

CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS PRESENTED

Revenue Receipts Increased In Water Works Dept.

Encouraging Report Submitted By Commissioners Of Sewers & Water Supply.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

The Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply for the City of Charlottetown herewith submit the forty-eighth Annual Report of the Department.

No extensive construction work was required during the past year. Necessary water and sewer mains were laid as follows:—

- 208 feet 4 inch water pipe on Kensington Road.
- 178 feet 4 inch water pipe on School Street.
- 68 feet 14 inch water pipe at Reservoir.
- 178 feet 6 inch sewer pipe on School Street.
- 130 feet 5 inch sewer pipe on Rochford Square.

In the above we laid one hundred and thirty (130) feet of three quarter (3/4) inch water main on Rochford Square and seventy-five (75) feet on Esker Street.

The Kensington Road extension was laid to connect with the Connolly Estate pipe line, the entire cost of which was paid for by the Connolly Estate. This sub-division is supplied by meter with a minimum yearly rate of \$20.00 for each connected residence.

In cooperation with the City Council eleven hundred (1100) feet of two (2) inch pipe and three hundred (300) feet three quarter (3/4) inch pipe were laid from Brighton Road across Victoria Park to the keeper's house. The Charlottetown Tennis Club is connected with this service being served by meter.

Four (4) six (6) inch and two (2) four (4) inch gates and one (1) fourteen (14) inch gate were placed during the year.

Three old hydrants were replaced with new ones.

Thirty-nine (39) buildings were connected with the water works system and thirty-two (32) buildings with the sewerage system in 1935. These connections included services to twenty (20) new buildings.

To meet the expenditure necessitated by the above construction work and to wipe out an accumulated deficit in the bank on Construction Accounts, seven thousand (7,000.00) dollars, 4 per cent, twenty year water debentures, and three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, 4 per cent, twenty year sewer debentures were issued on December 15th which sold locally at par.

At the close of the year we had the following credit balances at the bank:—

Water Construction Account	\$1,561.31
Sewer Construction Account	800.35
House Connections Account	103.10

The past two winters have put most water works systems to a severe test, the frost penetrating to a very low depth. This was particularly true on paved streets where snow had been removed for motor traffic. At one of the meetings of the Canadian Water Works Association the City of Ottawa reported that in one winter Ottawa had 1,672 services and 27 mains frozen, while nearly 100 hydrants required to be thawed out daily. Other cities reported similar experiences. In Charlottetown, because the mains and services have been always laid with ample covering and particular attention has been paid to all hydrants before and during the winter months, we have never had a frozen main, only a very few frozen services, while less than half a dozen hydrants have been frozen in nearly fifty years of operation. It is true that our method of installation makes the original cost slightly higher, but the low yearly maintenance charges more than offset the higher original cost.

Over one thousand (1,000) orders were issued by the office in 1935 for turn-on and off of water. Eight hundred and sixty-seven (867) of these, being caused by persons moving.

At the close of the year there are 3,035 dwellings, stores etc. using water supplied by this Department, 2,845, or over 87 per cent of the water users have plumbing fixtures.

Collections during 1935 required more constant and effective enforcement than in any previous year. The Department endeavored in every way possible to cooperate with consumers who were out of employment, or who for other reasons had difficulty in paying their rates. Only in a few cases, where we found it absolutely impossible to get any satisfaction or cooperation from the consumer, was it necessary to discontinue service.

The total revenue received during the year was \$51,489.45 as compared with \$50,671.78 received last year.

Following is a comparative statement of revenue for the years 1934 and 1935:—

Water	\$34,721.45	\$35,019.96
House	141.00	137.50
Stables, Barns, etc.	303.00	299.25

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CITY POLICE REPORT FOR PAST YEAR

Following is the report of the City Police Office for the year ended Dec. 31, 1935, as submitted by Chief of Police Birtwistle at the annual meeting of the City Council:

Throughout the year under review the Force was maintained at a strength of nine men consisting of one Chief, three Sergeants and five Constables. This was adequate for all requirements, for we experienced a higher standard of law and order. The City has been entirely free from crime of a serious nature, and there were but seven cases of breaking and entering with four of the offenders being apprehended and convicted.

Arrests for the year aggregated 490, an increase of 41 compared with the year 1934. Drunkenness accounted for 315, an increase of 41, and for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated there were 27 arrests, an increase of 6. For vagrancy they totalled 77, an increase of 26.

