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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956.

BOSTON, December 31, 1956.

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 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

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

THOMAS J. CARTY,
DANIEL G. O'CONNOR,
O. PHILIP SNOWDEN,
HARRY J. BLAKE,
Associate Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1956.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES

Algonquin Square	\$30 79
Aquarium	759 83
Aquarium, grounds	6,366 36
Arborway	3,001 20
Arnold Arboretum	2,560 24
Arts Festival	149 59
Back Bay District	24,771 14
Back Bay, yard	46,909 84
Belmont Square	20 20
Blackstone Square	2,913 65
Boston Common, Bandstand	1,424 56
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	18,933 51
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	2,567 22
Boston Common, Frog Pond	4,732 15
Boston Common, grounds	45,197 15
Boston Common, Information Booth	4,154 04
Boston Common, Log Cabin	402 57
Boston Common, Playland	734 14
Boston Common, Telephone Booth	122 55
Boylston Street, Back Bay	485 47
Boylston Street Subway Telephone Booth	150 40
Bradford Street Play Area	295 76
Brighton District	18,079 56
Castle Island	5,871 87
Central Square	2,848 38
Charles and Boylston Streets Telephone Booths	72 94
Charlesgate East Bridge	356 10
Charlesgate West Bridge	191 00
Charlestown District	11,413 94
Christmas Festival	1,542 13
Christmas trees and decorations	8,035 56
City Square	339 71
Cleveland Place	29 70
Columbus Park	31,286 81
Columbus Park Stadium	5,552 65
Commonwealth Avenue, main	10,778 70
Concord Square	137 58
Corbett Park	940 40
Dewey Park	111 00
Dorchester Heights	2,635 60
Dorchester Park	9,112 09
Doucette Park	74 25
East Boston District	8,817 01
East Boston Recreation Area	1,949 34
East Boston Stadium	19,958 76
East Cottage and Pond Streets	32 00
Eaton Square	1,355 95

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Fens	\$20,914	40
Fens Rose Garden	14,958	61
Fens Stadium	16,433	31
Fenway Duck Yard	286	06
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, yard, etc.	37,023	33
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	3,029	36
Franklin Park Boat Locker	1,777	16
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	34,070	17
Franklin Park Duck Pond	140	00
Franklin Park, garage	76,916	93
Franklin Park, golf course	27,665	63
Franklin Park, greenhouse	77,431	75
Franklin Park, grounds	21,912	91
Franklin Park, harness shop	11	25
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	25,018	32
Franklin Park, paint shop	24,673	81
Franklin Park, plumber shop	8,977	76
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	7,765	99
Franklin Park, repair shops	65,577	11
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	15,889	90
Franklin Park, storehouse	33,514	15
Franklin Square	3,006	13
George Wright Golf Course	72,678	84
Greenwood Square	73	92
Hayes Square	812	36
Heath Square	308	78
Hooker Street	289	56
Horatio Harris Park	2,751	00
Irving W. Adams Park	222	00
Jamaica Pond	1,038	96
Jamaica Pond, Boat Landing	1,244	25
Jamaicaway	12,775	80
John Harvard Mall	70	50
John F. Donovan Park	1,661	35
Kelley Circle	97	50
Kenmore Square	76	50
Leverett Pond Bridge	296	01
Madison Park	3,274	40
Mary Cummings Estate	481	51
Massachusetts Avenue	860	64
McLean Park	2,546	60
Michael J. Brophy Park	2,324	40
Morton Street	280	00
Murray Park	2,748	55
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	3,705	48
North End District	341	72
North End Prado	9,263	21
North End Square	69	30
Olmstead Park	42	87

