

Civic Accounts

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egally have shown a very substantial surplus for the year.

When the estimates for 1930 were prepared by our predecessors, which was not the custom of former years, an increased revenue from our new assessment system was anticipated and increased expenditures were allowed, but their expectations were not realized.

With the ever increasing demand on our revenue and the apparent negligence of a large number of our citizens in paying their taxes, and unless they are taught to realize their civic responsibilities it will not be hard to forecast the financial condition of the City in the near future.

The sum of \$67,000.00 in School debentures issued since 1922 (the year the School Board were authorized to issue their own debentures) and shown in the School Trustees report (Folio 178 City's Annual Report 1929) was not reflected in the Balance Sheet and the same applies to the sum of \$36,500.00 in Housing debentures (balance of \$50,000.00 previously issued). These omissions have been corrected and are now shown in their proper light but will add considerably to our Bonded Debt statement this year, which shows a net balance of \$1,372,898.61 after deducting \$210,201.39 which is the total amount of all Sinking Funds to date.

The Council are authorized under Section 124, Cap. 17, 1903 of Acts of Incorporation of the City of Charlottetown, to issue debentures to the amount of five times the assessment actually collected preceding the issue of debentures, and have power under Section 125 of said Act to issue new debentures for repayment of debentures falling due. They can also issue debentures by Special Legislation but this does not effect the amount authorized by Act of Incorporation previously stated. Whilst the City up to the present time is acting strictly within its bounds, we are strongly of the opinion that on sound economic principles an adequate sinking fund should be provided for repayments of all debenture issues

by the Council or for which the Council are responsible. With this end in view, we would therefore recommend that before the re-codification of our laws are completed, the Council ask the Provincial Government to have the City Corporation Act so amended that promiscuous borrowing may be eliminated in the future and the interests of the bond holders further safeguarded.

At the present time there is on deposit in the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$129,201.39 to the credit of various sinking funds, bearing interest at 4%. We consider it would be good business if the whole or a part of this amount were invested in Provincial Securities, should a larger interest rate be obtainable and would advise that your Committee be instructed to thoroughly investigate this matter at an early date.

Owing to a leading editorial which appeared in the Charlottetown Guardian at the end of March, 1930, calling the citizens' attention to the state of the Civic finances and also letters which subsequently appeared in the Patriot newspaper on the same subject, your Committee with the assistance of an expert accountant, have made a close examination of the City's financial affairs during the year.

With the exception of a few minor errors already referred to in this report, dealing with debentures, we do not feel justified in asking for an external audit at this time. It is our opinion it could only end in additional expense, which we can ill afford, and be of no actual benefit to our citizens.

Your Committee have endeavored without fear or favor, to give you a true and comprehensive report of the City's financial standing. We trust the citizens will appreciate our endeavors and consider impartially the conditions under which we have labored to give them a good honest financial statement.

Signed on behalf of the Finance Committee,

E. A. FOSTER, Chairman, M. W. REARDON, W. M. BURKE, Members of Committee.

RECEIPTS

Table with columns for item description and amount. Total receipts for 1930: \$241,054.90.

PAYMENTS

Table with columns for item description and amount. Total payments for 1930: \$282,433.74.

Looking 'Em Over Central Guardian

BY TEC

NEW COACH ON JOB Bill Gillisple, recently appointed Abegweit Coach, had his team on the ice last night, and put them through a stiff hour's practice.

As a close student of Canada's National pastime, and an authority on the game, in a great many respects, Gillisple needs little introduction. Being a former hockeyist of no mean repute, Bill naturally loves the game, and during his absence from the province for a good many years he had the rare opportunity of following from a vantage point, the destinies from year to year, of the greatest teams in the world. This experience and knowledge which he has no doubt imbibed of quite freely, will stand him in good stead in his team's up-hill battle for the P. E. Island hockey championship. Gillisple's many friends and followers of the Abegweit hockey team will wish him every success and jolly good luck.

WILLIAMS BACK IN GAME

The return of "Chick" Williams to the Abegweit fold last night was joyously welcomed by the hundreds of "rail-birds" at the Forum who watched the big meteor flash over the icy surfaces like nobody's business. Williams will be a big cog in the machine that is pitted against Crystals tonight.

