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REPORT.

The Metropolitan Park Commission presents herewith its fourteenth annual report.

Several important additions have been made to the Metropolitan Park System during the past year, and most of the claims arising out of these acquirements have been already adjusted. The holdings at Lynn Shore have been increased by acquirement of the shore frontage between Red Rock and Nahant Street upon lines which permit the extension of the sea wall and driveway already completed and in use from the Soldiers' Monument in Swampscott to Red Rock. This acquirement was made possible by the earnest coöperation of the Lynn Board of Trade through a committee in securing options and prices within the limits of the funds which could be set aside for this work. Only two of the properties required for the improvement are now unpurchased, and it is hoped that a settlement will soon be reached in regard to these and that it will be possible to proceed with construction during the year 1907. A portion of the parkway from Middlesex Fells to Lynn Woods between the Fells and Green Street, just beyond Main Street, in Melrose, has been acquired with similar coöperation by the Melrose Board of Trade in securing prices and options, and by the city of Melrose in permitting for the parkway the use of its park lands along the northerly side of Ell Pond. The unsettled claims arising out of the acquirement are so unimportant that construction has already been commenced. This parkway will pass under the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad at a point near the Melrose Station, and will cross