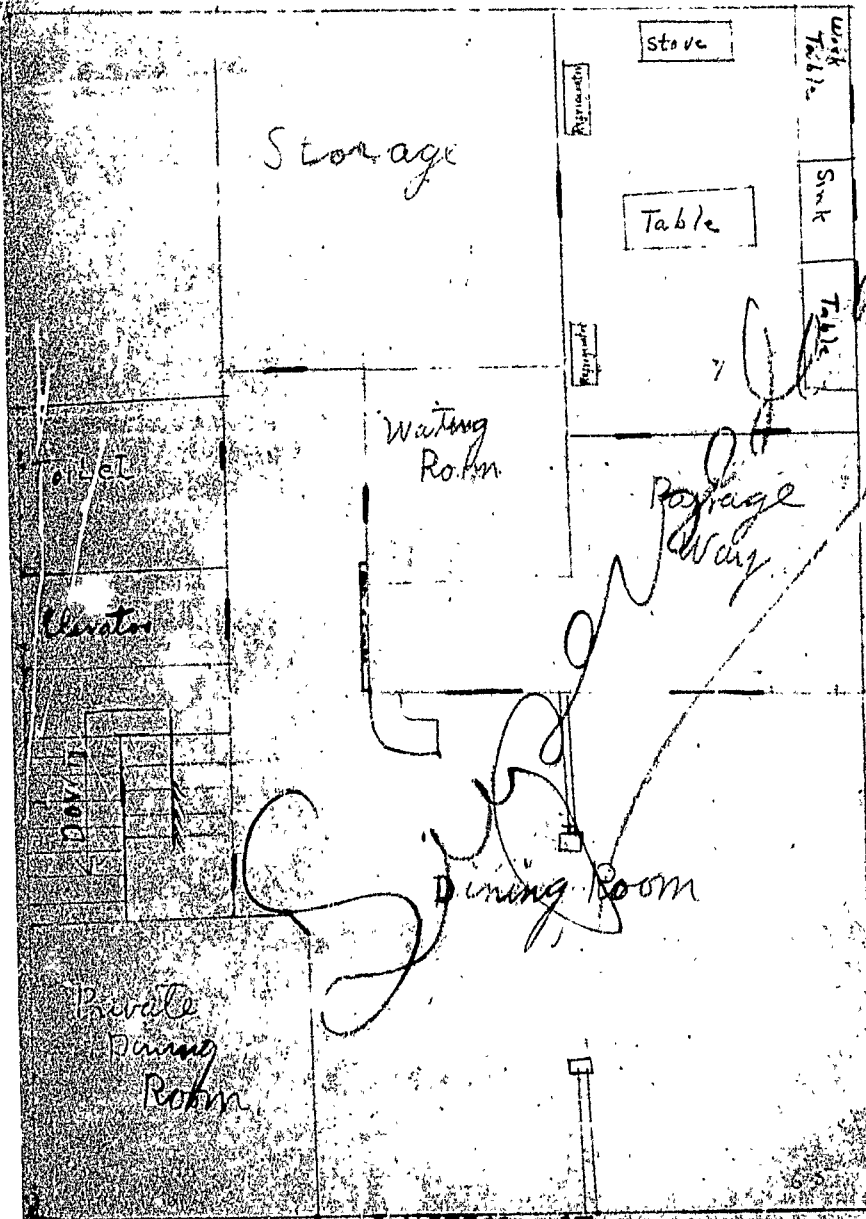
Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes
Frances J. MacDonald

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APPROVED
Signature of owner By Oliver T. Sanborn

Arthur O. Soule

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Help 7 (one sex)
Quest 65





GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

Permit No. _____

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, October 19, 1932

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 482 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Frances J. MacDonald, 237 High St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address A. O. Soule, 15 Dudley Street Telephone F 9517 M

Architect's name and address _____

Proposed use of building Tea Room second floor, mercantile bldg. No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

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

Estimated cost \$ 200. Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use mercantile No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To change non-bearing partitions, second floor, as shown on plan submitted to change use of second floor for use as tea room

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 lining _____

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? no

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

Signature of owner Frances J. MacDonald

Signature of owner Arthur O. Soule

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Oliver T. Sanborn

CHIEF OF DEPT. OF PERM.

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Word 4 Permit No. 32/1935

Location 480 Congress St

Owner Francis J. Mac Donald

Date of permit 10/7/32

Notif. closing-in 11/17/32 - 9.20 A.M.

Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. 12/3/32

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

~~11/5/32 - No work started~~

~~11/17/32 - Work on partitions started.~~

~~How about swinging of door onto fire escape?~~

~~11/26/32 - Work progressing~~

~~12/3/32 - Work completed~~



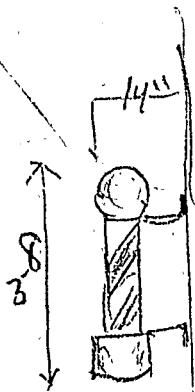
(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

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GROUND PLAN



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0699
MAY 25 1932

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, May 27, 1932 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 480 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached American Clothing Co.,

Name and address of owner of sign Centrose & Annis, 480 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Flynn, The Painter, 245 Middle St. Telephone 4-5833

When does contractor's bond expire? May, 1932

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 3'8" Horizontal 14"

Weight 60 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame iron No. advertising faces entire material glass and iron

No. rigid connections 4 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

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

No. guys no, material _____, Size _____

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8'

Maximum projection into street 14"

Fee \$ 1.00

Flynn, The Painter

Signature of contractor

INSPECTION COPY Oliver T. Sanborn By E. P. Row

Ward 4 Permit No. 32/699

Loca. 480 Congress St.

