

Mr. McILRAITH: That is, the Federal District Commission gets \$200,000?

Mr. CRAM: Yes.

Mr. McILRAITH: If the word "grant" is used loosely, there might be some misunderstanding between what the City receives and what the Federal District Commission receives.

Mr. CRAM: The Federal District Commission receives a statutory grant to undertake and carry on improvements in the City of Ottawa and adjoining districts of Hull and other municipalities.

Mr. REID: What is the total amount of money you would spend in a year? Is there a grant from the City of Ottawa in addition to the \$200,000 that you get from the Dominion Government?

Mr. CRAM: The \$200,000 is the total money that we receive for the purpose of developing the driveway system and improving the federal capital. In addition to that the Federal District Commission receives money, under vote of Parliament, for maintaining and improving the grounds of all Dominion Government buildings in Ottawa, such as the Parliament Buildings, Rideau Hall, the Research Council building, and grounds of that nature.

Mr. BOUCHER: The Federal District Commission, at the request of the Government of Canada, does perform other duties and is paid for performing them?

Mr. CRAM: Quite so.

Mr. BOUCHER: Those are almost separate and apart from their functions as a Federal District Commission?

Mr. CRAM: Yes, sir.

Mr. REID: Do you just go ahead and perform work that the Government would otherwise do itself? I am trying to find out the total amount spent by the Federal District Commission.

Mr. CRAM: The Dominion Government, desirous of improving the federal capital, uses the medium, I suppose, of the Federal District Commission for performing certain functions, and provides the necessary funds through a statutory grant.

Mr. BOUCHER: To illustrate this point, may I draw attention of the Committee to the fact, with which I think you will agree, that at the present time the Federal District Commission is actually in charge of such things as the care and beautification of Parliament Hill itself.

Mr. CRAM: That is so.

Mr. BOUCHER: And last year or the year before the Commission was asked to do a landscaping job in Wrightville, Quebec, for Wartime Housing. The Commission did that as a separate function altogether from that for which it was originally set up?

Mr. CRAM: Quite so.

Mr. BOUCHER: That has been done in many cases?

Mr. CRAM: Yes.

Mr. REID: Do I understand you rightly, that the \$200,000 takes care of all the things you do, such as looking after the Parliament Building grounds, the Research Council building grounds, and so on?

Mr. CRAM: No, sir. I am sorry if I did not make myself clear. The work on the grounds of the Dominion Government buildings is taken care of under a separate vote, which is voted annually by Parliament.

Mr. REID: How much is that?

Mr. CRAM: For the last two or three years it has amounted to \$133,500.