Orchard Park	\$839 34
Park Drive Administration Building	700 39
Park Street Subway	17 49
Parks, General	30,710 03
Parks and Roadways	4,378 96
Peabody Square	510 30
Poplar Street Play Area	76 58
Preble Street Traffic Circle	536 01
Prescott Square	2,656 40
Public Garden	50,337 59
Recreation Division	326,798 45
Reddy Avenue	18 56
Riverway	2,655 60
Roslindale Square	2,357 40
Ross Estate	2,032 24
Rutland Square	215 98
Sargent Brooks Culvert	487 36
South Boston District	9,356 46
South End District Parks & Squares	2,600 30
Thomas Park	78 24
Training Field, Charlestown	226 62
Union Park	51 47
War Memorial — Fens	39 55
Washington Park	50 50
Webster Square	10 25
West End Parks, Squares and Playgrounds	1,451 69
Winthrop Square	238 59
Worcester Square	63 35
Zoological Garden, animal range	8,919 25
Zoological Garden, antelope house	10,138 94
Zoological Garden, bear dens	8,477 74
Zoological Garden, bird house	48,574 97
Zoological Garden, camel house	458 33
Zoological Garden, elephant house	16,565 62
Zoological Garden, elk range	10,629 62
Zoological Garden, general	74,710 90
Zoological Garden, lion house	11,264 68
Zoological Garden, monkey house	717 80
Total	<u>\$1,575,488 89</u>

PLAYGROUNDS

Almont Street Playground	\$10,310 90
American Legion Playground	7,968 44
Billings Field Playground	12,172 83
Brookside Avenue Playground	1,486 65
Cassidy Playground	9,978 92
Ceylon Street Playground	5,431 30
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	12,908 79

Christopher J. Lee Playground	\$7,534	18
Fallon Field Playground	11,046	39
Francis Parkman Playground	3,589	38
Franklin Field Playground	34,068	66
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	404	95
General Playground	46,954	66
George H. Walker Playground	9,219	90
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	202	00
James L. Cronin Playground	7,350	55
James F. Healy Playground	8,200	09
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	824	16
Jefferson Playground	8,483	16
John J. Connolly Playground	6,575	33
John A. Doherty Playground	256	48
John J. Doherty Playground	9,682	10
John F. Holland Playground	4,710	46
John W. Murphy Playground	8,021	40
John H. L. Noyes Playground	7,828	54
John J. Ryan Playground	7,594	48
John Winthrop Playground	2,695	63
Joseph E. Byrne Playground	1,650	82
Joseph E. Lee Playground	80	00
Kiley Street Playground	824	16
King Street Playground	656	50
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,517	17
Leo F. McCarthy Playground	101	00
Lester J. Rotch Playground	9,308	30
London Street Playground	2,762	40
Mary Draper Playground	7,909	83
Mary Hannon Playground	2,409	58
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	10,758	40
McConnell Park Playground	4,802	08
McKinney Playground	6,931	15
McLaughlin Playground	1,121	51
Mission Hill Playground	8,418	67
Paris Street Playground	2,910	60
Parker Hill Playground	6,811	11
Portsmouth Street Playground	5,137	01
Prince Street Playground	3,249	60
Readville Playground	1,497	75
Ripley Playground	1,833	50
Rogers Park Playground	7,983	86
Ronan Park Playground	8,118	99
Smith's Pond Playground	10,924	40
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	4,510	36
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	8,360	29
Tyler Street Playground	17	46
Wesley G. Ross Playground	7,618	66
William J. Barry Playground	8,764	37
William E. Carter Playground	8,565	00

William Eustis Playground	\$11,677 76
William E. Garvey Playground	6,105 47
William F. Smith Playground	9,591 28
William Gary Walsh Playground	8,246 60
Total	<u>\$428,675 97</u>

GYMNASIA

Brighton Gymnasium	\$7,637 50
Cabot Street Gymnasium	56,404 51
Charlestown Building Gymnasium	1,586 10
Columbia Road Gymnasium	15,218 28
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	28,960 02
Hyde Park Gymnasium	16,937 80
John J. Williams Gymnasium	28,670 70
Lexington Street Gymnasium	10,166 60
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	25,104 36
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	50,029 51
Paris Street Gymnasium	59,827 56
Plympton Street Pool	484 50
Roslindale Gymnasium	10,379 00
Tyler Street Gymnasium	12,305 50
Vine Street Gymnasium	26,716 05
Total	<u>\$350,427 99</u>