Owner Coutread + Annis

Date of permit 5/25/32

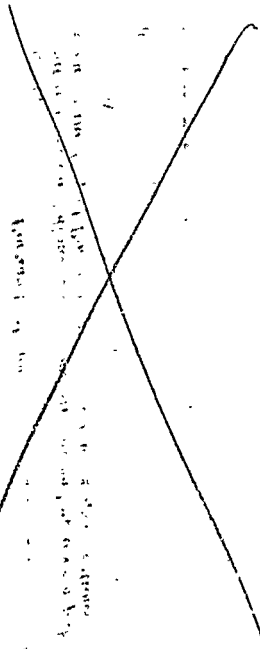
Sign Contractor _____

Final Inspn. 6/4/32

NOTES

6/4/32 Sign up - Agt

OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN



Permit of Sign and Structure

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PERMIT NO. 2652 NOV 1

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure sign

Portland, Maine, November 17, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME. erect

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

Location 478 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. _____
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Kimball System of Portland 51 Cross St. Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Kimball System of Portland 51 Cross St. Telephone F 1
 Architect's name and address _____
 Proposed use of building store, offices, & school No. families _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1
 Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material stone No. stories 2 Heat _____ Style of roof flat Roofing _____
 Last use store, offices & school No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To erect all metal st. 36' x 47' on roof of building

4x8 on roof with through bolts

NOTIFICATION OF PERMITTING OR CLOSING IN IS REQUIRED. PERMITS TO OCCUPANCY MUST BE OBTAINED.

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

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
 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 _____
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 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
 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

Signature of owner _____

by Kimball System of Portland

Howard J. Livvy Pres.

INSPECTION COPY

Ward 4 Permit No. 30/2652

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Owner

1118 Congress St
Portland
Knobloch Electric of

Date of permit 11/19/30

To

sign-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

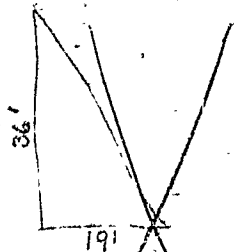
Final Inspn. 5/23/31

Cert. of Occupancy issued

None

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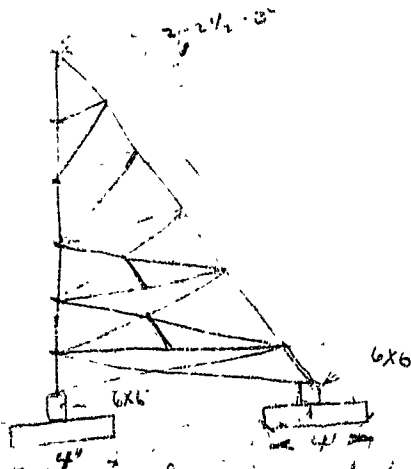
- 1/30/31 - Nothing done
as yet. A.G.E.
2/26/31 - Work has been
begun on sign A.K.
3/12/31 -



to be set in place to
be 4' on 28'

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in
no. 31



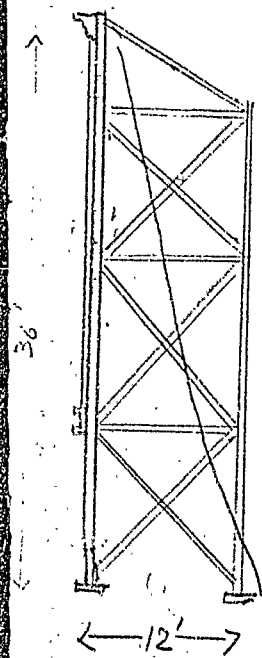
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A.G.E.

