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the Sewerage Commission will provide openings through the roof of the conduits for such pipes, which pipes the corporations can use upon terms to be arranged with the Board of Estimates.

Now, with regard to the probable needs of the future, my thought was that it would be wise, at each crossing of a street over the Jones Falls conduits, to provide openings in the roof of the conduits, with sufficient compartments to accommodate not only the present water pipes or other City pipes or wires (gas pipes and electric light and telephone wires), but also a reasonable provision for the future, so that the highway passing over the conduits would not have to be torn up anywhere in the near future.

Inasmuch as this would not be strictly a part of the sewer system, it would be perfectly proper, in my judgment, for an account of the expense of constructing these openings through the roof of the conduits to be kept separately, and the amount thereof to be paid out of the tax levy or out of the conduit loan rather than out of the sewerage loan.

I suppose that these openings through the roof of the conduits, so as to provide not only for present needs but for some distance into the future, could be made much more cheaply while you are constructing the conduits than afterwards.

You will bear in mind, of course, that, if the conduits were already constructed and the Gas Company or other public service corporation wanted to construct openings through the roof, for their pipes or wires, they would not be allowed to do so merely upon paying the cost of construction but they would have to pay a charge for the franchise, and, therefore, I do not think it is proper for the Sewerage Commission to construct openings for these corporations simply upon the terms of their paying the cost of the construction.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

S. S. Field,  
City Solicitor,

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