

1925

REPORT OF  
THE OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION  
for the fiscal year  
ended  
MARCH 31st. 1925

THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1925.

The Honourable

James A. Robb,  
Minister of Finance,  
Ottawa.

Sir,

As required by the Statute 9-10 George V Chapter 62 Section 13, the Ottawa Improvement Commission has the honour to submit the following report upon their operations during the fiscal year ended 31 March 1925.

The gross revenue at the Commission's disposal during the year was \$196,619.03, derived from the following sources:-

Balance carried forward from previous year	\$ 21,097.81
Government Grant to 31 March 1925	150,000.00
Rents &c.	111.00
Work for Government Departments	10,293.15
Work for Police Village of Rockcliffe	5,062.20
Sundry Accounts	8,506.73
Interest on Bank Deposits	<u>528.14</u>

\$ 196,619.03  
21,097.81  
175,521.22

Appended hereto is a report prepared by the Superintendent of Works and the Secretary, showing the details of the expenditures during the same period, amounting to the sum of \$178,736.99. Included in this expenditure is the sum of \$25,882.08, representing the cost of work done for the Government and other parties and which has been repaid to the Commission as shown by the statement of revenues above.

On maintenance, including the cost of administration, there was expended the sum of \$ 102,227.04 and on new work, including the \$25,882.08, the sum of \$76,509.95.

The expenditure may thus be summarized as follows:-

New Work	\$ 52,627.87	
Work for Government and others- Refunded	25,882.08	\$ 76,509.95
Maintenance, Stock & Administ.		<u>102,227.04</u>
		<u>\$ 178,736.99</u>

As a result of these operations we carried to the current year a balance of \$17,882.04 which however will all be absorbed by reason of the heavy expenditures involved in the erection of the bridges connecting the Prince Arthur Groups of Islands with the main Ontario shore.

During the year Central Park was completed westerly to Lyon St. and a lighting system installed; the walks in Bronson Avenue were repaired and considerable sodding done; A new artificial stone fence was erected on Bank Street at Central Park; on Rideau Canal driveway considerable repairs were made to the cribwork and walks and artificial stone lamp standards were installed upon the newly constructed concrete retaining wall from Waverly Street to the C.N.R. bridge; in Strathcona Park the walls were repaired and a new drain installed from the fountain to the Rideau River; On the River Park Driveway a new intersection with the Richmond Road was built, the boulevards sodded and walks and bridle paths built. The piers and abutments for the bridge span from the Ontario shore to Riopelle Island were built and a contract entered into with the Dominion Bridge Company for the fabrication and erection of the steel superstructure for the three spans and the steel work was erected on the first span. The approach on the main shore was raised to meet the level of the bridge which provides for a clearance of 2' 4" above the high water level of 1876.

Labour cost was the same as in the previous year and very little variation was shown in the prices of materials.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servants,

Chairman.

Secretary.

- ; The Ottawa Improvement Commission ; -

R E P O R T O F

A. Stuart & W. E. O'Neare

Superintendent Secretary

For the year ended

31st. March 1928

Ottawa, January 18th, 1926

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 31st. March 1925, 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 location 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 1925**

1. Completing Western extension of Driveway
2. Improvements to Patterson's Creek Park
3. Western Driveway Bridges, piers &c.
4. Rideau Can. Driveway, Repairs to crib work
5. Strathcona Park, new drain
6. Bronson Park, Improvements
7. Sundry works

(1) -: Bronson Park :-

During the year the walks in Bronson Park were repaired and considerable work done at a cost of \$3000.00, as follows :

Labour and Cartage	\$ 283.25	
Hardware McDougal's Ltd.	<u>16.75</u>	\$300.00 ✓

-: Patterson's Creek Park :-

During the year, the Central Park was completed westerly to Queen Street and an electric lighting system installed, at a cost of \$4,000.00, detailed as follows :

Labour and Cartage	\$3,504.72	
Hardware McDougal's Ltd.	198.83	
Wire Sag. T. Phillips Co.	150.00	
Sand H. Dupuis and Son	263.55	
Electric Supplies Erskine & Smith	9.64	
Supplies Imperial Oil	43.26	
Profess. services Lewis & McRostie	<u>50.00</u>	\$4,200.00 ✓