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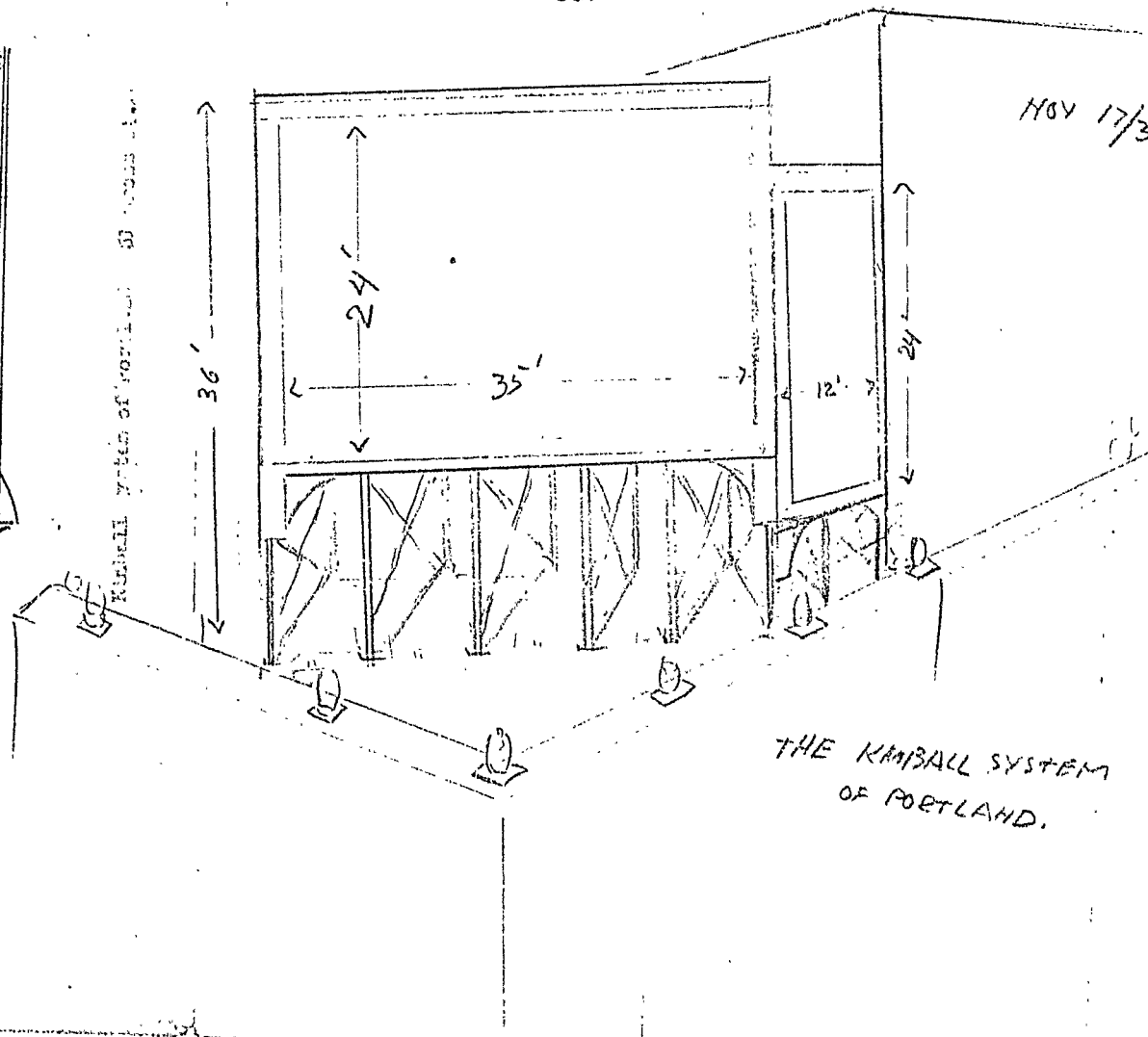
TO BE ERECTED ON ROOF
AMERICAN CLOTHING CO.

COR CONGRESS & CENTER
STTS.

MAY 17/38



Kimball system of Portland OR



THE KIMBALL SYSTEM
OF PORTLAND.

Permit No. 1229

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

Second Class BuildingPortland, Maine, March 14, 1935

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to repair the following described building in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 478 Congress Street Ward 4 Within fire limits? Yes Dist. No. 1Owner's name and address American Clothing Co., 478 Congress St. Telephone _____Contractor's name and address L. E. Butland, 176 Coyle St. Telephone F 8614-4Use of building Mercantile

No. stories _____ Height _____ ft., Gross area _____ sq. ft., Style of roof _____

Type of present roof covering _____

General Description of New Work

To Repair after Fire to former condition. No alterations

Light shaft

If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed

When last repaired? _____, Area then repaired _____ sq. ft.

Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? Yes If so, what area damaged? _____ sq. ft.

Area of roof to be repaired now? _____ sq. ft.

Type of roofing to be used _____ No. plies _____

Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used _____

Estimated cost \$ 20 Fee \$ 25

American Clothing Co.

Signature of owner

By L. E. Butland

INSPECTION COPY

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Ward 4 Permit No. 30299

Location 478 Congress St.

Owner American Cl. Co

Date of permit 3/14/30

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

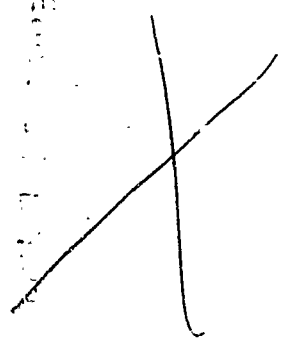
Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. _____

Cert. of-Occupancy issued _____

NOTES

3/14/30 - Work done.
C. J. B.





APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

Permit No. 0155

ISSUED

Class Building

FEB 19 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, February 19, 1930

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to repair the following described building in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 478 Congress Street Ward 4 Within fire limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address American Clothing Co., 478 Congress St.
Contractor's name and address F. A. Rursery Co., 533 Forest Ave. Telephone F 4313
Use of building Mercantile Telephone F 4313
No. stories _____ Height _____ ft., Gross area _____ sq. ft., Style of roof _____
Type of present roof covering _____

General Description of New Work

To Repair after Fire to former condition. No alterations

Damage to light shaft

If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed

When last repaired? _____, Area then repaired _____ sq. ft.
Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? Yes If so, what area damaged? _____ sq. ft.
Area of roof to be repaired now? _____ sq. ft.
Type of roofing to be used _____ No. plies _____
Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used _____
Estimated cost \$ 150.

By American Clothing Co.
F. A. Rursery Co.Fee \$.75

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by _____

1049A

Ward 4 Permit No. 30/155

Location 478 Congress St.

Owner American Cl. Co

Date of permit 2/19/30

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. _____

Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

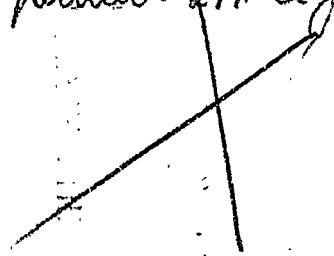
NOTES

2/21/30. Repairs not yet started. Not much fire damage. A.G.S.

2/28/30 - Repairs not yet made. A.G.S.

