

Active Year For The City Council

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On the breast-work project we have employed 325 men and spent \$110,000.00 in wages only. This work will go on, as we are fortunate in having a mild winter, which enables us to do so. About 70 men are getting employment at present, at 3 days each a week.

In reference to breast-work, and letters written about same. For the benefit of the citizens of Charlottetown this committee is going to give full particulars. In making the new line of breast-work the City gained some \$120,000.00, which it would cost to repair some 80 ft. now under ground. This money plus \$160,000.00 paid by the Cundall Trustees makes a total of \$280,000.00. The cost of the project amounts to something over \$400,000.00, so in this committee's way of figuring the City of Charlottetown is in about \$400,000.00, and the Cundall Trustees have made a good contract, as they could not, without our co-operation, have done the work for less than \$240,000.00. The Cundall Trustees also wished the City to hold the ground taken in, but the City did not wish that, as they would have to keep up the breast-work, therefore they have a larger estate and have to care for the same amount of breast-work as formerly. It is this committee's opinion that people should not mix in things without first having a full knowledge of particulars. In former years it has cost the City of Charlottetown from \$600.00 to \$250,000 annually to keep its corner clean. Now we hope to have the tides do this work for us; otherwise we would not have done the work. In this committee's opinion it is easy for outsiders to find fault, but the men who take an active interest in this work know better, and we hope that this explanation will be satisfactory to all.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Read by Councillor Reardon, Chairman of the Fire Committee: His Worship the Mayor and City Councillors:

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Gentlemen:—

I submit the following report of the Charlottetown Fire Department for the year 1931.

During the year the Department responded to 96 alarms, this number is the greater than previous years.

In the operation of the Department our records show we used the following equipment:

- 20,150 feet of hose laid.
- 764 feet of ladders.
- 67½ gallons chemical.
- 2½ gallons foamite.
- 2½ lbs chemical soda.

Notwithstanding the fact that we had a number of new men attached to the Department, our work has been carried out efficiently. These new men have been greatly benefited in their work by the experience acquired from practice held during the year.

Our attendance for the year has been 85 per cent, which is a very creditable showing, considering that six of the members were without private alarms for several months.

The following is a list of requirements for the year 1932:

- 8 extra hose alarms.
- 1 ten-foot length soft suction hose.
- 12 rubber coats.
- 12 rubber hats.
- 2 six pound axes.
- 2 extra nozzles for pumper.
- 1 nozzle piezometer and gage.
- 1 horse drawn sleigh.
- 1 new motor truck to replace Overland truck.
- 2000 feet hose.
- 2 electric lanterns.

Respectfully submitted
(Sgd.) Angus McEachern,
Chief of Department

In moving the adoption of the Fire Committee report, Councillor Reardon referred to the re-organization of the Department. The former Chief, Mr. Ranahan, who so capably discharged the duties of his position, owing to ill health was superannuated, as was the late Mr. A. N. Large, who through efficiency in his duties had received promotion to assistant Chief. Under the new by-laws several members were retired and for those who had not received Long Service medals, arrangements were made to have same awarded. Messrs. Angus McEachern and Frank Hennessy were appointed Chief and Assistant Chief respectively, and a number of men were accepted to complete the Company's strength.

The Committee had a meeting with a delegation from the Board of Fire Underwriters, as a result of which it was proposed to the Council that a pumper be added to the fire equipment, also that a street alarm system be installed. Eventually a Lefranc Pumper was installed, which has been in service during the past year and has given entire satisfaction.

An annex was built to the City Hall and the fire equipment moved into new quarters.

POLICE REPORT

I have the honor to respectfully submit herewith the annual report of the City Police Force for the year ended December 31st, 1931.

During the year under review you deemed it advisable to increase the strength of the Force by two Constables, B. McEachern being appointed on June 10th, and E. A. Holland on July 20th. To date these men have given every satisfaction, for they always present a clean and smart appearance, take a keen interest in their various duties, and display every promise of developing with experience into first class Constables. The present strength of the Force is—one Chief, two Sergeants and seven Constables, this being ample to maintain Law and Order within the City.

During the past year the Force made a total of five hundred and seventy (570) arrests, an increase of six over the year 1930, this being the highest number of arrests in this City over a one year period. I may add that the year passed without a crime of a serious nature, law and order being well respected by our citizens, and it is safe to say that the standard of public safety in this City is as high as any place in the Dominion. This is especially gratifying when we realize the waves of crime which have occurred in other cities during the past year as a result of business depression and unemployment problems. The arrests for all classes of drunkenness amounted to 360, this being a decrease of 22 over the previous year, but the arrests for vagrancy rose from 74 to 91, this being due to the excessive number of transients who drifted into the Province in search of employment.

