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**-: The Ottawa Improvement commission:-
for the fiscal year
ended
March 31st. 1924.**



THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1924.

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The Honourable J. A. Robb,

Acting Minister of Finance.

The Ottawa Improvement Commission, as required by the Statute 9-10 George V Chapter 62 Section 13, has the honour to submit the following report for the fiscal year ended March 31st 1924.

The gross revenue at the Commission's disposal during the year was \$202,799.74 derived from the following sources:-

Balance carried forward from previous year	\$ 32,554.31
Government Grant to 31st March 1924	150,000.00 x
Rents & Miscellaneous items	1,276.85
Work for Federal Government Departments	7,467.55
Work for The Police Village of Rockcliffe	7,850.71
Sundry Accounts	7,046.11
	654.21
Interest on Bank Deposits &c.	<u>500.21</u>

\$202,799.74
~~32,554.31~~
~~150,000.00~~
~~17,951.37~~

The expenditure during the same period amounted to the sum of \$180,701.93. Appended hereto is a report prepared by the Superintendent of Works and the Secretary showing the details of this expenditure. Included in this expenditure is the sum of \$18,364.37 which represents the cost of work done for the Government and other parties which amount has been repaid to the Commission by the parties for whom the work was performed.

On maintenance, including the cost of administration there was expended the sum of \$101,233.42 and on new work \$79,468.51 including the \$18,364.37.

The expenditure may thus be summarized as follows:-

New Work	61,104.14	
Work for Federal Government and others- Refunded	<u>18,364.37</u>	\$79,468.51
Maintenance, Stock & Administration		<u>101,233.42</u>
		\$180,701.93

During the year the Western Driveway, from Carling Avenue to the Canadian National Railway tracks was completed thus making a continuous Driveway from Carling Avenue to the Ottawa River. In addition, with the permission of the Department of Public Works, Princess Avenue in Rockcliffe was widened thus adding to the safety of travel there. A walk was constructed over the gully near Ashbury and a lookout erected overlooking the Gatineau River. The wall along the Rideau River in King Edward Avenue park was strengthened and an iron pipe fence erected thereon. On Rideau Canal Driveway a combined Comfort Station and Tool House was erected while additions were made to the lighting system.

During the year there was little variation in the cost of labour and materials used.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Chairman.

Secretary.

- : The Ottawa Improvement Commission : -

R E P O R T O F

A. A. Stuart & W. E. O'Meara &

Superintendent

Secretary

For the year ended

31st. March 1924.

Ottawa. January 15th 1924.

To the Chairman
and Members of the
Ottawa Improvement Commission.

Gentlemen:-

We beg herewith to submit for your consideration
the following report upon the work of the Ottawa Improvement
Commission during the fiscal year terminated on the 15th Jan-
uary 1924. under the following headings. namely:-

1. Statement in detail of the expenditure upon the work.
2. Statement in detail of the cost of maintenance of the
various Parks and Driveways. for the year.
3. Detailed statement of all other expenditures.
4. Statement in detail of the number, variety and loca-
tion of bedding plants planted during the year.

All of which we beg respectfully to submit.

Your obedient servants.

Superintendent O.I.C.

Secretary O.I.C.

S T A T E M E N T "A"

Being a statement in detail
of the expenditure on

NEW WORK

during the fiscal year
ended

31st. March 1924.

- I. including
 1. Western extension of Driveway.
 2. Repairs to Wall King Edward Park.
 3. Canal Driveway lighting and repairs to walk.
 4. Construction of Comfort Station Rideau Canal Driveway.
 5. Walk over gully Rockcliffe Park.
 6. Lookout Rockcliffe Park.
 7. Widening Prince Edward Avenue.
 8. Roadway Rockcliffe Pavilion.
 9. Reflooring Minto Bridges.
 10. Roadway Russell House Park.
- II. Sundry Works.

