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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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Locality:
North & South Shore of Winthrop.
Including Deer Island also.
North shore of Revere and
Chelsea and Crescent Beach.

1893.

Chief of Party:
L. T. Sandello
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 1834, it was then used as a round for stray cows, swine and goats, it was then thickly clothed 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 up to October 17th, 1873 contained the number of 2392 persons.

From Point Shirley to Beachmont the country is thickly settled with a population of nearly 9,000 persons. The shore is tolerably good for bathing, the sand on this beach, especially at Winthrop, is very coarse, with large pelloes and stones of various sizes, which prevents a great many persons from indulging in their sea bathing and compels many to seek another beach for their pleasant bath.
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 clean 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 tents and shelters which are occupied during the summer months, at the close of the season they are all vacated.