

Marked Absence Of Serious Crime Says Police Chief

"During the past year we experienced a very high standard of law and order with a total absence of crime, and with one single exception, there were no offences of a very serious nature, states Chief of Police A. Birtwhistle in his annual report of Charlottetown police activities for the year ending Dec. 31, which was tabled at last night's City Council meeting. For the reason above given, the report states, the present strength of the force—eleven men, including a Chief, two Sergeants, one Lance Corporal and seven Constables—is deemed adequate.

One change was made in the personnel, Const. K. Johnstone being called up for military service, was granted leave of absence from March 14, and the vacancy was filled by the re-appointment on March 20 of Curtis Webster as constable. There were nine cases of breaking and entering during the year, four of which were of a minor nature by juveniles. In two other instances the offenders were apprehended and convicted. One offender charged with the theft of mail from the local post office was sentenced to a term of three years in Dorchester Penitentiary.

Number of cases entered and disposed of in the City Police Court during the year were 712. Arrests within the City limits totalled 422, an increase of seven as compared with 1941.

Number of arrests under each heading: Assault 15, Breaking and Entering 7, Drunk 1, C motor vehicle 12, Drunk and Disorderly 67, Drunk and Incapable 241, False Pretences 2, Insanity 14, Indecent Exposure 2, Juvenile Delinquency 2, Manslaughter 1, Mischief 1, Non-support 1, Obstructing Peace Officer 1, Prohibition Act—breaches of 3, Robbery with Violence 1, Reckless Driving 1, Theft 18, Vagrancy 33. Total—422.

Prohibition Raids

Assistance was given the R.O.M.P. Prohibition squad in 676 searches of dwelling houses or other premises suspected of the unlawful sale or possession of liquor. 47 prosecutions were entered and disposed of under the Prohibition Act, with 41 convictions and six dismissals. There were also sixteen convictions under the Excise Act for unlawful possession of spirits.

The monthly collections of milk and cream from Licensed Milk Vendors, Store-keepers, and Stall-holders in the Market building, for test by City Analysts, were as follows: Ten collections from Vendors Milk 305, Cream 26.

Two collections from Stores, Milk 128, Cream 11, Market building, Cream 5, Totals Milk 433, Cream 47. Fourteen of these milk samples were found to contain less than 3 1/2% of butter fat, and another sample had sediment. Fifteen prosecutions were entered under the By Law respecting milk and Milk Vendors, convictions being recorded in all cases with fines of \$5, and costs.

The report gives details of other work performed. Due to the prevailing wartime restrictions of gas and rubber, a sharp decrease in motor vehicular traffic was in evidence throughout the past year. Convictions for infractions of the Highway Traffic Act and Traffic By Law amounted to one hundred and seventy two (172). Eighteen (18) persons were injured in street accidents, mostly of a minor nature, and it is pleasing to note that we passed through a whole year without a fatal accident.

There was but one inquest during the past year, held by Coroner I. J. Xeno, M. J., in connection with the death of a man during a fist fight encounter with an Indian at the rear of a rooming house on Richmond Street. The latter was charged with manslaughter, but was acquitted by a jury at the recent sittings, Supreme Court.

The Police car has now been in operation, day and night service, since December 8th, 1941. The speedometer reading at the close of the year now under review showed a total mileage of 30128. This car still presents a good appearance and continues in first class working order. The Police radio, installed in the Police car and main office early in May 1940 continues to give excellent service, and is a great asset to the public service.

The Police uniforms—suits and overcoats, supplied during the past year are satisfactory both in quality and fitting.

The steel cells, cell room, Arms, accoutrements and steel lockers are all in a good state of repair. During the year the offices and cell room were re-painted, while the floors of the offices were covered with a good serviceable battleship linoleum, which has greatly improved their appearance.

MID MUCK AND MIRE IN TUNISIA!



by PHILIP JORDAN

World-famous war correspondent, on the scene of battle with the British 1st Army, has sent this dispatch to General Motors of Canada from "Somewhere in Tunisia".

