

No real property may be purchased without the approval of the Governor-in-Council to whom estimates for expenditures under this Act must first be submitted and likewise approved. The Commission is required to submit each year to the Minister of Finance a report of the work undertaken for that period and a detailed statement of its receipts and expenditures.

All expenditures by the Commission are subject to the Audit of the Auditor General in the same manner as other public moneys.

This Act vested in the Federal District Commission all assets, property, rights, etc., belonging to the former Commission—the Ottawa Improvement Commission—and repealed the Act constituting the Ottawa Improvement Commission known as an Act respecting the City of Ottawa, Chapter Ten of the Statutes of 1899, the Act continuing the said Commission, Chapter 62 of the Statutes of 1919 and all amending Acts, substituting therefor the provisions of the Federal District Commission Act of 1927.

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMISSION ACT, 1927

By an amending act assented to June 11, 1928 the annual grant to the Commission was reduced from \$250,000 to \$200,000 and such reduced grant was not to exceed 15 years from April 1, 1928.

This amending act provided for the payment to the Commission of \$3,000,000 in addition to the annual grant, principally for undertaking large scale improvements in central Ottawa.

Mr. REID: Was any of that \$3,000,000 spent outside of the city of Ottawa?

Mr. BRONSON: No, sir.

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FURTHER AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMISSION ACT 1927

By an amending Act assented to July 24, 1943, the annual grant to the Commission of \$200,000 was extended for an additional period of 10 years from April 1, 1943.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

Frederic E. Bronson, B.Sc., M.E.I.C.—Chairman

R. Chevrier, M.D.

J. W. Ste. Marie, K.C. (Hull)

C. J. Booth

J. B. Spencer, B.S.A.

A. Johnston, C.M.G., LL. D.

J. A. Ewart, B.A. Sc.

Commander D. K. MacTavish, K.C., B.A.

J. E. Stanley Lewis, Mayor of Ottawa.

One vacancy

Secretary—Haldane R. Cram, B.Sc., M.E.I.C.

Mr. REID: Who fills any vacancies?

Mr. BRONSON: The Governor-in-Council.

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HISTORY OF THE OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

In effect the Federal District Commission had its inception as the Ottawa Improvement Commission when an Act respecting the City of Ottawa was assented to August 11, 1899 being Chapter 10, 62-63 Victoria. The Dominion Government established the Ottawa Improvement Commission for the purpose