-: Strathcona Park :-

In Strathcona Park the retaining wall was repaired and a new drain built from the fountain to the Rideau River, at a cost of \$801.00, detailed as follows :

Labour and Cartage	\$ 769.32	
Hardware McDougal's Ltd.	39.18	
" " McKinley & Northwood	<u>2.50</u>	\$ 801.00 ✓

-: Island Park Driveway :-

During the year a new intersection with the Richmond Road was built; the boulevard was sodded and graded, and the walks and bridge paths built. The cost of this work was \$8,018.61, detailed as follows:-

Labour and Cartage	\$6,360.74	
Hardware McDougal's Ltd.	249.43	
Paving Standard Paving Co.	1,124.19	
Coal Butterworth Co.	<u>284.25</u>	\$8,018.61 ✓

-: Rideau Canal Driveway :-

On the Rideau Canal Driveway, parts of the retaining cribwork was replaced, the walks were repaired and artificial stone lamp standards were erected on the newly built concrete retaining wall between Beverly Street and the Canadian National Railway bridge, the whole at a cost of \$3,000.00 detailed as follows:-

Labour and Cartage	\$2,973.74	
Hardware, McDougal's Ltd.	<u>26.26</u>	\$3,000.00 ✓

-: Remic Rapids Bridges :-

During the year the abutments and piers, to carry the steel structure for the bridge from the Ontario shore to Ripelle, were constructed and the approach on the Ontario shore raised to the proper level. The cost of this work was \$34,712.10, detailed as follows:-

Labour and Cartage	\$15,817.48	
Hardware McDougal's Ltd.	131.83	
Workman Co.	<u>801.40</u>	
Honor Ottawa Electric Co.	1,373.25	
Carbor MacLiffe Davis	1,179.77	
Profess. Services, Lewis & McRostie	6.14	
Advertising Contract Record	81.00	
Coal Butterworth Co.	9.00	
Gravel and sand H. Dupuis & Son	435.47	
Pier guards Victoria Foundry	5,596.18	
	<u>4,120.97</u>	\$28,677.04

-: Roman Rapids Bridges ; con'td.

Brought forward		828,677.04
Rent Plant T. McLaughlin	15,192.32	
Water lot Dept. Lands & Forests	<u>25.00</u>	5,317.72
Freight J. Stewart		14.88
Supplies Ottawa F. & S. Sup. Co.	71.80	
Ontario Perona & Sub. Co.	60.48	
Mahoney & Rich	455.99	
Garri oh & Godard	75.00	
Crane Ltd.	1.05	
Instruments Ltd.	1.68	
J. R. Booth Co.	9.10	
Imperial Oil Co.	<u>30.00</u>	660.80
Remains Campbell Iron Works	89.19	
C. C. B. Electric Co.	50.60	
Campbell Motors	<u>82.27</u>	<u>142.06</u> 534,712.10 ✓

-: City Streets :-

During the year considerable work was done for the Police Village at Reckeliffe and for the Department of Railways and Canals and other work contiguous to the Driveway at a cost of \$25,478.24 of which \$23,832.03 was refunded to the Commission at the close of the fiscal year. The expenditure under this heading is detailed as follows:-

Tarvia	The Barrett Co.	\$3,351.19	
	Hamilton Tar Products	<u>1,816.35</u>	\$5,167.22
Sand	Reckeliffe S. & O. Pit		12.00
Cement	R. Dupuis & Son	815.31	
	Wright & Co.	<u>26.72</u>	842.03
Freight	Can. Pac. Ry. Co.		495.43
Coal	J. G. Battersworth Co.	109.89	
	J. Heney & Son	<u>34.12</u>	144.01
Drain Pipe	T. S. Kirby Co		222.72
Stone	Laurentian Stone Co.		449.50
Hardware	McDougal's Ltd		320.65
Lumber	McAuliffe Davis Co.		345.43
Service	Bituminous Spray Co.		180.00
Trees & Soda	J. Graham		27.00
Flowers	T. M. Mulligan		18.50
Shrubs	E. D. Smith & Son	202.50	
	Stone & Wellington	140.00	
	Welland Nurseries	75.00	417.50
Labour & Cartage			<u>16,836.22</u> \$25,478.24

**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 Green Houses  
during the fiscal year  
ended

31st. March 1925

The ordinary maintenance consists of the keeping of roadways, walks, paths &c. &c., 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 &c.

