

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT,
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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CITY OF BOSTON, PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT,
CITY GREENHOUSES, EAST COTTAGE STREET,
DORCHESTER, February 1, 1901.

HON. THOMAS N. HART,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

DEAR SIR, — In compliance with the Revised Ordinances, I herewith submit my annual report of the expenditures of the Public Grounds Department for the year beginning February 1, 1900, and ending January 31, 1901.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

WM. DOOGUE,

Superintendent.

PAYMENTS FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 1900, AND ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1901.

Salary, Superintendent	. . . . .	\$4,000 00
Salary, Assistant Superintendent	. . . . .	2,000 00
Teaming and reteaming plank-walks	. . . . .	1,900 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	. . . . .	<u>\$7,900 00</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$7,900 00	
Hay, grain, etc., for eight horses	\$1,320 68	
Shoeing and clipping eight horses	375 74	
Veterinary services and medicine	159 36	
	<hr/>	1,855 78
Duties and foreign charges, freight, expresses, etc.		1,183 38
Hardware and small supplies		1,157 08
New furniture wagon	\$260 00	
Goddard buggy	200 00	
New business wagon	150 00	
Horse, buggy, and outfit	150 00	
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	185 45	
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Repairs on vehicles, harnesses, etc.		800 60
Tools, lawn mowers, repairs, and storage		910 68
Flower pots, tubs, and boxes		660 14
Carpentry repairs on plank-walks and settees		448 20
Telegraph service		362 95
Rubber hose		262 20
Car-tickets		250 00
Grass signs		180 00
Water rates		72 00
Damages to dresses		7 00
Rent of playgrounds		650 00
Labor on snow		950 23
	<hr/>	\$18,595 69

Office.

Clerk-hire	\$1,500 00	
Stationery, printing, etc.	252 61	
Cleaning	70 00	
Macey cabinet, files and cards	50 32	
Repairs on typewriting machine	8 55	
Typewritten work	1 50	
	<hr/>	1,882 98

Street Trees.

Labor	\$6,850 56	
Shade trees	1,250 00	
Teaming	267 00	
Photograph instrument, materials, etc.	111 02	
	<hr/>	\$20,478 67
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$8,478 58	

<i>Brought forward</i>			
Asphaltum, varnish, etc.	\$8,478	58	\$20,478 67
Loam		65 05	
Advertising		59 11	
Cement		35 95	
Manure		18 15	
Rope		17 30	
Wire netting		13 30	
Repairing tree brace		12 64	
Freight charges		5 30	
		66 64	
			8,772 02

Greenhouses.

Labor	\$5,551	16	
Coal		1,888 70	
Lumber and carpentry work		1,396 55	
Teaming and freight		632 33	
Fertilizers		390 05	
Loam		243 00	
Plants, shrubs, and flower-seeds		200 30	
New smokestack		193 25	
Stock and grate bars		185 44	
Cinders, clay, and ashes		112 00	
Glass-lights		61 29	
Plumbing repairs		55 17	
Electrical repairs		50 02	
Sod		45 00	
Electric lighting		42 84	
Repairs on roof		28 90	
Sand, cement, and lime		23 01	
Cleaning vault		20 00	
Repairing iron fence		16 05	
Ice		13 85	
Towel supply		12 00	
			11,160 91

Nursery, Cold Frames, and Storehouse.

Labor	\$2,632	32	
Rent of land		350 00	
Sod		102 87	
Loam		52 00	
Teaming		50 00	
Hay for covering		47 25	
			3,234 44

Common.

Labor	\$18,456	08	
Teaming		1,830 25	
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$20,286	33	\$43,646 04

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$20,286 33	\$43,646 04
Sod	1,579 47	
Lumber and carpentry repairs	578 89	
Grass-seed	393 44	
Blue gravel	339 15	
Cinders, ashes, etc.	168 00	
Lumber and repairs on band-stand	143 38	
Fertilizers	90 13	
Red gravel	85 29	
Fence poles	81 69	
Plumbing repairs	79 77	
Fence and gate repairs	74 21	
Loam	61 50	
Painting and lettering signs for Lafayette mall	54 42	
Cleaning office	36 00	
New stove, galvanized pipe, etc.	35 45	
Coal for office and tool-house	33 56	
Sand and cement	17 30	
Towel supply	15 40	
Guy-poles	15 00	
Electric lighting	12 95	
Repairs on Shaw monument	8 00	
		24,189 33

Public Garden.