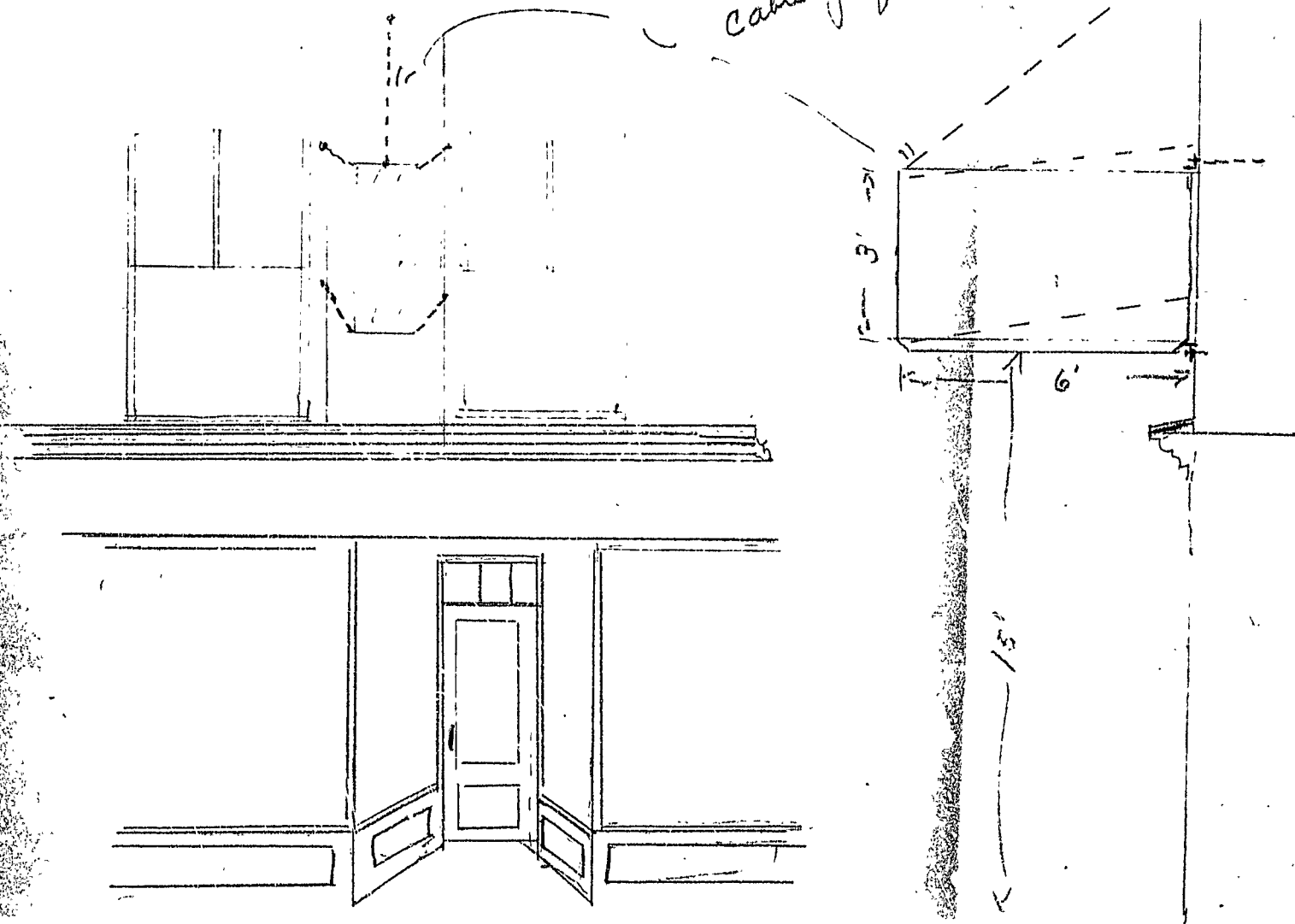
3/10/30 - Same - A.G.S.

3/14/30 - Work done by Syle Butland on Permit # 299 - A.G.S.



4 in right 200 lbs
12 sides

Cable guys $\frac{5}{16}$ "





Permit No. 1465
1929

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

To, the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Aug. 2- 19 29

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 400 CONGRESS ST. Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Louis H. Embor Co.

Name and address of owner of sign Clearview Hosiery Shop

Contractor's name and address G. O. Trinch Sign Co., 14-16 Free St. Telephone 714246

When does contractor's bond expire? Oct. 3-1929

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 3 feet Horizontal 6 feet

Weight 200 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 two Size 5/8" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys five material 5/16" galv cable Size 5/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15 feet

Maximum projection into street 6 feet

Fee \$ 1.00

APPROVED

Signature of contractor

INSPECTION COPY

Oliver P. Sauborn

*G. O. Trinch Sign Co.,
BY A. R. Trinch*

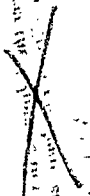
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Ward 4 Permit No. 81/4465
 Location 480 Congress St
 Owner Clearview Hosiery Co
 Date of permit 8/2/29
 Sign Contractor _____
 Fir _____ spn. _____

NOTES

8/13/29 sign erected.
 3 lines of guy wires
 installed at cable tray
 level. Apparently
 OK.

FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
 PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET



Details of Sign and Connections

Permitting

No.	Name	Address	City	State	Country
1					
2					
3					
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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

Permit No. 1333
JUL 16 1929

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 16, 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 490 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Clear Weave Hosiery Co., 485 Congress St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address F. A. Rumery Co., 533 Forest Ave. Telephone 14545

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 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use mercantile No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To lower floor in show windows 6" which will necessitate new glass in all show windows to be 6" longer (or higher)

No structural change

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
REQUIREMENTS OF BUILDING
DEPARTMENT

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? no No. sheets _____

Estimated cost \$ 300. Fee \$.75

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

Signature of owner Clear Weave Hosiery Co.
By F. A. Rumery Co.