With the British 1st Army on the Tunisian Front—I am writing these words amid the muck and mire of Tunisia and I can hear the sounds of battle on a range of hills down a valley to the east. But neither I, nor our guns, nor our men, could be here at all were it not for the great work that has been done in the factories of North America. This campaign, more than any other I have seen in this war, depends on motor transport for its success. The enemy knows this. Daily they try to search our roads with their fighters, shooting up isolated vehicles as well as convoys. Nothing is too small for their attention. We are living in a world without railroads here, a world of twisting mountain roads that rise thousands of feet into the clouds: By day and night—the latter without lights of any kind—the allied forces move forward along these roads in trucks that you supply. Without them we would be immobile, still far back, some 500 miles, in the neighborhood of Algiers. As it is, our goals are in sight and from here I can see a bare mountain that rises just this side of Tunis.

One of the many splendid things about this allied campaign is the way in which our transport has withstood some of the most difficult conditions I have ever known. "Lame ducks"

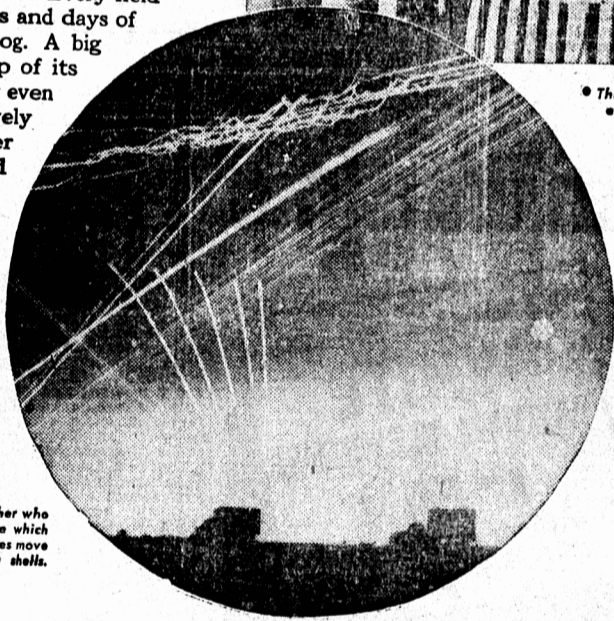
are rare, and this tribute is not only to those who are responsible for the maintenance of our vehicles but above all to those who built the trucks in which we move. Last month, I drove a daily average of well over 100 miles in a Chevrolet. Without it, I would have found it impossible to report the war for something like two million readers daily.

Veterans of many fronts say they have never seen such weather anywhere. Every field and all the side roads, after days and days of rain, are as bad as any Irish bog. A big armoured tank sank to the top of its turret in the muck the other day even after a solid week of comparatively dry weather. A crust forms over the ground, but it is thin and deceptive, and heavy vehicles break through. A few hours of sunshine are followed by walls of rain driven down by gales from the steep mountain sides.

This is a spot where your General Motors Transports are getting their severest test of the war. Trucks and more trucks are needed. We hope you're busy making them.



This lorry load of men travelled for three days and nights, through enemy territory of times, to get back to the British lines after being close to capture.



A remarkable close-up picture by an R.A.F. official photographer who directed his camera from a shallow sand hole at the wall of fire which sweeps raiding Axis aircraft. At night, without lights, the allied forces move up supplies in these trucks, shown against the fire of bursting shells.

Philip Jordan's direct cable is another confirmation of the statement that Canadian-built General Motors war products are serving in every theatre of war. Letters from many fronts, reaching workers in GM plants, further convince them that their jobs are vital to victory wherever a tough transport problem must be solved to support and supply our fighting forces.

VICTORY IS OUR BUSINESS

Carleton and Vicinity

Mr. Norman Campbell, Cape Traverse, was a week-end visitor to Charlottetown.