-: Western Driveway Extension :-

During the year, that portion of the roadway lying between the Canadian Railway tracks and Carling Ave. was completed, some grading was done upon the boulevard and some trees planted, some small land purchases were made between the Canadian National tracks and the City limits. The amount expended was \$34,500.16, detailed as follows:

Labour and Cartage		\$23,431.49
Tarvia	The Barrett Co.	\$ 2,518.62
Sand	R.R. Foster	511.98
Freight	Canadian Pacific Railway	432.52
Coal	Butterworth and Co.	501.64
Lumber	Independent Coal Co.	507.62
Cement	Wright & Co.	673.92
Hardware	McDougal's	169.08
Stone	Grant Bros.	1155.35
Hose	Dunlop T & R Co.	87.73
Water Connections	Ottawa City Corp.	32.26
Supplies	H.N. Bate & Sons	3.45
Repairs	Victoria Foundry Co.	48.43
Land Purchases:	C.J. Bray \$700 (Woody Lots)	
	William Gilchrist \$400	
	Registrar search \$ 1.40	\$ 1101.40
WigWag Signal	Canadian National Railways	\$ 2473.02
Professional services		
	Lewis & McGroarty \$30.00	
	Fripp and Burritt \$209.35	
	Redmond Quinn \$112.30	\$ 351.65
		<u>\$34,500.16</u> ✓

-: Rideau Canal Driveway :-

The construction of a concrete retaining wall along the canal destroyed the Commission's walk and a special appropriation for re-filling grading and seeding was made and the work completed and a lighting system along the canal was installed at a cost of \$3,800.99, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		\$ 2,310.25
Electric cable	Eng. Philippe, Electric W.	\$ 1052.74
Supplies	M ^r Farlane Douglas & Co	438.00
		<u>\$3,800.99</u> ✓

-: Retaining wall King Edward Park :-

The retaining wall along the Rideau River at King Edward Ave. Park having become dilapidated it became necessary to rebuild. A concrete wall was erected and an iron pipe fence installed thereon, at a cost of \$3,475.39, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		\$ 2,442.48
Lumber	McGrath Lumber Co.	52.41
Cement	Wright & Co.	389.00
Sand	R.R. Foster	89.03
Iron Pipe	McDougal's	553.47
		<u>\$3,475.39</u> ✓

-: Russell House Park :-

The roadway in Russell House Park was rebuilt; at a labour cost of \$ 650.00 ✓

-: Lookout Rockcliffe Park :-

An artificial stone lookout was erected with pan tile roof was erected in Rockcliffe park opposite the mouth of the Catineau River, at a cost of \$4503.22, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		2658.00
Moving building	J. Finn & Son	100.00
Cement	Wright & Co.	1022.50
Lumber	McAuliffe Davis	165.66
Sand	R.R. Foster	4.40
Roofing	McFarlane Douglas & Co	548.60
Supplies	McDougal's Ltd	3.86
		<u>\$4,503.22 ✓</u>

-: Roadway at Rockcliffe Pavilion :-

To provide better access for drivers a roadway was built at a cost of \$588.39, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		562.53
Sand	R.R. Foster	22.00
		<u>584.53 ✓</u>

-: Minto Bridges :-

The old flooring was removed from Minto bridges and an entire new floor laid and the superstructure painted at a cost of 4,500.00, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		745.21
Lumber	McGrath Lumber Co.	3,035.07
	J. Malcolm	74.80
	Lough & Morris	328.32
	McDonnell Congers	78.00
	McAuliffe Davis	92.60
		<u>3,612.79</u>
Paint	Ottawa Paint Works	102.00
Lighting	Ottawa Hydro Electric	40.00
		<u>\$4,500.00 ✓</u>

-: Widening Princess Avenue :-

As traffic was compelled to cross the Ottawa Electric Railway tracks at the foot of the hill entering Rockcliffe Park creating a dangerous condition, the Department of Public Works granted to the Commission a license of occupation of a portion of the Rideau Hall grounds, that a roadway might be provided and the necessity avoided of crossing the tracks. The work was carried out at a cost of \$1,858.82, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		1,501.42
Tarvia	The Barrett Co.	320.00
Sand	R.R. Foster	37.40
		<u>\$1,858.82 ✓</u>

