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ANNUAL CIVIC REPORTS SUBMITTED AT LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

Comprehensive Review of the Year's Activities in the City Council By Mayor Jenkins and the Chairmen of the Various Committees—Financial Statement Shows Satisfactory Balance on the Right Side.

At a special meeting of the city council last night the annual reports for the year 1923 were submitted and adopted. These showed satisfactory results of the year's activities in the various departments. His Worship Major Jenkins, who presided, read the following address:—

To The Members of the City Council,

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I review the civic events of the year just closed, the second of my term as your presiding officer.

If payment of taxes be a correct indication of a community's financial health our position is most fortunate, for in this respect our citizens have been prompt and generous in their response. Amongst other evidences of the City's high financial standing is the splendid price realized upon our bond issue of this year. At the low interest rate of 5% we placed a total of $82,000.00 of City debentures, selling for $98.23, a price surely remarkable in comparison with other cities and securities and in the present state of the money market. These bonds were apportioned as follows:

For ordinary civic	18,500.00
For Fire department	7,000.00
For permanent works	50,000.00
For steam roller	6,500.00
Total issue	82,000.00

Issued by Water Commissioners.

Water debentures	7,000.00
Sewerage	4,000.00
Total issue	11,000.00

Maturing bonds to the amount of $66,800.00 were paid off during the year as follows:

Ordinary civic bonds	18,500.00
Fire department	3,500.00
Permanent works	12,800.00
Market house	15,000.00
Water debentures	6,000.00
Sewerage debentures	1,000.00
Total issue	56,800.00

Our revenue for the year, exclusive of debentures, amounted to $172,052.98. It will be interesting to note how this money has been expended. From each dollar collected electric lighting cost five cents, Police department eight cents, the School Board twenty cents, streets ten cents, Fire department four cents, interest thirty-one cents, sinking fund ten cents, market four cents, special grants one cent, making a total of ninety-three cents for uncontrolled expenditures and leaving the small sum of seven cents to meet all other outlays. These figures are approximate and not reduced to decimal exactness, but as they stand are an object lesson to our people of our very limited resources and should ensure greater patience with our Council when the multitude of demands for new expenditures are cautiously dealt with.

The several reports presented tonight will show the large amount of work done under direction of the various Committees, The Chairmen and members of which are entitled to thanks and congratulations upon the splendid services rendered. The average attendance at all Council meetings has been 98%, surely a creditable record.

I especially commend these several reports to the study and attention of our citizens. That of the City Surveyor being of first importance gives details of improvements that are well worthy of perusal. Those of the Health Officer, Hon. Dr. McMillan and Dr. Croken, Meat and Milk Inspector, are of equal if not of greater value in that they concern so deeply the question of the health of our people. These gentlemen have discharged their duties with credit to themselves and satisfaction to everybody. The Sanitary Officer Mr. James Bradley, has also given an efficient service.

Last May Councillor Rattray and myself were deputed to wait upon the Federal authorities in regard to the City's participation in the Highways Grant, and also to purchase a new steam roller. At a special meeting held not long ago we had the pleasure of announcing that the sum of $34,617.06 had been received from Ottawa as our 40% proportion or work already done on projects as approved by the Provincial and Federal Governments. When the balance of the work is completed further payments will be added to these. On my own behalf and on that of our Council and citizens let me express our sincere thanks to the press and to all those who aided us in this achievement. At Brantford we procured a new steam roller with scarifier attached which has already given excellent service in our street improvement operations.

Amongst the improvements for the year I might mention in addition to the purchase of the above mentioned steam roller the acquisition of a new ladder truck for the Fire Department and an expenditure of nearly $2,000.00 on market house repairs, the latter paid out of ordinary revenue. Greatly needed alterations were also made in the firemen's quarters, a large new building was erected on Queens wharf in which to store machinery and many other minor works of necessity too numerous to refer to in detail.

During the year the City was honored by a visit from His Majesty's representative. His Excellency Baron Byng accompanied by Lady Byng and suite, on which occasion we all co-operated in our best efforts to entertain, and make the vice-regal visit a happy and memorable one. Our visitors and guests were doubly welcomed, first as representing our beloved Sovereign and further because of His Excellency's brilliant record upon the field of battle in the Empire's day of danger. I feel sure that the occasion was one to cement our people more firmly in loyalty to our country and King.

