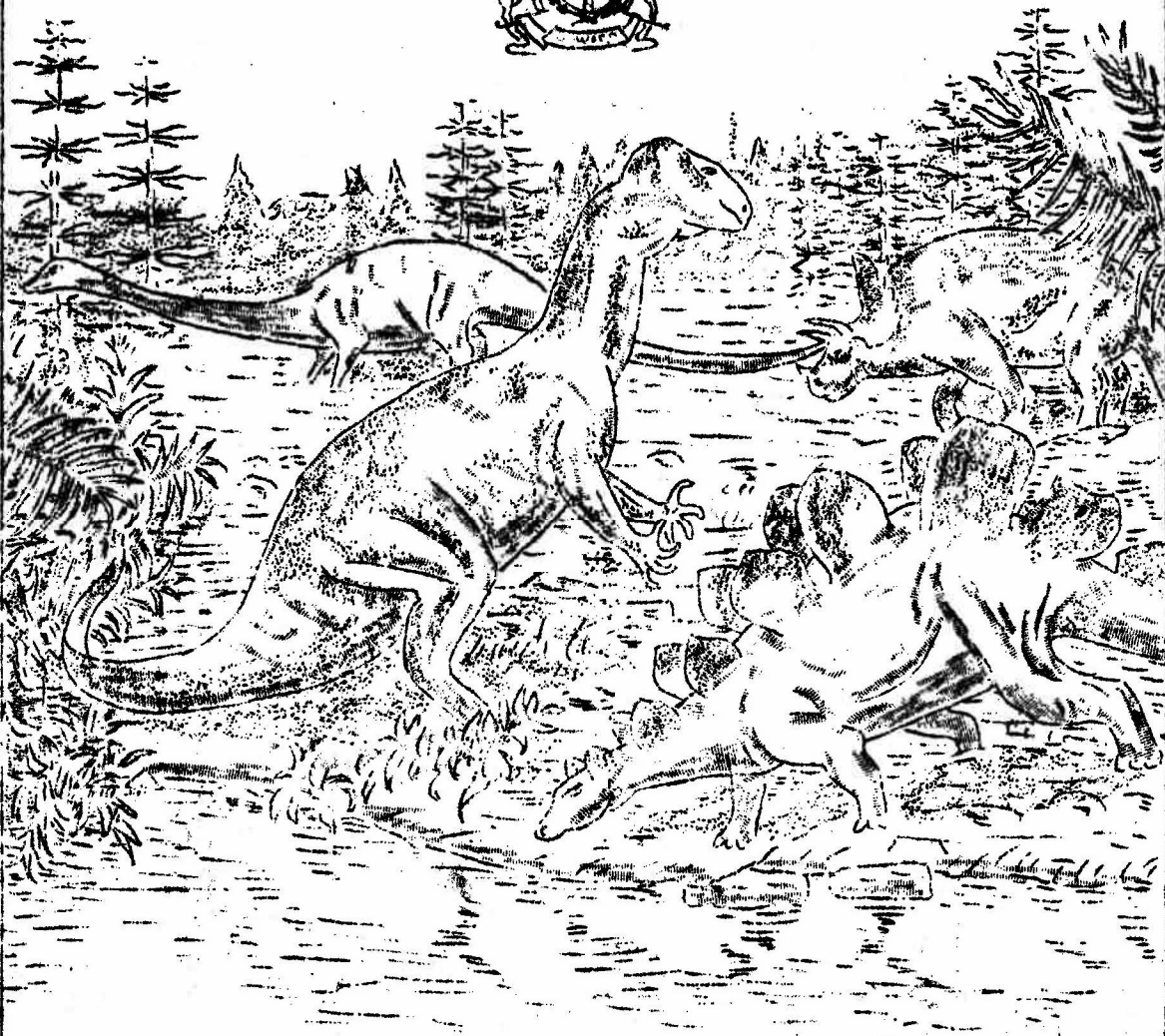


CITY OF CALGARY
— PARKS DEPARTMENT —



ANNUAL REPORT

1936

Floriculture:

105,572 annuals and bedding plants provided by the greenhouses, and 13,756 perennial plants from the nurseries, were used as follows:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Perennials</u>	<u>Annuals</u>
St. George's Island	685	12355
Riley Park	1865	10030
Mt. Pleasant Park		6704
Crescent Park	245	
Elbow Boulevard Park		6461
S. Mount Royal Park		8160
Tallon Avenue Park	1318	
Memorial Park	175	18388
Triangle Park		1369
Sunalta Park	94	
Tomkins Gardens		1681
Kiwanis Park	855	1908
Mewata Stadium	652	
Hillhurst Bridge Approaches		586
City Hall Gardens		2007
Cemeteries	7867	26479
Elbow Drive Plot, 5th Street West		2630
Balmoral Circus		3900
1st Street & 18th Avenue East		520
26th Avenue & 1st Street West		326
Kensington Road Plot		340
Ogden Park		1728
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Total	<u>13756</u>	<u>105572</u>

All flower beds made a creditable showing during the season. Some comparatively new species and varieties used in Memorial Park attracted considerable attention.