Rideau Canal Driveway:-

Appropriation

\$ 24,825.00

Labour & Cartage  
Tarvia

The Barrett Co \$ 235.79  
Hamilton Tar Products 1,975.00  
H. Dupuis & Fils  
Butterworth & CO.  
Ottawa Electric Co.  
Slater Shoe Co.  
Mullhall Hardware CO. 29.10  
McDougall Ltd. 158.45

\$ 20,729.80  
2,210.79  
849.91  
646.01  
6.50  
17.00  
187.55  
35.80  
40.00  
6.00  
67.50  
132.55  
100.00  
18.98

Sand  
Coal  
Lighting  
Police  
Hardware &c.

Seeds &c.  
Fertilizers  
Rent  
Sods  
Cable  
Lumber  
Gas & Oil

TOTAL

\$ 24,778.15

PATTERSON'S CREEK PARKS (Central Park)

APPROPRIATION \$ 5,152.00

Labour & Cartage  
Hardware &c.

McDougall Ltd. \$ 75.20  
Mullhall Hardware Co 29.10  
Interior Dept.  
H. Dupuis & Fils  
Graham Bros  
The Barrett Co 100.00  
Hamilton Products Co 300.00  
H. Chapman

\$ 4,469.91  
104.30  
2.00  
131.44  
26.35  
400.00  
18.00

Rent

Sand

Seeds

Tarvia

Plumbing

TOTAL

\$ 5,152.00

CLEMOW & MONKLAND AVENUES

APPROPRIATION \$ 2,838.00

Labour & Cartage  
Tarvia

The Barrett Co \$ 100.00  
Hamilton Tar Products 363.33  
H. Dupuis & Fils

\$ 2,214.09  
463.33  
160.58

Sand

TOTAL

\$ 2,838.00

SOMERSET ST. PARK

APPROPRIATION \$ 676.00

Labour & Cartage  
Hardware

McDougall Ltd.

\$ 675.60  
40

TOTAL

\$ 676.00

BRONSON AVENUE PARK

APPROPRIATION \$ 676.00

Labour & Cartage  
Sand  
Supplies

H. Dupuis & Fils  
S. Kirby & Co

\$ 623.97  
5.20  
46.83

TOTAL

\$ 676.00

STRATHCONA PARK

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,707.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 3,523.64
Hardware	McDougal Ltd.		40.75
Con. pipe	S. Kirby Co		3.11
Service	Hamilton Tar Products		139.52
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,707.00</b>

MacDonald Gardens

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,400.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 3,169.75
Hardware	McDougal's Ltd.		36.11
Service	Hamilton Tar Products		150.00
Sand	H. Dupuis & Fils		19.24
Seeds etc.	Graham Bros.		24.90
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>

KING EDWARD AVENUE & PARK

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,350.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 3,942.09
Service	Barrett Co.	\$ 224.24	
Hardware	Hamilton Tar Pro.	900.00	1,124.24
	McDougal's Ltd.	39.77	
	Mulhall Hardware Co.	89.10	68.27
	H. Dupuis & Fils		180.75
Lighting	Ottawa Electric Co		80.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,396.55</b>

MINTO BRIDGES

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 500.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 400.00
Lighting	Ottawa Electric Co.		80.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>480.00</b>

LADY GREY ROAD & NEPEAN POINT PARK

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,075.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 3,619.83
Hardware	McDougal's Ltd.		67.45
Service	Barrett Co.	\$ 100.00	
	Hamilton Tar Pro.	700.00	800.00
	H. Dupuis & Fils		193.68
Sand	Ottawa Electric Co.		365.64
Lighting	McKinley & Northwood		28.40
Plumbing			28.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,075.00</b>