Motor Traffic Increase

Our Motor Vehicle traffic continued its yearly expansion, for last year the Motor Vehicle Registration in this Province increased by 368 over the year 1930. There was also an increase in the Motor tourist traffic. The handling of this traffic requires a deal of our attention and care, and it is pleasing to note that the year passed without a single accident of a fatal nature within the City limits. We investigated 80 street accidents, practically all of these being collisions between motor vehicles at the street intersections. 56 prosecutions were entered under the Highway Traffic Act and City Traffic By-Law, a decrease of 87 over the previous year, but it must be remembered that for a period during the summer months of 1930 we employed three Special Constables for traffic, in plain clothes, and this resulted in a large number of "speeders" being prosecuted. The painting of our streets and parking zones for traffic control was continued throughout the summer months, and the Market Square on the South, East and West sides has been covered with an asphalt pavement. This in the central portion of the business section of the City, has improved the appearance of the Square and eliminated the dust nuisance.

The Police Patrol Car has now been in operation—day and night service—for over three and a half years. The speedometer shows a mileage of over 38000, and the vehicle is naturally showing the effects of excessive wear and tear. The up-keep for another year would be heavy, and it is to be hoped that the Council will see its way clear to provide this Department with a patrol car of a more up to date pattern.

The monthly collection of samples from Licensed Milk Vendors and Retail Storekeepers, for test by the City Analyst, totalled 379 of Milk and 57 of Cream. 13 of these samples contained sediment and 6 were below test or contained less than 3 1-2 per cent of butter fat. No ten prosecutions were entered under the City By-Law respecting Milk Vendors, resulting in eighteen convictions and one dismissal. There were 35 prosecutions the previous year, so it would appear that our standard of milk is improving as a result of this monthly test.

We assisted the Prohibition Officers in 66 searches of dwelling

houses or other buildings suspected of the unlawful sale or possession of intoxicating liquors. Under the Prohibition Act 35 cases were entered and disposed of in the City Police Court, this being a decrease of sixty prosecutions as compared with the previous year, when a total of 95 (ninety five) cases were dealt with.

Arrests in Detail

The 570 arrests made within the City during the past year were for the following offences.

Assaults	17
Arson, attempted	2
Contempt of Court	1
Drunk in charge motor vehicle	13
Drunk and disorderly	88
Drunk and incapable	269
Disorderly conduct	2
Discharging firearms	2
Frequenting disorderly house	2
Insanly	20
Juvenile Delinquency	5
Keeper of disorderly house	2
Non-support of family	1
Obtaining money by false pretences	3
Operating motor vehicle without license	2
Peddling without license	2
Robbery with violence	2
Reckless driving	6
Theft	26
Unlawful possession liquor	4
Unlawful possession stolen goods	2
Unlawful breaking and entering	8
Vagrancy	91
Total arrests	570

Other Duties

Other duties performed by the Force include the following:—

Prisoners escorted to Queen's County Jail	441
Prisoners escorted from Jail to Court	211
Patients escorted to Falconwood	23
Summonses served	296
Subpoenas served	41
Dwelling houses quarantined and later released from	21
Garnishees served	13
Ticket of leave men reported	19
Motor vehicles reported stolen and recovered	17
Bicycles reported stolen and recovered	15
Motor vehicles inspected as to condition of brakes, etc.	397
Vicious dogs destroyed	14
Stray dogs impounded	8
Vagrants in Police Station overnight	93
Stores and warehouses found unlocked during night	13

No accidental deaths occurred throughout the past year within the City limits. The Provincial Coroner found it necessary to hold a total of four inquests as a result of sudden deaths, but in every instance the cause was natural without any indication of neglect or foul play. On these occasions we assisted the Coroner by summoning jurymen, witnesses and attending the inquests.

The above mentioned duties and figures are given with one reservation. They merely illustrate in part the present day multitudinous and increasing duties of a Police Force. To mention only a few others there are, for instance, the extra duty in the event of an outbreak of fire which may require several days to prevent looting. Then there are the numerous enquiries from outside points as to missing relatives etc., the daily attendance—Sunday excepted at Police Court, the extra duties performed at Exhibitions, conventions, dances, hockey matches, ceremonial parades. Such duties are barren statistically, but nevertheless they demand care, attention, an exact sense of duty, and in the aggregate account for no little work.

