

In 1927, with the change in name, the scope of the Commission's operations was widened to include the adjoining districts, and its membership increased from eight to ten, including a representative of the city of Hull, Que. Subsequently the Commission was given the additional responsibility of maintaining the grounds of all Federal Government Buildings in Ottawa and vicinity.

Departments of the Federal 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 actual costs entailed. The Commission has the trained personnel and the special equipment required for such work.

Funds for the purposes of the Commission are provided by statutory grants and votes of Parliament.

By amendment to the Federal District Commission Act, 1946, the membership of the Commission was increased to nineteen, thus providing for a more national character in its composition by the provision for inclusion therein of a representative from each of the provinces of Canada.

In the cities of Ottawa and Hull and immediate environs, eighteen parks have been developed and, in addition, the large and beautiful area known as Gatineau Park, described under a separate heading below, has been established in the Laurentian Hills. Twenty-two miles of landscaped driveways have been built and are being maintained.

Details of parkland owned or controlled by the Commission are as follows:

Owned in Ottawa, Hull, and in immediate vicinity of these two cities (Undeveloped—1,017 acres) . . . . .	1,325	acres
Leased from the Crown (Undeveloped—32 acres) . . . . .	224	"
Leased from the city of Ottawa and maintained by the Commission . . . . .	129	"
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Total Forwarded . . . . .	1,678	"
Grounds of Federal Government buildings maintained by the Commission . . . . .	200	"
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Total . . . . .	1,878	"
Less undeveloped . . . . .	1,049	"
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Total Developed as Parks and Parkland . . . . .	829	"
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The National Capital Planning Committee, appointed by the Federal District Commission is presently engaged, in co-operation with an eminent landscape architect and town planner, in preparing a master plan for the further improvement and beautification of the National Capital District, as a memorial to Canadians who made the supreme sacrifice in the Second World War.

*Gatineau Park.*—Gatineau Park differs from the other National Parks by being under the administration and control of the Federal District Commission. The Park is situated in the Province of Quebec about 8 air miles from the Federal Capital. It comprises at present about 22,000 acres of wooded hills, valleys, lakes and streams located in the southerly fringe of the Laurentians, the oldest mountains in Canada, and is being preserved in its natural state for the enjoyment of the public.

The Park is a game sanctuary. Deer, bear, fox, beaver, mink, raccoon and other fur-bearing animals are quite numerous. Well-located trails, picnic spots and camping sites afford the maximum of pleasure and healthful recreation for the many thousands who patronize this beautiful natural park located at the very