

Federal District Commission

OTTAWA, CANADA



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Hon. J. L. Ilsley, K.C., M.P.,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We have the honour to present to you
herewith the Forty-sixth Annual Report of
the Federal District Commission for the
fiscal year 1944-1945 in accordance with
the provisions of the Federal District
Commission Act.

Yours truly,

Frederic E. Bronson
CHAIRMAN

Haldane R. Cram
SECRETARY

FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

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291 Carling Avenue, Ottawa,
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Report for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 1945

The work of the Federal District Commission during 1944-1945 in connection with parks and parkways was largely restricted, as in the immediate preceding war years, to maintenance of existing developments. The grounds of the Dominion Government Buildings in Ottawa were again maintained and certain services for these buildings such as removal of refuse, ashes and snow were continued. The extremely heavy snow fall of the winter kept the Commission's fleet of snow-ploughs and a large force of men busy keeping the driveways and the sidewalks, courtyards and parking areas of Dominion Government Buildings open for use at all times and free from icy condition. Mosquito Control operations in the Ottawa district were again organized and supervised. The grounds of the Civic Hospital and the Bank of Canada were maintained at the expense of these institutions. Certain departments of the Dominion Government authorized the Commission to carry out, at their expense, improvements to the grounds of newly-constructed temporary war buildings in Ottawa, consisting of grading, seeding, sodding and construction of roads, sidewalks, drains, lawn water service installations, &c.

Parks and Parkways of Federal District Commission

The parkway system of the Federal District Commission extends from Rockcliffe Park, east of Ottawa, to the Aylmer Road, west of Hull, Quebec, which is reached by the crossing of the Ottawa River at the Champlain Bridge, constructed by the Commission in 1927 and 1928. The banks of the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers and Rideau Canal in the Federal capital are closely followed for considerable distances by the driveways. About twenty-two miles of driveways have been built.

The following areas of parkland are owned or controlled by the Commission:

1. Owned in Ottawa, Hull, and in immediate vicinity of these two cities.....	747	acres
(Undeveloped--439 acres)		
2. Leased from the Crown.....	224	"
(Undeveloped--32 acres)		
3. Leased from the City of Ottawa and maintained by the Commission.....	129	"
4. Grounds of Dominion Government Buildings maintained by the Commission.....	200	"
Total.....	1,300	"
Total Undeveloped.....	471	"
Total developed as Parks and Parkways..	829	"

In addition to the above, the Commission, in the years just prior to the commencement of the present war, purchased 15,000 acres of land in the Lower Laurentians as the first stage in the formation of Gatineau Park, which it is proposed to preserve in its natural state of wooded hills, valleys, lakes and streams as a public park, recreational area and wild life sanctuary. The present southern boundary of the park is at Old Chelsea, Quebec, about five air miles from the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. It extends north-westerly for fourteen miles and is about three miles wide. The ultimate size of the park may reach 25,000 acres.

New Projects

Minnow Lake Playground and Park - Hull

In co-operation with the City of Hull, the Commission undertook to fill in a depressed area in Hull, known as Minnow Lake to serve as a playground and Park in an area of the city without such facilities. The City of Hull supplied the filling material and bulldozer for spreading the fill while the Commission provided the trucks, steam shovel and labour. The cost to the Commission was \$3,000.00.

Maintenance Operations

The maintenance of the parks and driveways during the war is being kept to a minimum. In the nature of extraordinary maintenance, the following work was carried out:

(a) The layout of the walks in Confederation Park at the easterly end of Slater Street was altered and the new walks were hard surfaced with asphalt at a total cost of \$3,220.00.

(b) Rideau Canal driveway from Preston Street to Fifth Avenue was given a surface treatment of R. C. 4 asphalt and trap rock chips, the cost of which amounted to \$2,360.00.

(c) Improvements to Parc Fontaine, Hull, consisting of 350 feet of concrete sidewalk six feet wide, 350 feet of iron pipe fencing with artificial stone posts, 3 sets of concrete steps, resulting 4 catch basins and back-filling and grading were carried out at a cost of \$576.00.