'THE WHOLE TOWN'S TALKING'

Tonight's second section opener between Abegweits and Crystals has got the city and suburbs by the ears. Wherever one goes, the chief topic of conversation is the big game tonight. The locals are determined to make Crystals skate every inch of the way, if they expect to return West with a victory tonight.

BIG CROWD COMING ON SPECIAL

Ralph Silliphant, playing coach of the Summerside puck chasers, in a long distance telephone conversation yesterday, stated that the interest in tonight's game in his own ballwick, is so intense that the special train will groan with the weight of ardent admirers and rooters when it pulls out of Summerside.

LOWTHER WILL REFEREE

Lester Lowther will again be on the whistle—Nuff sed!

ABEGWEIT LINEUP

Goal—Stull; Defence—Williams, Power, Spillett; Forwards—Squarebriggs, Saunders, Nicholson, Lawlor, Gillis, McDonald.

TOMORROW NIGHT

The Juniors and "Industrialists" will be at it tomorrow night. The Juniors will get away first, followed by two good games in the Industrial League.

The color scheme of the Juniors is Queen Hotel—Brown with a white "Q"; Gyros—Purple and yellow; Silver Foxes—White and black, with a fox crest.

THE RESIDENCE RULE

A "Sport Fan" writing to this column says:

I saw in the Guardian recently where a solemn discussion was indulged in by the executive of the Prince County League re eligibility of McFarlane to play in Kensington. Was greatly surprised to learn that it was because he had broken residence rule requiring players to reside in place for which they played as early as May. Is this residence rule really being taken seriously? If so, executive have some further solemn discussions ahead of them concerning other players. We enjoy their hockey, "Tec," but would rather they go soft pedal on those "b-d-time stories."

Yes, the residence rule is taken seriously, especially when a player is exceptionally good and his presence develops into a thorn which pricks the sides of any opposing teams.

However, the residence rule as it reads, is not taken very seriously by our sister provinces, which have imported players by the bale—and then some. The idea of the clause being inserted into the M. A. H. A. constitution, was put there to stop this very thing and at the same time to eliminate the professional taint which is very prevalent in Maritime hockey of today. If this continues there will be little amateur hockey played in the lower provinces in 1933.

Patriotic Sinking Fund 95.00 Soldiers' Monument Sinking Fund 347.00 Public Library Sinking Fund 335.00 Market House Sinking Fund 65.00 17,557.00

Debentures redeemed 22,500.00 Expenditures 282,433.74 Receipts 211,054.90

Excess of Expenditures over Receipts \$ 41,378.84 Audited and found correct, T. M. McMillan, R. P. Forsythe, Auditors.

The residence clause only applies to clubs affiliated with the M. A. H. A. and playing organized hockey.

"BAD HOMBRES"

The Moncton Transcript says: Reg Shields' pugilistic brand of hockey does not seem to go good in Nova Scotia. He is not much help to the Bearcats, while under suspension. None of the players of his calibre are. One can't go around with a chip on one's shoulder very long without eventually incurring the wrath of the fans and moguls. Today he was joined by Howard Murray, Wolverines defense man and Ernie Mosher, Kentville flash, who staged a free for all in Monday night's league game. They are under suspension for a week.

Barred for a week—In the writer's opinion, players who continually break hockey rules in this manner, should be barred for life—even longer than that, "Tec."

DO NOT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Whether by accident or design—none "knoweth"—but the fact remains that in the huge Chicago Stadium there is a flag of almost every nation in the world, except of Great Britain and Canada. If this is an oversight, it is a bad one; if intentional, it does no credit to those who own the structure. Hockey is the only sport paying its way in the stadium that the late Paddy Harmon built. Courtesy alone should have averted such a situation, even in the city of which "Big Bill" Thompson is mayor.

SATURDAY'S HORSE RACES

The following are the starters in Saturday's race meet which will be held on the Harbor Ice, east of Hillsboro Bridge: Class A Pace Lucky Lindy, Billy Cope, Major S. A. Trot Captain Jackson, Peter Verde, Briar Mac, Watts Edition.

Class B, Trot Mack Todd, Ruth S., Hastings Echo.

Class C, Trot Peter Wilton Jr., Woodford Scott, Mary Volo, La Rico, Cecilia The Great.

Sudden Death At Mount Tryon

William McEwen, Mount Tryon, dropped dead yesterday afternoon from an attack of heart failure. He had been hauling hay, and while going through his gate, the load jammed against the gate post. He walked a short distance to a neighbor's house for the loan of an axe. He then cut off the post and returned to the gate.

