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## THE OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

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For the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1908

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The last of the series of sixteen debentures issued under the Act of 1903 was bought July 29th 1908 by the Bank of Ottawa for \$13,443.39, the total amount realized on the whole issue being \$270,373.34.

Each debenture is worth \$21,455, and, as one falls due every year, the sum mentioned must be set aside annually to meet it. Four of the debentures have already been taken up and the last of the issue is redeemable on the 30th June, 1919.

On May 9th, 1907, an Order-in-Council was passed appointing Sir Sandford Fleming as one of the Commissioners in place of the late Sir, Wm.H.Hingston.

Annexed hereto is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year and from the beginning of the Commission's work in 1900 to the 31st March, 1908.

The expenditure for construction was \$37,392.98, and for maintenance and repairs, \$14,862.28.

The work done was as follows:

KING EDWARD AVENUE - \$51.22

Some dead trees were replaced with new ones and patches of sodding on the boulevard at the northern end were renewed.

RIDEAU CANAL DRIVEWAY - \$1,628.58

A further quantity of filling was deposited at the eastern end of Mutchmore Street on the low ground near the Rideau Canoe Club House and some grading done.

SOMERSET STREET PARKS - \$10.00

Spruce trees were planted around the fountain and maples along the walks in place of those that died.

NATIONAL PARK - \$23,868.31

Another mile of macadamized tile-drained roadway 24 feet wide was built from the eastern end of the park along the north, or river, side, westward forming the continuation of that completed last year. About 2,000 lineal feet of walks, 5 feet wide, were constructed along the river front and up the ravine. Four rustic and one boulder bridges were built over the ravine. The main drains were extended from the road to the river. Two large gullies along the river side were filled in and graded. Two rustic houses were constructed. A speedway, exactly one mile in circumference, and 50 feet wide, was almost completed. The road bed is composed of blue clay into which a layer of sawdust 3 inches thick was ploughed and rolled, making an excellent surface. A boulder wall 1100 feet long and averaging 5 feet high was built along the river front to protect the bank from washouts. A supply of stone was quarried and broken up to use in building a half mile of roadway which will form a loop around the play ground at the western end of the park where it joins Rockcliffe. Elms, maples, pines, and spruces, with different kinds of flowering shrubs, about 1,000 in all, were planted.

It may be mentioned here that on June 11th, 1907 a lilac was planted in this park by the distinguished Japanese visitor, His Royal Highness, Prince Fushimi.

STRATHCONA PARK - \$380.69

This expenditure was incurred in repairing the boulder wall and concrete coping which was seriously damaged by an ice shove in the spring of 1907.

ROCKCLIFFE PARK - \$105.19

A summer house, 40 feet square, was built not far from the entrance to the park on a fine site overlooking Governor's Bay. About two dozen rustic benches were also constructed and placed in the park.

MONKLAND AVENUE - \$162.89

A supply of stone was taken from the Government quarries at St. Louis Dam, broken by the crusher, and piled alongside the Avenue to be used next year, when this and Clemow Avenue are to be completed.

GREEN AND MAPLE ISLANDS - \$407.80

A further quantity of filling was deposited on the islands and levelled.

PATTERSONS CREEK PARKS - \$9,713.60

The building of a stone wall commenced last year was continued on both sides of the Creek, a further length of 1900 lineal feet having been constructed. The material from the bed of the Creek was dredged out by means of a steam hoist and buckets and placed outside the wall, making an area of new land about 30 feet wide between the wall and the old boundary of the Creek. About 200 yards of quarry filling were placed on the road which runs diagonally across the Creek from Bank to O'Connor Street.

BRONSON PARK - \$1044.70

An arrangement was made with the City by which the Commission undertook to improve a neglected piece of land known as Bronson Park at the foot of the cliff overhanging Wellington Street. The Park contains about 2 acres and is bounded by Albert, Commissioner and Wellington Streets. The City agreed to pay the Commission \$2,000 to rebuild the cliff wall, which was in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, and terrace and sod the ground extending back from the top of the wall. On the other hand, the Commission is to grade, terrace, sod, etc., the ground below the cliff. \$1,000 has already been paid by the City and work to slightly over that extent has been performed.

MAINTENANCE - \$14,862.28

The usual force of gardeners and laborers were employed in cultivating the trees, shrubs and flower beds, cutting and watering the grass and keeping the roadways and walks in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd. H. M. Bate

Chairman.

Sgd. Stephen E. O'Brien

Secretary.

Ottawa, November 28th, 1908.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures up to the 31st March, 1908

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	for fiscal year ending <u>31st March, 1908</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$ 6,083.95 ✓	
Government Grant.....	60,000.00 x	\$525.00
Debentures.....	13,443.39 x	270.37
Interest.....		1.33
Miscellaneous (including \$1,000 from the City for Bronson Park).....	1,040.00 x <u>1,404.00</u>	<u>3.74</u>
	<u>\$ 80,567.34</u>	<u>\$800.44</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	for fiscal year ending <u>31st March, 1908</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Princess Louise Vista.....	\$	\$ 5,861
Road Rideau Hall Grounds.....		1,051
City Streets.....		15,511
Storage Shed.....		2,244
Minto Bridge.....		41,151
Minto Bridge Maintenance.....	90.00	3,811
Baxter Property.....		5,421
Keefer Property.....		2,351
Keefer and McKay Lots, N.E.....		1,214
C. A. R. Subway.....		13,197
Causeway over Dow's Lake.....		24,311
Cartier Square.....		211
King Edward Avenue.....		92,237
King Edward Avenue Maintenance.....	1,626.77	8,935
King Edward Avenue Park.....	51.22	12,171
King Edward Avenue Park Maintenance.....	476.23	476
Rideau Canal Driveway.....	1,628.58	170,236
Rideau Canal Driveway Maintenance.....	8,733.20	48,023
Somerset Street Park.....	10.00	3,420
Somerset Street Park Maintenance.....	617.47	656
National Park.....	23,868.31	115,115
Strathcona Park.....	380.69	45,985
Strathcona Park Maintenance.....	1,133.21	2,431
Rockcliffe Park.....	105.19	5,965
Rockcliffe Park Maintenance.....	2,185.40	8,018
Clemow avenue.....		23,013
Monkland Avenue.....	182.89	5,836
Green and Maple Islands.....	407.80	7,698
Patterson's Creek Parks.....	9,713.60	14,052
Contingencies.....	749.64	6,188
Office Expenses.....	356.43	3,146
Printing and Advertising.....	33.00	897
Syenite.....		3,514
Road Machinery.....	273.25	11,870
Interest.....	40.75	1,930
Bronson Park.....	1,044.70	1,044
Debentures.....	21,455.00	85,820
	<u>\$75,163.33</u>	<u>\$795,044</u>
On deposit Savings Bank, Bank of Ottawa.....	5,000.00	5,000
Balance on hand.....	404.01	404
	<u>\$80,567.34</u>	<u>\$800,448</u>

Sgd. Stephen E. O'Brien  
Secretary.