(d) Eighteen large trees that had been growing in the pedestrian paths, paralleling Island Park Drive, were removed at a cost of \$450.00. The large roots of these trees constituted a hazard in the use of these walks as well as increasing the cost of maintenance.

Certain of these pathways were reconstructed with a black top surface and dry stone retaining walls where necessary were constructed to give stability to portions thereof, at a cost of \$900.00.

Elsewhere on the parkway system, seventeen large trees in a dangerous condition were taken down at a cost of \$425.00.

(e) The Morrison lightning flash highway signals, erected in 1928 on Island Park Drive north of Champaign Bridge at the level crossing of the Canadian Pacific, were replaced by modern flashers. Repaving of the drive at this location was necessitated. The total cost was \$550.00.

(f) The filling in of a lake at the northern end of Major Hill Park was completed. The area reclaimed was graded and seeded. The cost was \$450.00.

Other urgent maintenance jobs of this character, though greatly needed, were further deferred. To help the City of Ottawa to make available essential water supplies for government war needs and other more important uses, the Commission, at its expense, pumped water from the Rideau Canal for lawn sprinkling and used very little city pumped water in parks remote from this temporary source of water supply. Lack of manpower and the difficulty of securing certain classes of building materials handicapped work to a great extent. In Gatineau Park a small force of four rangers, in addition to the park superintendent, carried out duties as police officers, fire guards, and game wardens.

The work of the Commission in maintaining the grounds, summer and winter, of government buildings and rendering refuse collecting service to these buildings has greatly increased during the war years. Prior to the war, seventy properties in this category were given attention; now the number is one hundred and fifteen.

Work Undertaken by the Federal District Commission
for Dominion Government Departments

Departments of the Dominion Government from time to time ask the Commission to carry out improvements to the grounds of newly-constructed government buildings on the basis of full reimbursement for the cost entailed. The Commission has the trained personnel and the special equipment required and is, therefore, in the position to carry out this class of work more economically (actual cost only being charged) and satisfactorily than by private contractors.

Department of Public Works

Temporary War Building No. 8

The improvements to the grounds of this building consisted of the construction of 2,000 square yards of hard surface roadway and 400 square yards of asphalt sidewalk at a total cost of \$1,900.00.

Temporary War Buildings Nos. 6 and 9

The grounds adjoining Temporary War Buildings Nos. 6 and 9 were sodded and the sloping bank of MacKenzie Avenue behind these buildings from St. Patrick Street to the Connaught Building was graded and suitably planted with various kinds of shrubs at a cost of \$1,100.00.

Vegetable Garden - Rideau Hall

At the request of the Department of Public Works, the Federal District Commission assumed the responsibility from April 1, 1944, for the operation of the vegetable garden at Rideau Hall with the view of combining all ground work at Government House under Commission control. The cost of this work for the year amounted to \$3,000.00. The root house for the winter storage of vegetables requires rebuilding at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00.

Fuel Testing Plant - Booth Street

The circular roadway entrance to the new building of the Fuel Testing Plant on Booth Street, 300 square yards in area, was paved at a cost of \$300.00.

Civil Service Recreational Association

Steps were taken in the first stage of preparing a block of government owned land situated between Wellington Street and the Ottawa River near Commissioner Street for the use of the Civil Service Recreational Association as a sports field. Filling and levelling work was carried out at a cost of \$676.00.

Printing Bureau

The service yard of the Printing Bureau was increased in area by 680 square yards which was paved and the land at the rear of the new garage was sodded and planted with trees and shrubs. 185 feet of metal mesh fence seven feet high was erected as a replacement of the existing fence. The total cost of the work was \$2,100.00

Snow Removal

Snow was removed from the roadways, steps, sidewalks and courtyards of the Navy, Army and Air Force Buildings on Cartier Square for the cost of \$2,400.00.

Department of National Defence

R. C. A. Force Women's Barracks - Argyle Avenue

A roadway on the west side of the barracks comprising 400 square yards was paved at a cost of \$448.00.

