

Historical Sketch Of Charlottetown Rotary

Rotary Club 333 Was Formed In October Of 1917



WELCOME VISITING ROTARIANS

We know that your District Conference will be a huge success in keeping with the outstanding work that Rotary has accomplished during the years it has been in existence.

May your visit among us be a delightful one and may you carry away the thought of paying us further visits in the future.

Rotarian V. A. Alnsworth

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ROTARY BENEFITS

Membership in Rotary provides as benefits: Making the acquaintance of men one ought to know;

genuine, wholesome good fellowship; development of true and helpful friends, and enlightenment as to other men's work, problems and successes.



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AND

Success To Your Conference

May your stay be a happy and profitable one and your memories of the "Garden Province" be kept ever-green.

Rotarian P. W. Turner



P. W. TURNER
General Chairman Convention



EDWIN JOHNSTONE
President of Charlottetown Rotary Club

ROTARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday Morning, June 22nd, 1948

9.30 a.m.—Conference officially called to order by Conference Chairman Percy W. Turner at the Prince Edward Theatre.

9.35 a.m.—Invocation by Rev. James T. Ibbott, Charlottetown. Singing: O Canada

9.40 a.m.—Address of Welcome by His Honour Lt.-Gov. J. A. Bernard.

9.50 a.m.—Address of Welcome by Honourable J. Walter Jones, Premier of Province of Prince Edward Island.

10.00 a.m.—Address of Welcome by His Worship B. Earle MacDonald, O.B.E., Mayor of Charlottetown.

10.10 a.m.—Address of Welcome by Edwin C. Johnstone, President of Host Club.

10.20 a.m.—Response by Harry E. Umphreys, Washburn.

10.30 a.m.—Presentation. Past Directors, Past District Governors, and Special Guests, by the Chairman.

10.35 a.m.—Singing led by Lowell Hancock, Summerside. Let's All Get Together.

10.40 a.m.—Announcements by Conference Secretary, Darrel McGuire.

10.45 a.m.—Report of District Governor, James A. Ford, Moncton.

11.00 a.m.—Report on Necrology, R. H. Rogers, Charlottetown.

11.15 a.m.—"New Frontiers of International Service"—International Representative, Leo E. Golden, West Hartford, Conn.

11.40 a.m.—Sing Song.

11.45 a.m.—"Club Service—Making It Work"—C. Stanley Chapman, Campbellton.

12.05 noon—"Let's Make Him One Of Us"—P. F. Halley, St. John's, Newfoundland.

12.25 noon—"God Save The King". Adjournment.

1 p.m.—Luncheon at The Charlottetown. Address by John Fisher, outstanding radio personality. Presiding in Dining Room A—Percy W. Turner, Past District Governor. Presiding in Dining Room B—J. Frank Arnett, Past President Summerside Club.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 22, 1948

3.30 p.m.—Drive to "Anne of Green Gables" country.

7 p.m.—Lobster Dinner Charlottetown Hotel. Address by Charles Hunt, Past International Director, St. John's, Nfld. Presiding in Dining Room A—Charles J. Burchell, Halifax, Past Director. Presiding in Dining Room B—Geo. J. Smith, St. John, Past District Governor.

9 p.m.—Races.

Wednesday Morning, June 23, 1948

9.30 a.m.—Conference called to order by District Governor, James A. Ford at the Prince Edward Theatre. Invocation. Singing. Announcements by Conference Secretary D. M. McGuire.

9.45 a.m.—Report of Registration Committee, R. W. Manning. Report of Credentials Committee—Dr. J. A. Clark, Past District Governor.

10.00 a.m.—"Service Unlimited"—Frank W. Hussey, Presque Isle.

10.20 a.m.—"Know Your Community"—Kenneth A. Parker Sackville.

10.40 a.m.—Sing Song.

10.50 a.m.—"Building Bridges of Understanding"—W. G. Condit, Houlton.

11.10 a.m.—Discussion Period.

11.25 a.m.—Address—Thomas C. McNabb, Past District Governor, Member of Canadian Advisory Committee, Saint John.