-: Walk over gully Rockcliffe Park :-

As no walk for pedestrians had been provided over the gully near Ashbury stop except on the roadway, it was deemed advisable to build a walk along the north-west side of the roadway and thus obviate the dangers consequent to the existing conditions. The work was carried out at a cost of \$1,500.00, detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		\$ 1,400.00
Reinforcing	Dominion Reinforcing Co.	86.00
Supplies	McDougal's	14.00
		<u>\$1,500.00 ✓</u>

-: Comfort Station Rideau Canal Driveway :-

It was deemed advisable to provide for public convenience along the Rideau Canal Driveway by the erection of a joint comfort station and tool house in the vicinity of Patterson's Creek. Plans were prepared for an artificial stone and brick structure with pan tile roof. The work was carried to completion at a cost of \$5,268.29. detailed as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		2,208.40
Lumber	McAuliffe Davis	25.40
Cement	Wright & Co.	75.00
Hardware	McDougal's Co.	111.70
Water proofing	Ottawa Fireproof Supply	19.53
Brickwork	J. Sutherland & Son	525.88
Supplies	Crane Ltd.	229.45
"	Kett & Co	489.17
"	J.C. Butterworth & Co.	28.25
Tiling	A.K. Mills & Son	1098.50
Plumbing	F.H. Chapman	69.98
Freight	CAN. PAC. RY. Co.	1.05
Water connections	Ottawa City Corp.	27.81
Roofing	McFarlane Douglas Co	367.40
		<u>\$5268.29</u>

-: City Streets :-

During the year several roads in Rockcliffe Police Village were tarviated ; some work was done for the Department of Railways and Canals, and other works carried out by the Commission, the cost of which was rebated by the parties for whom the work was done. The expenditure under this head was as follows :-

Labour and Cartage		13,225.51
Tar	Hamilton Tar Products Co.	5,792.98
"	Barrett Co.	6.06
Sand	Rockcliffe Sand & Gravel Pit	4.70
"	R.R. Foster	743.89
Coal	Butterworth Co.	229.44
Freight	Can. Pac. Ry. Co.	202.51
Lumber	McAuliffe Davis	614.44
Boulders	R. Dupuis & Son	40.61
Cement	Wright & Co.	1067.94
Stone	Laurentian Stone Co.	431.27
Supplies	Ottawa Fireproof Supply Co.	110.13
"	F.W. Gray	40.00
"	Graham Bros	32.45
"	W.E. O'Hearn (rebate)	133.20
Hardware	McDougal's	495.89
Supplies	E.D. Smith & Son	190.50
"	F. Ray	10.00
"	Strang & Son	10.19
"	Ottawa City Corp.	4.50
"	W. Borthwick	1.20
		<u>\$25,327.11</u>

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T "B"

**Being a statement in detail
of the Expenditures on**

Maintenance

of the

Various Parks and Driveways

and the Greenhouse

during the fiscal year

ended

31st March 1934.

The ordinary maintenance consists of the keeping of roadways, walks, paths, etc., clear of mud and refuse; cutting and watering grass on boulevards; caring for and trimming trees and shrubs in Spring and Autumn and the cost of materials, tools and machinery.

Extraordinary maintenance consists of the cost of renewal of roadways, walks, curbs, gutters, water services and repairs to bridges, crib work, iron fences, etc.

WIDEWAY CANAL DRIVEWAY:-

Appropriation \$24,825.00

Labour & Cartage			\$20,729.80	
Service	The Barrett Co.	\$1,100		
	Hamilton Tar Co	<u>1,190.56</u>	2,298.56	
Sand	R. R. Foster		970.20	
Freight	Can. Pac. Ry. Co.		100.00	
Lumber	McAuliffe Davis		31.38	
Hardware	McDougal's	\$ 82.52		
	Gray Harvey	<u>92.25</u>	175.77	
Seeds &c.	Graham Bros		233.47	
Lighting	Ottawa Electric		5.50	
Police	Slater Shoe Co		17.00	
Paint	Ottawa Paint Works		62.55	
Rent	Dept. Rys & Canals		3.00	
Miscellaneous	Ottawa City Cor.	72.77		
	Lough & Morris	<u>100.00</u>	<u>172.77</u>	\$24,825.00