While in the act of climbing onto the load, he fell backward. He was seen by a neighbor from a window, who immediately went to his assistance, and found that the unfortunate man had passed away.

The body was carried into the residence of Mr. Frank Cobb, Dr. Boyer was summoned to hold an inquest. This, however, on looking into the facts, was altogether unnecessary, the deceased for some years having complained of his heart.

The late Mr. McEwen was 55 years of age. He was unmarried and lived alone. His brothers, who are in the State of Maine, were communicated with, he having no relatives at the present time on the Island.

His funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Enjoyable Time At The "Y"

Last night was Y's Menettes night at the Y. M. C. A. when upwards of sixty seven, including many Y's men were present. After a sumptuous repast, served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. an enjoyable Sing Song, led by George Johnston, was indulged in. Things went along alright until Jack McNair struck a discord or something like that, and matters no doubt would have become serious, had not Harry Laphorn's wonderful bass voice broken in to drown the noise. Mr. McNair acted as chairman. After a number of eloquent and inspiring addresses, the following musical program was rendered: Violin solo, Mr. Archie Hume; reading, Miss Viola Richardson; solo, Mrs. Nell MacLean; violin solo, Miss Thelma Teed; piano and harmonica duet, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burke.

A short address on "Why I Like Women" was given by the president, Mr. James McPadyen. He also spoke on the Y's men as a service club. The chairman announced that the Forum was procured by the Y's Mens Club every Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 till the latter part of February. The most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

Wester Guardian

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE SUMMERSIDE for Charlottetown this afternoon at 4.45. Come and see a great game. Fare \$1.65. 2014

BIRTHS

DOUGLAS—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Jan. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Douglas, a son.

CIVIC DEFICIT

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Financial Report, moved by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Reardon, and supported by Councillors Kennedy, McDougald and Holman.

The report showed an apparent deficit of \$41,378.84. This was accounted for by the finance committee chairman as due partly to an increased expenditure but largely to shrinkage from uncollected taxes. Had the precedent of borrowing in lieu of uncollected taxes been followed he said

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SOMETHING NOVEL—Potatoes in 15 lb. hemp bags, 25c. a bag. Coffin & Co. 2015

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GOVERNMENT INTERVIEWED RE SUBSIDY

—Yesterday a delegation from the Charlottetown Board of Trade consisting of Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh and Mr. R. E. Mutch, waited upon the Provincial Government with regard to the matter of provincial subsidy claims. The committee will report in due time. It is understood that Premier Lea explained that the subsidy claims for this Province had been gone into by the Dominion Board of Audit, but that the personnel of the board had been changed since the present federal Government came into power.

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FIRST EVER offered in our city, 15 lb. hemp bags G. M. potatoes, packed by J. L. Douglas, 25c a bag. See our window, Coffin & Co. 2015

CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY

Wildy Lodge, I. O. O. F. celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Wildy, founder of the Oddfellows in the American Continent. During the evening Bridge and Auction Forty Fives were indulged in. The prize winners were: Auction—Percy Worth; consolation, Douglas Goss. Ladies—Miss B. M. Stewart; consolation, Mrs. Garnham; bridge, Mrs. Hazel Henry; consolation, Miss Florence MacDonald. Gentleman—James Campbell; consolation, C. S. Drew—Lucky Chair, prizes, Miss Helen Finlayson, Mr. George McDougald. Refreshments were served. Upwards of one hundred were present.

CIVIL DAMAGE CASE CONTINUED

—In the Supreme Court yesterday the case of John L. Hawkins, vs. William Munn and the Nicholson Oil Company, action for damages arising out of a motor accident on July 5th last, was continued before Mr. Justice Arsenault and a jury. The witnesses examined were Dr. I. J. Yeo, Dr. R. F. Seaman, Ruth Hawkins, Constable Jay, Cyrice Gallant, clerk in the Provincial Treasury, Ronald Jamieson, Summerside, R. H. Stewart, Assistant Provincial Secretary, and the plaintiff, who was undergoing direct examination when the Court adjourned at five o'clock, to resume this morning at 10.30. Much of the evidence yesterday concerned records in connection with the defendant oil company.