Added to these visits was that of several ships of war, the officers and men from which were hospitably received and entertained by our people.

The Weekly Newspaper Association also paid us a visit on June 22 and were suitably welcomed and entertained by their fellow representatives of the Press of the Province and other prominent ladies and gentlemen.

The Committee of citizens having in charge the question of a site and suitable memorial monument for our heroes who fought and fell in the Great War made a report on April 30, which was adopted unanimously by the Board. The contract was awarded to G. W. Hill, the noted sculptor of Montreal, the cost to be $16,000.00. Of this amount $1,000.00 has been paid on account leaving a balance of $4,103.39 in the Bank. Bonds will have to be issued or other means adopted to meet the remainder of the cost. The foundation has already been laid on the north side of Queen Square and the work will be completed next Spring.

On June 11 Councillor Smith resigned his seat in the Council to accept appointment to the vacant position of market clerk. Councillor Taylor was elected to fill this vacancy and has proved to be a worthy member of the Board. I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing the thanks of myself and our citizens to Ex-Councillor Smith for his long and faithful service as a member of this Council. In his new office he is an energetic and acceptable official.

During the year Mr. J. D. O'Connell, known over the continent as the Orphans' Friend, gave an outing to the orphans and poor children and also donated the sum of $2,000.00 to be funded for outings for the poor and orphan children of the City. We thank Mr. O'Connell for his kindly act.

Under the housing scheme $50,000.00 was received by the local Government for the use of the City of Charlottetown. Of this amount $15,000.00 has been drawn and $12,500.00 paid out. A commission consisting of Messrs, Henry Craswell, F. P. Hennessey and John Henderson was appointed to handle this matter and these men have done excellent work. Five individuals have taken advantage of the scheme. The balance of the money is still available.

A bye-law concerning the inspection and erection of buildings was passed by this Board. This act has been carefully framed and should go a long way towards curtailing our fire loss.

The Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply present as usual a very excellent report. This department of the City has been well managed. The sum of $5,000.00 has this year been placed to the credit of the Water and Sewerage sinking fund account out of ordinary civic revenue.

Much has been accomplished during the year but much still remains to be done. A delegation of ladies waited upon play grounds and open air skating rinks in our City. I am a firm believer in this movement and am convinced that if put into operation it would result in raising the standards and living of our young people and to a large extent educe any tendency to wrong doing and crime. I respectfully bespeak from our successors in office an active and earnest interest in this matter.

In closing permit me to tender my sincere thanks to our efficient City Clerk, Mr. Nicholson, Miss Cameron his assistant, the City Collectors Messrs. Vanderstine and Large, all of whom have been most obliging, attentive to duty and of valuable assistance in our civic labors.

Gratefully I desire to thank the representatives of the Press for their unvarying courtesy and their concise and excellent reports of our meetings.

To all our officials in all departments and to all the members of our Council Board I extend my heartfelt thanks for their friendly and valuable cooperation with me during my term of office. This loyalty and faithful devotion to duty and the spirit of service and sympathy evinced will ever remain in my grateful remembrance.

Yours Faithfully,

R. H. JENKINS,
Mayor.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Jan. 21, 1924.

Financial Report

In presenting the financial report for the yast year, Coun. Morgan, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he was very well pleased with the result of the year's work, the collection of taxes having been most satisfactory, despite the handicap of the temporary illness of the collector, Mr. Vanderstine who however was able to be on duty during the latter part of the year. The collector and his assistant have been very efficient. Reference was also made to the efficient work of the Sanitary Officer, James Bradley.

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HIS WORSHIP MAYOR R. H. JENKINS

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NEW IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A new immigration pact has been entered into between Great Britain and Canada under the Empire Settlement Act, and it is to continue from year to year at the pleasure of both signatories thereto.

Under the terms of the agreement each emigrant is to receive $80, towards the cost of his transportation and care and expense of his children up to age of 17 years. This is to be a grant out of hand, not a loan and in the case of household workers where necessary 100 percent of cost of their transportation except on British railways will be advanced as loans. These household workers who remain on farms for one year are each to receive a rebate of 6£ upon payment of money advanced to them.

The "nomination" plan provides that a person residing in the Dominion may name a person in Great Britain to whom it is desired that assisted passage may be given by the government.