During the past year a much needed improvement has been effected at the Police Station. The old obsolete wooden cells have been torn down and the room formerly occupied by these cells has been remodeled and converted into an up-to-date office for Chief of Police. A new cell room of the most modern and sanitary type with two lavatories and cloak room has been constructed in the space formerly occupied by the Firemen's Recreation Room. This cell room has been equipped with four steel cells of the latest pattern with concrete flooring, where-by we are enabled at all times to maintain the prisoners quarters in a clean and wholesome condition. The main Police Office has also been remodeled, renovated, and steel lockers installed for the Sergeants and Constables. These improvements were carried out under the capable supervision of Councillor McDougall, Chairman of Public Property, and the City Surveyor, with the approval of the Police Committee.

In closing this report, Gentlemen, I wish to express my appreciation for your co-operation and generous measure of practical support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) A. Birwistle
Chief of Police

Meat Inspection

Meat is inspected at the stores of all meat dealers on market days and as often as required during the week. Some butchers kill their meat in their own slaughter houses within the city limits where it is inspected. Most of the meat is killed in slaughter houses outside the City limits. Twelve of these slaughter houses were inspected last year several of which were quite unsanitary. The owners were requested to clean them up and make necessary alterations which would keep them in a more sanitary condition. There must be about twenty slaughter houses outside the City limits where meat is butchered for City trade.

The following were condemned as unfit for human consumption and destroyed:

- Septicaemia—3 carcasses pork; 1 carcass beef.
- Pyaeemia—27 portions of carcasses.
- Parasitic—30 portions of carcasses.
- Cyst—1 portion carcass.
- Hemorrhagic septicaemia—2 carcasses pork.
- Pneumonia—1 carcass of pork.
- Spoiled—150 lbs. of fish.

Milk Inspection

During the year 379 samples of milk and 57 samples of cream were analysed for butter fat, total milk solids, milk solids not fat, specific gravity, number of bacteria per c. c., acidity, dilutions and preservatives. Six samples of milk were found to be below the required percentage of butter fat and 13 contained sediment. No preservatives or dilutions were found.

DAIRY INSPECTION

Eighty-two dairy farms were inspected during the year. The stables were inspected for cleanliness, light and ventilation, the yards for stagnant water, dirt and drainage, the water supply for location, the milk house for sanitation, the milking utensils, bottles etc., for cleanliness and method used in washing and sterilizing. Quite an appreciable improvement has been made in the condition of the premises of milk vendors since 1930. New Milk houses were built, stables repaired, yards kept cleaner and better drained. However, we look for still more improvement when the premises are next inspected.

Many dairy farms were inspected this year which were not inspected in previous years. These

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farms supply milk vendors and milk pasteurizing plants. On most of these farms a great deal of improvement is required. It is rather difficult to secure a list of dairy farms supplying milk vendors and milk pasteurizing plants. I believe there are many more than were inspected.

A detailed report on a printed form of each dairy farm inspected accompanies this report, a copy of which was mailed to the owner. Only two milk vendors delivering raw milk in the City have steam boiler bottle washer and sterilizer. Messrs A. A. Holmes and A. McRae & Sons. In my opinion, all milk vendors delivering milk and cream in the City should have a steam boiler bottle washer and sterilizer installed in their milk houses.

The Condensed Milk Company and the Pure Milk Company were inspected once a month, during the year. The latter is fully equipped with modern machinery. The former requires a better cooling system and refrigerator to bring the plant up to date.

Two new milk pasturizing plants were established outside of the City the latter part of the year—The Health Pasturized Milk Co., which is fully equipped with modern machinery, and Roper Bros. which was not completed when last inspected but which I am informed is now about completed.

I wish to thank Chief of Police Birwistle and the Officers for collecting the milk.

Bakery Inspection

Ten bakeries were inspected twice and one bakery once, and when the necessary improvements were made a certificate was given. In five of these bakeries the baking is done in the kitchen of the residence.

An increase in receipts of \$325 over 1930 was reported by Coun. Blanchard, chairman of the Market Committee. The report of this committee, and of the Light Committee, the Tender Committee, and the School Trustees will appear later in The Guardian.

Annual Meeting of St. Pauls Church

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church was held in the Parish Hall last evening, the Rector, Rev. H. D. Raymond, presiding and a large number of church members attending.

Reports of the various branches of the Church's work were presented and approved. The financial report for the past year was presented by Mr. H. Winchester, People's Warden, showing receipts to be substantially the same as the previous year.

The election of officers for 1932 was next proceeded with and resulted as follows:

Vestrymen—Messrs. H. H. Horne, H. Winchester, W. E. Bentley, G. D. DeBlois, N. H. DeBlois, Wm. Warren, G. E. Procter, E. E. Owen.

