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February 18, 1920

Mrs. Josephine R. Sharp,
842- 48th Ave.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mrs. Sharp:

In reply to your communication of recent date asking for information regarding the Market. If you will remember the first installation was in the nature of an experiment in the year 1914, when the City put up temporary stalls along Yamhill Street. The cost of this temporary experiment was \$647.82. Since that time we have erected one thousand lineal feet of the steel constructed umbrella sheds at a cost of \$8,841.76. The cost of operation, together with the receipts follows below, from the year 1914 to the year 1919:

<u>Public Market</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost of Operation</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
1914	\$647.82	\$756.05	\$1,515.95
1915	8,841.76	2,739.45	5,899.55
1916		2,757.49	7,525.75
1917		3,276.41	7,088.60
1918		4,123.01	6,611.80
1919		<u>4,885.27</u>	<u>7,226.40</u>
	\$ 9,489.58	\$ 18,537.68	\$35,962.05

In regard to the question of the people patronizing the Market-I believe that the whole thing hinges upon the location. You know how near our Public Market is to the retail district, and to my mind that is one of the biggest factors in its' being the success that it has been. Wishing you every success in your efforts, I am.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner of Public Affairs.

CAB/EP.