Following is a classification of the 480 arrests effected during the year: Assault on female 2; assault, aggravated: 1; Assault, common: 1; Breaking and entering: 4; Child neglect: 1; Drunk in charge of a motor vehicle: 21; Drunk and disorderly: 49; Drunk and incapable: 26; Damage to City streets by negligent driving: 1; Escape from lawful custody: 2; False pretences: 2; Gross indecency: 1; Harboring: 1; Intimidation: 1; Inhumanity: 13; Juvenile delinquency: 5; Operating motor vehicle to common danger: 5; Operating motor vehicle while under suspension: 1; Receiving stolen goods: 1; Theft: 11; Taking motor vehicle without consent of owner: 2; Unlawful possession of stolen goods: 1; Unlawful possession of liquor: 4; Vagrancy: 77; Willful damage to property: 4; Disorderly conduct: 3; Total 480 arrests.

The monthly collection of cream and milk from licensed vendors, store-keepers and stall-holders in the Market building totalled 30 of cream and 442 of milk, all being delivered for test to Dr. Croken, S. City Analyst. 18 samples contained sediment, and prosecutions were entered, a conviction being imposed with fines in every case.

Various other duties performed by the Force during the year included the following: Prisoners escorted to County Jail 28; Escorted from Jail to Police Court for trial 84; Prisoners escorted from Jail to Sanatorium for treatment 12; Patients escorted to Falconwood 14; Summonses served 211; Subpoenas served 24; Garnishes served 3; Dwelling houses quarantined and later released from 6; Vicious and stray dogs destroyed 36; Transients in station overnight 35; Motor vehicles examined, brakes, etc. tested 2,149; Household or property holders warned to remove snow from sidewalks 646; Stolen bicycles found and returned to owners 21; Stolen motor vehicles found and returned to owners 9.

In connection with enforcement of the Prohibition Act within the City limits, during the past year our Force carried out eight hundred and ninety-six (896) searches of dwelling houses and other premises suspected of the unlawful sale or possession of intoxicating liquor. We entered nineteen prosecutions under this Act.

Juvenile Crime

Fifty-three cases of delinquency were dealt with in the Juvenile Court this being an increase of over 100 percent compared with previous year when there were 25 cases. The charges preferred against these juveniles were mainly instances of petty theft, mischief or willful damage to property such as window breaking. Four of these offenders were committed to Reform Schools, six were released on suspended sentence, 30 were dismissed with reprimands and warnings, and the remainder 13, were dismissed for want of evidence. Mr. W. J. Bravender, Transient Officer and Agent of the Children's Aid Society, was very active throughout the year in dealing with this increasing problem of Juvenile Delinquency, and we are thankful for his co-operation.

There were two accidental deaths in this City during the past year. In one case a man received fatal injuries by falling from a roof. The Provincial Coroner held an Inquest, the Jury returning a verdict of misadventure. In the other case a child, age 7 years, fell from a wharf at the water front and was drowned. No inquest was deemed necessary in this instance, for it was accidental, without the least blame attached to anyone.

The Police Car, purchased on June 17th last to replace the one that had been in constant use for seven years, showed a mileage of 18,390 at the close of the year. This car is in first class condition and rendering splendid service.

The uniform clothing, suits and overcoats, supplied during the past year are quite satisfactory, both in quality and fitting.

The Police Station, lock-up, steel cells, lockers and accoutrements are all in good condition, and our immediate requirements are that the interior of the Police Station and lock-up need re-painting.

Auto Traffic

During the past year there was an increase of auto registration in this Province, and the Tourist auto traffic improved to the extent of about one thousand cars entering by the two ferries. Now that the Borden-Summerside-Charlottetown

Civic Taxation And Other Problems Reviewed By Mayor

Following is the text of the report submitted by His Worship Mayor Kennedy at the annual meeting last night of the City Council:

To the members of the Council of the City of Charlottetown, Gentlemen:

Following the usual custom, it is my duty and privilege to present to you my report for the year ending 1935.

The past year has been very much similar to 1934 in so far as unemployment and relief needs were concerned, a very trying one in many respects. The effects of the world wide business depression still hover over us, yet, I am pleased to say that there are signs of clearer weather on the horizon.

The present Council board during their years of office have given of their time unstinted attention to the duties evolved upon them. It cannot be said of any one of them but that they were doing everything in the best interests of the City.

