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BOSTON, February 1, 1906.

HON. PATRICK A. COLLINS,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,—The Board of Street Commissioners presents the following as the report of the Street Laying-Out Department, including a statement relating to public lands in its care, for the year ending January 31, 1905:

Under the orders for laying out, widening, and extending streets, passed by the Board during the year, land to the amount of 37,634 square feet was taken for street purposes. Streets having a total length of 3,311 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 twenty-five streets a total of \$127,703.88 and upon five public alleys a total of \$8,134.36. For benefits of sewerage works assessments to the amount of \$165,423.36 have been made. The total of benefits assessed for streets, public alleys and sewerage works during the year is the sum of \$301,261.60.

The Board has issued twelve 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 ten petitions for street improvements. In the settlement of damages for takings of land, etc., for various changes in the city's streets, 82 cases have been acted upon. Claims for damages for sewers and surface drains ordered have been settled to the number of twenty-four. Under authority of

the act empowering the Board to apportion assessments on parts of a divided lot, sixty-five 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:

East Boston — taking in private land from Bennington street, opposite Blackinton street. *Dorchester* — Stony brook, from Morton street to Blue Hill avenue, and from Blue Hill avenue to Callender street at Don street; surface drainage between Geneva avenue and Wilder street. *West Roxbury* — surface drainage from Ashland street to Gilman street; Neponset avenue branch of Stony brook in Hammatt road and Hadwinway, and land between said ways; Roslindale branch of Stony brook, small taking in private land off Sycamore street.

Takings have been made for and sewers ordered built in the following private ways: Lovering place, from Washington street to Harrison avenue. *South Boston* — Kemp street, from Columbia road to Washington avenue. *Roxbury* — Darling street, Iroquois street and Wyoming street, from Humboldt avenue to Wabeno street. *East Boston* — Frankfort street, from the Parkway to Prescott street, and from the Parkway to Swift street; Marion street, from Bremen street to Orleans street; Prescott street, from Bremen street to Frankfort street, and from Frankfort street to Cleveland street. *Dorchester* — Beaumont street for 700 feet northeasterly from Carruth street; Clapp place, from Roseclair street; Englewood street, from Hillside street to Parkview street; Field's court, from Willow court; Hillside street, from Adams street to beyond Richview street, and for about 800 feet from Codman street; Richview street, from Hilldale street to Parkview street. *Brighton* — Allston place; Cummings road, near Commonwealth avenue; Parkman street, from Brooks street; Stratton street, from Bigelow street to near Atkins street. *West Roxbury* — Abbott street, from Willow street; Addington road, from Weld street to Dunbar street; Dunbar street, at Westover street, and from Westover street to Walker street; Montello street, from Colberg avenue to Belgrade avenue; Mozart street for 180 feet northeast from Walter street and Rowe street.

An additional easement for sewerage purposes was purchased through private land on Shepard street, Brighton.

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The following are the new streets, with their lengths, laid out as public streets during the year:

Gainsborough street (foot-bridge over railroad)	Feet. 66
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DORCHESTER.

Claybourne street	205
Almont street	3,040
	<u>3,311</u>

An order was passed for the relocation of Newman street, South Boston, from Dorchester street to Champney street extended.

CHANGES IN STREET NAMES.

An order passed by the Board February 8, 1904, changing the name of Roseland street to Keswick street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen February 15, 1904.

An order passed by the Board February 8, 1904, changing the name of Devens street and the name of Bow street, Charlestown, to Rutherford avenue, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen February 15, 1904.

An order passed by the Board February 8, 1904, changing the name of a part of Walley street, East Boston, to Bennington street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen February 15, 1904.

An order passed by the Board February 8, 1904, changing a part of the name of Walley street, East Boston, to Ashley street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen February 15, 1904.

An order passed by the Board February 8, 1904, changing the name of Turner street to Bickerstaff street, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen February 15, 1905.

Under the provisions of the law governing the change of names of streets, these changes will go into effect March 1, 1905.

AUTHORITY 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 Board of Street Commissioners has during the past year

given permission to the landowners to open the following private ways:

East Boston.

Nay street, easterly from Meridian street for about five hundred twenty-five feet.

Roxbury.

Ulmer street, from Arklow street to Centre street.

Dorchester.

Doria street, from Dorchester avenue to Gardner street.

Quincefield street, from Humphreys street to Wendover street.

