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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954.

Boston, December 31, 1954.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,
Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. KELLEY,
*Chairman, Board of Parks
and Recreation Commissioners.*

THOMAS J. CARTY,
DANIEL G. O'CONNOR,
O. PHILIP SNOWDEN,
THEODORE C. HAFENREFFER,
Associate Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES.

Aquarium	\$33,894	22
Aquarium, grounds	2,042	50
Arborway	6,300	59
Arnold Arboretum	3,222	30
Back Bay District	22,092	24
Back Bay, yard	44,918	12
Belmont Square	116	00
Blackstone Square	3,648	80
Boston Common, Bandstand	2,085	53
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	15,378	28
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	2,536	96
Boston Common Festival	—	
Boston Common, Frog Pond	4,395	12
Boston Common, grounds	37,587	61
Boston Common, Information Booth	3,411	00
Boston Common, Log Cabin	283	57
Boston Common, Playland	898	78
Brighton District	23,274	72
Castle Island	5,619	00
Central Square	2,959	08
Charlestown District	9,501	92
Chestnut Hill Park	294	00
Christmas trees and decorations	5,953	59
City Square	1,709	47
Columbus Park	24,248	04
Columbus Park Stadium	4,988	77
Commonwealth Avenue, main	14,828	84
Concord Square	125	00
Copley Square	348	79
Daisy Field	98	00
Dorchester Heights	2,912	10
Dorchester Park	8,240	18
Douglas Court Play Area	342	25
East Boston District	7,598	58
East Boston Stadium	16,040	82
Eaton Square	394	25
Edison Green	167	00
Egleston Firehouse	3	96
Fens	23,035	29
Fens Rose Garden	11,484	29
Fens Stadium	14,113	62
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, etc	21	10
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	5,195	99
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	24,290	96
Franklin Park, garage	63,662	36

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Franklin Park, golf course	\$24,843	28
Franklin Park, greenhouse	75,122	43
Franklin Park, grounds	24,161	31
Franklin Park, harness shop	648	36
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	14,429	15
Franklin Park, paint shop	16,386	60
Franklin Park, plumber shop	5,087	90
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	5,387	22
Franklin Park, repair shops	69,954	79
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	12,747	73
Franklin Park, storehouse	39,773	02
Franklin Park, yard	42,581	36
Franklin Square	2,011	90
George Wright Golf Course	65,450	87
George White Stadium	353	45
Hayes Square	97	37
Herbert J. Wolf Square	1,008	36
Highland Park	291	75
Hill and Cook Street Play Area	94	30
Horatio Harris Park	1,041	00
Irving W. Adams Park	2,900	52
Jamaica Pond Boat Landing	489	18
Jamaicaway	15,225	05
John Harvard Mall	572	60
Kelley's Circle	63	00
Lincoln Square	66	95
Madison Park	2,998	80
Mary Cummings Estate	232	83
Massachusetts Avenue	60	66
McLean Park	1,056	50
Michael J. Brophy Park	1,145	75
Murray Park	230	30
Myrtle Street	730	33
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	15	34
North End District	10,315	67
Olmstead Park	43	95
Orchard Park	847	80
Park Drive, Administration Building	2,592	31
Parks, General	36,424	79
Paul Revere Mall	2	60
Plympton Street Pool	580	70
Preble Street Traffic Circle	280	89
Prescott Square	203	00
Public Garden	54,706	57
Putnam Square	203	00
Recreation Division	304,732	63
Riverway	2,917	80
Ross Estate	2,265	65
South Boston District	8,647	52
Strandway	159	41
Thomas Park	793	88

Walnut Park	\$1,040 94
Washington Park	1,575 00
Webster Square	75
West End District	5,771 41
Winthrop Square	2,022 85
Zoological Garden, animal range	10,489 75
Zoological Garden, antelope house	9,023 51
Zoological Garden, bear dens	8,188 93
Zoological Garden, bird house	42,377 31
Zoological Garden, camel house	11 02
Zoological Garden, elephant house	18,642 92
Zoological Garden, elk range	19,685 05
Zoological Garden, general	66,879 42
Zoological Garden, lion house	8,766 17
Total	<u>\$1,501,716 75</u>