R. C. A. Force Building - Lisgar Street

A parking area was constructed at the rear of this building and the approach roadway from Lisgar Street widened. New curbs and a stone retaining wall for a fence were added. The cost amounted to \$2,294.00.

Army Cafeteria and Communications Buildings
Montreal Road

Improvements to the grounds of these buildings were carried out as follows:

2,360 square yards of paved roadways and hard-surfaced walks; 1,900 square yards of sodding; 2,250 square yards seeded and 500 square yards of earth and stone filling. The cost amounted to \$4,300.00.

H. M. C. S. "Carleton" - Dow's Lake

The grounds of this naval building located on the banks of Dow's Lake were graded, sodded, seeded and planted by the Commission at a cost of \$3,000.00.

Snow Removal

Snow was removed from the roadways, sidewalks and courtyards of Ordnance Stores Building, Cartier Square, and from the R. C. E. Buildings, Chamberlain Avenue, at a cost of \$738.00.

National Research Council

Montreal Road

New roadways were constructed with asphalt surface, certain existing roadway curves were widened and new grounds graded and seeded. All existing roads were given an asphalt and stone chip retread surface. The amount expended on this work was \$2,641.00.

Sussex Street

Snow was removed from a path around the Council's Buildings on Sussex Street, for the use of arm guards for patrol purposes, at a cost of \$260.00.

Wartime Housing Limited

Montreal Road

Snow was removed from the grounds of Project No. 2, situated on property of the National Research Council, Montreal Road, at the start of the winter season for the cost of \$50.00. Subsequently other arrangements were made for snow removal.

Department of Veteran's Affairs

Rideau Health and Occupational Centre
Billings Bridge, Ontario

The Department of Veterans' Affairs in 1943 commenced the development of a suburban Health and Occupation Centre for the post-hospital care of war casualties. About 300 acres of land in the Township of Gloucester, immediately south of Ottawa, were purchased for this purpose. Fourteen buildings in connection with the plant have been constructed. The Federal District Commission designed the layout of the development including the landscaping of the grounds. During the season 1944-1945, the sum of \$7,422.00 was expended on grading the grounds and constructing paths, roadways, culverts and play fields.

Bank of Canada

Wellington and Sparks Streets

The grounds of the bank, including walks and courtyards, on Wellington and Sparks Streets were maintained during the year at the cost of \$483.43.

King Edward Avenue

The maintenance of the grounds of the building for the year amounted to \$817.00. This included the replacement of some shrubs, planting additional trees, repairing and installing drainage catch basins and the purchase of some snow fence.

Gatineau Park Snow Plowing

The Chelsea Highway, the principal route to Gatineau Park from Ottawa and Hull, was kept clear of snow from the Hull city limits to Old Chelsea. Sections of the Meach Lake and Kingsmere Roads were also plowed to furnish easy access to park

entrances. A total of fifteen miles of roadway was maintained in this manner during the winter season at a cost of \$726.30. The Commission was fully reimbursed for the expenditure by the Municipality of West Hull and other organizations desirous of this service.

Ottawa Civic Hospital

Grounds Maintenance

The grounds of the Ottawa Civic Hospital of about 15 acres in extent, are maintained by the Commission at cost. The sum of \$5,119.00 was expended during the year on this work, all of which was repaid to the Commission by the hospital.

Hospital Park

The park, consisting of City-owned land, bounded by Hutchison, Reid, Ruskin and MacFarlane Avenues situated immediately to the north of the hospital, the development of which was commenced during the previous year, was completed at a cost of \$6,500.00.

The work comprised grading and seeding, sodding, cinder and crushed stone walks, concrete curbing, planting elm evergreen trees and installation of a water service system.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito control work was carried out as in the past years over an area of approximately 100 square miles centering on the cities of Ottawa and Hull. Unusually favourable conditions were experienced during the spring and summer season of 1944. Spring floods did not materialize and an exceptionally dry summer assisted mosquito control operations to an extent seldom experienced in past years. As the labour situation continued to be a most difficult problem, the unusual weather conditions were of very great assistance. Considerably less than the normal amount of oiling of low-lying land was found to be necessary.