Representatives to Diocesan Synod—Messrs. L. B. Miller, Wm. Warren, Substitutes—Messrs. W. V. Purdie, C. M. Williams.

Representatives to Diocesan Church Society—Messrs. W. V. Purdie, Ernest Worth, H. E. Miller, Judge H. L. Palmer.

Auditors—Messrs. H. S. McLeod, L. D. Murray.

Votes of thanks were tendered all the volunteer workers in the Church. Special mention was made to the courtesy of The Island Radio Broadcasting Co. through whose co-operation there was frequent broadcasting of the Church's service.

In concluding remarks the Rector drew attention to the divine origin and high responsibility of the Church's task, and asked for a continuation of the heartiest co-operation to make the Church's future still more effective.

The financial report showed the receipts for relief work to amount to \$778.25. The total receipts for the year totalled \$11,459.99.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

STORE BROKEN INTO—Early yesterday morning the Island Store, Euston St., owned by Mr. Elmer Dunning, was again broken into and a quantity of goods including tea and lemon extract taken. The police are investigating the matter.

IMPORTANT VISITORS—Mr. J. G. MacFadyen went to Borden yesterday to meet the Scotch singer, Mr. Alexander Campbell, New York, and young piper Master Harold Sutherland, Westville, N. S., who are to take part in tonight's Scotch concert.

AT ROTARY—At the Rotary luncheon yesterday Rotarian Sam Kennedy presided. Rotarian Dr. H. D. Johnson gave an interesting address dealing with an ancient manuscript on the introduction of tobacco into England. The musical program included solos by Mr. Percy Williams.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT—Major D. A. MacDonald received a painful injury yesterday while unloading a load of metal at the Maritime Electric Co.'s plant. A casting fell on Mr. MacDonald's right hand severing the second finger. The wound was closed with a number of stitches. Mr. MacDonald is feeling well although the hand is still painful.

NEAR RECORD—Only once since ferry launching has the Rocky Point ferry exceeded the record for late travel set up this winter. In 1892 she ran until January 24; this year she stopped January 22, only two days behind. Since Friday the crossing has been made with an iceboat. It is thought however that by today the ice will be sufficiently strong for pedestrian travel.

ROBBERY CASE—The two young men, Harold Mahar and Benjamin Gauthier, arrested in connection with the series of robberies Sunday morning, appeared before the Stipendiary Magistrate Martin yesterday morning on a charge of entering a house by night with intent to commit an indictable offense. The prisoners both pleaded guilty and the case was adjourned until this morning for judgment.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES—The sympathy of the community will go out to Mr. J. P. Bradley, High Sheriff for Queens County, and Sister Mary Austin of the Congregation de Notre Dame, both of this city, in the loss they have sustained in the sudden passing of their father, Mr. Francis Bradley, Kelly's Cross on Saturday evening. The deceased was about as usual on Saturday in apparent good health, until suddenly stricken.

FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of the late Mr. W. N. Henry took place from the residence of his son Arthur, 121 Euston Street yesterday afternoon. It was attended by members of the L. O. L. and many other citizens. The pall bearers were Messrs Donald Fraser, George McLeod, Lemuel Worthy Samuel Nelson, Daniel Morrison and Henry Laphrore.

DAIRY MEETING—The annual meeting of shareholders and patrons of Emerald Dairying Association was held on Wednesday, 20th Inst., with a fair attendance. President McDonald presided, opened the meeting by referring to the depressed market conditions, and the expenses incurred in operating the factory. The Secretary read minutes of last annual meeting, and also a statement of the expenses of last season, which were on motion adopted. The old board of directors were reappointed for the ensuing year, viz., L. C. McDonald, President; Geo. H. Mayne, Everett Haslam, W. H. Deighan, Marshall Hughes, W. G. McKenzie, Joseph P. Hughes. It was decided to hold a meeting of the board at an early date to consider the advisability of operating the factory during next cheese season, with the expectation of manufacturing expenses being lessened, and tenders for milk drawing &c. called at an early date.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 25. (By the Canadian Press)—Premier George S. Henry announced last night Ontario will place before the public a \$20,000,000 domestic loan before the end of this week.

The loan will be in two issues maturing at 5 and 15 years with interest at 5 1-2 per cent in either case.

BIRTHS

BINNS—At the City Hospital, January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Binns, a daughter, Laura Beatrice.