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	\$10,763 30
American Legion Playground	5,668 83
Billings Field Playground	9,832 07
Brookside Avenue Playground	3,261 30
Cassidy Playground	6,065 03
Ceylon Street Playground	3,424 35
Cherry Street Playground	714 00
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	12,569 34
Christopher J. Lee Playground	5,500 74
Fallon Field Playground	9,826 69
Foster Street Playground	193 60
Francis Parkman Playground	3,498 87
Franklin Field Playground	32,282 10
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	3,742 70
General Playground	50,752 88
George H. Walker Playground	6,954 00
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	978 15
James L. Cronin Playground	4,439 22
James F. Healy Playground	7,567 86
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	1,937 39
Jefferson Playground	8,531 66
John J. Connolly Playground	7,457 36
John A. Doherty Playground	312 72
John J. Doherty Playground	6,360 55
John F. Holland Playground	4,068 24
John W. Murphy Playground	7,258 80
John H. L. Noyes Playground	8,040 46
John J. Ryan Playground	155 36
John Winthrop Playground	3,007 15
Kiley Street Playground	1,583 23
King Street Playground	479 11
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,522 29

Lester J. Rotch Playground	\$7,385 70
London Street Playground	2,999 00
Mary Draper Playground	6,409 06
Mary Hannon Playground	1,560 90
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	9,386 02
McConnell Park Playground	6,188 52
McKinney Playground	7,310 92
McLaughlin Playground	292 00
Mission Hill Playground	10,295 17
Paris Street Playground	2,258 33
Parker Hill Playground	3,710 28
Portsmouth Street Playground	7,399 36
Readville Playground	2,677 60
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	639 32
Rogers Park Playground	7,940 90
Ronan Park Playground	9,556 54
Smith's Pond Playground	9,394 56
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	6,144 28
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	7,152 44
Troy Street Playground	1,185 33
Tyler Street Playground	714 00
Wallingford Road Playground	294 60
Wesley G. Ross Playground	6,209 12
West Canton and Carlton Streets Playground	92 37
William Amerena Playground	3,047 40
William J. Barry Playground	9,982 92
William E. Carter Playground	7,019 99
William Eustis Playground	11,394 52
William E. Garvey Playground	7,368 29
William F. Smith Playground	8,664 38
William Gary Walsh Playground	7,159 96
Total	<u>\$402,583 13</u>

GYMNASIA.

Brighton Gymnasium	\$8,653 50
Cabot Street Gymnasium	50,336 43
Charlestown Building Gymnasium	1,596 00
Columbia Road Gymnasium	14,703 46
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	27,781 94
Hyde Park Gymnasium	14,515 50
John J. Doherty Pool	739 50
John J. Williams Gymnasium	24,455 50
Lexington Street Gymnasium	9,691 30
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	18,225 45
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	45,615 68
Paris Street Gymnasium	58,406 05
Roslindale Gymnasium	11,223 60
Tyler Street Gymnasium	11,613 95
Vine Street Gymnasium	24,950 70
Total	<u>\$322,508 56</u>

BATHS AND BEACHES.

Baths, General	\$1,730 70
Broadway Municipal Building	31,547 37
Charlestown Pool	46,946 76
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	159,849 08
L Street Bath House and Beach	134,952 67
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool	43,964 64
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	31,415 75
Total	<u>\$450,406 97</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Central Office — Administration	\$155,569 59
Fuel	38,066 99
Street Trees	71,358 73
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc.	80,282 67
Miscellaneous	5,847 25
Total	<u>\$351,125 23</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Parks and Gardens	\$1,501,716 75
Playgrounds	402,583 13
Gymnasias	322,508 56
Baths and Beaches	450,406 97
General Expenses	351,125 23
Total	<u>\$3,028,340 64</u>

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1954.

PARK DIVISION.

Franklin Park Golf Course	\$20,430 00
George Wright Golf Course	35,139 00
Permits for signs, openings, etc.	127 50
Refunds on labor and equipment	814 19
Commission on public telephones in Park Department Buildings	441 81
Settlement of claims for damages	484 50
Towels, soap in playground houses	1,639 71
Unclaimed deposits on locker keys and towels at Franklin Park Golf Course	38 00
Rentals from property and concessions	10,318 50
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 80
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	6,090 56
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,768 77
Babcock Music Fund, income	97 21
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00
Foss 17th of June Fund, income	85 00
	<u>\$77,685 55</u>

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc., income	\$25,580 68	25,580 68
		<u>\$103,266 23</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue	\$95,013 89	
Trust Funds, income	8,252 34	
		<u>\$103,266 23</u>

Expenditures of Loans, Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954.

RECREATION.

