

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MARKET DEPARTMENT,
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF MARKETS, March 1, 1901.

HON. THOMAS N. HART,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

DEAR SIR, — In conformity to Chapter 3, Section 24, of the Revised Ordinances, I herewith submit the report of the Department of Markets for the year ending January 31, 1901.

The work of the Department has been of a general routine nature. Extensive repairs have been made on that portion of the buildings used for market purposes, and they are now in good repair so that only ordinary repairs will be needed during the present year. In addition to the work done by the City, many extensive improvements have been made in the stalls and cellars at the expense of the lessees, which have been of great benefit to the property of the City. During the year a new iron awning, similar to the one placed around Faneuil Hall Market, has been placed around New Faneuil Hall Market, over the portion occupied by the lessees, at their own expense. This work was supplemented by the City constructing a similar awning over the entrances to the market and Faneuil Hall. The awnings now in use

add greatly to the appearance of the building, and are a convenience to the public, as well as to those who use Faneuil Hall, being a protection from the weather, and have replaced the old canvas awnings, which were unsightly and frequently out of repair.

The frequent digging up of the streets around the markets for the laying of new water and gas mains, sewers, cold storage systems, etc., has left them in bad condition, and they should be repaved in the improved method with concrete base. As all the above-named pipes have recently been renewed, it would seem that the work, if done now, would remain for several years without having to be disturbed.

Another pressing need at present is the renovating and improving of the water-closets in the basement of the market. The Public Buildings Department has given this matter considerable thought; plans have been prepared, which, if carried out, will enable the City to establish a public sanitary in the apartments now intended for the use only of the occupants of the market, and will supply a want greatly needed in this busy section.

At the time of renovating Faneuil Hall, arrangements were made for a ladies' toilet-room in the building. As the plans were changed, and the apartments placed on the third floor of the building, they cannot be of practical use until such time as a proper person will be placed in charge of them, whose duty it will be to care for them at all hours when the hall is open to the public. This will be a convenience to the thousands who annually visit the hall, and will also provide for the large number of ladies who are employed at the markets, for whom the City should provide accommodations.

For several years, under the regulations of the Street Department, Sanitary Division, dealers at the market have been required to remove the refuse of their business to the dumping scow at their own expense, besides paying a charge for the privilege of dumping the same. While under this system the refuse has not been permitted to accumulate so as to become offensive, it seems, if the practice is to continue, that no charge should be made at the scow for dumping the same. I am of opinion that the work would be done more satisfactorily were it in charge of the Sanitary Division, as formerly, and that it would not materially increase the expense.

The inspection of provisions has been carefully looked after, and the Department has been obliged to condemn as unfit for food a much smaller quantity than in previous

years. The amount so condemned was as follows: Eleven hundred sixty three (1,163) pounds poultry, one hundred thirty-one (131) pounds veal, one hundred eighty (180) pounds mutton, four hundred ten (410) pounds fish, two hundred fifteen (215) small game, ducks, quails, etc., and one hundred thirty (130) rabbits, besides large quantities of fruit and vegetables, which have been sent to the dumping scow.

The Police assigned for duty in the Department have made ninety seven (97) arrests for the following offences: Drunkenness, forty (40); larceny, twenty-nine (29); assault and battery, twelve (12); cruelty to animals, five (5); picking pockets, four (4); removing refuse from barrels, three (3); leaving teams unattended, two (2); stopping teams on crossings, two (2); total arrests, ninety-seven (97).

The income of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1901, has been as follows:

From rents of stalls and cellars in Faneuil Hall Market	\$65,364 00
From rents of stalls and cellars in new Faneuil Hall Market,	18,228 00
From rents of outside stands, Faneuil Hall Market	1,407 00
From weighing fees at City scales, Faneuil Hall Market	639 18
Total income	\$85,638 18

The appropriation for the Department of Markets for the year ending January 31, 1901, ninety-three hundred (9,300) dollars, was exceeded by thirty and $\frac{28}{100}$ (30.28) dollars, and was expended as follows:

Salary of Superintendent of Markets	\$3,000 00
“ “ Deputy Superintendent of Markets	1,500 00
“ “ Weigher at City Scales	1,100 00
“ “ Watchman	1,100 00
“ “ Messenger	1,000 00
Total for salaries	\$7,700 00
Paid for extra police, vacations and holidays	160 40
“ “ gas and electric light	900 25
“ “ miscellaneous supplies	569 63
Total expense	\$9,330 28

The property in the Department of Markets belonging to the City is as follows:

Electric light wirings and fittings in Faneuil Hall Markets, original cost	\$1,672 00
One Morris safe	150 00
One Howard watch clock	200 00
Carried forward	\$2,022 00

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$2,022 00
One Howard watch clock	50 00
Three roll-top desks and one roll case	150 00
Two clothes presses	30 00
Scales, weights, etc.	125 00
Bookcase, carpets, stoves, chairs, and small supplies	100 00
Total	<u>\$2,477 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. MCKAY,

Superintendent of Markets.