BATHS AND BEACHES

Baths, General	\$18,385 01
Broadway Municipal Building	31,767 70
Charlestown Pool	44,776 97
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	148,105 99
L Street Bath House and Beach	121,900 94
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool	49,712 91
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	41,871 98
Total	<u>\$456,521 50</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES

Central Office — Administration	\$171,447 68
Street Trees	130,818 48
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc	77,286 62
Miscellaneous	3,113 69
Total	<u>\$382,666 47</u>

RECAPITULATION

Parks and Gardens	\$1,575,488 89
Playgrounds	428,675 97
Gymnasias	350,427 99
Baths and Beaches	456,521 50
General Expenses	382,666 47
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	13,223 92
Construction of Dover Street Laundry and Utility Building	42,634 00
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park	1,360 00
Park and Playground Improvements, etc.	95,119 23
Planting or Replacement of Trees	38,000 00
Playground, Gardner and Baker Streets, West Roxbury	28,888 28
Removal of Trees afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease	17,850 00
Total	<u>\$3,430,856 25</u>

CASH RECEIPTS

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1956

PARK DIVISION

Franklin Park Golf Course	\$20,278 00	
George Wright Golf Course	35,104 00	
Permits for signs, openings, etc.	122 80	
Fees for services and equipment	345 00	
Commission on public telephones on park property	2,158 27	
Settlement of claims for damages	2,089 83	
Miscellaneous	32 00	
Towels, soap in playground houses	1,481 70	
Rentals from property and concessions	10,796 00	
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 88	
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	5,521 85	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	2,627 32	
Babcock Music Fund, income	93 31	
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00	
Foss 17th June Fund, income	85 00	
Sales of park land	84,045 00	
		<u>\$164,990 96</u>

BATH DIVISION

Towels, soap, etc., in bath houses	\$20,884 39	
		<u>20,884 39</u>
		<u>\$185,875 35</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue	\$93,291 99
Trust Funds, income	8,538 36
Sales of City Land	84,045 00
	<u>\$185,875 35</u>

**Expenditures of Revenue and Non-Revenue, Special Appropriations
and Trust Funds, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956**

RECREATION

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887,	
Maintenance and Improvement of	\$178,139 20
Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease	14,889 60
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	4,991 25
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	4,930 52
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,844 35
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof	123,333 05
Michael Francis Cahill Fund	3,000 00
Department Equipment Loan, Revenue and Non-Revenue	124,274 83
Total	<u>\$455,402 80</u>

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE
1956

Opening Date, April 10. Closing Date, December 18

Registered Attendance, 35,000

Annual Permits, 3 at \$30	\$90 00
Annual Permits, 533 at \$15	7,995 00
Daily Permits, 383 at \$1.50	574 50
Daily Permits, 10,658 at \$1	10,658 00
Twilight Permits, 1,921 at 50 cents	960 50
Total	<u>\$20,278 00</u>

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE
1956

Opening Date, April 10. Closing Date, December 18

Registered Attendance, 46,821

Annual Permits, 42 at \$40	\$1,680 00
Annual Permits, 501 at \$30	15,030 00
Daily Permits, 4,528 at \$2	9,056 00
Daily Permits, 7,967 at \$1	7,967 00
Lockers, 457 at \$3	1,371 00
Total	<u>\$35,104 00</u>

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1956

*Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and
Swimming Pools, Gymnasia*

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,850,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	352,000
Shower Baths	2,600,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,200,000
Gymnasia, Class and Individual Attendance	180,000
Total	<u>11,182,000</u>