11.40 a.m.—"Rio Convention"—George P. Findlen, Past District Governor, Fort Fairfield.

11.50 a.m.—God Save The King. Adjournment.

12.00 noon—Group Photograph.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 23,

1.00 p.m.—Luncheon at "The Charlottetown." Address by W. Fred Lane, Moncton, "Wit and Humor". Presiding in Dining Room A—Edwin C. Johnstone, President Charlottetown Club. Presiding in Dining Room B—T. C. McNabb, F.D.C.

3.00 p.m.—Conferences called to order by District Governor, James A. Ford, at the Prince Edward Theatre. Announcements, etc.

3.10 p.m.—"Rotary Builds for Tomorrow"—R. Roland McIntyre, Sydney.

3.30 p.m.—District Business—Report of Election Committee—H. Ward Murdoch, Truro. Invitation for 1949 District Conference. Re-

Paul P. Harris, the beloved President Emeritus of our world wide organization, builded better and greater than he knew when in the spirit of friendliness and good fellowship he invited a few of his acquaintances to meet with him in a social get-together each week; for out of such a small beginning has grown the mighty movement which is known as Rotary International. That was in February, 1905. The little company grew in numbers and became organized. Other clubs were formed on the same pattern. Slowly at first, and then at a steadily accelerating rate, their numbers increased. Twelve years later there were over three hundred clubs in the United States and Canada; and in October, 1917, the three hundred and thirty-third was chartered in the City of Charlottetown. Today there are over 5000 clubs with about 210,000 members.

It may be of interest to relate a few facts connected with the institution and development of the premier service club of the city.

Mr. W. Harry Tidmarsh was impressed with the need of an association for our younger business men in which they might cooperate in efforts for community welfare, and obtain practice in public speaking. Hearing of the Rotary Clubs, and thinking such an organization might afford the solution of his problem, he went to considerable trouble to obtain information by correspondence and visited Halifax to study the working of the Rotary Club there.

Thoroughly satisfied with what he had learned he discussed the project of organizing a Rotary Club in Charlottetown with Messrs. W. A. Stewart, H. M. VanBuskirk and Walter S. Grant. They entered heartily into the plan; other citizens were interviewed, full information concerning the Rotary movement and its methods was obtained, the co-operation of Halifax Rotarians was given enthusiastically, and on the evening of September 6th, 1917, an informal dinner party was held at the Kozzy Kozzy Tea Rooms, with resolve itself into a temporary association to apply for a charter as a Rotary Club. This meeting was addressed by two prominent Rotarians from Halifax, Dr. D. A. McRae, then governor, and Mr. C. J. Burchill, past governor, of the eighteenth International District. The Charlottetown men present, all of whom enthusiastically pledged their support, were as follows: W. H. Tidmarsh, Dr. A. B. Reid, E. G. Saunders, Arch Irwin, F. T. Watkis, A. A. Pomeroy, W. A. Stewart, J. A. Clark, Prof. J. E. McLarty, C. H. Chandler, C. S. Inman, J. O. Fyfe, Walter S. Grant, H. M. VanBuskirk, Dr. I. J. Yeo, J. A. Webster, J. R. Burnett, R. H. Jenkins, C. H. Black.



D. M. MACGUIRE
Conference Secretary

On two other occasions the District Conference was held here, namely in 1922 and 1939. Fully membership of the club has usually numbered between fifty and sixty business and professional men of Charlottetown. A distinctive feature of Rotary is the principle of classification. The principal is that each craft or vocation, business, professional or institutional, is represented in the club by one person, only, who is required to be a leader in his vocation. There are a few slight mod-

ifications of this principle, but in the main it is strictly applied in the selection of members. These being admitted not upon their own application but by the invitation of the club. The club is, therefore, as Rotarians are wont to express it, a cross-section of the business, professional and institutional life of the community. In Charlottetown, where the variety of business enterprise, especially in manufacturing, is somewhat limited, the classifications of potential Rotary membership are correspondingly few, and this fact has tended to keep our numbers down. At present the membership is 75. In recent years the policy has been to elect young men; for though there is no age limit it is recognized that Rotary must be made up of men in the full tide of their careers.