Baker, Gardner Streets, West Roxbury	\$100 00
Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvements of	175,441 74
Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease	44,920 80
Gallivan Boulevard, Washington Street, Dorchester, and Gary Walsh Playground, Restoration of	—
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	43,736 20
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	4,933 40
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., revenue	71,095 30
Randidge Trust Fund, income	5,589 09
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways	103,975 80
Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo	34,129 60
Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal of	26,506 73
Hurricane Emergency	175,847 62
Total	<u>\$686,276 28</u>

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

1954.

Opening Date, April 3. Closing Date, December 6.

Registered Attendance, 34,005	
Annual Permits, 5 at \$30	\$150 00
Annual Permits, 632 at \$15	9,480 00
Daily Permits, 244 at \$1.50	366 00
Daily Permits, 9,631 at \$1.00	9,631 00
Twilight Permits, 1,606 at \$0.50	803 00
Total	<u>\$20,430 00</u>

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE.

1954.

Opening Date, April 3. Closing Date, December 6.

Registered Attendance, 45,851.	
Annual Permits, 58 at \$40	\$2,320 00
Annual Permits, 459 at \$30	13,770 00
Daily Permits, 4,885 at \$2.00	9,770 00
Daily Permits, 7,892 at \$1.00	7,892 00
Daily Permits, 50 at \$0.50	25 00
Lockers, 454 at \$3.00	1,362 00
Total	<u>\$35,139 00</u>

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1954.

*Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and
Swimming Pools, Gymnasiums.*

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,950,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	353,000
Shower Baths	2,100,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,050,000
Gymnasium, Class and Individual Attendance	243,465
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Total	<u>10,696,465</u>

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1954.**

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905.....	.....	\$729,499 07	\$729,499 07	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles	1.1 miles	22 acres
Fens.....	1877-1879.....	\$736,854 49	3,276,621 13	4,013,475 62	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	7.04 "	
Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile	0.50 mile	
Riverway.....	1883-1890.....	457,457 53	928,079 70	1,385,537 23	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892.....	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway-Jamaicaway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	543,537 14	789,121 39	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895.....	79,354 15	462,916 30	542,270 45	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway.....	1894.....	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.53 "	.....	.....	.....
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden.....	{1883-1884 1906-1912}	1,551,896 63	4,313,881 07	5,865,777 70	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia Road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "	.....
Dorchester Way.....	1892-1895.....	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88	.....	.....	.....	.....
Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{1890-1892 1897-1901}	772,515 12	2,837,981 17	3,610,496 29	254.30 "	.....	.....	.....
Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883.....	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	{ 52.71 " land 4.90 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	172,651 79	172,651 79	{ 25.70 " land 78.30 " flats	0.16 "	1.15 "	.....
McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914.....	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74	{ 9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile	.....

SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1909.....	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 "			
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK.....	1919.....	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre			
1 WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....	1882-1891..	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "	.....	1.5 "	
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.18 acre	.....	.....
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres	.....	0.4 mile	
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	{ 13.66 " land 3.70 " flats }	.....	0.6 "	
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903..	64,165 37	34,526 30	98,691 67	31.47 "	.....	.....
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892-1910..	157,341 22	266,892 16	424,233 38	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
NORTH END BEACH PARK.....	1893.....	328,364 44	472,861 68	801,226 12	{ 3.70 " land 3.00 " flats }	.....	.....
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END.....	1917.....	160,350 00	46,720 62	207,070 62	0.48 acre	.....	.....
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER.....	1917.....	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "	.....	.....
COFF'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "	.....	0.11 mile	
|| CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND.....	1898-1899 and 1902..	210,239 06	44,899 46	255,138 52	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
CHERRY STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END.....	1922.....	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre	.....	.....
ALMONT STREET PLAYGROUND, MATAPAN.....	1924.....	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres	.....	0.04 "	
20 PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL, * JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1913-1915..	291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "	.....	0.21 "	
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1917.....	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "	.....	.....
	1912-1916..	101,957 78	125,703 98	227,661 76	11.65 "	.....	0.83 "	

See footnotes on page 20.