PASSES AWAY IN WEST

(Canadian Press)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 21—Archibald Johnston Laird, veteran contractor formerly of Saskatoon and Alberton, P. E. I. died here.

He was born in P. E. Island eighty years ago.

Non-confidence Vote In Baldwin Gov't Carried

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Labor Amendment recording non-confidence in the Baldwin Government was carried in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 328 to 256.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Public opinion is becoming more and more centered upon Arthur Henderson as the probable Home Secretary in the Labor Government and the belief that J. H. Thomas is slated for the Colonial Secretaryship is growing. The latest suggestion with regard to Lord Haldane is that he will head the admiralty.

FORMER PREMIER ASQUITH

Asquith Seals Baldwin's Fate On Amendment

Clynes Says Labor Government Will Consider Transfer of Population

LONDON, January 17 — Today's proceedings in the House of Commons made a certainty of what all along has been predicted, namely, the defeat of the Baldwin Government.

Former Premier Asquith ensured the downfall of the Conservatives and the accession of the Labor Party to power when, following the introduction of a motion of lack of confidence by Rt.-Hon. J. R. Clynes he said he would vote for this motion and advised all his followers to do the same.

Nothing short of upheaval, namely, the wholly improbable desertion of a large number of the members to the Conservative flag, can save the Government, which will go to the guillotine Monday evening, according to the present programme. After introducing the "no confidence" motion in the form of an amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech. Mr. Clynes scored the Tory regime both for what it had done and what it did not do during the last twelve months.

The speech from the throne, he declared was inaccurate in stating that Great Britain's relations with foreign powers remained friendly. If the relations with Russia were friendly, he asked, why had not Russia been recognized.

"Was it because Russia had not undertaken to pay her debts? If that was to be a bar to recognition, how was it that France had a representative in London.

"Our position abroad is weaker than ever before," he asserted. "Our influence in foreign affairs has almost disappeared. When France needed our aid it was given without stint against Germany. Our claim now to influence the peace policy is

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STATISTICAL REVIEW OF THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY

Comparative Review of the Fisheries of the Province For the Past Two Years Show Encouraging Increase in Some Branches.

The following statistics of the fisheries of the Province of P. E. Island for the calendar year 1923 will be read with interest:—

Owing to unusual weather conditions the ice did not leave the shores until well on in May, consequently, lobster fishing did not become general until May 18th. Fine weather followed and a normal catch was obtained, with the exception of that part of the coast from Nail Pond to Victoria where the catch was one-third less than that of last year. There was no loss of gear. The fishermen received good prices, especially in Prince County where a large portion of the catch was sold in the shell and fancy prices realized. On the whole the season might well be termed a successful one.

In 1923, in comparison with 1922 there was an increase of nine canneries, with an increase of 76,189 traps. As a result of the decrease in the market value of canned lobsters it is not anticipated that this fishery will be carried on to the same extent in the season 1924.

Spring herring fishing was good yielding an increase of 13,897 cwt. The canneries, therefore, were well supplied with bait during the entire season.

The codfish industry suffered a decrease of 4,202 cwt., due, no doubt, to the low prices offered at the opening of the season. A large number of fishermen left the Province to secure more lucrative employment elsewhere. The fish were very plentiful all summer and towards the latter part of the season good prices were realized, so that those who followed up this fishery were well paid for their labor.

There was a decrease of 168 cwt. in the haddock catch; also a decrease of 4,780 cwt. in hake and cusk.

Although spring mackerel were plentiful the fishermen did not fish to any extent on account of the low prices offered in the American market and the high cost of transportation; the duty, too, was quite a factor in discouraging fishermen from shipping to the above mentioned market. Quite a few mackerel were caught with hook and line in Queens County, and good prices were obtained for same.

There was a decrease of 1176 barrels of oysters this year, due to the fact that there were 79 fishermen less fishing this season. The buyers were very particular in purchasing only full-sized oysters; consequently the demand was good throughout the season and fancy prices were realized. East and West Rivers, and tributaries, also Vernon, Seal, and Orwell Rivers are well stocked with young oysters and we are looking forward to a good catch next year. When going over the oyster beds in Richmond Bay, one, two, and three-year-old oysters were examined and found in a healthy condition, but the beds are so badly silted that the spat cannot catch and before the beds will become productive, they will have to be cleaned. It is our intention next summer, with the help of a few local men, to clean part of a bed and deposit two or three barrels of oysters on same in order to ascertain whether or not the blight still exists. This is a good move, as the Department would scarcely be justified in spending money cleaning the beds until it was a positive fact that the oysters would not contract the disease which has been prevalent in the rivers of Prince County for the last seven or eight years.