The reports of the various committees will be presented for your perusal and consideration as well as those of civic administration. These reports are available to our citizens by applying for same.

During the past year our City has been called upon to mourn the loss by death of four outstanding citizens who have been connected with our Civic government, namely the late K. J. Martin, K.C., City Recorder and Magistrate for seven years; Ex-Mayor R. H. Stevens, Ex-Mayor James Paton and Ex-Councillor J. J. McKinnon. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the relatives and friends of these departed loved ones.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the celebration of the silver Jubilee of the accession of King George and Queen Mary, the large forum being taxed to its utmost capacity, showing the great patriotism and loyalty of our people, many medals being presented to our Island people upon this occasion.

The year just closed will go down in history as being an outstanding one for the great many convocations and associations which have been held in our charming City during the year. Charlottetown is becoming better known from year to year as an ideal convention City. I am not going to weary you with naming all the different ones meeting here, but mention will be made of that great I.O.O.F. convention when over 1,000 people from all parts of Canada, Newfoundland and even the United States were in attendance.

A large number of prominent men visited us during the year, namely Sir Edward Beatty and party, Right Hon. W. L. McKenna King, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Premier Heppburn, Right Hon. E. B. Ben-son, Hon. Charles Dunning, Hon. J. E. McEhaid, Sir Henry Drayton and many others.

Special mention may be made of the distinguished visit of the Earl and Countess of Beesborough, on their farewell visit to the Province; also of the visit paid by Lord Baden Powell, Chief Scout, and Lady Baden Powell, Chief guide and their two daughters, concluding a world wide tour.

In the summer months our port was visited by the French cruiser Ville D'ys and H.M.S. Dundee. We are delighted at all times to welcome the officers and crews of these ships to our shores.

Finance

The bonded indebtedness of our City at the present time is \$1,978,850.00 less \$327,800.00 set aside for sinking funds, leaving a net debt of \$1,651,050.00, showing an increase in our debt of \$37,610.00. Our unpaid taxes if collected would be \$125,939.28.

I might say here that it is well understood that our present rate of taxation is not sufficient to make revenue and expenditure meet. It has been our aim not to work a hardship on our people, hence our reason for keeping the present low rate.

A very necessary and important body in the task of administering law and order has given excellent attention to its duties which have been greatly added to on account of increased motor traffic. Their report will be submitted for your consideration and I am sure you will agree it is a very comprehensive one. You will notice therein where they have made over 400 more searches for the illegal sale of liquor than the previous year, with \$1,150.00 less revenue. This cannot be explained authentically it may be that more of the offenders took jail sentences rather than pay fines.

So far as the enforcement of these laws is concerned it is my opinion that special officers should be appointed for the purpose of enforcing this Act, working of course in conjunction with our own Police officers, that greater co-operation and encouragement should be given our policemen by the citizens instead of hampering their work. For instance, this ticket of leave plan is abusive in many instances.

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3rd—Accepting compromises in the payment of fines.

We claim and rightly so, that we are imposed on, when we slope to consider the large amount of properties held in our City by the Dominion Government and Provincial Government that are exempted from taxation. Our Dominion Government has the following, about \$2,000,000 of railway property, of this we assess the Canadian National Hotel \$150,000 at 2 per cent—\$3,000.00. As to the other properties of the Dominion Government approximate value of \$250,000 which is also exempted.

Our Provincial Government has about \$625,000 of property which is also exempted. We have also two hospitals and a Sanatorium, estimated value about \$700,000 as well as about \$650,000 in churches; adding together these make a total of \$4,525,000 exempted from taxation save the \$150,000 on the C.N.R. hotel.

We claim and rightly so that we are entitled to at least \$15,000 out of this grant of \$40,000 in lieu of C.N.R. taxes which the Provincial Government collects. We also claim for the share of the following amounts collected from our citizens by the Provincial Government:—

- Income and personal \$15,943.23.
- Registration of 1143 citizens cars estimated at \$18 each—\$20,574.00.
- Gasoline tax collected from our citizens estimated at \$40,000.00.
- Amusement tax—\$4,477.27.
- Totals \$29,944.50.

You are all aware that when the Dominion Government and Provincial Government purchase any property in the City that the City ceases collecting taxes on said property. This works more hardship on our City. There is again the stock of liquor held by our Government, that we should certainly be allowed to collect a tax on but are not. If our government were to reimburse our City with a just amount of these collections we could very easily have a balanced budget.