PATHELON'S CREEK PARK:- Appropriation \$ 5,152.00

Labour & Cartage			\$4,443.44	
Tar	Hamilton Tar Products		373.89	
Sand	R.R. Foster		57.68	
Hardware	McDougal's	\$54.49		
	Gray Harvey	<u>61.50</u>	115.99	
Stone	Laurentian Co		5.49	
Cement	Wright & Co.		61.35	
Lawn Taps	Empire Brass Co		4.38	
Paint	Ottawa Paint Works		43.78	
Seeds &c.	Graham Bros.		25.00	
Rent	Interior Dept.		<u>1.00</u>	\$ 5,152.00

CLEMON & MONKLAND AVES. Appropriation \$ 2,838.00

Labour & Cartage			\$2,179.85	
Tar	Hamilton Tar Prod.		450.00	
Sand	R.R. Foster		184.80	
Hardware	McDougal's		<u>23.35</u>	\$ 2,838.00

SOMERSET ST. PARK:- Appropriation \$ 676.00

Labour & Cartage			\$ 640.06	
Sand	R.R. Foster		4.52	
Hardware	McDougal's	\$21.17		
	Gray Harvey	<u>10.25</u>	<u>31.42</u>	\$ 676.00

BROOKLON PARK:- Appropriation \$ 676.00

Labour & Cartage			\$ 644.30	
Hardware	McDougal's	\$11.60		
	Gray Harvey	<u>10.25</u>	21.85	
Services	Ottawa Corporation		<u>9.80</u>	\$ 676.95

STANTHOONA PARK:- Appropriation \$3,707.00

Labour & Cartage			\$3,287.96	
Tar	Hamilton Tar Prod.		200.00	
Sand	R.R. Foster		59.40	
Hose	Gutta Percha & Rubber Co		82.07	
Seeds &c	Graham Bros		25.00	
Hardware	McDougal's	\$15.26		
	Gray Harvey	<u>20.50</u>	35.76	
Paint	Ottawa Paint Works		<u>16.81</u>	\$ 3,707.00

MACDONALD GARDENS:- Appropriation \$3,400.00

Labour & Cartage			\$3,064.75	
Tar	Hamilton Tar Prod.		150.00	
Hose	Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.		85.05	
				\$ 37,873.95

Brought Forward

18,303.80

27,873.95

Seeds &c.
Hardware

Graham Bros

43.45

McDougal's 32.25

Gray Harvey 20.50

52.75

3,400.00

ZING BOWARD AVE, MINTO BRIDGES:- Appropriation 25,350.00

Labour & Cartage

23,817.14

Tar

Barrett Co. 500.00

Ham. Tar Co. 625.00

1,125.00

Sand

R.R. Foster

242.00

Lumber

McAuliffe Co.

72.70

Hardware

McDougal's 42.91

Gray Harvey 10.25

53.16

Lighting

Ottawa Elec. Co

40.00

5,350.00

HEPTAN POINT & LADY GREY ROAD:- Appropriation 25,075.00

Labour & Cartage

2,805.54

Tar

Hamilton Tar Prod

850.00

Sand

R.R. Foster

198.00

Cement

Wright & Co.

75.00

Paint

Ottawa Paint Works

78.23

Hardware

McDougal's 42.50

Gray Harvey 20.50

63.00

Freight

Ottawa Trans.

7.30

Lighting

Ottawa Electric

253.14

Services

McKinley & Northwood 25.95

Ottawa Corp 17.83

44.78

5,075.00

ROCKOLIFFE PARK:- Appropriation 28,700.00

Labour & Cartage

6,624.84

Tar

Barrett Co. 400.00

Hamilton Tar. 800.00

1,200.00

Sand

R.R. Foster

361.90

Freight

Can. Pac. Ry Co.

17.06

Coal

Butterworth Co.

39.79

Hardware

McDougal's

48.06

Seeds &c.

Graham Bros

45.00

Paint

Ottawa Paint Works

14.62

Lumber

Lough & Morris

100.00

Lighting

Ottawa Electric Co.