Following the custom of previous years, a certain amount of surface drainage and under brushing was done in the late summer and early autumn. A number of trails were cut through heavy undergrowth in the Gutineau Point area and in the low-lying territory south of Dow's Lake.

Total expenditure was \$6,940.03. The Commission contributed \$3,200.00, the City of Ottawa \$2,000.00, the Village of Rockcliffe Park \$1,000.00 and the County of Carleton \$100.00 to the cost of this work. The balance of the cost was derived from rentals, in off season, of a truck operation on this work.

Planting

In the fall of 1944, tulip bulbs totalling 35,000 were placed in various parks and in beds on the grounds of Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall and Ottawa Civic Hospital.

The following trees, shrubs, etc., were set out in the parkway system:

Deciduous trees.....	117
Coniferous trees.....	1,650
Deciduous shrubs.....	5,570
Roses.....	350
Vines.....	90

900 conifers were supplied to the Royal Canadian Air Force for improvement of the grounds of the Air Port at Uplands. The Force furnished the labour and transportation.

10,300 annual plants were placed in special beds in Rideau Hall and Ottawa Civic Hospital grounds. 9,300 Cannas and 15,000 mixed annuals were set out in beds throughout the parkway system.

Nursery

The Federal District Commission operates a nursery of fifteen acres at Rockcliffe for the use of the parkway system. A recent inventory statement of the stock on hand and its value follows:

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Deciduous trees	1,809	\$ 2,750.00
Coniferous trees	10,510	7,350.00
Shrubs	3,292	605.00
Roses	779	310.00
Vines	56	6.00
	<u>16,446</u>	<u>\$11,021.00</u>

Policing of Commission Property

"A" Division, Ottawa, Royal Canadian Mounted Police is responsible for the policing of the property of the Federal District Commission and for the enforcement of traffic regulations on the driveways.

Under the regulations applying, the Police reported the following offences during the year 1944-45:

Convictions.....	251
Dismissals.....	1
Withdrawals.....	3
Warnings.....	<u>388</u>
TOTAL.....	643

Forty-three automobile accidents were investigated on Federal District Commission Driveways.

Motorcycle escorts were provided in connection with the visit of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Remembrance Day Parade and the 6th and 7th Victory Loans.

Four deaths were reported. While changing a tire on his car which was parked on the Champlain Bridge, a man was struck by another car and fatally injured. The fatality occurred at night and the victim's car had no lights; a coroner's jury returned a verdict, accidental death, no blame being attached to the operator of the other car.

A man fell over the cliff at Lady Grey Drive and died as a result of the injuries received; no inquest was held.

There were two accidental drownings; one at Dow's Lake and the other in the Rideau River at Strathcona Park.

Thirty-two cases were investigated in the parks and on the parkways, relative to the damage of Government Property; the majority of the cases being damaged light globes, in most cases these were deliberately broken by juveniles and young men throwing stones.

The total amount of fines and costs imposed for infractions of Federal District Commission By-laws and Ontario Traffic Acts amounted to \$3,125.00. A total of \$846.00 was recovered in connection with damage to Government Property.

In addition numerous complaints were attended to. One stolen car and ten bicycles were recovered.

Assistance was given to the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ottawa City Police.

Financial Statements

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED MARCH 31, 1945

Receipts

Balance, April 1, 1944

Statutory Grant	\$146,841.09	
Government Grounds	4,547.27	
Miscellaneous Accountable Advances	<u>4,793.86</u>	\$156,182.22

Statutory Grant

Dominion Government, Statutory Grant	\$199,999.98	
Interest on investments in bonds	1,665.42	
Interest on bank balance	316.72	
Rentals and royalties	1,773.77	
Boathouse dues	1,790.00	
Sundry sales and services	4,759.63	
Damages to Commission property recovered	<u>532.46</u>	
		210,837.98

Government Grounds

Dominion Government, Vote 63	<u>133,500.00</u>	133,500.00
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Miscellaneous Accountable Advances