By A. J. Bird

INSPECTION COPY

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Ward 4 Permit No. 29/1333

Location 480 Congress St

Owner Clear Wear Hickey Co

Date of permit 7/16/29

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

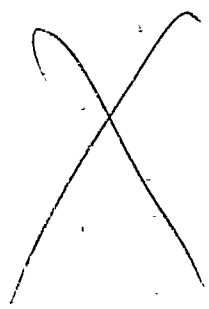
Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. _____

Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES

7/31/29 - Work done
agf





(9) ~~1929~~ BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 6537
APR 28 1929

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, April 18, 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 478 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 3

Owner's or Lessee's name and address American Clothing Co., 478 Congress St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address F. A. Rumery Co., 553 Forest Ave. Telephone 14343

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 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use mercantile No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To remove one store recessed entrance, putting plate glass show windows in as per plan submitted
no structural changes

RENEWAL OF PERMIT
BY THE CITY ENGINEER
MAY 15 1929

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 \$ 200. Fee \$.75

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

American Clothing Co.

Signature of owner

W. J. Bird

INSPECTION COPY

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Ward 4 Permit No. 29/567

Location 478 Congress St.

Owner American Clo Co.

Permit 4/18/29

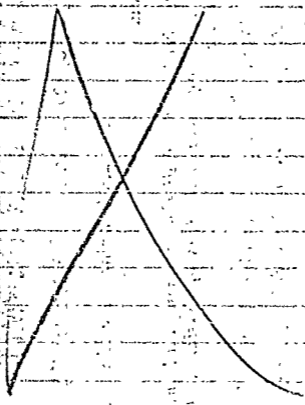
Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Inspn. 4/18/29 CLB

Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES





PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 2105
OCT 5 1928

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, October 5, 1928

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ 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 470 Congress Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No.

Owner's or Lessee's name and address American Clothing Co. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Ballard Oil & Equipment Co., 124 High St. Telephone 9072

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 steam Style of roof Roofing

Last use Mercantile No. families

General Description of New Work

To install Oil Burner

STATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED
NOTIFICATION BEFORE
CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

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 10 Material of chimneys of lining

Kind of heat steam Type of fuel oil Distance, heater to chimney 4'

If oil burner, name and model Ballard Jr. This burner labelled and approved by the Unif. Lab.

Capacity and location of oil tanks 2-275 gallon tanks in basement one tank fireproofed 10' from boiler

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? no No. sheets

Estimated cost \$650 Fee \$1.00

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

Signature of owner American Clothing Co.,
By Ballard Oil & Equipment Co.

INSPECTION COPY

By E.P. Hacker, P.O.

Ward 4 Permit No. 28/2105 ^M

Location 478 Congress St.

Owner American Cl. Co.

Date of permit 10/5/28

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. 3/22/29 mm

Cert. of Occupancy issued mm

NOTES

~~Free oil on top of
metal support
bars. Ratchet tank
to hold furniture
in screen in
and for
mm~~



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. _____

JUN 21 1928

1196

Second Class Building

Portland, Maine, June 21, 1928

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to repair the following described building in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 478-480 Congress Street

Ward 4

Within fire limits? Yes

Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Louis N. Kamber, 478 Congress St.

Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address not let

Telephone _____

Use of building Mercantile building

No. stories 3

Height _____

ft., Gross area _____

sq. ft., Style of roof _____

Type of present roof covering _____

General Description of New Work

Repair after Fire to former condition. No alterations

(Basement Fire)

If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed

When last repaired? _____

Area then repaired _____

sq. ft.

Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? Yes

If so, what area damaged? _____

sq. ft.

Area of roof to be repaired now? _____

sq. ft.

Type of roofing to be used _____

No. plies _____

Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

Fee \$.25

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

Louis N. Kamber
By *Bernard Kamber* 6016

Ward 4 Permit No. 28/1196

Location 498 480 Congress St.

Owner Louis N. Kamber

Date of permit 6/21/58

Notif. closing-in _____

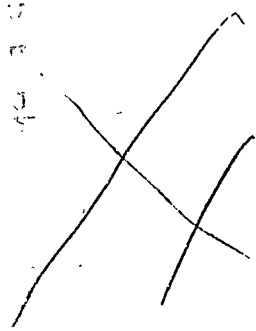
Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Notif. _____

Final Inspn. _____

Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES





478 Congress St
City of Portland, Maine 26/47

COMMITTEE ON SIGNS
JAMES McLaughlin, INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ALMUS D. BUTLER, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
GEORGE W. HARRY, CITY ELECTRICIAN

Oliver Sanborn

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

December 14/26 1911

This may certify that American Clothing Co (G C Tainsh Sign Co
has permission to erect a electric sign on 478 Congress Street,
maintain through bolts at bottom of sign.
Ward 4

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 6 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.



