

New Year Is Ushered In Gaily In Charlottetown

Not since the turn of the Century have the citizens of Charlottetown turned out to greet the New Year in such numbers and with such carefree zestful enjoyment as they did in welcome to 1955—"Centennial Year."

Fifty-five years ago they were milling about the dimly lighted city waiting to say good-bye to 1954, prior to writing 1900 on their correspondence. This year, in a blaze of dazzling lights on city streets and from the windows of the homes of all classes, another hundred years was tallied off to commemorate the official birthday of Charlotte Town, in 1855, although it had been a flourishing business community and social centre for many years previously.

AT THE CHARLOTTETOWN
In addition to the many and varied official acts which characterized the advent of 1955, several outstanding social events proved most enjoyable to those in attendance.
The newly decorated dining room of the Charlottetown Hotel presented a scene of rare charm and attractiveness when more than 500 persons passed in their dancing at midnight to welcome the Town

QUEEN CHARLOTTE HIGH
The younger set took over in a big way at the Queen Charlotte High School on New Year's eve when they met, almost 500 strong, to enjoy their first Annual Ball and forget for a brief period the more difficult and exacting routine of High School life.

Many older folk also took advantage of the opportunity to see the new school and cautiously mix with the young folk in an occasional dance, but vim, vigor and vitality were ascendant. The auditorium floor was definitely no place for weak hearts or fallen arches.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson were the patrons and with them in the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maxwell, representing the YMCA, Mr. K. A. Parker, Superintendent of City Schools, and Mr. J. J. Storey, Chairman of the Centennial Committee and Mrs. Storey.

The dance was sponsored by Alpha Phi Sorority under the leadership of their president, Miss Mildred Cudmore. The dance music was by Don Messer and his Islanders.

THE CURLING CLUB
At the Charlottetown Curling Club the members held their annual New Year's eve dinner dance, at which a delightful turkey buffet supper was served in the ladies' parlor by the Ladies' Branch under the leadership given by their President, Marion Dockendorff. Mr. J. J. Morris is Club president. Dancing was in the club room where for the first time the orchestra under Al Blanchard took their places in the new checkered pit. Approximately 100 couples were in attendance at this pleasing and memorable function.

THE CLOVER CLUB
The annual dance of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., brought approximately 250 to the Clover Club where Vic Bowlan and Leo Doyle were in charge of the festivities. Balloons and other favours were much in evidence as the evening progressed and dancing was enjoyed with music by the Legionnaires. Mr. Stanley Bryant is President of the Legion.

THE ROLLAWAY
At the Rollaway, which was aglow with colored lights and seasonal decorations, 350 couples took part in what is said to have been the "biggest and best" dance evening ever staged in the well-known sports and recreational centre. Here, as at other outstanding New Year's eve functions, novelties were distributed and a balloon-fall marked the height of enjoyment at midnight. Music for the dancing was by the Downtowners orchestra.

GARRISON OFFICERS BALL
One of the most enjoyable and colorful events on New Year's eve was the Annual Ball of the Garrison Officers held at the Charlottetown Armouries. Invited guests added to the number of those in attendance, at what is regarded as a yearly high-light in the activities of the Garrison officers. Major Dr. S. Hooper, under whose direction the function was prepared and carried out, is Mess President.

Numerous functions and reunions were held in private homes throughout the city which provided a full measure of gaiety and enjoyment to all those who participated in extending a hearty welcome to 1955.

Girl Guide News
LONES — Mrs. Osborne, Lons Commissioner, tells us that there are two new Lones, Hlene Dingwell, Midgell, and Mabel Montgomery, R.R. 3, Emerald, and that Gail Buchanan, East Royalty, hopes to join. Gail is at present in a cast and it is hoped that she will have a speedy recovery. The time of Mrs. Osborne's broadcast from now on will be every Tuesday night at 8:15 p.m. over CFCY. The Lone Guides have asked that New Year's greetings be extended from them to Mrs. Hutcheson, Provincial Commissioner, and to her associates.

ATTENTION GUIDERS — Will all those Guiders who have not returned the census forms please try to do so just as soon as they can

At Government House

Rev. Monsignor R. V. MacKenzie, Rector of St. Dunstan's University greeted by Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Prowse at New Year's Day reception.—(Barter's Film Lab)

ADILLA'S MILLINERY — All winter hats clearing at greatly reduced prices.
THE CHARLOTTETOWN Kindergarten will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 4.

MILLINERY BARGAINS — at Hi Style Millinery, 163 1/2 Great George Street. All fall and winter hats clearing at special prices. Racks at \$1 and \$2.49. Velours up to \$13.95 at prices to clear.

NO ACCIDENTS REPORTED — Royal Canadian Mounted Police and City Police were again able to report an accident free weekend over the holiday in spite of street and highway conditions which could not be termed the safest for motoring.

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DIES IN MONTREAL — Word was received at Peakes by friends of Mrs. Lottie Murnaghan's death in Montreal on Christmas day, at the home of her daughter William Murnaghan, a resident at Peakes and Eastmistress for a number of years, leaving here in 1918.

