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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

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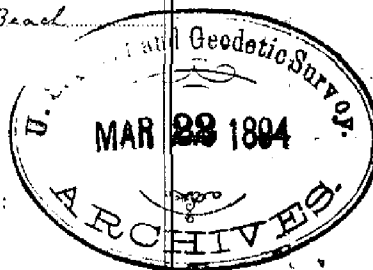
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LOCALITY:

North & South Shore of Winthrop
including Deer Island also
North shore of Revere and
*Chelsea and Crescent Beach**1893.*

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Registered Sheet No 1.

From Deer Island to Beachmont. the island is on the southern end of Winthrop Beach separated from said beach by Shirley Gut. The island came into possession of the City of Boston in 1634, it was then used as a pound for stray cows, Swine and Goats, it was then thickly covered with a heavy growth of timber. The island now contains a House of Industry, Reform School, and Hospital in charge of One Superintendent, One Assistant, and twenty five keepers. The Prisoners now on the island upto October 17th 1893 contained the number of 2390 persons.

From Point Shirley to Beachmont the country is thickly settled with a population of nearly 9000 persons. The shore is tolerably good for bathing, the sand on this beach especially at Winthrop is very coarse with large pebbles and stones of various sizes, which prevents a great many persons from indulging in their sea bathing and compels many to seek Crescent beach for their pleasant bath.

Registered Sheet No 2

The North shore of Crescent and Revere beach is considered one of the finest bathing shores on the Coast rivaling in some respects Cape May.

The sand at low tide is very hard so much so, that the wheels of vehicles hardly make any impression on it. The sand is of a bluish color and perfectly devoid of pebbles or shells of any kind. No drift wood or sea weed is never seen on the beach, and is always clear of any debris during the season.

The Boston and Maine Railroad from Boston to Lynn runs close to the shore on both sides of the road are innumerable dwelling houses with many booths and shanties which are occupied during the summer months, at the close of the season they are all vacated.