

File No. 10012 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SEWERAGE COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.
CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
AMERICAN BUILDING.

Baltimore, Nov. 30, 1909.

Brig. Genl. Peter Leary, Jr.,
Chairman, and
Gentlemen of the Sewerage Commission.

Dear Sirs:-

7712 Referring to the letter of the Canton Company, dated November 11th, hereto attached, regarding damages to their building at No. 2225 Boston Street, I beg to say that I have had a careful investigation made of this matter and would report as follows -

I find that there has been a slight settlement of the west wall of this building, and there is a small opening in the roof at the east end of the building. I am unable to say whether these conditions were caused by the construction of the sewer in this street or not. This building showed settlement before we began our work in Boston Street, and it has settled since our work was completed. Therefore, an element of doubt exists as to the cause of the damage.

In this connection, I would say that last June we had this building repaired at the expense of the contractor, T. J. O'Connell. Before doing so I insisted that the Building Inspector should send his representative and designate just what was necessary for us to do to make the building satisfactory to the Building Department, which was done, and after carrying out his instructions I wrote him the following letter, on June 28th -

"We instructed Mr. E. J. Dowell, Builder, to repair, to your satisfaction, any damages we did to #2225 Boston Street. Mr. Dowell informs me that he has carried out the instructions of your District Inspector, Mr. Burns, who informed him, and also Mr. Brosius that this work has been done to your satisfaction. Mr. Burns has kindly stated that if we wrote you, you would confirm his report in writing. Will you kindly do so?"

to which the Building Inspector replied, under date of June 30th, as follows -

"In reply to yours of the 28th would say: Mr. Byrne (the District Inspector) reports to me that the wall at No. 2225 Boston Street has been satisfactorily repaired. That, while no new foundations were put in, the wall is in better condition than when the Sewerage work started".