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BOSTON, February 1, 1904.

HON. PATRICK A. COLLINS,

Mayor of the City of Boston :

SIR, — The Board of Street Commissioners present the following as the report of the Street Laying-Out Department, including a statement relating to public lands in their care, for the year ending January 31, 1904 :

Under the orders for laying out, widening, and extending streets, passed by the Board during the year, land to the amount of 246,014 square feet was taken for street purposes. Streets having a total length of 5,019.98 feet were made public ways. Under authority of the acts of the Legislature, for the assessment upon abutting property of the benefit derived by it from the laying out and construction of streets, there has been assessed upon thirty-three streets a total of \$797,802.53 and upon nine public alleys a total of \$11,243.53. For benefits of sewerage works assessments to the amount of \$113,124.31 have been made. The total of benefits assessed for streets, public alleys and sewerage works during the year is the sum of \$921,680.27.

The Board has issued seventeen orders of notice of intention to lay out, widen, relocate, extend, and discontinue streets or parts of streets calling for public hearings. It has considered seventeen petitions for street improvements. For the laying of sewers and surface drains there have been thirty-three petitions presented to the Board during the year. In the settlement of damages for takings of land, etc., for various

changes in the city's streets, 265 cases have been acted upon by the commissioners. Claims for damages for sewers and surface drains ordered have been settled to the number of eighteen. Under authority of the act empowering the Board to apportion assessments on parts of a divided lot, fifty-three assessments have been apportioned.

Under the provisions of the acts of the Legislature giving the Street Commissioners authority to take land for and order the construction of sewerage works, orders have been passed for the improvement and relocation of various natural streams or watercourses, and surface drainage has been supplied for territories needing it, as follows: *Dorchester*—Freeport-street brook, from Dorchester avenue, north of Freeport street; Davenport brook, northerly from Washington street, south of Fuller street; Oakland brook, from Randolph road to Bismarck street. At *Brighton*—Faneuil Valley brook, from North Beacon street to the Charles river. At *West Roxbury*—Roslindale branch of Stony brook, from Poplar street to Sycamore street.

Takings have been made for and sewers ordered built in the following private ways: In Back street and Hereford street, Northampton place, and a passageway in the rear of Wellington street. At *Roxbury*—In Bernier street, Pickering avenue, Kenwood road and Vila street. At *Dorchester*—In Astoria street, Buttonwood court, Bloomington street, Bearse street, Butler street, land between Cedar street and Sturbridge street, Claybourne street, Claymont terrace, Chipman street, Darling street, Elder street, Ferndale street, Fuller street, Greenhalge street, Graham court, Greenock street, Highland street, Johnston road, Levant street, Lauriat street, Mallet street, Madway-street extension, Northern avenue, Rich street, Rockdale street, Rockville street, Rosewood street, private land between Rosewood street and Rockdale street, Rosedale street, South Eaton street, Stockmeath street, Tileston avenue, Tebroc street, Vose street, Woodlawn avenue, Whitman street, Willow court, Whitfield street. At *Brighton*—In Jackson avenue. At *West Roxbury*—In Alder street, Auburn street, Brook street, Berry street, Birch street, Cypress street, Cornell street, Dudley avenue, Fresno street, Houston street, Linden street, Metropolitan avenue, Meyer street, Metcalf street, Orange street, Pond street, Roslindale avenue, Roxhame street, Springvale avenue. At *East Boston*—Addison street, Butler avenue, Boardman street, Farrington street, Kneller street, Montmorenci avenue, Trumbull street. At *Charlestown*—Arlington avenue.

Takings were made for the Talbot avenue branch of the high level sewer in West Roxbury, from Ashland street to Mount Hope street, in Lawn street, and in private land from Lawn street; also for an extension outlet for the sewer in Union Park street.

Sewers have been ordered built in the following public streets:

Calder street, West Roxbury, from Blue Hill avenue to Canterbury street.

Gainsborough street, from St. Botolph street to the railroad.

Purchase street, from Gridley street fifty-seven feet westerly.

Q street, South Boston, between Broadway and East Third street.

South street, between Kneeland street and Beach street.

Tyler street, between Kneeland street and Beach street.

The following is a list of new streets, with their lengths, laid out as public streets during the year:

DORCHESTER.

	FEET.
Bernard street	933.65

WEST ROXBURY.