There was an increase of 15 cwt. in the catch of salmon, Morell, Kings County, being the only place where this fishery was carried on. This increase is due to the fact that the fishing season was extended from the 15th to the 31st August. It is expected that there will be further development in this fishery in the near future as salmon were quite plentiful after August 15th in at least a dozen of the streams. Alberton, New London, and Richmond Bays are well suited for salmon fishing. The fishermen at Morell received from 20 to 25 cents per pound for their catch last season and this should be an inducement for others to engage in this valuable and profitable fishery. For fishing at Morell three nets of 20 fathoms each are used, a pound is made of one net, while the others are used as leaders; the total cost of these nets is about $75.00, but, in view of the great demand for salmon and the high prices paid for same, this should offer no difficulty to those engaged in this fishery, a considerable development in this industry within the next two years is therefore anticipated. A few salmon were caught by angling but there is no means of ascertaining the exact number caught.

Smelt fishing was good; the fish were large especially those caught with gill-nets. There was an excellent demand for them, and those engaged in this fishery were well paid for their time and labor. Bag-net fishing was delayed as the ice did not make in the rivers until the last days of December. Heavy catches are reported for the first two weeks of January from all parts of the Province.

Fisheries Protection Service

It is pleasing to report that there was very little illegal lobster fishing this season. The new system of protection inaugurated last spring, that of long-term guardians patrolling the shore from West Point to Richmond Bay, afforded splendid results, and, if the same system is employed for another year or more, there is no doubt that illegal lobster fishing in this Province will be a thing of the past.

Canneries in Operation

No. of Canneries in Operation in 1923	195
No. of Canneries in Operation in 1922	186
Excess over 1922	9

Number of Traps

No. of traps used in 1923	385,140
No. of traps used in 1922	308,851
Excess over 1922	76,189

Confiscations

Confiscation of articles used in violation of Fishery Reg-

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Annual Meeting St. James Church

The Annual Meeting of St. James Congregation held last night in the Church hall was very largely attended. The pastor, Rev. W. Orr Mulligan, occupied the chair during the devotional exercises, after which Mr. K. J. Martin, Chairman of Trustees, took the chair, and Mr. W. A. Stewart was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Reports of the different organizations connected with the church were then read. The Guild, of which Miss Edna A. Ross is secretary, and Miss Margaret F. Irving treasurer, reported total receipts for the year $660.42.

The Ladies Aid Society, of which Mrs. A. E. Morrison is President, and Miss Katharine C. Irving is secretary, reported the work of the year as very satisfactory.

The Canadian Girls in Training,

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Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

RATES.—2 cents per word each insertion.

**We Buy Feathers. Beer & Yeeks.

**Catholic Women's League Whist, Rosary Hall tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. 1i.

**Grand Concert at North Wiltshire Hall Tuesday evening, January 22nd. Radio program included. Come and bring your friends.

**The annual banquet of Marshfield Farmers Institute will be held in Marshfield Hall, Wednesday, January 23rd at 7.30 o'clock; if not fine following evening. 1i.

**Afton Hall, New Dominion, Wednesday evening, Jan. 23rd. 7.30 Burns Concert and lecture on Robert Burns by Rev. Colin U. MacNevin, B. A. Admission 25 and 15 cts. Home-made candy also for sale. 1113-1-22-1i.

**Horse Race—The Fair Play trot will hold a race at the Oyster Bed Bridge ice on Wednesday, 23rd January at 1 o'clock sharp. There will be three classes, 3 minute, 2.50 and Green Race. 1105-1-22-1i

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Maritime fresh to strong westerly wind, fair and decidedly cold.

Temperature yesterday: Maximum 26, Minimum 7.

High tide this morning at 11.39 and tonight at 11.01.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.51 and rises tomorrow at 7.31.

Last quarter moon Tuesday, Jany. 29th, 1.53 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.