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

THE SEA LETTUCE

At the back of the farm, where the sea water periodically mingles with the water of the brook, and then retreating leaves the flat uncovered, there is a large plot green with sea lettuce. It is a true seaweed, one of the marine algae, and is in large flat sheets much resembling the separated leaves of garden lettuce—hence its name. After a storm the bleached "leaves" are often found in considerable quantities, cast up by the waves. Scientifically it is known by the name of *Ulva lactuca* L.

This is a utilitarian age, so we raked and hauled up some loads of this plant to incorporate with the manure pile. In China and Japan where their ways are not our ways, it would have been gathered and eaten as a salad.

The botanist views it from a different angle. He sees it as a low form of plant life, very near the beginning of things, and many grades lower than the brown and purple seaweeds of the deeper pools. The green color shows the presence of chlorophyll with its need of sunlight and explains why it flourishes on the tidal flats. But it is when, by means of the microscope, he makes research into the reproductive system of the *Ulva*, that his interest is aroused. The higher plants produce one kind of seed only, and mostly at the summit of the plant. The lowly *Ulva* produces two kinds of spores—the equivalent of seeds—and they are developed in the cells of the plant itself. The asexual spores are simple egg-shaped bodies furnished with cilia, which, escaping from the cell by a pore, float about till they find a place to anchor and there grow to a new plant. The other spores are sexual and much smaller; they, too, are produced in cells like the larger ones, but frequently on different plants or different parts of the same plant. After escaping, two of these spores will come together and coalesce (conjugate) to form a "zygospore", which after a period of rest, also produces a new plant. This is a very brief description; but even so, who would have imagined that it took so elaborate a method to reproduce this humble vegetable?

We live surrounded by wonders; only we "have eyes and see not."

LUNAR INFLUENCE

Time and again the writer has pointed out that there is apparently some connection between the positions of the sun and the moon, and disturbances on our planet when the moon is in conjunction with the sun (new moon) or in opposition (full moon) the influence is strongest. A news item in the Guardian of Dec. 28th states that the great volcano of Kilauea in the island of Hawaii, began "erupting" on the 26th, the eruption being preceded by a heavy earthquake which did some damage. This was two days after full moon (Dec. 24th). The barometer fell here all day on the 25th, then rose and fell daily till the time of writing. There was an extraordinarily high tide here on the 27th.

But this is not all. The account goes on to say that the last eruption of Kilauea ended on Dec. 8th.

PERSONALS

Mr. T. Gordon Ives left yesterday for Montreal to attend the Motor Show.

Mr. Harold Gallant, Oyster Bed Bridge, has entered the City Hospital for treatment.

Miss Irene Bell of Desable is in the city for the Burns Concert, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Walker.

Mr. Hooper Essory, who was removed to the Prince Edward Island Hospital seriously ill, is reported yesterday as much improved.

Hon. B. W. LePage left yesterday morning for Moncton to meet Mrs. LePage, who is returning from New York, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Matilda Christie.

Mr. James F. Roper and his son, Howard, left yesterday morning on return to Princeport, N. S., after a short visit to Charlottetown and Royalty.

Eric, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ballem, Pownal, who was operated on for appendicitis in the P. E. I. Hospital, is recovering nicely and expects to return home in a few days.

Mr. Martin Myers Mt. Albion, who was operated on recently in the P. E. I. Hospital, is recovering satisfactorily.

REPORT

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needed with regulation in sufficient quantities to meet any building on the premises.

We further recommend that fire extinguishers be supplied the jail.

We believe that the time has arrived when the laws pertaining to vehicles on the public highways be revised and made more stringent and lights placed on every moving vehicle.

In closing, we would recommend that a stricter supervision be maintained by the management of all institutions and the attendants report when going on and off duty.

We concur with your Lordship regarding the creating of public interest in the general welfare of the inmates along with the social lines of life, making their confinement more pleasant.

Trusting that in future, recommendations of the Grand Jury will receive more consideration than they did in the past, respectfully submitted.

G. DUDLEY WRIGHT, (Foreman)
For self and fellows.

MARRIAGES

BURKWALL-REID—At Canton, China, January, 20, 1932, Ethel Charlotte Reid, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, South China, to Reverend Herman O. T. Burkwall, Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society, Canton.

DEATHS

MULLIGAN—At Newton, Lot 26, Monday, January 25, Patrick Mulligan, aged 66 years. Funeral leaves his late residence Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock for Kinkora Church.

HURST—At Charlottetown on Monday, Jan. 25th, Marion Hurst, age 31 years. Funeral this Tuesday, afternoon at Brackley Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock.

MOORE—Suddenly at the residence of his brother William Moore, Mr. John Thomas Moore in his 71st year. The remains will be forwarded to Montello, Mass., on Thursday morning for interment.

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