Relief Question

During the convention of Mayors in Montreal last March, this question was gone into at very great length. Practically every City and Municipality in the Dominion were represented there and they were unanimous in their opinion that unemployment relief and direct relief should be borne entirely by the Dominion Government. We were led to believe that our burdens in this respect would be lessened but yet we have no assurance they will. Direct relief up to and including 1935 amounts to \$69,000 and unemployment projects \$97,000. But very little of this work would have been undertaken were it not for relief measures.

We have practically no factories in our City, consequently we have far too many people depending on day labour, even if conditions would improve we will not be anything like nearly able to look after the great number in our midst. Therefore the sooner these people realize their position the better for themselves. I will use the same slogan here as last year "A Back to the Land movement." It is for our Government to devise ways and means whereby these people may be placed on the land instead of giving out "doles" which is working to their detriment in many ways.

Light Question

This has been the burning question for the past ten years. The different Councils have been endeavouring from year to year to bring about a plan whereby a satisfactory basis of rate could be arranged. It is not my intention of saying much at the present time as I honestly believe if the Provincial Government and our citizens will cooperate and our present Utility Board function as they now appear anxious to do, then our aims will be realized. I am pleased indeed that our citizens are now taking a more active interest in this matter.

Police Department

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following report of the finance committee was presented by Councillor B. R. Holman:

Your Worship and Members of the City Council of the City of Charlottetown.

On behalf of the Finance Committee I lay before you the accounts of the City of Charlottetown for the year ending December 31st, 1935.

You will note against the overdraft of \$47,833.44 there are amounts of \$112,919.30, taxes unpaid 1928 to 1936 and street and sidewalk assessment \$13,919.98. Total \$174,669.28.

At this point I would like to stress the fact that your Finance Committee carefully scanned every expenditure and only absolutely necessary payments were authorized. Though every attention was paid to the collection of revenue of all classes. Considering the times and the difficulties all cities and municipalities are having to come anywhere near balancing their budget, and taking into account our low tax rate, we feel that the 1935 results are very fair and reflect sound civic financing.

The general state of affairs in this position is the buyer of its bonds and the position of Charlottetown bonds in the financial trading centres of Canada speaks in no uncertain way as to the sound position of the City's finances are in such a time as this and also to the soundness of its government.

Turning now to the Balance Sheet there does not appear to be anything calling for special comment.

Debentures of all kinds outstanding amount to \$1,978,850 and the securities and cash in the Sinking Funds amount to \$327,866.12. This includes \$32,500 bonds issued by the Housing Commission against which the City holds the improved properties.

My colleagues on the Finance Committee, Councillors Rattray and Hennessey have given unsparingly of their time, and their sound business judgment was valuable.

Again I wish to place this Committee on record as to their appreciation of the conscientious attention of City Clerk Mr. Geo. P. Nicholson to all details of his department. The staff is efficient and painstaking and under Mr. Nicholson's supervision every effort is being made to carry out our slogan "The minimum of expenditure and the maximum in taxes collected."

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. HOLMAN,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

City Visited By Several Epidemics During Past Year

Report Of City Health Officer Submitted At Annual Meeting Last Night.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., December 31st, 1935.

To His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Health.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit a report of the year's work in the Department of Public Health for the City of Charlottetown.

The year under review has been rather a trying one from a public health viewpoint. During the year the City has been visited by several epidemics. Towards the end of August and during September some 9 cases of typhoid fever and 21 cases of paratyphoid fever occurred in the City. The City water was daily analyzed and milk, oysters, etc., were examined but the causative factor was not determined. Fortunately the cases were of a mild type and only one death occurred. They were suspected and will always be a source of potential danger as long as outdoor privies are tolerated by the citizens of Charlottetown. Those in contact with the cases were given the opportunity of protection by immunization and a considerable number availed themselves of this opportunity.

In November and December measles and whooping cough were prevalent and a large number of cases occurred with several deaths resulting from each disease. These diseases are next to impossible to control and appear in all cities in epidemic form every three or four years.

I am pleased to report that only one case of diphtheria occurred. This favorable report undoubtedly is due to the protection given by the Department of Health by immunization with toxoid.