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Public Property Committee

Report, moved by Councillor McDougald, seconded by Councillor Reardon, and supported by Councillor Blanchard:

"We beg leave to report the following work done. During the year just closed a new set of scales was installed on the Market Square, and the building housing same put in proper repair. The whole north side of the Square was laid off in sidewalks and space for parking cars. This work has added very much to the appearance of the city, and has given the people a better chance for parking their cars and doing business around town.

"The breast work at Victoria Park was also plankted over, the concrete recently done under contract, and now the work will stand the strain of ice and heavy tides. The railing around the park drive way was all repaired. Repairs were done to the Park buildings, and the roadway leading from the Battery to Brighton Road was widened and built up, making a very presentable street. This work, in the opinion of the Public Property Committee, should be taken over by the Street Department. General repairs were done to the bathing houses and during the swimming season we had a man looking after those houses, and, needless to say, this was very much appreciated by our citizens. The dump was also well looked after and during the summer the bog was pretty well filled up.

All the repairs around the city buildings have been well looked after. Work is progressing very favorably on the new City Hall annex and we expect to have the work going full blast when the weather is permissible for the laying of brick. This work, when completed, will add greatly to help in all departments of the civic administration."

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Market Committee report

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a substantial surplus for the year could have been shown.

Councillor Holman asked if interest was charged on taxes in arrears. Councillor Foster replied in the negative.

His worship expressed the opinion that it would be necessary, in order to make a balanced budget to compel delinquent citizens to pay their taxes. Street Committee Report (including the report of the City Surveyor) was moved by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor McDougald and supported by Councillors Foster and Holman. To the City Surveyor's report Councillor Kennedy added the following explanation:

As chairman of the street committee I beg leave to make the following explanation in connection with the City Surveyor's report:

1st—You will notice in the salary of the mechanical engineer the amount paid by the street department as being \$1380.00, an increase of \$1074.00; this was brought about owing to the fact that heretofore this mechanic was paid out of the Fire Department with the exception of \$380.00 being paid by the street department.

2nd—You will note the surveyors salary as being \$1500.00; this was for full years service. Last year only employed two thirds of the time, which will make a difference of \$500.

3rd—Street cleaning shows an increase of \$686 brought about by larger area and greater demands

4th—Removing snow increased to the extent of \$890, owing to greater demands by the citizens.

5th—Increase in operation of water sprinkler by \$166; greater demands by citizens.

6th—Street sweeping, larger area, necessitating three extra sweepers; the area in the past two years' being increased by over two miles, the increase \$2276.

7th—Gas and oil costs increased to the extent of \$253, owing to extra work involved.

8th—An item of hickory for brooms (none in reserve in 1929, \$90.

9th—Chain hoist now in use in the mechanics department, \$134.

10th—New street cans purchased, \$144.

11th—Three horses purchased, \$610 former horses sold realising \$200, receipts of which went into ordinary revenue.

Might add owing to the increased number of autos greater demand is made on this department than heretofore. If these demands are to be met better facilities will have to be provided entailing extra charges on the city.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Mayor and the full Council together with the engineer for their kind cooperation at all times.

Tender Committee report moved by Councillor Dougan, seconded by Councillor McDougald and supported by Councillor Holman. It was explained that in all cases when tenders were opened the lowest tenders were considered.

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Market Committee report

Moved by Councillor Blanchard, seconded by Councillor Holman and

supported by Councillor McDougald:

"In February our city weigh scales were condemned by the Government Inspector, which meant the purchase of a new set of twenty ton auto scales which are giving good satisfaction.

"The weigh scale house was painted on the outside and inside, also new shingles were placed on the roof which made a very attractive building.

"The number of loads weighed on scales for the year, less the time scales were being installed, was 9,350 loads.

"The Committee also purchased a number of small articles for keeping the Library clean. This work was done by the engineer.

"In the Market Building some of the heating system was changed in order to give better service. A few radiators were shut off on account of being defective.

"The gentlemen's toilets have been closed as they were unfit for use. We would recommend that they be taken out and the room used by the Market Clerk for storage.

"The Fish Market has new screen doors and windows placed in order to overcome hite fly nuisance. We tried to have this place kept as sanitary as possible.

"Some small repairs were done for Mr. Burke and Saunders and New-some.

"Some plastering was done in the basement due to leaking radiators above.

"We are strongly in favor of making a number of offices on the west side to give more revenue as quite a number of stalls are vacant.

"Total receipts for scales, fish market stalls and market tolls were \$5,346.48.