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND PARK: 4th Calgary Troop (Elks) Boy Scouts who held St. John's Ambulance certificates were in attendance at the Island each Sunday and holiday using, as their headquarters "Calgary's First House". Twenty-six cases ranging from epilepsy and sunstroke to minor cuts received first aid. Service was also rendered in the case of missing children and lost property.

Four Band Concerts were held.

Six hundred cubic yards of soil delivered to Island by a contractor was used partly to level football field and partly to fill between stone work on river bank and south driveway. The Public Works Department also acceded to our request to

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND (Cont'd)

dump all street sweepings collected in the east end of the city in this depression.

The west end of the north driveway raised to a higher level as a further protection from floods. Not possible to gravel the new surface with result roads in very bad condition all season, and had to be closed in wet weather. 850 yards gravel excavated from Dinoseur Garden placed on driveways this winter.

Several large, two small, picnic tables made, and necessary seats. Tables arranged in groups, permanently fixed, groups numbered and charted. This greatly facilitated allotment of space to the greatly increased number of picnic parties.

Baseball backstop built.

One hundred yards rustic fence built, and all fencing stained.

Twenty-five pounds grass seed used in reconditioning lawn.

Barricade built across driveway at west end.

Six hundred and eighty-five perennial flowering plants, 453 trees, and 628 shrubs planted. 1,750 trees and shrubs pruned.

Parking of cars continues to be the most difficult problem that we have to deal with. The congestion will be greatly relieved as soon as the old refreshment building is removed. We are still awaiting decision of the Council regarding this proposal.

An additional rustic summer house was built and placed on the Island, making three in all.

Expenditure.....\$ 1,776.85. Relief labor.....17,560 hours.

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO: The construction of a "Dinosaur Garden", an area on which life-size models of prehistoric animals constructed in reinforced concrete, is in course of development at the west end of the island, this being a project of the Calgary Zoological Society. The area is being landscaped by this Department to, as near as possible, resemble the supposed appearance of the habitat of these animals at the time they were in existence. To date three of these animals have been built on the site, one specimen of *Triceratops billi*, and a group of two *Ceratosaurus nasicornis*. During the winter specimens small enough to be transported to the Island, are being made under cover--such as turtles, two-toed horses, etc.

Specimens have remained in excellent health and the death rate has remained low throughout the year. While additions during the year have not been numerous, yet they have been of an interesting description. From the San Diego Zoo were received a fine collection of birds and monkeys, and antelope, pelicans, cranes, etc. were received from various Canadian points. Natural increase was again fairly satisfactory, including as it did, fallow deer, silver foxes, wolves, coonistles, etc. Nine blue peafowl were raised. As in previous years these birds did not commence to lay till late in the year. However, the fine weather experienced in the fall of this year was all in their favour.

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO: (Cont'd)

Feeding has been carried out as economically as possible. In addition, we have utilized lawn mowings, hay, greenstuff of various kinds, tree prunings, etc., as they have been available from the several parks, and these have provided valuable foodstuffs and helped to keep the cost of feeding to a minimum.

Attendance at the Park and Zoo during the year was very heavy, and the various improvements carried out during 1935 appeared to meet with general approval. The year was notable for the large number of school classes that were conducted through the Zoo. Every effort was made to co-operate with the teachers and thus make the time spent at the Zoo both interesting and instructive.

The following improvements made during the year:-

Raising of heating plant in Tropical Animal House above flood level.

Fencing repaired, balance of old cedar posts that were beginning to rot replaced with steel posts.

Signs on pens replaced with standard type giving common name, Latin name, and habitat of bird or animal.

Construction of model buildings for white rat colony.

Painting of all buildings.

New 4-section pond for pelicans, cranes, and waterfowl is now under construction.

Calgary's first house replastered on the inside and fitted up as a First Aid Station and Office.

While the Tropical Animal Building constructed last year functions well, yet through lack of other accommodation it has become overcrowded. The caretaker has submitted a plan for a new building which is urgently needed. It is proposed to proceed with the construction of this building as soon as permission has been granted to demolish the old refreshment building, that the material from that building may be utilized. The new building will be built east of the present winter building, and will provide for the storage of hay, straw, ~~meat~~, etc., winter quarters for pelicans, cranes, and all waterfowl, and any other specimens that require little artificial heat. As suggested, the building would be similar in appearance to the other building constructed last year, it will have no floor but contain a well and pump with small pond for waterfowl. A simple heating apparatus can be constructed by the Parks Department itself at small cost.