LAC James Heffel has arrived from British Columbia, to spend his leave with his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Larsen, Cape Traverse, and with Minard's KHis Pain.

Advertisement for LAC MAID eye drops, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and the text 'Bright eyes deserve LAC MAID MADE IN CANADA'.

Kensington And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Muttart, Carleton, spent several days very pleasantly in Charlottetown last week.

Mrs. Kenneth Muttart and little son, Clare, of Searletown, were guests of Mrs. Muttart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell MacDonald, Carleton, on Clare's second birthday, Wednesday, February 17th.

Mr. Edward MacPherson, Cape Traverse, returned Friday morning from a short visit with his son, Mr. Arthur MacPherson, Charlottetown.

Rev. J. H. Bishop, Carleton, was a passenger on the express from Charlottetown Thursday morning.

Mrs. Harry Webster, Augustine Cove, and her daughter, Mrs. Vance Dixon, North Tryon, spent several days in Charlottetown, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crockett, returning to their homes on Monday.

Messrs Boyd Lowther and John Haslam of Carleton drove to Summerside on Monday.

Mrs. Elmer Francis, Carleton, was in Charlottetown, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Chilcott, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Edna Howatt, Carleton, left Wednesday morning to join her husband, LAC. Chilcott at Debert.

Mrs. Nathan Bell, Carleton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Crilly Lea, Murray Harbor.

Mrs. Melville Bell, DeSable, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacWilliams, Cape Traverse.

Kensington And Vicinity

Miss Addie McMurdo and Mrs. Arcubald McMurdo of Keivini were visiting with relatives in Mount Rose recently.

Friends of Mr. George Hills are sorry to learn of his illness. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Delmer Adams of Dornley is visiting with his brother Mr. Glenwood Adams in Charlottetown.

Miss Irene Underhill spent the week end in Long River the guest of Miss Elva Paynter.

Among visitors to Summerside Monday were Messrs. Waldo Paynter and Mr. Willard Day.

Mrs. Ivan Duggan of Sea View is spending a few days with Mrs. Jack Burns in Kensington.

Miss Hazel Adams, R. N., of Summerside, was visiting in Kensington Saturday the guest of her brother Mr. Charlie Adams and Mrs. Adams.

Mr. Harry Underhill of French River was visiting in Charlottetown Monday.

Mr. Douglas Webster of Norboro was a visitor to Summerside on Tuesday.

Messrs. Linwood and William Toombs and Wayne Bowness of St. Eleanor's, spent the week end at their homes in Kensington.

FIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

Comic strip panels for FIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS. Panel 1: 'BUT GRAN'MA—I GOTTA GIVE ETHEL A BIRTHDAY PRESENT.' Panel 2: 'COME IN, ETHEL.' Panel 3: 'LOOK, MEBBE YOU'D LIKE THIS, I MADE IT.' Panel 4: 'OW--DON'T SIT ON THAT!' Panel 5: 'WELL, I HADDA L'L PAINT LEFT OVER FROM PAINTIN' TH' CHEST--SO I THOUGHT--' Panel 6: 'CAP MIGHT GIVE ETHEL A CAN OF PAINT REMOVER FOR HER BIRTHDAY.'

TILLIE THE TOILER HOT AND COLD.

Comic strip panels for TILLIE THE TOILER HOT AND COLD. Panel 1: 'GOSH, THERE'S COMMANDO BILL! WELL, IF HE COMES NEAR ME, I'LL FREEZE HIM WITH AN ICY STARE.' Panel 2: 'SEE, THERE'S TILLIE, SHE'D BETTER STAY AWAY FROM ME OR THE INDIGNATION IN MY EYES WILL SHIVER HER.' Panel 3: 'WOW! THOSE BLAZING EYES OF HERS NEARLY BURNED ME UP TO CRISP.' Panel 4: 'MERCY! BILL'S GLANCE WAS SO CHILLY IT MADE ME SHIVER.' Panel 5: 'RUSS (W/ STICK)'