City of Portland, Maine

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COMMITTEE ON SIGNS F E Sargent

WARREN McO. Wald INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
WALTER A. ROBERTS CITY ELECTRICIAN
ALMUS P. BULLER CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oliver Sandborn

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

December 14/26

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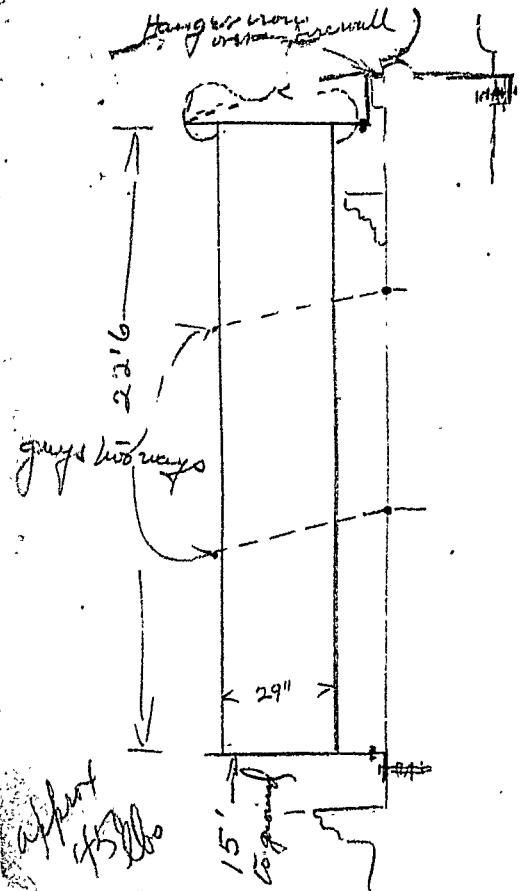
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has permission to erect a electric sign on 478 Congress Street,
maintain a Through bolts at bottom of sign.
Ward 4

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 6 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.



GEO. C. TAINSH

Commercial Signs

CARD, CLOTH,
WOOD, GLASS,
METAL AND

Electric Signs

TELEPHONE FOREST 4246



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PORTLAND, MAINE

ESTABLISHED 1905

Out Door Advertising

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TO PROMOTE THE
SALE OF ANYTHING

Locations Secured

SKETCHES FURNISHED

Dec. 14-1926.

Sign Committee,
Portland, Maine.
Gentlemen,-

We wish to secure permit for hanging two sided
projecting electric sign size 22'-6" X 29" for American
Clothing Co., located at 478 Congress St., as per sketch.
This is an old sign removed from 255 Middle St.

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

GCT/AMT

APPROVED

Oliver P. Saulton
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

W. K. Sargent
12/17/26



MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED SIGN CRAFTERS OF NORTH AMERICA

F. A. RUMERY CO.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Office, 537 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

November 3
1926

RE: KAMBER BUILDING
Center & Congress Sts.

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith sheet #56 from Krokyn & Browne, architects. This shows the proposed arrangement in basement of store #2 which has been leased by the owner for use as a barber shop. As our original plans called for no work to be done in the basement, we are making application for a permit to deviate from original plans in order that we may do this work in basement as shown on enclosed sheet.

Yours very truly,

F. A. RUMERY CO.

BY *Geo. Stur*

GJH:O
Enc.

*for
with
proposed
arrangement
Kamber Bldg
place plan
with plans
filed in plan*

October 19, 1926.

Erskyn & Brown
220 Devonshire Street
Boston, Mass.

Attn: Dr. A. A. Brown

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the construction of the Kambor Building in this City and replying to your letter of the 13th., inst., the contractors have suggested the method of strengthening the brick pier in the basement of this building as outlined in your letter mentioned above. Such construction will be satisfactory to this department, and you are therefore relieved of the obligation of submitting any computations.

It is understood fully how this question developed but it might not be out of place to state that such matters concerning this department should not be handled as this one has. In accordance with the Building Ordinance it is clearly up to the owner, contractor or architect in case a deviation is desired from the original plans or specifications, to apply for such a deviation, furnishing at the same time complete information as to loads and stresses involved in the change. Such obligation on the part of the holder of a building permit is necessary because of the large volume of work that goes through this department day by day and it is impracticable for the City to make investigation of each detailed case from the ground up.

Yours truly,

Copy to:
F. A. Hensory Co.

Inspector of Buildings.

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE

ARCHITECTS

220 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON

Oct. 13, 1926.

Project #411
Kamber Bldg.

*File
with
Application*

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

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter this morning from F. A. Rumery Co., which we quote herewith.

"We have a copy of letter to you from the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine, under date of Oct. 7. relative to the brick pier in basement supporting lally column. As you have no doubt noted from his letter, it will be satisfactory to him if the bearing on the brick work under the bearing plate, does not exceed 200# per square inch. We have looked into this matter and find that we can, by rearranging the pilaster built against the wall, and toothing same into wall, that we can comply with his wishes. As you have told us it will be satisfactory to you if satisfactory to the building inspector, we trust this will be agreeable."

If this answers your request we will not file the computations.

Will you kindly advise.

Yours very truly,
KROKYN & BROWNE

Ambrose A. Browne
BY Ambrose A. Browne

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE

ARCHITECTS

220 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON

Oct. 11, 1926.

Project #411
Kamber Bldg.
Portland

*File
with off*

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
City of Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

It was not our intention to overlook the promise made by Mr. Browne. We have given F. A. Rumery Co. an order to install a rear entrance which we think complies with your requirements and the Rumery Co. were to get a permit of approval from your office.

You will recall that we stated that the basement was not to be used for sales purposes. Therefore it would appear that this rear entrance is a satisfactory egress in conjunction with the rear stairway to the basement.

Relative to the overloading of the existing wood girders on the first floor, we have omitted the partitions that came on the girder that were complained of.

We are making computations on the brick pier that was substituted for a lally column.

We had understood right along that the F.A. Rumery Co. had taken this latter matter up with you and had your approval or we would have given you the data earlier.

Yours very truly,
KROKYN & BROWNE

Ambrose A. Browne
BY Ambrose A. Browne

October 7, 1926.