Labor	\$12,605 98	
Bulbs	1,259 26	
Teaming	1,019 02	
Red gravel	783 22	
Plants and flower-seed	702 98	
Sod and grass-seed	704 91	
Roses and shrubs	369 15	
Manure	361 78	
Canada hardwood ashes	285 02	
Evergreen trees for covering	221 38	
Repairs on bridge	198 73	
Lumber	146 67	
Freight	82 00	
Blue gravel	51 50	
Sand	44 00	
Repairing iron fence	20 00	
Decorative figures	19 90	
Rustic stands	18 75	
Loam	12 00	
Fence poles	11 67	
Testing ashes	10 00	
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$18,927 92	\$67,835 37

Lowell Square.

<i>Brought forward</i>	.		\$91,008 22
Labor	.	.	
Grass-seed	.	.	\$111 00
	.	.	3 47
			<hr/>
			114 47

Waltham Square.

Labor	.	.	
Grass-seed	.	.	\$86 00
	.	.	3 50
			<hr/>
			89 50

Berwick Square.

Labor	.	.	
Bulbs	.	.	\$195 00
Manure	.	.	11 75
Plants	.	.	8 57
	.	.	4 67
			<hr/>
			219 99

St. Stephen Square.

Labor	.	.	
	.	.	\$40 00
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			40 00

SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT.

Independence Square.

Labor	.	.	
Balance payment on granolithic steps	.	.	\$720 00
Teams	.	.	1,585 75
Sod	.	.	149 00
Shrubs and trees	.	.	128 88
Manure	.	.	70 30
Fence poles	.	.	11 17
Lumber	.	.	5 84
Repairs on fountain	.	.	5 82
	.	.	1 75
			<hr/>
			2,678 51

Lincoln Square.

Labor	.	.	
Bulbs	.	.	\$373 00
Repairing fence	.	.	22 87
Plants	.	.	20 70
Team	.	.	15 60
Manure	.	.	10 00
	.	.	5 57
			<hr/>
			447 74

Thomas Park.

Labor	.	.	
Teaming	.	.	\$474 00
	.	.	20 00
			<hr/>
			494 00

Carried forward

\$95,092 43

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<i>Brought forward</i>			
Teams	.	\$404 80	\$99,677 05
Plants	.	9 00	
Grass-seed	.	4 67	
	.	1 49	
		<hr/>	419 96

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

City Square.

Labor	.		
Bulbs	.	\$365 00	
Plants	.	9 79	
Manure	.	9 33	
	.	7 26	
		<hr/>	391 38

Winthrop Square.

Labor	.		
Repairing tablets and iron fence	.	\$410 00	
Plants	.	179 00	
Manure	.	12 44	
	.	9 00	
Fence poles	.	2 92	
		<hr/>	613 36

Sullivan Square.

Labor	.		
Cleaning and repairing fountain	.	\$460 00	
Teams	.	89 50	
Manure	.	15 00	
	.	14 62	
		<hr/>	579 12

Hayes Square.

Labor	.		
Manure	.	\$340 00	
	.	6 00	
		<hr/>	346 00

Essex Square.

Labor	.		
	.	\$195 00	
		<hr/>	195 00

DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

Meeting House Hill.

Labor	.		
Cleaning monument	.	\$320 00	
Teaming	.	215 00	
Manure	.	19 00	
	.	10 31	
		<hr/>	564 31

Carried forward \$102,786 18

Eaton Square.

