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NEAR PEEKSKILL, N. Y.  
JUNE 20, 1907



*Board of Water Supply*

J. EDWARD SIMMONS  
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CHARLES A. SHAW

*Commissioners*

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COMMISSIONER CHADWICK    COMMISSIONER SIMMONS    COMMISSIONER SHAW  
MAYOR McCLELLAN

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*Board of Water Supply of The City of New York*

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ON January 3, 1905, at the request of Mayor McClellan, a water bill was introduced into the Legislature providing for the appointment of a commission of three and involving the principles of non-partisanship, home rule and speed.

Inasmuch as the bill named the civic bodies from which the commissioners were to be selected, objection was raised on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

Accepting the amendment with the broadest and most statesmanlike conception of the great problem of the future water supply for New York City, Mayor McClellan, at the banquet tendered him by the Hamilton Club on Thursday evening, April 6, 1905, lifted the whole problem out of the plane of partisan politics into that of a business, non-partisan administration when he emphasized his position in the following statement:

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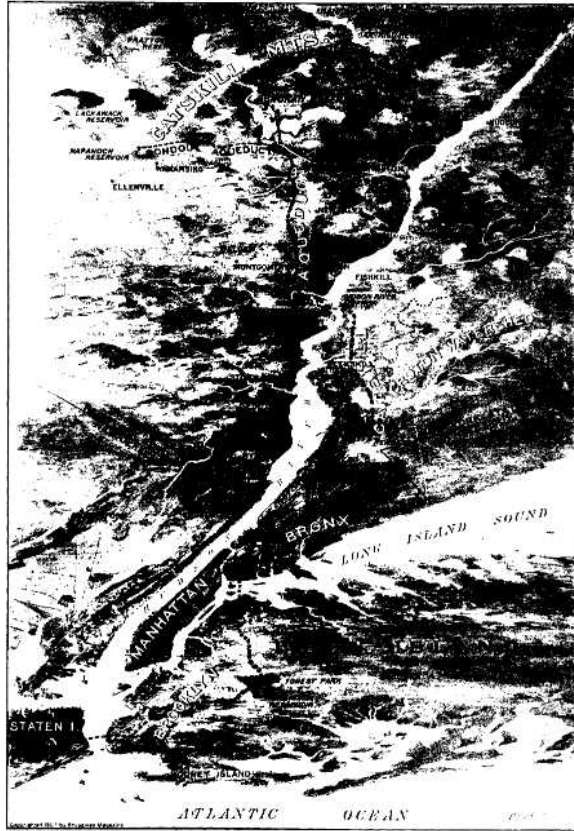
"I promise with all the sincerity that is in me that if the bill is amended giving to the Mayor absolute and unqualified power of appointment I shall immediately on the enactment of the bill call upon the Chamber of Commerce of New York, the Board of Fire Underwriters and the Manufacturers' Association for a list of three names each, and from those names I shall appoint Commissioners, one from each list; and should any vacancies occur later during my administration, I shall fill those vacancies in the same manner I shall appoint the original commission. I want to make a precedent so strong and establish a tradition so binding that none of my successors can in any circumstances violate this tradition or precedent."





HE bill became law, and on June 9, 1905, the Mayor, in accordance with his promise, appointed the Board of Water Supply.

To George B. McClellan, Mayor of The City of New York, belongs the honor of having secured the passage of this measure and the inauguration of the Catskill Aqueduct.



Catskill Watersheds and country traversed by Catskill Aqueduct, showing the route of the Aqueduct from Ashokan Reservoir to New York City.

## Order of the Day

THURSDAY, JUNE TWENTIETH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVEN

- 9:00 Steamer "Albany" leaves Pier A, Battery, North River.  
12:00 Luncheon on the steamer.  
1:00 Conveyances leave Cold Spring for Place of Ceremonies.  
1:30 Exercises:

### Program

Song, "Star Spangled Banner,"	B. W. S. Glee Club.
Invocation,	Archdeacon W. R. Thomas of Hyde Park, New York.
Welcome and Address,	Hon. J. Edward Simmons, Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply.
Song, "America,"	B. W. S. Glee Club.
Presentation of Spade,	Hon. Charles N. Chadwick, Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply.
Address and Turning of First Sod,	Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor of The City of New York.
Benediction Prayer,	Rt. Rev. M. J. Lavelle, Vicar General of the Diocese of New York.
Committee on Arrangements,	Hon. Charles A. Shaw, Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply.

- 3:00 Steamer leaves for Storm King Crossing.  
6:30 Due at Pier A, Battery, North River.