"The buildings are at present in good condition."

The Police Committee Report (published elsewhere in this issue) was moved by Coun. Holman, seconded by Coun. Blanchard and supported by Coun. Burke.

Commendation of the efficiency of the City Police Force was voiced by the speakers.

No Tubercular Meat

The Milk and Meat Report was moved by Councillor Foster, and seconded by Coun. Burke. Dr. O'Brien's services as Milk and Meat Inspector receiving the praise of the Council.

His Worship suggested that the absence of any tubercular meat (throughout the year), as indicated in the report, should receive special notice in the press.

Fire Committee Report

Moved by Coun. Reardon, seconded by Couns. Foster and McDougald.

"The number of alarms responded to in 1930 by the Fire Department was 92, made up as follows: general alarms, 37, still alarms, 55.

"A new pumping engine has been provided for the Department, bringing the entire equipment equal to any in the Maritime Provinces.

"The usual number of rubber coats and hats were supplied the Department this year, replacing ones discarded.

"The Department during the year lost through death a member of the Hook and Ladder Company in the person of Melville Proud, who had served the Department for twenty-three years.

"An assistant caretaker has been appointed to the department."

Light Committee

Moved by Coun. Burke, seconded by Coun. Blanchard and supported by Coun. Holman:

"During the month of April last, your Committee visited the Light and Power Plant and was received very kindly by the manager, Mr. McEwen. A report of that visit was handed to the City Clerk, and may be seen at any time, therefore we feel it is not necessary to go into further details regarding the said report.

"On several occasions your Committee visited the Light and Power Plant during the year, and are pleased to report that the Company are improving their Plant and adding new equipment from time to time. A new smoke stack has been completed. This stack is 175 feet high and is self supporting. It has a capacity for double the number of boilers now in use. A new boiler is also being installed during the year, and a number of other improvements have been added.

"At present there are 278 lights in operation in the city, 181 are 100 candle power, 64 are 250 candle power, and 43 are 400 candle power.

"During the year one new light was placed at the entrance to the Park Roadway, near the Cundell Home.

"Your Committee regret that a number of street lights were destroyed Halloween night, last, costing the Light Company about \$200 to replace. We suggest that in future, strict vigilance be kept, and should this vandalism be repeated again, that the guilty parties be brought to justice and compelled to pay the damages.

"With the improvements which have been added to the Light Plant in many ways during the year, your Committee feel satisfied that our Light Plant, under the capable management of Mr. McKee, are doing all in their power to give the City of Charlottetown the best possible service."

Coun. Holman expressed the opinion that the time was near for insisting upon cheaper lighting facilities. Comparatively few citizens were benefited under the present plan, he declared.

The report of the Health Officer, published elsewhere in this issue, was read and adopted.

The reports of the City Clerk and of the Sanitary Officer followed. The latter showed that there are 460 houses without sewerage and that pigsties still constitute a nuisance in some quarters. Sanitary inspection during the year was well maintained. Officer Bradley was praised for his efficient work as sanitary inspector.

The adoption of the School Report called forth the praise of Mayor Prowse for the pension system adopted by the School Board. The Secretary, Mr. T. E. MacNutt, was commended upon his report.

The adoption of the Water Commissioner's report was moved by Coun. Foster and seconded by Coun. Burke.

His Worship announced that it was the intention to consider by-law respecting the Fire Department, but owing to the lateness of the hour this matter would be taken up at the regular monthly meeting in February.

The meeting then adjourned.

Stewart Jones & Co. Correspondents of Greenshields & Co. Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange 88 Great George St., Charlottetown

Popularity Earned SINCE over a quarter of a century ago when the original unit of the present SUSSEX GINGER ALE, LIMITED was established, Sussex Ginger Ale and Stone Ginger Beer have grown constantly in popularity and public demand. During 1930, in order to cope with this demand for these old established beverages, drastic changes and additions to plant facilities were made, which have resulted in practically doubling the former manufacturing capacity of the Company. Not earnings for the year ended December 31, 1930, have amply justified these additions to the Company's plant. We recommend Sussex Ginger Ale 7% Cumulative Participating Convertible Preferred Stock at \$40 per share (Par) to yield 7%. Plus transfer tax. Detailed information on request. Eastern Securities Company LIMITED H. V. DUNBAR, Manager Charlottetown Montreal Halifax St. John Moncton Summerside Fredericton