

NEW YORK AND BOSTON WATER WORKS.

From a report just submitted to the New York city government, it appears that since the 19th of July the Water revenue has amounted to \$137,864 39. The new ordinance compelling every house and lot to pay the water rates, whether taken or not, will go into operation on the 1st of May next. The expenses of the Works, it is estimated, will be at the least \$100,000 per annum for several years to come. On the great waste of water the report speaks strongly. It is stated that nearly the whole water of the Croton river was delivered, during the summer months, or 60 gallons for every inhabitant in the city for each 24 hours—more than three times the quantity required for all legitimate purposes. This waste of water will soon require the attention of our Cochituate Water Board. The draft of water from the Brookline reservoir is now daily about 3,000,000 of gallons. About 100,000 persons are supplied with the water, which is equal to 30 gallons a person for each 24 hours, but this includes water supplied to the shipping, manufactories, steam engines, fountains, fire department, flushing drains, stables, &c, &c, yet there is a vast waste, but not half of that complained of by the New York Water Commissioners.

Lake Cochituate can supply 10,000,000 of gallons per day, an ample supply for the City proper, South and East Boston, and the cities of Roxbury and Charlestown, when annexed, which may be at no very distant day. These latter cities stand in great need of the water, and we do not see how they are to get it except by annexation. A movement of this kind, we learn, is in contemplation. As to Roxbury proper, we see no objections—and, so far as we are concerned, we have no objections to offer to the bans; and we may say the same of Charlestown, provided the State Prison and Navy Yard could be omitted. While the fever of annexation is at its height, we might want a small section of the town of Dorchester, the line to run across the turnpike a little to the south of what is called Little Neck. All this being accomplished, Boston would take rank with any city on this continent.