At the weekly meetings of the Club held at The Charlottetown on Monday at one o'clock, matters of business are dealt with. There is much singing; grace before meat, sung by the members at the opening; a stanza of the National Anthem in honouring the toast to The King; "O Canada" at the close; and between courses several numbers conducted by an official song leader. After the luncheon there is an address of about half an hour. The club has been successful securing the services of many excellent speakers including some of real eminence. Travellers, scholars, politicians, authors, clergymen, businessmen and others, visitors to our city, have brought a great variety of messages to the Rotary Club. Many members of the club as well as citizen non-members have also from time to time been heard in this popular forum. The wealth of information and inspiration thus brought to Rotarians inevitably exerts a broadening and illuminating influence, and is one of the chief values attached to membership. At times when a programme of special importance is being carried out, the members of other Service Clubs are invited to attend. On several occasions in the past when large numbers of farmers foregathered in the City to take part in the activities of Farmers' Week, they were entertained at luncheon by the Club, and these meetings proved exceedingly interesting and delightful to all present.

The first mid-day luncheon of the Club was held on September 20th. On Nov. 8th the instituting meeting of the Rotary Club, No. 333, was held. No less than four teen members of the Halifax Club were present including District Governor Dr. D. A. McRae. The charter was formally presented. Rotarian Prof. H. L. Stewart of Halifax delivered an eloquent address on the principles of Rotary, and the District Governor and several other visitors also spoke on phases of Rotary activity. Premier, (later Mr. Justice Arsenault) and the United States Consul, Mr. W. A. Pierce, made eloquent speeches, heartily endorsing the principles of Rotary.

From that date to this, Rotary Club No. 333 has carried on with unabated enthusiasm and with ever-growing consciousness of the great Rotary mission. Our club has always had well qualified representatives to speak and act for us at International Conventions and District Conferences and Assemblies. Members of this club have taken an active and influential part in the work of these higher Rotary bodies, with the result that they have been honored by being called to exalted positions in the institution. Not less than four of our members have served as District Governor. As early as 1919 Rotarian, the late George S. Inman was elected as Governor of the District. During his incumbency the Rotary Club of Moncton was constituted and a number of our members assisted in the inaugural ceremonies. In the same year our club acted for the first time as hosts to the District Conference which was very successfully carried out here in May, 1920.

Continued Progress
In the year 1922 Rotarian Walter S. Grant, another charter member of this club, was chosen District Governor.

Later in 1935 Rotarian Percy W. Turner and again in 1939, Rotarian Dr. J. A. Clark, held this high office. Mr. Turner and Mr. Clark have served on the Canadian Advisory Committee of Rotary International, the latter as chairman, Dr. Clark was Chairman of the Agricultural Section of Vocational Craft Assemblies at the last two International Conventions and has been a member of the Election Arrangements Committee and the Nominating Committee for International President.

TO REPRESENT CANADA
MONTREAL, June 20—(CP)—Paul McLaughlin, 29-year-old Toronto sailor from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club today won the right to represent Canada at the Olympic Games after winning two straight firsts in the final national Olympic trials for freestyle dinghies held Saturday and Sunday.

KING'S EVIDENCE
When one of several persons jointly charged with a crime gives testimony which brings the conviction of his accomplices, his evidence is called King's Evidence.



SUCCESS TO THE Rotary District Conference

May you take home with you pleasant memories of Canada's Garden Province and may the impressions you gain lead to further visits in the future. It has been a pleasure having you with us and we know that your conference will lead to putting ROTARY on an even higher level than it has already attained.



GREETINGS VISITING ROTARIANS

It is with much sincerity we welcome you to "The Island." We hope your too brief stay will be an enjoyable one and that in the future you may see fit to make a longer one.

Rotarian R. E. MUTCH
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We Hasten To Add Our Word Of WELCOME

It is a pleasure to have you with us and we hope you will be favorably impressed with our "Garden Province." May your conference be highly successful.

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