FUNERAL FRIDAY — The funeral of the late Malcolm MacLeod of Darlington was held Friday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to Hartsville Presbyterian Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Lawrence Blaikie. The pall bearers were Messrs. Everett MacLeod, Daniel MacInnis, John A. MacInnis, Louis MacPherson, James W. MacDonald, E. Howatt. Interment was in Hartsville Cemetery.

LODGE OFFICERS AT HOME — The officers of St. Lawrence and Wildy lodges of Odd Fellows were "at home" on New Year's Day to the members. Cards, music and a smoker were enjoyed by the guests in the lodge room under leadership given by Menton Whitlock, Noble Grand of St. Lawrence Lodge, and Thomas Cauty, Noble Grand of Wildy Lodge.

FUNERAL SUNDAY — The funeral of the late Ivan S. Mitchell was held yesterday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home to the Baptist Church where service was conducted by Rev. Frank Smith. Interment was in the People's Cemetery. The pall bearers were Cyrus Pickard, Frank Thorne, Russell Farquharson, William Bix, Basil Johnston, R. R. Hurst. The Canadian Legion burial service was held by F. W. Smith. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler Chaisson.

DIES IN THE U.S.A. — Mr. Sydney Taylor of Winsloe, yesterday received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Ewen Hume of Somerset, Mass. She was the former Miss Prudence Taylor of Millville. Surviving besides Mr. Taylor are three sisters, Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Pownall, Mrs. Lloyd Ballen, Mr. Albion; Mrs. Samuel Drake, Millville. Another brother, Samuel Taylor lives at Millville. Burial will be in Somerville.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mills of Saint John, and two little daughters spent their Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Mills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gillespie, 76 Douglas St.
Mr. Edward H. Bertram, of Calgary Power Company, Edmonton, Alta., is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Parkdale.
Mrs. R. B. Rattray and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Douglas, Charlottetown, spent the holiday with Mr. Neil Hooper and family, Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Huntley, Vernon, arrived here Saturday having spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Dr. Donald N. Huntley and family of Guelph, Ont.
The Misses June, Shirley and Helen Rose Eikhoud of Saint John, N. B., have returned to their duties after spending Christmas with their parents in Wheatley River.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Eikhoud and son Brent have returned to Sackville, N. B., after spending Christmas with their parents at Wheatley River.
William MacCannell leaves today for Halifax to resume his medical studies at Dalhousie University after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. MacCannell, City.

Duplessis Sees Bright Future For His Province
QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Duplessis says the 20th century has been described as Canada's century but "if we want it to be," Quebec's "if we want it to be."

In a 675-word New Year's Day message prepared in French for delivery over the French network of the CBC, Mr. Duplessis said Quebec's extraordinary developments "enable us to entertain the greatest hopes" provided they are carried out rationally.

Mr. Duplessis said New Year's Day was a good time to recall that "we must be fraternally united for the recovery and safeguarding of our entire province in their entirety of our essential prerogatives and rights."

"The practice of a policy of national solidarity, respectful of the rights of others, but jealous of our own rights, is the continuation of a glorious past and prepares the future," he said.
Christ's doctrine has not changed in 2,000 years, Mr. Duplessis said.

"It is a great privilege for us that this doctrine is intimately linked with our traditions."
"On New Year's Day we must think of the past, of the present and prepare the future. All three are closely linked... our illustrious compatriot, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, predicted the 20th century would be Canada's century."

der the announcement of the first showing of the Prince Edward's cinematograph picture "Lucky Me." —(Barter's Film Lab)



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Formal Receptions Mark Observance Of New Year

Citizens of Charlottetown took full advantage of the opportunity presented on New Year's Day to pay their respects to His Honour Lieut. Governor T. W. L. Prowse, at Government House, the Hon. A. W. Matheson, Premier, at his residence, Crestwood Drive, and His Worship, Lieut. Col. J. D. Stewart, D.S.O. Mayor, at City Hall.

In attendance on His Honour were Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.R.D., Surgeon Commander L. E. Prowse, V.R.D., Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D., and Wing Commander A. G. MacMillan.
The reception hall was aglow with a huge lighted tree. The Christmas theme was carried through in the floral arrangements of red and white carnations in green cedar, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere.

The reception rooms were decorated with pink and white carnations and featured the Nativity scene.
The dining room was most attractive with its mantelpiece of tiny silvered twigs and delicate pink metallic balls reflected in the mirror above. The frosted silver and pink was used also on the tea table where deep pink candles in silver candelabra flanked a silver basket of pale pink carnations and deeper pink snapdragon reflected on a mirror below strewn with silver leaves and arrangements of deep pink frosted glass.