Ernest & Brown
220 Devonshire Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the Kamber building at the corner of Center and Congress Streets this city, the contractors have applied for permission to substitute the brick wall in the basement for the Lally column originally called for on the plan to support the floors and the roof of the building. It will be necessary for you to develop the loads that are theoretically present at the base of the Lally column which now stops at the ground floor and see if this masonry pier will be overloaded. I am told that there is a 16x16 bearing plate under the Lally column, but it appears that only a part of this bearing plate sets a bearing upon the original 12 inch brick wall below. There is a pilaster built on the face of this wall which is not apparently tied in any way and is therefore worthless. You should also determine what kind of foundation and the bearing area of same under the brick wall. It will be satisfactory to this department if the bearing on the brick work under the bearing plate does not exceed two hundred pounds per square inch, and if the bearing upon the foundation of the wall, if of concrete, does not exceed five hundred pounds per square inch. These figures should be furnished to this department for examination.

Mr. Brown while in this office sometime ago, advised as soon as the use of the basement was established, something would be done to remedy the condition which exist due to the fact that the wooden girders in the basement are theoretically very much overloaded. It is desirable that you furnish your conclusion in this matter promptly.

Yours truly,

Copy to:
F. A. Ingers

Inspector of Buildings.

October 7, 1926.

Erskyn & Brown
220 Devonshire Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the Yeager building at the corner of Center and Congress Streets, this city, the contractors have applied for permission to substitute the brick wall in the basement for the Lally column originally called for on the plan to support the floors and the roof of the building. It will be necessary for you to develop the loads that are theoretically present at the base of the Lally column which now stops at the ground floor and see if this masonry pier will be overloaded. I am told that there is a 16x16 bearing plate under the Lally column, but it appears that only a part of this bearing plate gets a bearing upon the original 12 inch brick wall below. There is a pilaster built on the face of this wall which is not apparently tied in in any way and is therefore worthless. You should also determine what kind of foundation and the bearing area of same under the brick wall. It will be satisfactory to this department if the bearing on the brick work under the bearing plate does not exceed two hundred pounds per square inch, and if the bearing upon the foundation of the wall, if of concrete, does not exceed five hundred pounds per square inch. These figures should be furnished to this department for examination.

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Yours truly,

Copy to:
F. A. Henry

Inspector of Buildings.

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE
~~X FREDERICK ROSENSTEIN~~
Associated Architects
220 DEVONSHIRE ST., BOSTON

Memo

For Mr. Warren McDonald

From Krokyn & Browne

DISTRIBUTION:

Owner
Contractor
Architect
Record Copy
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Subject Project #411
Kamber Bldg.

Date Sept. 2, 1926

We confirm the telephone conversation with you wherein the window to the fire escape to the second floor will be at least three feet wide and will be carried to the floor and that the fire escape only has been approved to date.

The egress to the basement is subject to your review of Mr. Kamber's plans for utilization of the basement.

*Free
Kamber
Basement Approval*

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SENT To Mr. Warren McDonald,

ADDRESS Inspector of Buildings, Portland, Maine.

DATE SENT Sept. 2, 1926 MAIL * EXPRESS MESSENGER

PROJECT NAME Kamber Bldg.

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Showing fire escape arrangements

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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BLUE COPY

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REMARKS

The above covers the second means of egress.

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE

ARCHITECTS

220 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON

Sept. 1, 1926.

Project #411
Kamber Bldg.

Fire Escape, etc.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the drawing of the revised
second floor which should have accompanied a pre-
vious letter.

I couldn't telephone you today, about the fire es-
cape; but will call you before two o'clock Thursday.

Yours very truly,
KROKYN & BROWNE


BY Ambrose A. Browne

ENCLOSURE

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON

August 28, 1926.

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE
ARTHUR ROSENSTEIN
ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS

LIBERTY 6689
LIBERTY 6690

City of Portland, Maine,
Attention of Mr. McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,

Project #411
Egress

Dear Sir,-

Thank you for your prompt reply with reference to the second means of egress on the Kamber Building.

We intend to have the fire escape meet your requirements for service to the Commercial School and will let the contract to Rumery accordingly.

The Commercial School has taken over the entire floor and I really thought that the minor changes in partitions would not affect the existing permit. Enclosed is a copy of the plan showing the changes made. The large room at the rear is to be a class room of I should say fifty students and the offices remain with the usual occupancy.

If we decide to put a partition over the center support in last two bays of street floor we will submit drawing showing the method of strengthening same to your satisfaction.

We will be pleased to call on you Tuesday Aug. 31 about one thirty to settle the matter of egress.

Yours very truly,

Krokyn and Browne,

by 
AMBROSE A. Browne.

August 26, 1926.

Krolyn & Browne
220 Devonshire Street
Boston, Mass.

Att: Mr. Browne

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 25th. inst., concerning fire escape and additional exit to Center Street for the Kambor building at the corner of Center and Congress Streets, this City, the general arrangement of the fire escapes and exits is satisfactory to this department but it is necessary to secure the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department also. He is out of town for two or three days so that it will be the first of the week before we can secure his approval.

It is reported that the upper floor of this building is to be used for some sort of Commercial School, and I note that the partitions are being built upon a different plan than that which we have in this office. It will be necessary for you to furnish the corrected layout of this floor and also the definite nature of the occupancy so that we can figure the number of people to be accommodated and from that the width of the fire escape required. If this report is true it is quite likely that we will require a casement window or french door leading to the upper landing of the fire escape.

An additional permit will be necessary for the fire escape only unless the fire escape is to be installed by the same general contractors. A supplementary permit may be issued which must bear the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of the Fire Department on account of the fact that the fire escape will project over the sidewalk.