During the year six cases of scarlet fever were reported and in each case necessary precautions were taken for its control. This disease can be prevented by immunization and whenever parents of children realize this fact then we will see a decided lowering both in the morbidity and the case fatality rate.

At the Chest Clinic, conducted weekly in the Sanatorium, some 438 people were examined and advice given where necessary. In addition some 242 students of Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University were examined for tuberculosis or other communicable disease and those not already protected against smallpox were vaccinated.

The Provincial Laboratory each year does a large amount of work for the City in examining milk and water and specimens submitted from the practising physicians of Charlottetown. A detailed report of the work done for the City appears elsewhere in the report.

Public health work carried out in the City schools during the year includes the quick examination of 2,454 children for skin conditions and communicable disease, the routine physical examination of 2,245 school children, 380 home visits, 24 home nursing lessons for seniors and 30 home nursing lessons for Juniors, besides immunized boys attended. This campaign was made possible by financial assistance rendered by both the Gyo and Rotary Clubs in the City.

As a result of a dental hygiene survey carried on in the City in January last by Dr. Harry Thomson, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Dental Council, in co-operation with the Department of Health and assisted by the City dentist, who made a survey of all the mouths of the school children, it was found that all but 2% had defective teeth. The average number of defects per child was found to be six. Many parents, whose finances permitted, had their children's defects attended to at once, but many more were unable to have this work done due to lack of finances.

Public opinion was strongly in favor of a Dental Clinic for indigent children and due to the splendid co-operation of the City Council with the Rotary and Gyo Club and assisted by the Provincial Department of Health this clinic became a reality and is now functioning in the City Hall, where space was provided by the City Council.

I am pleased to report that only one case of infantile paralysis occurred in the City during the year under review. The source of infection was not ascertained.

Meat and milk consumed in the City was inspected by the Meat and Food Inspector, Dr. I. E. Croken, V.S., whose report appears elsewhere. Dairy herds supplying milk to the City are inspected as well as the barns and milking animals several times a year, and reported on by the Inspector. Dr. Croken also inspects the bake shops within the City.

The report of the Sanitary Officer, James Bradley, whose duty it is to inspect restaurants, dwelling houses, stables, yards, privies, traps, etc., is most satisfactory. A detailed report of the many duties he performed appears elsewhere.

May I, Sir, in conclusion express my appreciation of the splendid support you and the members of the Charlottetown Board of Health have rendered both to myself and my assistants in furthering the cause of public health within the City.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
B. C. KEEPING, M.D., D.P.H.,
City Health Officer.

CITY FIREMEN REPORT SMALL LOSS IN 1935

The following report of the Fire Department was prepared by Fire Chief McEachern and submitted by Coun. A. Hennessey at last night's meeting.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

I submit the following report of the Charlottetown Fire Department for the year 1935.

During the year the Department responded to 74 alarms. The fire loss is the smallest year we have on record, the loss being \$7,289.25. The insurance loss is approximately half this amount.

The fires were extinguished as follows:

Soda and chemical	19
Soda and chemical and water	6
Water	9
Services not required	40

Total alarms 74

Number feet 2 1/2 inch hose used, 4,600.

Number gallons chemical used, 107 1/2.

Number feet ladders, 770.

Average attendance of Department, 309.25.

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REPORT OF THE CITY SURVEYOR

The following was the report of the City Surveyor submitted by Coun. M. W. Reardon, chairman of the Street Committee:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the work done under my supervision from January 1st to December 31st, 1935.

During the winter season, the streets were kept clear for motor traffic by the use of the snow plough, the fall of snow being heavier than usual. After every storm the sidewalks were ploughed and sand was applied where ice rendered them slippery. In the summer and autumn the usual street cleaning of sprinkling, cleaning and sweeping, etc., were performed and in addition the City's shade trees were sprayed, and when they required it, trimmed.

Clay Streets

The clay streets throughout the City were kept smooth by scarifying, grading and rolling.

Gravel Streets

These streets were kept smooth by scarifying, grading and rolling. Fresh gravel and ashes were applied whenever necessary.

Asphalt Surfaced Streets

Extensive repairs were carried

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Trinity United Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

3.15 P. M.—Cubs—Social Hour.

3.30 P. M.—Women's Missionary Society—Ladies' Farlow.

7.30 P. M.—Mid-week Prayer and Praise—Hearts' Hall.

8.30 P. M.—The Session—Ladies' Parlor.