West Roxbury.

Asticou road, from Walk Hill street to South street.

Chocorua street, southwesterly from Walk Hill street, for a distance of about one hundred ninety feet.

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.
Moseley street.....	Aug. 25, 1899	\$14,889 00	\$4,110 64	June 24, 1904
Berkeley street.....	Dec. 27, 1900	9,036 71	4,518 85	Aug. 8, 1904
Oak square avenue.....	Oct. 29, 1901	5,801 88	2,750 88	Aug. 17, 1904
Carter street.....	Oct. 11, 1901	1,604 88	802 44	Sept. 9, 1904
Windermere road.....	Oct. 25, 1901	4,623 41	2,841 18	Sept. 13, 1904
Snow street.....	Sept. 24, 1901	8,110 96	2,333 23	Sept. 13, 1904
Worthington street.....	Jan. 26, 1899	68,577 64	41,788 78	Sept. 13, 1904
Newland street.....	Sept. 19, 1900	2,328 19	1,164 06	Sept. 13, 1904
Dakota street.....	Nov. 13, 1901	3,405 39	1,653 29	Sept. 13, 1904
Kayaton street.....	Oct. 23, 1901	6,404 56	3,247 26	Sept. 13, 1904
Brackett street.....	Oct. 31, 1901	2,990 44	1,965 22	Sept. 21, 1904
Vinson street.....	Oct. 21, 1901	6,724 53	3,362 26	Sept. 21, 1904
West Tramlet street.....	Aug. 14, 1901	9,733 38	4,337 22	Oct. 4, 1904
West Selden street.....	Nov. 27, 1897	84,024 50	14,349 43	Oct. 24, 1904
Alford street.....	Aug. 21, 1899	26,074 29	5,941 36	Oct. 27, 1904
Gibson street.....	Nov. 20, 1899	14,768 18	3,850 89	Nov. 10, 1904
Darling street.....	Oct. 30, 1901	3,447 23	1,723 51	Nov. 16, 1904
Hamilton street.....	July 10, 1901	10,560 89	2,353 29	Nov. 10, 1904
Boland street.....	Oct. 11, 1901	10,537 73	5,263 86	Nov. 10, 1904
Torrey street.....	Aug. 28, 1901	6,773 35	3,386 62	Nov. 10, 1904
South street.....	Apr. 3, 1899	39,237 15	7,851 43	Dec. 2, 1904
E street.....	Dec. 16, 1901	4,230 41	2,125 20	Dec. 2, 1904
Oakwood street.....	Sept. 26, 1901	4,079 54	2,089 77	Dec. 6, 1904
Robinwood avenue.....	Dec. 31, 1900	5,816 56	3,408 28	Dec. 5, 1904
Morrill street.....	Sept. 24, 1901	2,807 54	1,000 00	Dec. 5, 1904
		\$922,286 19	\$127,703 88	

ASSESSMENTS FOR LAYING OUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF
PUBLIC ALLEYS.

ALLEY.	Order.	Cost.	Assessed.	Date of Assessment.
Public Alley No. 423.....	Jan. 15, 1900	\$2,769 89	\$1,200 00	Mar. 2, 1904
" " 422.....	Jan. 15, 1900	2,812 21	879 97	Sept. 16, 1904
" " 444.....	Oct. 12, 1899	2,714 65	1,700 95	Sept. 16, 1904
" " 901.....	Mar. 23, 1899	5,604 21	2,802 08	Nov. 10, 1904
" " 441.....	Oct. 13, 1899	3,748 84	1,761 36	Jan. 18, 1905
		\$18,649 80	\$8,134 36	

The following payments were made for land damages and other claims on account of the laying out, widening, relocating and extending of streets:

Highways, making of	\$96,568 77
Brighton	4,266 32
Dorchester street	7,150 00
Brandon street and Belgrade avenue	9,593 99
Hyde Park avenue	48,361 77
Rutherford avenue	43,324 51
	\$209,260 36

Payments were made for takings for surface drainage and sewers, under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, aggregating \$5,584.96.

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and other Expenses.

Salaries	\$28,086 77
Advertising	605 35
Printing	299 51
Stationery	316 18
Carriage hire	562 00
Telephone and messenger service	352 46
Books and maps	653 00
Office fittings	682 75
Incidentals	2,826 97
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$33,884 99