<i>Brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.		\$102,786 18
Labor	.	.	.	.	\$320 00	
Replumbing fountain	.	.	.	.	135 52	
Bulbs and plants	.	.	.	.	32 10	
Manure	.	.	.	.	3 00	
					<hr/>	490 62

Mt. Bowdoin Green.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$320 00	
Bulbs and plants	.	.	.	.	24 98	
Teams	.	.	.	.	21 00	
Grass-seed	.	.	.	.	11 01	
Manure	.	.	.	.	4 50	
					<hr/>	381 49

Adams Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$155 00	
					<hr/>	155 00

Richardson Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$130 00	
					<hr/>	130 00

Peabody Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$130 00	
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	1 17	
					<hr/>	131 17

Tremlett Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$155 00	
Bulbs, plants, and seeds	.	.	.	.	25 82	
Manure	.	.	.	.	2 81	
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	1 74	
					<hr/>	185 37

Algonquin Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	\$130 00	
Bulbs	.	.	.	.	5 22	
Plants and seeds	.	.	.	.	4 67	
Manure	.	.	.	.	2 81	
					<hr/>	142 70

Locust Street Playgrounds.

Loam	.	.	.	.	\$30 00	
					<hr/>	30 00

Carried forward

\$104,432 53

ROXBURY DISTRICT.

Washington Park.

<i>Brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$104,432 53
Labor	.	.	.	.	.
Sod	.	.	.	.	.	\$600 00
Teams	.	.	.	.	.	27 00
Lumber	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	.	10 21
	.	.	.	.	.	2 92
						<hr/> 660 13

Madison Park.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$475 00
Ashes	.	.	.	.	.	92 00
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	.	23 34
Teams	.	.	.	.	.	19 50
Fence wire	.	.	.	.	.	14 50
Lumber	.	.	.	.	.	8 77
Grass-seed	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
						<hr/> 641 11

Orchard Park.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$485 00
Teams	.	.	.	.	.	65 50
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	.	35 01
Grass-seed	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
Ashes	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
Lumber	.	.	.	.	.	52
						<hr/> 634 03

Bromley Park.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$260 00
Grass-seed	.	.	.	.	.	20 05
Fence poles	.	.	.	.	.	2 92
						<hr/> 282 97

Fountain Square.

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	\$260 00
Teams	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
						<hr/> 263 00

Cedar Square.

Labor	\$190 00
Loam	24 00
Gravel	5 40
Teams	5 00
						<hr/> 224 40

<i>Carried forward</i>	\$107,138 17
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		<i>Longwood Park.</i>		
<i>Brought forward</i>				\$107,138 17
Labor	.	.	\$185 00	185 00
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		<i>Lewis Park.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$190 00	
Grass-seed	.	.	3 20	
Fence poles	.	.	1 17	
		<hr/>		194 37
		<i>Walnut Park.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$130 00	
Fence poles	.	.	1 17	
		<hr/>		131 17
		<i>Linwood Park.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$165 00	
		<hr/>		165 00
		<i>Highland Park.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$300 00	
		<hr/>		300 00
		<i>Centre Street.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$90 00	
		<hr/>		90 00
		<i>Martin School.</i>		
Plants, bulbs, and seeds	.	.	\$34 21	
Manure	.	.	5 57	
		<hr/>		39 78
		<i>Warren Square.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$120 00	
Fence poles	.	.	1 16	
		<hr/>		121 16
		<i>Soldiers' Monument Lot.</i>		
Labor	.	.	\$130 00	
		<hr/>		130 00
<i>Carried forward</i>				<hr/> \$108,494 65

BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

Brighton Square.

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$108,494 65
Labor		
Bulbs	\$280 00	
Manure	11 67	
Grass-seed	5 57	
	5 00	
	<hr/>	302 24

Jackson Square.

Labor		\$280 00
Grass-seed		5 87
Manure		3 00
	<hr/>	288 87

Fern Square.

Labor		\$260 00
Manure		3 00
Grass-seed		1 60
	<hr/>	264 60

Total		<u>\$109,350 36</u>
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Fence around Storage Lot and Storehouses.

Lumber		\$1,805 70
Labor		866 53
Hardware, tools, etc.		71 26
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Fence around Heath Square, Old Heath, New Heath, and Parker Streets.

