for a full outfit, comprising overcoat, dress coat, blouse, pants and vest, was $67.00, and that the lowest price paid was $54.12, or an average of $61.05. The Board, after mature consideration, having determined that they could secure for the department more uniformity in the fit and style of the work of the police uniforms, and a more thorough supervision and inspection thereof, and could put all the men on an equal footing as to the cost, and furnish clothing to all of them at reduced price, by having the work done by one tailor, advertised for proposals to furnish the work for the department. In response to that advertisement, nine firms submitted proposals. The highest estimate of these nine firms was $59.12 for a full outfit, and the lowest $47—the latter proposal being from Rosenfeld Brothers of this city, and to them was awarded the contract for one year, the Board reserving the right at the end of the year to re-advertise or to renew the contract, as in their judgment was deemed best, when that time arrived.

It will be observed from the above figures that the contract has resulted in the saving to the men of the force, from the highest paid, of $20.00 per outfit, the lowest $7.00 per outfit, or an average saving to the men of $14.05.

Believing, after an experience of one year with the contractors, that they were securing a better system of uniforming the men than had before been obtained, and desiring to further satisfy themselves as to the advantages of the system they had adopted, they determined, under the power and right vested in them, not to re-advertise, but to extend the existing contract for one year longer, allowing to the contractor one dollar additional for overcoats, for changes and alterations made under the direction of the Board, and twenty-five cents additional for pants. Among the provisions of the contract was that the work for the department by the contractor should all be done in Baltimore and by Baltimore cutters and tailors.

The prices paid by the police of New York for their uniform is $66, Boston $74. A comparison between these figures and

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