Expenditure.....\$ 2,047.23

Relief labor.....9,748 hours

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO: (Cont'd)

FOODSTUFFS, ETC., PURCHASED AND DONATED

Kind	Purchased	Value	Donated	Value	Donated by
Alfalfa	63 bales	\$ 60.63			
Straw	6 "	2.24			
Hay	6 "	4.78			
Wheat	1000 lbs.	27.56			
Corn	220 "	4.88			
Oats	100 "	1.14	400 lbs.	\$ 6.00	Robin Hood Mills Ltd.
Poultry Wheat			2 tons	180.00	Western Canada Mills.
Shorts			400 lbs.	5.00	Robin Hood Mills Ltd.
Bran			400 lbs.	5.00	" " " "
Peameal			200 lbs.	4.00	Mr. Wm. Colpitts.
Feed Flour			200 lbs.	4.00	Mr. Wm. Colpitts.
Fruit		4.30	500 lbs.	25.00	Scott Fruit Co.
Vegetables, mixed			300 lbs.	15.00	Sanitary Market.
Carrots			300 lbs.	6.00	Mr. Mayhew
Turnips			100 lbs.	2.00	Mr. Mayhew
Bread	3398 lbs.	59.07	2200 lbs.	66.00	Canadian Bakeries.
Parrot Food	170 lbs.	24.70			
Bird Seed	1000 lbs.	129.48			
Medicinal Fox Food			50 lbs.	23.50	Mr. Wm. Colpitts.
Candy Waste			60 lbs.	5.00	Dean's Drug Store.
Meat	11505 lbs.	230.74	6100 lbs.	152.50	P. Burns & Co.
"			5200 lbs.	130.00	Union Packing Co.
Pork			1000 lbs.	30.00	Dr. Whiteoak.
Fish waste			1500 lbs.	45.00	Billingsgate Market
Coal	16 tons	104.82			
Black leaf 40	2 lbs.	3.38			
Total		\$ 657.42		\$ 704.00	

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO: (Cont'd)

INVENTORY OF ZOO SPECIMENS

December 31, 1935	Increase	Decrease	December 31, 1936.
1 Mule deer			1 Mule deer
1 Black bear			1 Black bear
1 Black bear (Cinnamon phase)			1 Black bear (Cinnamon phase)
1 Black bear (brown phase)			1 Black bear (brown phase)
4 Timber wolves	5 Natural	4 Shipped 3 Pelted	2 Timber wolves
6 Gray foxes		2 Pelted	4 Gray foxes
2 Badgers		1 Died	1 Badger
	2 Donated		2 Coyotes
1 Skunk			1 Skunk
4 Coati mundi		1 Died	3 Coati mundi
2 Ringtail monkeys	2 Donated		4 Ringtail monkeys
1 Macaque monkey			1 Macaque monkey
1 Java monkey			1 Java monkey
2 Rhesus monkeys	1 Donated		3 Rhesus monkeys
3 Spider monkeys			3 Spider monkeys
1 Hamadryas baboon			1 Hamadryas baboon
1 Spinx baboon	1 Donated		2 Spinx baboon
2 Japanese deer			2 Japanese deer
3 Fallow deer	1 Natural		4 Fallow deer
3 Mink		1 Died	2 Mink
4 Cacomistles	1 Natural		5 Cacomistles
4 Woodchucks			4 Woodchucks
4 Black squirrels		2 Escaped	2 Black squirrels
1 Red fox squirrel		1 Died	nil
2 Gt. Grey squirrels		1 Died	1 Gt. grey squirrel
1 Pine squirrel			1 Pine squirrel
2 Mexican squirrels			1 Mexican squirrel
1 Weasel			1 Weasel
2 Chipmunks			2 Chipmunks
1 Mountain Gopher			1 Mountain Gopher
2 White gophers			2 White gophers
2 Rat kangaroos	2 Donated		4 Rat kangaroos
5 Raccoons			5 Raccoons
1 Peccary	2 Donated		3 Pecaries
1 Antelope	1 Donated		2 Antelope
7 Wild Turkeys	3 Natural	2 Shipped	8 Wild Turkeys
5 Golden pheasants			5 Golden pheasants
6 Silver pheasants			6 Silver pheasants
4 Lady Amherst "			4 Lady Amherst "
3 Reeve pheasants			3 Reeve pheasants
2 Ringneck pheasants			2 Ringneck pheasants
10 Mongolian pheasants			10 Mongolian pheasants
2 Melanotus pheasants			2 Melanotus pheasants
5 Versicolor pheasants			5 Versicolor pheasants
5 Ringneck pheasants (albinos)			5 Ringneck pheasants (albinos)
9 Mutant pheasants			9 Mutant pheasants
1 Hungarian partridge	2 Donated		3 Hungarian part- ridge