Granite curb and iron fence		\$809 00
Labor		109 96
Loam		81 04
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Independence Square, Improvements.

Granolithic stone steps	\$2,358 40	
Less amount paid from general appropriation	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$858 40
Labor and engineering		323 88
Lumber		180 50
	<hr/>	<u>\$1,362 78</u>

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

10 shovels, round pointed.	3 chisels.
14 " long handles.	1 saw set.
137 " snow.	2 saw files.
6 " plain.	1 cutting nippers.
3 " coal.	1 pair snip shears.
18 " post-hole.	3 cold chisels.
28 spades.	1 draw knife.
11 spading forks.	1 hand brush.
10 stable forks.	1 saw clamp.
16 rakes, wooden.	2 door clamps.
16 " iron.	1 glue pot.
9 hoes, garden.	1 drawing board.
6 " grub.	1 set drawing tools.
2 edging knives.	1 level.
27 trowels, garden.	2 iron brands.
20 picks.	1 stone hammer.
17 pick handles.	1 mason's hammer.
4 sledge hammers.	1 grindstone.
11 iron wedges.	6 crow-bars.
2 scythes and snathes.	1 wire stretcher.
10 sickles.	2 Stillson wrenches.
4 sickle stones.	4 small " "
24 axes.	2 pairs pipe tongs.
6 sieves.	1 platform scales.
7 watering cans.	1 stove.
1 pruning shears.	1 heavy chain.
8 wheelbarrows.	6 painter's dusters.
2 trucks.	1 machine hammer.
14 saws.	2 claw hammers.
2 glass-cutters.	5 glazier's chisels.
2 pliers.	2 hatchets.
2 bit-stocks.	2 " shingling.
1 auger-bit.	1 " lather's.
1 small bit.	1 lightning saw.
4 gimlet-bits.	1 spokeshave.
4 twist drills.	1 ice plainer.
2 hose menders.	2 trucks, four-wheeled.
6 putty knives.	3 cultivators.
1 screw driver.	1 wheelbarrow.
4 steel punches.	1 prong harrow.
1 " set.	2 gravel scoops.
3 wooden mallets.	2 snow " "
1 steel square.	2 horse mowers.
1 stamp.	2 ploughs.
6 hand clamps.	188 signs (keep off the grass).
1 wooden bench vise.	3 signs iron (keep off the grass).
1 iron vise.	
2 chalk lines.	108 signs (seeded down).

1 painter's trestle.	1 set extension poles.
1 horse ash spreader.	2 tool boxes.
1 hand " "	1 50-foot tape-measure.
30 mowing machines.	2 fruit ladders.
9 pieces rope.	1 28-foot extension ladder.
1 pruning shears.	2 33 " " "
6 hand-saws.	2 43 " " "
4 cross-cut saws.	4 horses, driving.
1 monkey-wrench.	4 " working.
3 sets blocks and rope.	1 top buggy.
2 tree poles.	3 open buggies.
2 pole saws.	5 wagons.
3 pruning shears.	1 tip cart.
1 extension pruner.	3 watering carts.
9 hatchets, small.	10 sets of harness.
2 " large.	8 robes.
1 buck saw.	2 carriage blankets.
6 pairs wire cutters.	8 horse blankets.
4 hammers.	1 carriage mat.
4 lanterns.	2 carriage weights.
4 lanterns globes extra.	2 sets horse boots.
3 blocks, extra.	

Greenhouse — Office Furniture.

3 black walnut roll-top desks.	1 watchman clock.
1 oak roll-top desk.	6 black walnut chairs, cane seats and backs.
2 letter presses.	3 swivel desk chairs.
1 " Macey " cabinet and file.	1 large centre rug.
1 typewriting machine.	8 medium-sized rugs.
1 iron safe.	1 brush mat.
1 " Howard " clock.	

Deer Park — Office Furniture.

1 black walnut roll-top desk.	1 mat.
1 " " cabinet desk.	1 rug.
7 chairs.	1 looking-glass.
1 clock.	1 stove.

