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maintained from State funds, would cost the taxpayers of Oakland nothing, yet grant them an immediate service long needed and this city's growing due. Such a structure would house such services as the local State Motor Vehicle Department, local officials of the State Labor Compensation Board, allow space for a State exhibit room, and offer quarters in which could be held meetings of the State Railroad Commission, Board of Equalization, and other State commissions or officials whose duties require local meeting and discussion forums. Oakland offers splendid sites for such a building, and present state business in this community fully warrants the expenditure it would necessitate. Los Angeles and San Francisco both have such institutions. Oakland, third largest city in California, and declared by students to offer every indication of being the future great city of the Pacific Coast, should be granted similar advantages.

The Legislative Counsel put the matter in this light before state officials. It was agreed finally that a quarter of a million dollars would be set aside at the time of the meeting of the next State Legislature for such a building. However, state funds for such a construction are only available, under the law, when the land on which the building is to be constructed is owned by the State or held on at least a fifty-year lease. The present city charter of Oakland allows only a 25-year lease of city-owned property. In the near future, therefore, the charter should be amended, allowing the city to lease municipally owned land to the Federal Government, state and/or county on a 50-year basis. It is my intention in the fall elections of 1930 to place such a charter amendment, among others, before the people.

STREET DEPARTMENT

General Operation

Still operating under the reduced budget first effected in the year of 1927, the Street Department, so far as its internal operation is concerned, is still operating effectively. The 1926-1927 budget called for an expenditure of \$854,000 for maintenance and repair of streets. In 1927-1928 this sum was reduced to \$570,000; and in the fiscal year passed, although raised to \$625,000, was still \$229,000 under that of 1926-1927. I am convinced that this department, through economies in personnel and through efficiency measures