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1956.**

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:									
² Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905..	.....	\$772,793 08	\$772,793 08	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879..	\$736,854 49	3,276,621 13	4,013,475 62	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
¹ Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
[†] Riverway.....	1883-1890..	457,457 53	951,667 87	1,409,125 40	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	4,386,422 70	5,938,319 33	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
¹⁹ Columbia Road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	559,227 18	1,006,755 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Dorchester Way.....	1892-1895..	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88	254.30 "				
¹⁸ Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{1890-1892 1897-1901}	772,515 12	2,841,613 37	3,614,128 49	{52.71 " land 4.90 " flats 25.70 " land 78.30 " flats 9.78 " land 50.55 " flats}	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
¹⁹ Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883.....	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67		0.16 "	1.15 "		
[‡] Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	172,651 79	172,651 79					
[*] McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914..	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74		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		
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....	1882-1891..	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles
CHARLES BANK.....	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., PLAY- GROUND.....	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	300,813 81	458,155 03	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 "	.....	.....
COPP'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 PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END....	1922.....	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre	.....	.....
ALMONT STREET PLAY- GROUND, MATTAPAN.....	1924.....	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres	.....	0.04 "
PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL, * JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAY- GROUND, 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 22.

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 {1901-1902 {1914-1915 {1928-1933	180,474 70	9,241 01	0.4 acre				
TENAN BEACH, DORCHESTER, M.D.C.		102,140 00	85,313 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON,.....	1894.....	22,107 12	39,003 56	14.00 "				
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET,.....	1890.....	24,804 39	152,325 46	16.68 "		0.28 "		
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROXBURY.....	1890-1906..	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.....	43,900 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "	
* FALLO N FIELD PLAY-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	9.03 "	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 ROXBURY.....	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, ROXBURY.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres	
JOHN WINTHROP PLAY-GROUND, DORCHESTER.....	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, ALLESTON.....	1910-1931..	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "	0.35 "
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAY-GROUND, EAST BOSTON.....	1917.....	20,754 17	18,088 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre	

See footnotes on page 22.

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.		Area.	Length of Drives-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.						Totals.
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			
PORTSMOUTH 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			
¹³ GYMNASIUM SITE, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "			
⁵ FACTORY HILL PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	.....	8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres			
⁶ RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....	.....	47,194 01	47,194 01	0.86 acre			
⁷ SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND, HYDE PARK.....	1914-1931..	.....	74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres			
C E Y L O N STREET PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "			
⁸ CARL H. AHLSEN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1916-1943..	.....	.....	.....	4.27 "	0.20 mile		
⁹ JOHN A. DOHERTY PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1897.....	.....	35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "			
AMERICAN LEGION PLAY- GROUND, CONNOR 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.....	18,417 34	21,894 50	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, WACHUSSETT 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..... 1925.....	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	
* ¹⁸ WILLIAM AMERENA PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON... 1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "	
*AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON... { 1928-1931 and 1932 }	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY..... 1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "	
*MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON..... 1930.....	59,350 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "	
* ¹¹ THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DOR- CHESTER..... 1930-1931..	21,360 08	76,412 83	97,772 91	10.40 "	0.30 "
* ¹² MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END..... 1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "	
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END..... 1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre	
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY..... 1930-1931..	146,818 08	364,637 64	511,455 72	158.48 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.
MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY.....	1932.....	\$23,853 80	\$22,947 45	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
B 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 POND, BRIGHTON,	1937-1943.	.....	742 50	13.59 "	.....	.....	.....	13 acres
EVERETT AND ELAM STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1939.....	.....	.....	1.16 "				
LEO F. MCCARTHY PLAY- GROUND, NEAD 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, ROX- BURY.....	1941.....				0.06 "
FITTS 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 ESTABE, FOREST HILLS.....	1943-1945..				7.69 acres

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		Land.	Construction.					
PENNIMAN ROAD AND HANO STREET, BRIGHTON.	1945.....	\$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
GREEN AND LAMARTINE STREETS, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1945.....	.....	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
RACHEL REVERE OVERLOOK, NORTH STREET, BOSTON..	1945.....	.....	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
CARLETON 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.....	.....	135,542 43	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	.....	0.60 acre				