As a convenient reference I append the following list of the seventy parks and squares, which are in charge of the Department of Public Grounds, showing their respective localities and superficial areas:

CITY PROPER.

Common. — Park, Tremont, Boylston, Charles, and Beacon streets; contains $48\frac{2}{5}$ acres; ¹ iron fence on Charles and Beacon street sides.

¹ Exclusive of cemetery, containing one and two-fifths acres.

- Public Garden.* — Charles, Boylston, Arlington, and Beacon streets; contains 24½ acres; enclosed by an iron fence.
- Fort Hill Square.* — Oliver and High streets; contains 29,489 sq. ft.
- Franklin Square.* — Washington, East Brookline, East Newton, and James streets; contains 105,205 sq. ft.
- Blackstone Square.* — Washington, West Brookline, West Newton streets, and Shawmut avenue; contains 105,100 sq. ft.
- Massachusetts Avenue.* — Between Albany street and Harrison avenue; contains 9,300 sq. ft.
- Massachusetts Avenue.* — Between Harrison avenue and Washington street; contains 13,050 sq. ft.
- Massachusetts Avenue.* — Between Washington and Tremont streets; contains 74,000 sq. ft.; malls enclosed by an iron fence.
- Massachusetts Avenue.* — Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue; contains 10,150 sq. ft.
- Concord Square.* — Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue; contains 5,000 sq. ft.
- Rutland Square.* — Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue; contains 7,400 sq. ft.
- Berwick Park.* — Off Columbus avenue, near N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.; contains 3,800 sq. ft.; enclosed by granite curb.
- Union Park.* — Between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue; contains 16,000 sq. ft.; malls enclosed by iron fence.
- Worcester Square.* — Between Washington street and Harrison avenue; contains 16,000 sq. ft.
- Lowell Square.* — Cambridge and Lynde streets; contains 5,772 sq. ft.; enclosed by iron fence.
- Park Square.* — Columbus avenue, Eliot and Pleasant streets; contains 2,867 sq. ft.
- Copley Square.* — Between Huntington avenue, Boylston and Dartmouth streets; contains 28,399 sq. ft.; enclosed by a granite curb.
- Between Huntington avenue, Trinity place, and St. James avenue; contains 5,410 sq. ft.; enclosed by a granite curb.
- City Hall Grounds.* — School street; contains 7,700 sq. ft.
- Square.* — Harrison avenue, between Union Park and Waltham streets; contains 3,000 sq. ft.
- St. Stephen's Square.* — At the corner of St. Stephen's and Batavia streets; contains 100 sq. ft.

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- Telegraph Hill.* — Thomas Park; contains 190,000 sq. ft.
Independence Square. — Broadway, Second, M, and N; contains $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres; enclosed by shrubbery hedge.
Lincoln Square. — Emerson, Fourth, and M; contains 9,510 sq. ft.; enclosed by an iron fence.

EAST BOSTON.

- Maverick Square.* — Sumner and Maverick streets; contains 4,398 sq. ft.; enclosed by stone curb.
Central Square. — Meridian and Border streets; contains 40,310 sq. ft.; enclosed by stone curb.
Belmont Square. — Webster, Sumner, Lamson, and Seaver streets; contains 30,000 sq. ft.; enclosed by an iron fence.
Putnam Square. — Putnam, White, and Trenton streets; contains 11,628 sq. ft.; enclosed by an iron fence.
Prescott Square. — Trenton, Eagle, and Prescott streets; contains 12,284 sq. ft.

ROXBURY DISTRICT.