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2 Formosan pheasants			2 Formosan pheasants
12 Ringneck doves	4 Natural		13 Ringneck doves
6 Mourning doves			6 Mourning doves
2 Pearl neck doves			2 Pearl neck doves
2 Dwarf turtle doves			2 Dwarf turtle doves
2 Guinea pigeons			2 Guinea pigeons
2 Jacobin pigeons			2 Jacobin pigeons
2 Inca doves			2 Inca doves
2 White winged pigeons			2 White winged pigeons
2 Mexican ground doves			2 Mexican ground doves
6 Owl pigeons			6 Owl pigeons
2 Carrier pigeons			2 Carrier pigeons
3 Mondaine pigeons			3 Mondaine pigeons
7 Tumbler pigeons			7 Tumbler pigeons
15 Fantail pigeons			15 Fantail pigeons
100 Common pigeons			100 Common pigeons
2 African porcupines	1 Donated		3 African porcupines ✓
2 Crows		2 Donated	nil
2 Magpies		2 Donated	nil
2 Golden eagles		1 Killed	1 Golden eagle
1 Gt.horned owl			1 Gt.horned owl
2 Pearl guinea fowl			2 Pearl guinea fowl
4 Silky bantams			4 Silky bantams
35 Common bantams			35 Common bantams
2 Parrots			2 Parrots
1 Parakeet			1 Parakeet
22 Shell parakeets	8 Natural	2 Sold	28 Shell parakeets
4 Juncos			4 Juncos
4 White crowned sparrows			4 White crowned sparrows
4 American goldfinches			4 American goldfinches
4 Canary mules			4 Canary mules
1 Linnet mule			1 Linnet mule
19 Canaries			19 Canaries
4 Pine siskins			4 Pine siskins
2 Mute swans		2 Died	nil
2 White call ducks			2 White call ducks
2 Hybrid ducks			2 Hybrid ducks
9 Mallard ducks			9 Mallard ducks
2 Lesser scaup ducks		2 Died	nil
4 Gadwall ducks		4 Died	nil
2 Spoonbill ducks		2 Died	nil
2 Red head ducks		2 Died	nil
2 Wood-ducks		1 Died	1 Wood-ducks
1 Green wing teal		1 Died	nil
2 Mandarin ducks		1 Died	1 Mandarin duck
2 Widgeon ducks			2 Widgeon ducks
9 Canada geese	2 Natural		11 Canada geese
2 Blue geese			2 Blue geese
1 Hutchin's goose			1 Hutchin's goose
1 Hybrid goose			1 Hybrid goose
4 Franklin gulls			4 Franklin gulls
1 Orange waxbill			1 Orange waxbill
2 Black winged peafowl			2 Black winged peafowl
2 White peafowl	1 Purchased		3 White peafowl

December 31, 1935		Increase	Decrease	December 31, 1936.	
14	Blue peafowl	9 Natural	1 Died	22	Blue peafowl
1	Bald eagle		1 Died		nil
3	Porcupines			3	Porcupines
10	Guinea pigs			10	Guinea pigs
5	White rats			5	White rats
2	White mice	3 Natural		5	White mice
2	Bobcats			2	Bobcats
3	Cougars			3	Cougars
2	Lynx			2	Lynx
2	African lions		1 Died	1	African lion
3	Muskrats		3 Escaped		nil
3	Angora rabbits			3	Angora rabbits
2	Himalayan rabbits			2	Himalayan rabbits
2	Mountain marmots	1 Donated		3	Mountain marmots
2	Fitch	2 Natural		4	Fitch
		2 Donated		2	Ferrets
4	Grosbeaks			4	Grosbeaks
2	Swinhoe pheasants			2	Swinhoe pheasants
2	Black-throated pheasants			2	Black-throated pheasants
2	Manchurian pheasants			2	Manchurian pheasants
2	White Chinese geese			2	White Chinese geese
2	Diamond doves			2	Diamond doves
1	Green wing dove			1	Green wing dove
2	Palm doves			2	Palm doves
2	Crested fireback pheasants		1 Died	1	Crested fireback pheasant
2	Elliott pheasants			2	Elliott pheasants
4	Egyptian geese			4	Egyptian geese
		1 Donated		1	Lark
		2 Donated		2	White pelicans
		1 Donated		1	Sand hill crane
		2 Donated		2	Ring-necked parakeets
		4 Donated		4	Cockatoos
		6 Donated		6	Fischer's Love birds
		20 Donated		20	Zelsa finches
		2 Donated		2	Verreaux doves
		2 Donated		2	Galapagos doves