



F. Fuchs, View of Boston, July 4, 1870, in Krieger and others, 1999. (Image courtesy of the Trustees, Boston Public Library, Rare Books Department.)

**Figure 1.2.** View of Boston and Boston Harbor in 1870, depicting the concentration of dwellings 6 years prior to development of the first centralized sewer system. This system simply collected wastes and diverted them to holding ponds on an island until they were released to the harbor on the ebb tide.