HARRISON AVENUE, 624-634, PLAY AREA, SOUTH END..	1950.....		3,620 00	0.12 "
POPLAR STREET PLAY AREA, WEST END.....	1950.....		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, ROSINDALE.....	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 "
²³ HAVERRILL AND PERKINS STREETS, CHARLESTOWN..	1951.....			0.23 "
²³ RUTHERFORD AVENUE AND UNION STREET, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1951.....			0.21 "
²³ HOOKEE, SORRENTO AND GODDARD STREETS, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "
TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1951.....	2,545 00	2,545 00	1.32 acres
CUNSTON STREET PLAY AREA, SOUTH END.....	1952.....	732 79	732 79	0.011 acre
DOUGLASS COURT PLAY AREA, NORTH END.....	1952.....	\$2,063 69	\$2,063 69	0.011 "
BRADFORD AND WILKES STREETS PLAY AREAS....	1952.....	7,386 41	7,386 41	0.10 "
CABOT STREET EXTENSION, LAND TO BATH HOUSE....	1952.....			0.13 "

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		Land.	Construction.						
WEST RUTLAND SQUARE PLAY AREA.....	1953.....				0.013 acre				
BAKER-GARDNER STS. WEST ROXBURY.....	1954.....	\$350 00	\$28,888 28	\$29,238 28	7.2 acres				
SUMNER AND LAMSON STREETS, EAST BOSTON.....	1955.....				0.48 acre				
THETFORD AVENUE AND STANLEY STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1955.....				0.66 "				
QUINCY AND STANLEY STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1955.....		481 30		0.38 "				
TOTALS.....		\$11,486,873 55	\$24,640,492 04	\$36,127,365 59	3,414.15 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* 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 16½ 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.
 †† World War Memorial.
 ‡‡ Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.
 ††† Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
 †††† 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
 ††††† Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
 †††††† Acquired by gift.
 ††††††† Transferred from Metropolitan Park.
 †††††††† Formerly part of Street Laying-Out Department.
 ††††††††† Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.
 †††††††††† 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, 1931.
 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.
 25 Sold for school site.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956.

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>King's 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 14,330 square feet		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 King's 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, 1956

CEMETERIES	General Receipts	Perpetual Care Receipts	Interest on Perpetual Care
Mount Hope.....	\$88,020 69	\$21,280 00	\$20,925 34
Fairview.....	27,732 74	5,680 00	5,938 77
Evergreen.....	16,921 20	11,180 00	7,525 15
Dorchester North.....	190 00		402 23
Dorchester South.....	215 00		138 10
Central.....	15 00		62 50
Copp's Hill.....	30 00		62 50
Westerly.....			176 32
Phipps Street.....			6 50
Bunker Hill.....			1 20
Granary.....			62 50
King's Chapel.....			62 50
Totals.....	\$133,124 63	\$38,140 00	\$35,363 61


Total, General Fund, December 31, 1955.....	\$4,345,298 10
Interest, General Fund 1956.....	130,329 06
Revenue (General Receipts) 1956.....	133,129 63
Discounts on Securities Purchased.....	11,272 46
	<u>\$4,620,029 25</u>
Payments from fund 1956:	
Premiums and Accrued Interest.....	\$2,099 90
Refunds.....	270 00
	<u>2,369 90</u>
General Fund, December 31, 1956.....	\$4,617,659 35
Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1956.....	1,170,550 51
Total Cemetery Funds.....	<u>\$5,788,209 86</u>

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to December 31, 1956

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.....	1,199	171	288	9,020	2,093	.....	.....	294	20	5
Fairview.....	489	14	245	1,090	1,395	1	.....	74	.....	.....
Evergreen.....	189	26	58	1,126	2,845	2	.....	91	.....	1
Dorchester North....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester South....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Copp's Hill.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,885	211	591	11,241	6,333	3	.....	459	20	6

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending December 31, 1956

Office	\$17,156 62
Mount Hope	132,522 19
Fairview	39,538 77
Evergreen	29,049 17
Dorchester North	3,499 61
Dorchester South	3,449 25
Bennington Street	3,280 61
Hawes and Emerson	97 30
Westerly	57 50
Central	91 80
Eliot	1,887 57
South End South	1,887 58
Copp's Hill	3,313 45
Granary	3,243 50
King's Chapel	3,236 33
Bunker Hill	1,672 65
Phipps Street	1,672 65
Market Street	96 80
Park	3,160 80

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