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.						Totals.
* FREDERICK D. EMMONS PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN.....	1912.....	\$80,946 47	\$8,746 53	1.07 acres				
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND,	{1897-1899	180,474 70	9,241 01	0.4 acre				
TENEAN BEACH, DORCHESTER,	{1901-1902	102,140 00	85,313 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
M.D.C.	{1914-1915							
	{1928-1933							
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON,	1894.....	22,107 12	34,664 23	14.00 "				
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET,	1896.....	24,804 39	152,325 46	16.68 "		0.28 "		
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROXBURY.....	1896-1906..	47,068 98	78,947 47	10.83 "		0.23 "		
* CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1897.....		132,463 71	5.20 "		0.4 "		
MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER....	1920.....	29,730 76	72,179 35	4.41 "				
* MARY P. C. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND, WOBURN.....	1930.....			234.00 "				
PAUL GORE STREET PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....			0.74 acre				
* WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN..	1897-1923..	202,463 00	221,057 91	5.72 acres		0.09 "		
* J. M. & J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY..	1897.....	14,593 72	13,376 42	0.85 acre				
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER....	1897.....	37,709 58	60,042 75	4.34 acres		0.11 "		

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	{ 1899-1900 } { 1901-1902 }	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "	
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1899.....	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "	
* F ALLO N F I E L D P L A Y - GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	{ 1899-1913 } { 1917-1931 }	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "	0.36 "
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	1902.....	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "	0.14 "
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END.....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "	
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1903-1905.....		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "	
* ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON..	1899-1931..	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "	0.44 "
CARROLL POND, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1921.....		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre	
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1909.....	10,015 00	159,902 61	169,917 61	{ 5.24 acres land } 3.07 " flats	
WEST THIRD STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH BOSTON,	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre	
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "	
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAY- GROUND.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres	
JOHN WINTHROP PLAY- GROUND.....	1911.....	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "	
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1912-1914..	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "	0.10 "
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON.....	1916-1931..	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "	0.35 "
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1917.....	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre	

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		Land.	Construction.					
PARIS STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	\$50,630 64	\$13,083 38	\$63,714 02	1.27 acres			
TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre			
* JOHN W. MURPHY PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN,	1912-1919..	26,861 80	68,854 68	95,716 48	4.17 acres			
FORTSMOUTH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	15,000 00	31,936 36	46,936 36	4.29 "			
TOWN MEETING PARK, DOR- CHESTER.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre			
15 GYMNASIUM SITE, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "			
6 FACTORY HILL PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	.....	8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres			
6 RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....	.....	13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre			
7 SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND,	1914-1931..	.....	74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres			
C EYLON STREET PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "			
8 CARL H. ARLESEN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1916-1943..	.....	.....	.....	11.20 "	0.20 mile		
9 JOHN A. DOHERTY PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1897.....	.....	35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "			
AMERICAN LEGION PLAY- GROUND, CONDR STREET, EAST BOSTON.....	1924.....	63,300 00	35,672 88	98,972 88	3.38 "			
PLAYGROUND, READVILLE, BULLARD, MILTON AND REGENT STREETS, HYDE PARK.....	1924.....	13,417 34	21,894 90	35,312 24	5.03 "			

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRAN- FORD STREETS, ROXBURY, 1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "		
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAY- GROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS... 1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "		
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON, 1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre		
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "		
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNYSON STREETS.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "		
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN... 1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres		
*16 WILLIAM AMERENA PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON... 1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "		
10AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON... {1928-1931 and 1932 }	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "
GETRUDE HOWES PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "		
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "		
* 11 THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DOR- CHESTER.....	21,360 08	76,412 83	97,772 91	10.40 "		0.30 "
11 MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "		
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre		
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	146,818 08	357,040 99	503,859 07	158.48 acres		

See footnotes on page 20.

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.						Totals.
MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY.....	1932.....	\$23,853 80	\$22,947 45	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
JOSEPH D. McLAUGHLIN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY..	1931.....	.....	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*WESLEY ROSS PLAYGROUND, NEAR WESTMINSTER STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1936.....	10,000 00	44,816 42	13.03 "				
SNOW HILL STREET PLAY- GROUND, NORTH END.....	1937.....	.....	4,189 71	1.13 "				
ALICE E. GALLAGHER ME- MORIAL PARK, CHANDLER'S FOND, BRIGHTON,	1937-1943..	.....	742 50	13.59 "	.....	.....	.....	13 acres
EVERETT AND ELM STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1939.....	.....	.....	1.16 "				
LEO F. McCARTHY PLAY- GROUND, MEAD AND LUD- LOW STREETS, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1938.....	.....	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
WASHINGTON AND STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY,	1938.....	.....	.....	0.30 "				
CHARTER STREET AND GREENOUGH LANE, CHIL- DREN'S PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1940.....	.....	.....	0.23 "				
TOBIN PLAYGROUND, ALBION STREET, SOUTH END.....	1941.....	.....	.....	0.57 "				
ORCHARD PARK.....	1912.....	.....	73,367 49	2.4 acres				

