

PROGRESS REPORT

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THE SEASON for construction work this year was considerably longer than the previous two seasons on account of exceptionally fine weather during the spring and autumn months. During both these periods temperatures were above normal and precipitation below. Fortunately during the summer, rains came at frequent intervals so that grass growth continued green and fresh over a long season. The above average precipitation in the past two years resulted in a plentiful store of sub-soil moisture and tree growth has been excellent.

It is proposed in this report to deal first with the Park Sections and then with the Formal Garden.

The American Park Section

The gardener's cottage is almost completed. Work on it was stopped in the spring as soon as outdoor work could be carried on conveniently. Two garages were moved into position on the footings late in 1951. These had formerly been a C.C.C. hut which had been braced and boarded up where necessary to protect the interior from winter storms. One of these garages is ready for use; the other is well advanced. They have concrete floors, doors that lift overhead, chimneys, and plenty of windows. It is planned to have workshops in the opposite ends to the doors.

Culverts were put in the Lake Drive where needed to take care of sudden floods. An effort was also made to improve the drive, using a grader acquired from the Highways Department. The crown of the road was raised by bringing into the centre gravel that had been spread by traffic. A ditch leading out of



Amid Its Woodlands

Lake Udall was widened and the inlet ditch from the Sunken Garden area was widened and deepened. Another improvement was the planting of large elms on the west side of Number Three Highway. Land was also plowed up in the vicinity of Lake Udall in which to plant deciduous trees. The evergreens in the open sections this year made good growth and are beginning to add to the natural beauty of the native trees.

The Canadian Park Section

In the Canadian Park the battle with beaver and muskrats continues. These animals are left undisturbed but the cleaning up after them adds considerable work. The beaver cut down larger poplar on the banks of the lakes. The branches are taken for food but the tree trunks litter the hillsides and those have to be removed in the winter from all lakes adjoining the Lake Drive. The muskrats burrow into the banks of the lake in the landscaped area. They eat the roots of the ornamental shrubs, in some instances killing the shrubbery completely and in others only in part. Their burrowing around the culvert through which the water from Lake Stormon flows under the main drive, let the water through. Sandbagging the lake outlet was resorted to and the flow stopped long enough to permit excavating around the culvert and repacking with clay.

The International Cub tractor was kept going fairly steadily through the season of grass growth. This mowing, together with frequent rains, gave a well groomed appearance to the open park section and to the grassed sides of the drives.

The Pee Panel

The National Home Demonstration Council of the United States and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have the financial responsibility for the grounds on each side of the entrance roads into the Peace Garden. Tulips and early flowering shrubbery gave early spring bloom, but it was the excellent showing made by the annual bedding plants that were set out in early June that attracted so much attention in the latter part of the summer. Supplementing these were Pink Lythrum from the Morden Experimental Station, Gladioli, and later on, Autumn Asters. Quite a number of the members of the two above organizations visited the Peace Garden during the season and seemed quite pleased with the grounds for which they are responsible.

The large turfed areas financed by the Junior Red Cross of the two countries are improving each year. The surrounding hedge of Chinese Elm is taking shape and growing rapidly.

The Highways Branch of the Government of Manitoba made a most valuable contribution to the Peace Panel this year by hardsurfacing the entrance roads leading into the Peace Garden. Thousands of visitors stop their cars at the Caim in order to read the inscription and to inspect the flowers and shrubs in the nearby Homemakers and Institute sections. These people appreciate the improvement on the roads. In addition, the plantings nearby of flowers and shrubbery now show to better advantage and the hard surfacing gives an air of permanence.

The west end of the Peace Panel adjoining the Terrace Panel was damaged during the construction of the masonry in the second panel. This could not be avoided but late in the season the damaged area was graded and top soil spread ready for spring planting.

The Terrace Panel

It is into the Terrace Panel that the larger part of the past three summers' work has gone. Also the greater part of the funds have been spent in labor and materials for this section of the Peace Garden. Fortunately, over ninety per cent of the stone work in this panel is completed. There are still four more pools to construct and four walls, but these are very small units compared with the massive walls and heavy footings already built. There is also the Garden House at the north end of the upper terrace to be built. In addition, the concrete channel leading from the third pool into each of the lower pools will have to be constructed.

This, the third summer's program, started off with the masons building the low wall connecting the inner circles of the two



Terrace Panel

stairs. They installed the iron balustrades on this wall and on the Canadian section of the main walls. Stone curbings were built around two turf plots in the upper terrace and later around two in the third terrace. The third terrace is enclosed by a low stone curb some 380 feet in length. The second terrace is nine inches higher than the third. Two sawn granite treads were put down for the entire 70 feet where these two panels meet. These steps will add to the convenience where large crowds are visiting the Peace Garden. The curve to which the steps were laid adds considerably to the appearance of the flagstone floor in this section.