National Defence - Army	1,500.00	
National Defence - Navy	2,999.03	
National Defence - Air	3,002.53	
Department of Public Works	14,329.41	
National Research Council	10,875.00	
Bank of Canada	1,306.23	
Civic Hospital	11,638.33	
Wartime Housing, Limited	50.00	
Gatineau Snow Plowing	140.00	
Mosquito Control	6,140.00	
Veterans' Affairs	<u>25,000.00</u>	
	<u>76,980.53</u>	<u>421,318.51</u>
		<u>\$577,500.73</u>

Disbursements

Statutory Grant-

Administration	\$ 10,833.49	
Nursery Operations	4,781.25	
Machinery, gasoline and repairs	9,646.81	
Contingencies, taxes, legal fees, electricity, fuel, &c.	8,731.37	
Contribution to mosquito control	3,200.00	
Dow's Lake boathouse maintenance	1,294.10	
Maintenance of parks, driveways, &c.	139,035.08	
Acquisition of property	6,100.00	
Superannuation and retirement allowance	5,041.62	
Motor vehicles and equipment	<u>10,066.73</u>	
	198,730.45	
Plus: Portion of Government Grounds expenditure charged to Statutory Grant	<u>14,950.57</u>	\$213,681.02

Government Grounds-

Administration	5,416.75	
Rideau Hall Grounds	14,567.71	
National Research Council, Sussex Street	4,480.18	
National Research Council, Montreal Road	5,019.86	
Gatineau Park	17,594.55	
Maintenance of Government Grounds	94,992.95	
Machinery, gasoline and repairs	948.43	
Contingencies and supplies	<u>5,430.14</u>	
	148,450.57	
Less: Portion of Government Grounds expenditure charged to Statutory Grant	<u>14,950.57</u>	
	133,500.00	
Refund of balance of 1943-1944 grant	<u>4,547.27</u>	<u>138,047.27</u>
Forward		<u>\$351,728.29</u>

Disbursements

Brought Forward

\$351,728.29

Miscellaneous Accountable Advances-

National Defence - Army	\$ 737.78
National Defence - Navy	2,999.03
National Defence - Air	2,741.03
Public Works	12,005.24
National Research Council	7,200.68
Bank of Canada	1,471.23
Civic Hospital	11,638.33
Wartime Housing, Limited	50.00
Gatineau Snow Plowing	726.30
Mosquito Control	6,940.03
Veterans' Affairs	6,421.36

52,931.01

Refunds of balance of 1943-1944
advance - Wartime Housing,
Limited

435.55

53,366.56

\$405,094.85

Balance, March 31, 1945-

Statutory Grant
Government Grounds

143,998.05
nil

Miscellaneous Accountable Advances-

National Defence - Army	762.22
National Defence - Air	261.50
Public Works	2,324.17
National Research Council	3,674.32
Bank of Canada	530.14
Gatineau Snow Plowing	323.83
Mosquito Control	2,600.67
Veterans' Affairs	18,578.64

28,407.83

172,405.88

\$577,500.73

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1945

Assets

CURRENT:

Cash in Bank-			
Savings Account	\$	61,588.77	
Current Account		<u>24,772.66</u>	\$ 86,361.43
Unemployment Insurance Stamps			443.05
Accrued Interest Receivable-			
Savings Account	\$	119.34	
Dominion of Canada Bonds		<u>560.00</u>	679.34
Accounts Receivable	\$	814.81	
Rents Receivable		<u>548.30</u>	1,363.11
Less Reserve for Doubtful			
Accounts		<u>160.72</u>	<u>1,202.39</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			\$ 88,686.21

INVESTMENTS:

Dominion of Canada Bonds			
(at par value)			100,000.00

FIXED ASSETS:

Land-			
Purchased and donated-			
Parks, Driveways,			
etc.	At Cost	\$1,900.115.24	
Gatineau Park	At Cost	166,803.87	
Gatineau Park Lands held			
under Accepted Options of			
Purchase		3,050.00	
Held under lease and license			
of Occupation		<u>1.00</u>	\$2,069,970.11
Construction and Development			
of Parks and Boulevards			<u>841,323.73</u>
			\$2,911.293.84
Permanent Park Benches and			
Parkway Lighting System			
(As appraised by the Commis-			
sion's Engineer)	\$	163,567.00	
Less Reserve for Depreciation		<u>57,560.04</u>	<u>106,006.96</u>
Forward			<u>\$3,017,300.80</u> <u>\$188,686.21</u>