ROCKCLIFFE PARK

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 8,700.00
Labour & Cartage	Ottawa Electric Co.		\$ 6,794.44
Lighting	McDougal's Ltd.		221.12
Hardware	Barrett Co.	\$ 300.00	76.06
Terria	Hamilton Tar Products	900.00	1,200.00
Sand	H. Dupuis & Fils		343.94
Plumbing	R. Foster		13.80
	McKinley & Northwood		48.83
		Total	\$ 8,700.19

NATIONAL PARK

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 6,100.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 4,539.84
Terria	Barrett Co.	\$ 297.00	
	Hamilton Tar Pro.	907.21	1,204.21
Sand	H. Dupuis & Fils		355.95
		Total	\$ 6,100.00

GREEN HOUSES

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 6,350.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 4,898.31
Coal	Butterworth & Co.		1,000.00
Supplies &c.	McDougal's		130.10
	Duford's		13.45
	Wooler & Co.		32.68
Lumber	T. Allger		80.00
Seeds &c.	Graham Bros.		181.68
Lighting	Ottawa Electric Co		13.78
		Total	\$ 6,350.00

WESTERN DRIVEWAY

(Island Park Driveway)

		APPROPRIATION	\$ 4,900.00
Labour & Cartage			\$ 3,366.12
Wagon Maint.	Can. National Rys.	\$ 390.37	642.13
	Can Pacific Ry. Co	251.76	36.97
Supplies &c.	McDougal's Ltd.		29.10
	Mullhall Hardware Co		387.50
Terria	Barrett Co.		400.00
Sand	H. Dupuis		9.83
Supplies	B. Haram		
		Total	\$ 4,871.65

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

**Being a statement in detail**

**of the Expenditure On**

**Machinery, Rolling Stock & Road Machinery.**

**X Contingencies, Printing & Office Expenses,**

**Interest and Office Staff**

**during the fiscal year**

**ended**

**31st. March 1926**

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

Printing, advertising and office work-

	Interest on overdrafts		51.89
	J.C. Whyte & Sons	\$ 11.18	
	H.H. Popham	7.95	
	J. Hope & Son	66.95	86.09
	Modern Press	37.89	
	Dept. of Public Printing	<u>.60</u>	2.69
Office rent	Fraser & Co.		800.00
Telephone etc.	Bell Telephone Co.	129.08	
	Canadian National Telegraphs	<u>1.26</u>	130.34
Office services	E. Hurtees	65.00	
	Night Directories	10.50	
	Dept. of Excise	116.20	
	Ontario Hydro Electric	12.50	
	Royal Typewriter	127.50	
	Instruments Ltd.	1.76	
	Dept. of Interior	10.46	
	Topley & Co.	4.75	
	Dominion Loose Leaf Co.	<u>12.50</u>	356.17
Insurance	McMahon & Sons	115.00	
	Greene & Robertson	69.49	
	Dewar and Bethune	10.00	
	Compensation Board	27.99	222.48
Car & Cab Service	J. Wilson	<u>125.00</u>	
	H. Landreville	17.50	
	Ottawa Electric Railway	<u>300.00</u>	440.50
Professional Services	C. Higgerty		10.00
Auto Licenses	H.K. Carruthers		75.00
Office Supplies	Wilson & Co.	3.00	
	H. Carson & Co.	<u>12.60</u>	15.60
Taxes	F.H. Stewart	5.50	5.60
Supplies	F.H. Eddy Co.	40.11	
	McDougalis Ltd.	999.52	
	Duford	5.00	
	E. Butler	25.00	
	Hygienic Co.	126.90	
	Eclipse Mfg. Co.	1.50	
	Sterling Mfg. Co.	26.75	
	Crane & Co.	1.56	
	Thornton & Truman	18.40	
	Gray Harvey Co.	186.40	
	Ottawa Hydro	7.69	
	Cusner Hardware	4.00	
	Keneth McDonald Co.	29.65	
	Canadian General Electric	23.72	
	Northern Electric Co.	499.89	
	Battery & Ignition Co.	63.34	
	Ottawa Electric Co.	472.01	
	J.G. Butterworth	204.01	
	Imperial Oil Ltd.	1847.25	1344.00
	Customs Dept.	5.40	
	MacDonell Conyers	55.14	
	Forster & Co.	189.39	
	Merins	10.00	
	Freight	10.00	
	Graham Bros.	320.62	
	Grant, Holden & Graham	18.12	
	McNiffie Davis	614.40	
	Mulhall Hardware	20.40	
	City of Ottawa	51.00	
	Keyes Supply Co.	5.43	
	G.C.B.	10.05	
	General Supply Co.	69.75	
	CarriordOodard Co.	16.35	
	Gutta Percha Co.	35.14	