Three major developments this year in the Formal Garden are: the building of the stone Garden House at the south end of the upper terrace, the making of over 700 large flagstones for the upper and second terraces, and the construction of the third pool. The Garden House, 32x34 feet, has stone walls three feet thick and ten feet high. The walls are not continuous since there are two openings in the south wall, each seven feet wide and the full height. The openings are wider in the east and west walls. Piers at the north corner, three feet square, support the roof. Thus the view of the upper terrace is not restricted from inside the building. The roof projects beyond the walls four feet each way. Protection from the sun and rain can be secured for quite a number of people at one time. The roof is flat and at present the lumber is covered with one thickness of roofing paper, to afford winter protection, but in the warmer spring season it is planned to have a pitch and gravel covering added.

Three-quarters of the upper terrace has been covered with flagstones. The north end, where it is hoped to build the second Summer House, was not flagged since the construction of the



Outlet of Lake on Canadian Side

Summer House would damage these three-inch thick cement flagstones. The second terrace has also been similarly covered. Thus the two stairs are connected with flagstones.

The third pool is completed, with the exception of a section of the wall which the masons have still to build. But the pool can be used even if the wall is in the process of being built.

The Sunken Garden

During the past winter the trees and shrubs, that had grown up in the ditch leading from this area to Lake Udall, were cut off and burned or hauled away for firewood. Also, willow and poplar in the northern part of this valley were cleared away. Late this season the ditch was deepened and widened and stumps dug, so that there now should be rapid drainage into Lake Udall.

Publicity

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Home Makers Council of North Dakota joined in financing the erection of an Information Booth, located on the International Boundary Line on the grounds for which the two national organizations are financially responsible. Mr. W. B. Patterson, formerly manager of the Brandon Division, Imperial Oil Company, gave his services voluntarily during the summer as Information Agent. The Dring Bros., manufacturers of laminated rafters, planned and

superated the construction of the booth. It was open the beginning of the second week in July and in the next seven weeks people from 41 states and eight provinces signed the register, making a total of 4,300 registrations. During a part of the season on Sundays the booth was staffed by representatives from the neighboring towns of Dunseith in the United States and Boissevain in Canada. The booth was stocked with literature advertising national parks and playgrounds, maps, etc. Post cards, showing views of the Peace Garden, were on sale, and literature giving information on the Peace Garden was distributed. The bulletin describing the history and progress of the Peace Garden, prepared by the Superintendent, was of special interest to the visitors and received wide distribution.

The Order of the Eastern Star constructed and financed a very convenient and commodious community kitchen for use of the public desiring accommodation for family and small picnic groups.

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire have continued their very generous financial support in developing the Terrace Panel of the formal area and increasing their cash donations for the year by \$1,500.

In addition, substantial cash donations were received from Boissevain, Brandon, Dunseith and other towns in North Dakota, from the rural municipalities of Manitoba, and from many other organizations and individuals.

Without this generous public support we could not have made much progress this last year.

Two groups of Homemakers organized tours, with 160 in one group and 215 in the other. The Old Timers from the neighboring Country met at the Lodge. The Oddfellows of Boissevain gave a picnic at the Peace Garden to the Senior Citizens of the Community. In addition, Fraternal Societies arranged International gatherings using the Lodge as a meeting place.

An International Relations Conference was held in the autumn at the Lodge, sponsored by the International Relations Clubs of the Minot State Teachers College, Minot, North Dakota, and of Brandon College, Brandon, Manitoba. Students of these two colleges spent the day discussing international affairs and touring the Garden. It is suggested that when convenient, organizations visiting the Peace Garden arrange in advance for tours of the Garden.

Estimated Budget Requirements for 133

Treasurer's Estimated Budget for Administration and General Maintenance Costs-Year 1953

ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent's salary and other wages Buildings, maintenance and housekeeping Equipment, tools, etc, repairs and operating Printing, postage, stationery, etc Auditing, accounting, etc Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, etc Miscellaneous charges and expense	g	850.00 1,200.00 450.00 150.00	
	S	8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00
GARDEN AND PLOT MAINTENANCE, including Roads, Culverts, Fences, etc., but not new development.	t		
Wages (3 men—8 mos) average \$175.00 per month Supplies and expenses Transportation and other charges		4,760 00 1,200 00 450 00	
	s	6,410.00	\$ 6,410.00
Total estimated financial requirements in 19	958	3	\$14,460.00
Estimated deficit on maintenance and general expense account	\$	1,400 00 3,500 00 9,335 00 5,125 00	
	51	4,460.00	\$14,460.00

NOTE:

The above does not include any costs of new development, or work programmes which the planning committee may have in mind Moreover, it includes the complete spending of trust funds now on hand and if such is not authorized, a further \$1,400,000 should be anticipated as a requirement. This budget also is based on 12 months' operations from date hereof.

> (Signed) A. J. Robbins, Treasurer

Winnipeg, Nov. 30, 1952.

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