- Madison Square.* — Sterling, Marble, Warwick, and Westminster streets; contains 122,191 sq. ft.
Orchard Park. — Chadwick, Orchard park, and Yeoman streets; contains 104,492 sq. ft.
Washington Park. — Dale and Bainbridge streets; contains 396,125 sq. ft.
Longwood Park. — Park and Austin streets; contains 21,000 sq. ft.
Walnut Park. — Between Washington street and Walnut avenue; contains 5,736 sq. ft.
Lewis Park. — Highland street and Highland avenue; contains 5,600 sq. ft.
Bromley Park. — From Albert to Bickford street; contains 20,975 sq. ft.; three enclosures.
Fountain Square. — Walnut avenue, from Munroe to Townsend street; contains 116,000 sq. ft.
Cedar Square. — Cedar street, between Juniper and Thornton streets; contains 26,163 sq. ft.
Linwood Park. — Centre and Linwood streets; contains 3,625 sq. ft.; enclosed by stone curb.
Public Ground. — Centre and Perkins streets; contains 3,200 sq. ft.

- Highland Park.* — Fort Hill avenue; contains 114,065 sq. ft.; occupied partly by Roxbury Stand pipe.
- Public Ground.* — Warren, James, and Regent streets; contains 1,380 sq. ft.; enclosed by granite curb.
- Public Ground.* — Junction of Huntington avenue, Tremont and Francis streets; contains 1,662 sq. ft.
- Square.* — Albany street, near mall.
- Square.* — Old Heath, New Heath, and Parker streets; contains 2,419 sq. ft.; enclosed by iron fence.
- Square.* — Abbotsford, Crawford, and Harold streets; contains 966 sq. ft.

DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

- Dorchester Square.* — Meeting House Hill; contains 56,200 sq. ft.; Soldiers' Monument on this square.
- Eaton Square.* — Adams and Bowdoin streets; contains 13,280 sq. ft.
- Mt. Bowdoin Green.* — Top of Mt. Bowdoin; contains 25,170 sq. ft.
- Richardson Square.* — Between Pond and Cottage streets; contains 75,982 sq. ft.
- Public Ground.* — Magnolia street; contains 3,605 sq. ft.
- Public Ground.* — Dorchester Field;¹ contains 274,000 sq. ft.
- Public Ground.* — Adams street, near Pierce avenue; contains 2,068 sq. ft.
- Public Ground.* — Adams street, near Cedar Grove Cemetery; contains 700 sq. ft.
- Algonquin Square.* — Algonquin and Bradlee streets; contains 1,728 sq. ft.
- Tremlett Park.* — Tremlett street, between Hooper and Waldeck streets; contains 7,107 sq. ft.
- Peabody Square.*

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

- City Square.* — Head of Bow and Main streets; contains 8,739 sq. ft.; enclosed by stone curb and iron fence.
- Sullivan Square.* — Main, Cambridge, Sever, and Gardner streets; contains 56,428 sq. ft.
- Winthrop Square.* — Winthrop, Common, and Adams streets; contains 38,450 sq. ft.; enclosed by an iron fence; Soldiers' Monument on this square.

¹Property Gibson School Fund.

- Public Ground.* — Essex and Lyndeboro' streets; contains 930 sq. ft.
- Hayes Square.* — Bunker Hill and Vine and Moulton streets; contains 4,484 sq. ft.

WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT.

- Soldiers' Monument Lots.* — South and Centre streets; contains 5,870 sq. ft.
- Public Ground.* — Top of Mt. Bellevue; contains 27,772 sq. ft.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

- Public Ground.* — Pleasant and Franklin streets; contains 1,900 sq. ft.
- Jackson Square.* — Chestnut Hill avenue, Union and Winship streets; contains 4,300 sq. ft.; enclosed by stone curb.
- Brighton Square.* — Between Chestnut Hill avenue and Rockland street, and opposite branch of Public Library; contains 25,035 sq. ft.
- Franklin Square.* — Between Franklin and Fern streets; contains 1,900 sq. ft.
- Square.* — Cambridge, Murdock, and Sparhawk streets; contains 7,449 sq. ft.
- Square.* — Cambridge and Mansfield streets; contains 13,948 sq. ft.
- Greenhouses and Nursery Grounds.* — Between Massachusetts avenue and East Cottage street, Dorchester; contains 102,531 sq. ft.
- Storehouse Grounds.* — Massachusetts avenue, adjoining location of N. Y., & N. E. R.R.; contains 96,375 sq. ft.