197.68

Services

McKinley & Northwood

51.05

8,700.00

NATIONAL PARK:- Appropriation 26,100.00

Labour & Cartage

4,173.30

Tar

Barrett Co. 392.72

Hamilton Tar 631.85

230.75

1,022.57

Sand

R.R. Foster

329.83

Freight

Can. Pac. Ry. Co.

50.00

Lumber

Lough & Morris

70.00

Hardware

McDougal's

32.50

Trees

J. Graham

189.00

6,100.00

TWIN DRIVEWAY:- Appropriation 22,003.00

Labour & Cartage

1,804.77

Bigwig Signal Maint. Can. Pac. Ry. Co 158.66

Can. Nat. Ry 29.92

188.58

Hardware

McDougal's

9.65

2,003.00

MOUNTAIN:- Appropriation 26,350.00

Labour & Cartage

5,116.61

Coal

Butterworth Co.

952.00

Seeds &c.

Graham Bros

179.93

Hardware

McDougal's 72.46

Ottawa Electric 12.51

72.46

12.51

6,350.00

74,657.95

S T A T E M E N T "C"

**Being a statement in detail
of the Expenditure on
Machinery, Rolling Stock & Road Machinery
Contingencies, Printing & Office Expenses,
Interest and Office Staff
during the fiscal year
ended**

31st March 1924.

**(Being all expenditure not properly chargeable
to any particular work.)**

Continuances. printing. advertising & office work.:-

(1) Interest on overdraft on Bank.		\$		\$	.50
Stationary & Postage	J.G. Whyte & Son.	21.56			
Printing.	J. Hope & Sons.	89.40		229.92	
Office rent	Modern Press			1.97	
Telephone & Telegraph Ser.	Fraser & Co.			800.00	
Offices Services	Bell Telephone Co.	127.19			
	C.P.R. Telegraph	1.16		128.35	
	E. Surtess	60.00			
	Night Directories	10.45			
	Dept. Inland Revenue.	125.00			
	Crabtree & Co.	1.89			
	Evans Kerr & Co.	2.25			
	Scrimms	10.00			
	Grant Holden & Graham	17.56			
	W.E.O'Meara rebate	7.28			
	Kirby & Watson	374.42			
	A.Chevrier. rebate	2.00		610.85	
Insurance	R. McMahon & Son	123.00			
	Dewar & Bethune	10.00			
	Dewar. Stewart & Rosenthal	27.72		252.72	
	Greene & Robertson	92.00			
Travelling					
Car & Cab Ser.	Ott. Elect. Co.	300.00			
	M. Landreville	6.00			
	A. Stuart	117.00		423.00	
	Dr. Ravary	100.00			
Professional Services.	George H Rogers	4.00		108.00	
Auto Licenses	H.K. Carruthers	68.00		68.00	
Police Suppliers	M.J. Wilson & Co.	5.27			
	Ott. Police Dept.	75.00			
	J.M. Warland & Son	125.47			
	H. Carson & Co	26.04		231.78	
Freight	Can. Nat. Exp.	2.70			
	Can Nat. Railways	3.50		6.20	
Taxes	W.H. Stewart	6.50		5.50	
Supplies					
	North. Elect. Co.	1369.93			
	Ottawa Paint Works	212.18			
	Garrioch Godard Co.	37.23			
	Gutta Percha Co.	104.81			
	McDougals	560.27			
	Butterworth & Co.	42.67			
	E.W. Perkins	12.00			
	A. Workman & Co.	19.10			
	Gerard & Stewart	24.50			
	Can. Gen Elect.	52.77			
	Dufonds	5.10			
	Can. public Booth Co.	9.65			
	Gray Harvey Co.	173.00			
	Graham Bros.	50.00			
	Ott. Fireproof Supply Co.	9.48			
	Gordon Law	219.33			
	Dunlap T & R Goods Co.	37.33			
	McAuliffe Davis Co.	551.19			
	Erskine Smith Co.	13.65			
	Empire Brass Manf. Co.	126.74			
	Wright & Co.	239.70			
	R.R. Foster	3.45			
	McDonald Conyers	85.8			
	McGrath Lumber Co.	305.50			
	M. Curry	13.60			
	A. Cook	12.95			
	Ontario Hughes Owens	35.49			
	Ott. Hydro. Elect.	25.20			
	E.B. Eddy Co.	16.77			
	Sterling Products	110.25			
	B Haram & Co.	33.70			
	Michel Co.	18.90			