MALDEN STREET, SOUTH END, BOSTON.....	1941.....					0.21 acre
VERNON STREET, ROXBURY..	1941.....					0.40 "
THORNTON STREET, ROXBURY.....	1941.....					0.06 "
PITTS AND HALE STREETS, WEST END.....	1942.....					0.11 "
TROY AND ROCHESTER STREETS, SOUTH END....	1941.....					0.17 "
LONDON AND DECATUR STREETS, EAST BOSTON..	1941.....					0.13 "
HOWARD AVENUE, DORCHES- TER, MARY A. HANNON PLAY AREA.....	1940-1945..	8,890 45	8,890 45			1.69 acres
HILL AND COOK STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1942.....	3,117 78	3,117 78			0.10 acre
PHILLIPS STREET PLAY- GROUND, WEST END.....	1942.....	3,772 25	3,772 25			0.13 "
BEECHER STREET PLAY AREA, WEST ROXBURY.....	1942.....					0.18 "
McKAY SCHOOL PLAY AREA, FRANKFORD, GOVE AND COTTAGE STREETS, EAST BOSTON.....	1942.....					0.50 "
KING STREET, ROXBURY....	1943.....	740 00	740 00			0.32 "
JOHN HARVARD MALL, CHARLESTOWN.....	1943.....					0.85 "
HENRY ROSS ESTATE, FOREST HILLS.....	1943-1945..					7.69 acres

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LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.						Totals.
PENNINGMAN ROAD AND HANO STREET, BRIGHTON.	1945.....	.....	\$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
GREEN AND LAMARTINE STREETS, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1945.....	.....	21,104 62	1.32 acres				
RACHEL REVERE OVERLOOK, NORTH STREET, BOSTON..	1945.....	.....	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
CABLETON STREET, SOUTH END.....	1945.....	.....	6,120 39	0.05 "				
CARSON STREET, DORCHESTER.....	1945.....	.....	2,400 03	0.92 "				
WASHINGTON, EAST DEDHAM AND MYSTIC STREETS, SOUTH END.....	1945.....	\$30,272 75	10,175 30	0.32 "				
BRUCE STREET, WEST ROXBURY.....	1945.....	.....	.....	0.80 "				
WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND, GALLIVAN BOULEVARD, CORNER WASHINGTON STREET, DORCHESTER.....	1946.....	.....	126,630 10	7.03 acres				
14 OAK SQUARE PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1947.....	25,760 00	6,002 95	1.48 "				
SUMNER AND WILLIS STREETS, DORCHESTER, UNDEVELOPED.....	1947.....	.....	.....	0.03 acre				
MYRTLE STREET PLAY AREA.	1949.....	.....	2,101 50	0.17 "				
UNION STREET, BRIGHTON....	1949.....	.....	4,163 86	1.54 acres				

CHISWICK AND SIDLAW ROADS, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, PARK SITE.....	1949.....	23,000 00	.....	23,000 00	0.60 acre
HARRISON AVENUE, 624-634, PLAY AREA, SOUTH END..	1950.....	.....	3,620 00	3,620 00	0.12 "
POPLAR STREET PLAY AREA, WEST END.....	1950.....	.....	9,081 33	9,081 33	0.137 "
RUSSETT ROAD, BRUCE STREET, WELD STREET, VFW PARKWAY PLAY- GROUND SITE.....	1950.....	11,000 00	.....	11,000 00	6.76 acres
²¹ WALLINGFORD ROAD, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00 "
POPLAR AND HILLSIDE STREETS, ROSLINDALE....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.44 acre
²² WALL STREET, WEST END.	1951.....	.....	6,875 34	6,875 34	0.08 "
²³ HOLYOKE STREET, SOUTH END.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.04 "
²⁴ HAVERRILL AND PERKINS STREETS, CHARLESTOWN..	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.23 "
²⁵ RUTHERFORD AVENUE AND UNION STREET, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1951.....	.....	.....	.....	0.21 "
²⁶ HOOVER, SOBRENTO AND GODDARD STREETS, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	.....	9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "
TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1951.....	1,145 00	.....	1,145 00	1.32 acres
CUNSTON STREET PLAY AREA, SOUTH END.....	1952.....	.....	732 79	732 79	0.011 acre