If you will furnish promptly the additional data necessary for the upper story the approval or criticisms of the Fire Chief will be secured promptly and reported to you. We prefer very much a counter balanced stairway to a counter weighted one.

In regard to the supports under the store floor of this building concerning which the writer spoke with Mr. Browne, something will be necessary

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to strengthen the present wooden girders in the rear if they will
have them replaced in order to take care of an adequate live load.
If you can supply information as to how you propose to take
care of this situation, and if you are not authorized to take care of
it, make it up directly with the owner if you will so advise.

Yours truly,

Inspector of Buildings.

J. FREDERICK KROKYN
AMBROSE A. BROWNE

ARCHITECTS

220 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON

August 25, 1926.

Project #411
Kamber Bldg.
Portland

File with application

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

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a print of the proposed fire escape from the second floor and a new entrance from Center Street into the rear of the street floor, serving first and second floors and basement. We hope this will meet with your approval as a second means of egress which you have requested.

On the second floor of the building Mr. Kamber has let the entire floor to one tenant, so that they have access to either the front stairway or the fire escape without passing through any other tenant's rooms.

We would appreciate your early reply.

Yours very truly,
KROKYN & BROWNE

Ambrose A. Browne
BY Ambrose A. Browne *sm.*

Cc to Mr. L. Kamber

August 17, 1926

F. A. Ruzery Company,
637 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine.

Att: Mr. George J. Huolin

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th inst., in reply to mine of the 13th, relative to the framing in the so-called Knaber Building, and I appreciate very keenly your feeling in this situation, which looked at from your standpoint, no doubt appears to be a reasonable one.

However, I am always compelled to fall back upon the building ordinance of the city, which I am required to enforce, as impartially and as sanely as lies within my power. From the only interpretation I can place upon the ordinance, I feel that I would be committing a violation of the ordinance, were I to approve the change of plans that you have suggested.

I agree heartily with your idea of cooperation, but even outside of what the ordinance has to say, I feel sure that the right way to remodel this building, or any old building, is to make all of the members of approximately equal strength, and that enough to carry with undoubted safety any load that will likely come upon them.

Very truly yours,

Copy to:
Krookyn, Brown Company

Inspector of Buildings

File
with
Application

August 14, 1926

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of August 13th relative to the Kamber Building in which you state you cannot approve the deviation from the plans accompanying the permit and allow the elimination of the structural steel in the three panels at the rear of the building, using the present construction as it is.

We have noted your computations and agree that according to them the present wooden beams appear to be unable to give the required service but we feel that with these figures should be combined past performance and experience. The beams are apparently in as good a condition today as when placed in the building and to our knowledge have supported all required loads for the past twenty-five years. Upon this fact we contend that, as they supported in the past, they will support in the future.

You state that it is obvious the Architect understood the existing conditions and therefore provided steel. We do not believe the Architect, like ourselves, had any knowledge of the existing conditions until such parts of the building were torn away that would allow proper inspection. As you have yourself stated in a previous letter, in remodeling old buildings it is very often the case that conditions arise that were not foreseen at the time and plans and specifications were made. This apparently is one of these conditions.

We do not wish to be antagonistic and realize that cooperation is very necessary in all walks of life, still, on the other hand, we cannot but feel justified in disagreeing with you on this particular issue.

Very truly yours,

F. A. RUBEY CO.

BY 

August 13, 1926.

F. A. Emery Company,
537 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your application to deviate from the original plans for the remodeling of the building at the corner of Congress and Centor Streets, calling for the elimination of all of the structural steel and the new Lally columns in the three panels at the rear of the building and depending upon using the present construction as it is, I find that the 10x10 wooden girders in each floor are the limiting factors in this proposition. When the known dead load has been deducted from the carrying capacity of these girders, the balance of the carrying capacity does not allow for satisfactory live load for the occupancy proposed.

For instance, take the 10x10 girder in the second span from the rear of the building. This span is 13 feet and 5 inches, and the girder in each floor carries 270 square feet of floor area. The carrying capacity of this girder is 12,400 pounds on this span. The dead weight of each floor is about 20 pounds per square foot, or the dead load on each girder exclusive of partitions is 5,400 pounds. Deduct this dead load from the carrying capacity of the girder and there is but 7,000 pounds left to carry the live load, thus providing for a live load per square foot of but 26 pounds. Obviously, the architect understood this condition and therefore provided the steel. They have never shown on their plans, however, any means of carrying the ground floor except the addition of new Lally columns in the basement. We have a still worse condition in the ground floor, because this 10x10 girder must carry the dead load of a center partition amounting to 3,200 pounds, which leaves a live load carrying capacity of but 2,800 pounds or a little more than 10 pounds per square foot.

If these deductions are at fault, I will accept any criticisms and correct them but, since they are the best figures that I have been able to make, I cannot approve the deviation from the plans accompanying the permit. I have purposely stated these figures, so that you could check

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up on them, and I feel sure that nobody concerned will wish to leave the old construction as it is, if these deductions are correctly drawn.

Yours truly,

Copy to:
Krokyn, Brown Company

Inspector of Buildings.

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attached*

ESTIMATES FURNISHED FOR ALL CLASSES OF BUILDINGS

F. A. RUMERY CO.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Office, 537 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

August 12, 1926

Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith set of
plan relative to the Kamber Building
which received from your office yester-
day.

On Sheet #8 I have made some
notes as requested by you. We have al-
ready experienced some unfortunate delays
which have put us somewhat behind on this
work and we would appreciate greatly if
you could give us an early decision.

Yours very truly,

F. A. RUMERY CO.

By *Geo. H. H. [Signature]*

Enc.
GJH.W