Supplies (continued)

( P. McMurdo  
Traskine Smith Co.  
Chevrolet  
Mullin & Son  
Ottawa Tire Works  
W. Miller  
Comptair Industrial  
H.L. Dreer  
Ottawa Dairy Ltd.  
Ottawa Paint Works

Auto Servico.

Capital Motors  
C&H Howe  
Duford Sons  
McDonald Tire Co.  
Auto Service  
Armstrong Co.  
Stewart & Hoey  
Campbell Motor Sales  
H.L. Byles  
Ottawa Motor Sales  
Dominion Auto Radiators  
H. Perkins  
McMullen Perkins  
Ottawa Transport Co.  
Canadian National Railways  
New York Central  
Canadian Pacific Railway

Freight

Post

Machinery

Auto & Repairs Just Motors  
Campbell I. & S. Works  
Trudell & Holden  
F.A. Hare  
Gerrard & Stewart  
Victoria Foundry  
Maxwell's  
Ottawa Car Mfg. Co.  
Canadian Public Booth

Laundry  
Shoe & Cartage

Ottawa Sanitary Laundry

Office Staff

Superintendent A. Stewart  
Secretary, Purchasing Agent  
and Timekeeper, F. S. O'Hara  
Clerk A. Chevrolet  
Messenger E. Surtone

Pen

Supplies

Mach. parts

Freight

Dept. Rys & Canal  
Imperial Oil  
Canadian Fairbanks  
Ottawa Transport. Co.

15.00  
8.46  
.75  
1007.15  
68.50  
958.60  
404.04  
17.60  
32.00  
286.02  
~~256.83~~  
35.90  
3.75  
789.90  
88.26  
10.00  
26.85  
62.75  
62.10  
775.80  
8.75  
12.25  
76.25  
1.50  
1.50  
.75  
1902.92  
23.87  
1.00  
45.00  
2.50  
228.33  
1.42  
11.40  
8.00

68709.72

2197.59

3.71  
30.50

6221.14  
4.00  
479.76  
1547.79

800.00  
2407.79

1.00  
2.00  
5.11  
60  
24,026.50

- RECAPITULATION -

ork		
Island Park Driveway Construction	8,018.61	
McIntosh's Creek Park	4,200.00	
Bidon Canal Driveway	3,000.00	
Strathcona Park	601.00	
Branson Park	300.00	
Bonic Rapids Bridges	34,712.10	
City Streets (Refunded)	<u>25,478.24</u>	276,509.95
INTER-CO.B.		
Bidon Canal Driveway	224,778.16	
King Edward Ave. & Park	6,393.55	
Green Meadows	6,750.00	
Senereet Street Park	676.00	
Branson Park	676.00	
Beckliffe Park	8,700.19	
Island Park Driveway	4,871.65	
Central Park	5,152.00	
Macdonald Gardens	3,400.00	
Strathcona Park	7,707.00	
National Park	6,100.00	
Lady Grey Rd. & Hepburn Point Park	5,075.00	
Glenn & Workland Avenue	2,828.00	
Winds Bridges	480.00	
	<u>78,500.14</u>	
Machinery, rolling-stock, road machinery and contingencies	15,426.50	
Office Staff	<u>8,600.00</u>	
		<u>202,227.04</u>
		<u>178,716.99</u>

**STATEMENT "D"**  
being a statement in detail of  
the number and variety of  
Bedding Plants  
planted during the year  
ended  
31st. March 1925