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.		Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.						Totals.
DOUGLASS COURT PLAY AREA, NORTH END.....	1952.....		\$2,063 69	0.011 acre				
BRADFORD AND WILKES STREETS PLAY AREAS....	1952.....		7,386 41	0.10 "				
CAROT STREET EXTENSION, LAND TO BATH HOUSE....	1952.....			0.13 "				
WEST RUTLAND SQUARE PLAY AREA.....	1953.....			0.013 "				
BAKER-GARDNER STS. WEST ROXBURY.....	1954.....	\$350 00		7.2 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres
TOTALS.....		\$11,485,473 55	\$24,378,098 23	\$35,863,571 78				

* Named for soldier killed in World War.
 † An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
 ‡ An additional area of 10½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
 § Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.
 ¶ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.
 ¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
 1 World War Memorial.
 2 Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.
 3 Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
 4 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
 5 Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
 6 Acquired by gift.
 7 Transferred from Metropolitan Park.
 8 Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.
 9 Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.
 10 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.

11 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.
 12 Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture, December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.
 13 Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.
 14 Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.
 15 Property sold.
 16 To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.
 17 Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.
 18 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
 19 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
 20 Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.
 21 Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.
 22 Transferred from Real Estate Division.
 23 Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.
 24 Transferred to Public Works Department by City Council, April 11, 1955, other than portion between Arlington street and Beacon street at Kenmore square.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT —
CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Estab- lished.
<i>Bennington Street</i> , East Boston	157,500	1838
<i>Bunker Hill</i> , Charlestown	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street</i> , Charlestown	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill</i> , Hull street, City	89,015	1659
<i>Kings Chapel</i> , Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
<i>Granary</i> , Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
<i>Central</i> , Common, City	60,693	1756
<i>South End South</i> , Washington street, City	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes</i> , Emerson street, South Boston	11,232	1816
<i>Union</i> , East Fifth street, South Boston	5,470	1841
<i>North</i> , Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot</i> , Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
<i>South</i> , Dorchester avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly</i> , Centre street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street</i> , West Roxbury	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen</i> , Commonwealth avenue, Brighton	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street</i> , Brighton	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope</i> , Walk Hill street, 125 acres and square feet	14,330	1851
<i>Fairview</i> , Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in Kings Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope.....	\$92,971 38	\$21,820 00	\$19,314 02
Fairview.....	19,052 20	8,840 00	5,288 33
Evergreen.....	16,661 70	9,860 00	6,882 56
Dorchester North.....	100 00	.....	401 70
Dorchester South.....	118 65	.....	136 92
Westerly.....	.....	.....	176 16
Central.....	.....	.....	62 50
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	6 44
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	1 05
Granary.....	.....	.....	62 50
Copp's Hill.....	.....	.....	62 50
Kings Chapel.....	.....	.....	62 50
Totals.....	\$128,903 93	\$40,520 00	\$32,457 18


Total, General Fund, December 31, 1953.	\$3,862,732 46		
Interest, General Fund, 1954.....	112,908 13		
Revenue (General Receipts), 1954.	128,903 93		
Discounts on Securities Purchased.	803 72		
			\$4,105,420 24
Payments from Fund during 1954:			
Premiums and Accrued Interest...	\$493 90		
Refunds.....	370 00		
			863 90
Total, General Fund, December 31, 1954.....			\$4,104,556 34
Total, Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1954.....			1,096,978 05
Total Cemetery Funds.....			<u>\$5,201,534 39</u>

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,414	197	463	8,704	2,093	.....	.....	312	23	8
Fairview.....	263	21	63	1,051	1,344	1	.....	84	.....	.....
Evergreen.....	176	30	64	1,080	2,705	1	.....	89	1	4
Dorchester North....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester South....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,858	248	590	10,840	6,142	2	.....	486	24	12

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Office	\$15,757 04
Mount Hope	159,774 23
Fairview	42,287 13
Evergreen	32,074 08
Dorchester North	3,618 10
Dorchester South	3,475 15
Bennington Street	3,159 69
Hawes & Emerson	166 90
Westerly	330 80
Central	287 90
Eliot	1,255 95
South End South	1,092 30
Copp's Hill	3,295 25
Granary	3,676 51
Kings Chapel	3,647 80
Bunker Hill	1,647 85
Phipps Street	1,931 10
Market Street	97 80
Park	3,067 62
	<u>\$280,643 20</u>

CITY OF BOSTON
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PRINTING  SECTION