Brot. down

452461

7277.52

Brot. forward

6 7,277.52

Auto Service &
Supplier

J.O. McDonald	\$644.82
Battery Ignition	104.62
Ottawa Motor Sales	70.10
Imperial Oil Co.	975.77
Ottawa Service Station	269.93
H.L. Hyles	50.15
Capital Motors	34.50
J. Dufour & Sons	80.50
Eclipse Plating Co.	2.75

2,230.54

Machinery,
Repairs &
Parts.

C.O.B. Electric Works	25.35
Ottawa Car Mfg Co.	524.65
Can. Fairbanks	6.15
General Supply Co.	35.16
C. H. Howe	32.05
Thornton & Truman	7.10
P. J. Powers Co.	111.88
M.J. Armstrong	138.60
Stewart & Hogg	58.65
Makinley & Northwood	2.00
W.A. Hare	118.14
McMullen & Perkins	19.78
Campbell Steel & Iron Wks	35.04
Victoria Foundry Co.	47.08

1,432.76

Miscellaneous

L. Leblanc Compensation	163.00
Ottawa Electric Co. 406.17	451.52
C. Higgerty Customs Duty	25.55

Dept

Dept. Interior	1.00
Can. Pac. Ry. Co.	30.00

31.00

1,515.13

Labour & Cartage

12,781.47

Office Staff:-

Superintendent	A. Stuart	\$4,500.00
Secretary, Purchasing		
Agent & Timekeeper	E.E. O'Meara	2,400.00
Clerk	A. Chovrier	1,600.00
Messenger	E. Surtees	600.00

9,100.00

21,981.47

-:R E C A P I T U L A T I O N:-

1920

New Works

Driveway Western Extension
 Rideau Canal Driveway repairs
 Retaining Wall King Edward Ave. Park
 Roadway Russel House Park
 Lookout Rockcliffe Park
 Roadway at Rockcliffe Pavilion
 Minto Bridges reflooring
 Widening Princess Ave.
 Walk over gully Rockcliffe Park
 Comfort Station Rideau Canal Driveway
 Sundry Works

\$ 34,500.16
 3,800.99
 2,475.59
 650.00
 4,505.22
 584.53
 4,800.00
 1,858.82
 1,500.00
 5,268.29
 23,827.11
 \$ 83,968.51

Maintenance

Rideau Canal Driveway
 Patterson's Creek Park
 Clemow & Mankland Aves.
 Somerset Street Park
 Bronson Park
 Strathcona Park
 MacDonald Gardens
 King Edward Ave. & Minto Bridges
 Nepean Point & Lady Gray Road
 Rockcliffe Park
 National Park
 Western Driveway
 Greenhouse

24,825.00
 5,152.00
 2,838.00
 676.00
 1,335.95
 3,707.00
 3,400.00
 5,350.00
 5,075.00
 8,700.00
 6,100.00
 2,003.00
 6,350.00
 \$ 74,851.95

Incidental Exp.

Contingencies. Machinery Rolling Stock
 Road Machinery & Repairs
 Office Staff

\$ 12,780.47
 9,100.00
 \$ 180,701.93

74,851.95

218,814.7

\$ 180,701.93

S T A T E M E N T "D"

Being a statement in detail of

the number and variety of

Bedding Plants

planted during the year

ended

31st March 1924.

Statement of Bedding Plants
Grown at the Commission's Greenhouse and
used on the Driveways and Parks
during the year ended
31st. March 1924.

	Greenhouse Perennials	Annuals	Total
Rideau Canal Driveway and Russell House Park	15,000	11,000	26,000
Patterson's Creek Park	13,325	6,000	19,325
Strathcona Park	3,000	5,000	8,000
King Edward Avenue Park	1,000	800	18,000
Somerset Street Park	600	1,000	1600
Bronson Park	125	75	200
Rockcliffe Park	600	600	1,200
Vases etc.	1,500	700	2,200
Stock	<u>1,000</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	36,950	25,875	62,825