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1945

Assets

Brought Forward		\$3,017,300.80	\$ 188,686.21
Roads and Driveways (As appraised by the Commis- sion's Engineer)	\$1,390,460.00		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>716,159.75</u>	674,300.25	
Bridges and Approaches At Cost	940,331.95		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>252,889.76</u>	687,442.19	
Buildings At Cost	232,954.95		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>103,843.43</u>	129,111.52	
Plant, Machinery & Equipment At Cost	44,360.46		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>20,982.00</u>	23,378.46	
Motor Vehicles At Cost	36,239.15		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>27,887.76</u>	8,351.39	
Office Furniture & Fixtures At Cost	6,073.24		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>2,212.92</u>	3,860.32	
Loose Tools and Small Equipment At Cost		44,310.36	
Trees and Shrubs in Nursery At Cost		<u>11,440.00</u>	\$4,599,495.29
DEFERRED ASSETS:			
Cheque issued in March, 1945, on account of Land being purchased from the Township of Nepean. (Note: Cheque will be delivered when Deed has been received)			5,000.00
DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE OPERATIONS:			
Shop and Office Supplies on hand At Cost		<u>7,923.71</u>	
			<u>\$4,801,105.21</u>

Liabilities

CURRENT:

Accountable Advances-

Government Departments and Agencies
Others

\$ 26,130.99
2,276.84 \$ 28,407.83

Accounts Payable-

Trade
Owing on Gatineau Park Purchases
(Due July 1, 1945)

\$ 13,955.55
1,050.00 15,005.55

Unpresented Pay Roll Cheques from year 1941

70.38

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

\$ 43,483.76

OWING ON GATINEAU PARK PURCHASES:

Options to Sell, accepted by the Commission, covering certain lands in the Gatineau Park Area, for which payment of the Purchase Price, by the Commission, is to be made within One (1) to Three (3) years (as indicated in said Options) following the declaration of Peace between Canada - Germany and Japan

3,050.00

PROPRIETARY INTEREST:

Balance at Credit on March 31, 1945

4,754,571.45

\$4,801,105.21

Statement of Expenditure for Maintenance of the
Parkway System 1944-45

Bronson Park.....	\$ 1,049.50
Confederation Park.....	2,596.31
Central Park.....	5,818.72
Dow's Lake Park.....	6,797.18
Echo Drive.....	10,119.98
Experimental Farm Driveway.....	10,685.16
Eastview Park.....	3,302.04
Island Park Driveway.....	18,544.79
King Edward Avenue and Park.....	8,617.11
Lake Flora Park, Hull.....	3,408.04
Minnow Lake, Hull.....	3,000.00
Macdonald Park.....	1,794.58
Nepean Point Park.....	3,870.17
Nicholas Street Park.....	2,322.78
Parc Jacques Cartier, Hull.....	3,382.22
Rockcliffe Park.....	14,655.89
Rideau Canal Driveway.....	30,687.00
Strathecona Park.....	6,197.22
Somerset Street Park.....	1,095.07
Val Tetreau Park, Hull.....	<u>1,091.32</u>
	<u>\$139,035.08</u>

Staff Changes

Mr. Alex Stuart, who joined the Federal District Commission on February 17, 1900, shortly after it was organized, retired from the post of superintendent on September 30, 1940, after holding the position for 39 years. During this long period of highly satisfactory service, Mr. Stuart designed and carried out the development of the major part of the parkway system of the federal capital and adjoining districts as it exists today. He possessed that rare quality of being artistic as well as extremely practical as is evidenced by the many beautiful driveways, parks and structures so ably constructed by him. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Alan K. Hay, who for seventeen years had acted as consulting engineer to the Federal District Commission, was appointed to succeed Mr. Stuart as superintendent.