Belgrade avenue	4,000.00
Temple street	86.33
	<u>5,019.98</u>

The following are widenings made upon public streets during the year:

	Square feet of land taken.
Causeway street, city proper	3,282
Erie street, at Dorchester	159
Oakland street, at Dorchester	2,102
South Huntington avenue, at West Roxbury	250
Hyde Park avenue, at West Roxbury	191,390
Dorchester street, at South Boston	48,831
	<u>246,014</u>

Orders were passed for the discontinuance of a small piece of Erie street, and of M street and N street, at South Boston,

northerly from East First street. An order was also passed rescinding all previous orders relating to Franklin street, at Brighton, and laying out the street anew from Cambridge street to Lincoln street.

Rowe street, at West Roxbury, as laid out by an order of this Board of September 25, 1899, from Seymour street to Ashland street, was ordered constructed; and an order was also passed for the construction of Seymour street, at West Roxbury, as laid out by an order of this Board of September 25, 1899, from Brown avenue to Canterbury street.

CHANGES IN STREET NAMES.

An order passed by the Board February 11, 1903, changing the name of Dighton place, at Brighton, to Dighton street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen March 2, 1903, and will take effect under the provisions of the law governing the matter March 1, 1904.

An order passed by the Board February 11, 1903, changing the name of Wicklow street, at Brighton, to Vineland street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen March 2, 1903, and will take effect under the provisions of the law governing the matter March 1, 1904.

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO OPEN NEW STREETS.

Acting under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1891, and acts in amendment thereof, the the Board of Street Commissioners has during the past year given permission to the landowners to open the following private ways:

South Boston.

Digby street, from Sumner street to Fargo street.

Winfield street, from West Seventh street to West Eighth street.

Scott street, from West Seventh street to West Eighth street.

Roxbury.

Ulmer street, from Arklow street to Walden street.

Posen street, from Arklow street to Ulmer street.

Dorchester.

Whitten street, from Dorchester avenue.

Redwood street, from Centre street to Whitten street.

Clematis street, from Centre street to Whitten street.

Orchid street, from Centre street to Whitten street.
Althea street, from Centre street to Whitten street.
Palm street, from Centre street to Whitten street.
Greenwood street, from Harvard street to Ruxton street.
Brenton street, from Greenwood street to Glenway street.

West Roxbury.

Ripley street, from May street to the Arborway.
St. Rose street, extended to the Arborway.

ASSESSMENTS FOR LAYING OUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF
STREETS.

Assessments have been levied for street improvements upon estates abutting upon the following streets:

STREET.	Order.	Cost.	Assessed.	Date of Assessment.
Malvern street.....	Aug. 5, 1897	\$4,901 10	\$2,485 55	Feb. 18, 1908
Esmond street.....	June 26, 1899	12,178 65	5,088 53	Feb. 26, 1908
Milk street.....	Mar. 21, 1901	12,281 11	5,190 55	Feb. 26, 1908
Angell street.....	Sept. 30, 1898	3,981 64	4,490 82	Feb. 19, 1908
Draper street.....	June 16, 1899	19,611 78	9,905 86	Feb. 19, 1908
Tremont street.....	Oct. 6, 1899	29,596 14	11,803 31	Mar. 4, 1908
Barry street.....	Sept. 1, 1899	41,411 92	7,877 46	Mar. 4, 1908
Boston street.....	Oct. 21, 1896	39,264 25	3,483 78	Mar. 4, 1908
Millet street.....	July 13, 1898	5,006 26	2,503 13	Mar. 10, 1908
Burt street.....	June 21, 1897	16,614 34	3,397 17	Mar. 4, 1908
Canal street.....	Aug. 10, 1898	24,114 85	12,057 27	Mar. 10, 1908
Cambridge street.....	July 17, 1899	69,668 93	19,522 67	Mar. 20, 1908
Belvidere street.....	Sept. 10, 1897	5,394 51	2,369 25	Mar. 27, 1908
Lauriat avenue (Ballou avenue to Norfolk street),	Apr. 27, 1899	10,379 51	4,440 12	Mar. 27, 1908
Orkney road.....	Oct. 14, 1898	9,010 29	4,505 14	Mar. 25, 1908
Charlestown street (Wash- ington street North).....	Oct. 12, 1896	696,673 15	212,329 00	Apr. 24, 1908
Corinth street.....	Sept. 25, 1899	41,431 58	4,073 44	June 12, 1908
Wordsworth street.....	Nov. 3, 1899	9,371 80	2,609 08	June 15, 1908
Westbourne street.....	Dec. 5, 1899	4,603 45	2,301 73	June 15, 1908
Hancock street.....	Nov. 15, 1899	71,196 05	9,536 85	June 22, 1908
Normandy street.....	Nov. 15, 1899	4,344 69	1,341 12	June 19, 1908
Perkins street.....	Sept. 25, 1899	22,264 99	6,203 84	June 22, 1908
Fairfax street.....	Aug. 10, 1901	3,557 39	1,312 84	June 19, 1908