Assisting His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Prowse with their guests in the drawing rooms were:
Mrs. M. R. MacGuigan, Mrs. J. G. Tweedy, Mrs. Neil Matheson, Mrs. J. S. DesRoches, Mrs. St. Clair Trainor, Mrs. J. D. MacGulgan, Mrs. L. E. Wellner, Mrs. A. G. Macmillan, Mrs. L. E. Prowse, Mrs. J. J. Connolly, Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Mrs. A. Ernst.
Residing at the urns were: Mrs. T. V. Grant, Mrs. H. F. Smith, Mrs. R. G. White, Mrs. J. O. C. Campbell.

Assisting in the tea room were: Mrs. W. G. Barbour, Mrs. H. A. MacMillan, Mrs. A. W. McNeill, Mrs. W. W. Reid, Mrs. M. V. Blake, Mrs. R. Morris, Miss Anne Stewart, Miss Jean Isabel MacDonaid, Miss Susanne Palmer, Miss Nancy Hyndman, Miss Carol Creelman, Miss Marjorie Hurst, Miss Anne Campbell, Miss Jill MacKay, Miss Constance Chandler, Miss Jeanna MacIsaac, Miss Bethany MacDonald.
Soft string-music under the direction of Albert Blanchard lent a most pleasing background to the enjoyable occasion.

YMCA Reception New Year's Day

The Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. received a large number of friends of the organization at a reception held on New Year's Day. The guests were received in the lounge by president Earl Taylor and the general secretary, Gordon Maxwell, and directors Lieut. Col. D. N. Bell, Frank Tinney, Norman MacLeod, Walter Hyndman, K. M. Martin, Q.C., Dr. Barrett, Fred Norton and Ralph Carr.

The tea table, was located in the banquet room where dainty refreshments were served by a committee of Ladies' Auxiliary and Y's Menettes, convened by Mrs. E. V. Bell and Mrs. E. E. Clawson jointly.

Coffee was poured by Mrs. Gordon Maxwell, Mrs. Earl Taylor, Mrs. Allison Owen and Mrs. E. V. Bell. Assisting in serving were: Mrs. W. G. Bruce, Mrs. Merritt Forsythe, Mrs. S. D. Irving, Mrs. Fred Osborne, Mrs. R. LePage, Mrs. Melville Wilkie, Mrs. Walter McMurtry, Mrs. Geo. Purvis, Mrs. Hiram Atkinson, Mrs. O. K. Presby, Mrs. Marion Boyver.

Youngsters Enjoy Oldtime Sport On Government Pond

Many of the visitors to Government House on New Year's Day paused at the summit of the hill on which it is built to look over the panorama presented and view with mixed feelings, the crowd of children who were enjoying a skate on Government Pond.

Memories were stirred in those who donned their first blades to struggle at random over the pond in preparation for the day when they would be given a rink ticket, the most coveted Christmas present at a certain age. Here too, young school boys from West Kent and Queen Square learned the rudiments of hockey which eventually brought many of them fame throughout the Maritimes and even farther afield. These were the boys who were hardy enough to play the game through lengthy periods without benefit of stopwatch relief and deemed it an honour and privilege to represent their school or club, on their own skates and using their own equipment.

Truly "Government Pond" is an historic spot in Charlottetown which has the same compelling fascination for the young folk of today as it had before present-day adults were born.

ON WRONG SIDE
BACTON, England (CP) Police-captain Cyril Dunkley, 38, investigated theft of a dynamo-lighting set in this Norfolk town. Later he was found guilty of the same theft and fined £20.

The system of dating events either BC or AD was first used about 533 AD.

Presentation To Centennial Baby

Charlottetown's Centennial baby born at 2:46 a.m. on New Year's day, is a nine pound boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murchison MacEachern of Hampton. It is the MacEacherns' fourth child but first male child. Mayor Stewart (left) is seen presenting the baby with a sterling silver mug while the happy parents look on. Mr. and Mrs. MacEachern said that they were not expecting a boy so that the child at present has not been named but Mrs. MacEachern says that he will have at least one of the names of the attending physician, Dr. J. K. L. Irwin who delivered the child at the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mr. MacEachern, an electrician at Hampton and his wife, the former Morris Irwin, did not realize that they were the parents of Charlottetown's Centennial baby until informed by the Centennial committee. Messrs. Walthen Gaudet, general manager, and Frank Storey, chairman of the committee, also visited the parents of the baby and presented Mrs. MacEachern with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Mr. George Walters, on behalf of the merchants of Charlottetown, made a token presentation of the many gifts awaiting the child.

—(Barter's Film Lab)

Card of Thanks

The Kensington 4-H Calf Club wishes to thank the people of Kensington who gave donations, or helped in any way to make our club so successful.
We thank you,
LAURA BELL, Secretary.

I wish to thank the box-holders who left gifts and money in the mail boxes for me at Christmas.
ROBERT GLOVER, Mail Courier.



At Premier's Residence Senator Barbour extends greetings to Premier and Mrs. Matheson during reception at their home on Crestwood Drive on New Year's Day.—(Barter's Film Lab)

Premier A. W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson received at their Crestwood Drive home and welcomed many guests during the afternoon. The reception and dining rooms were decorated in keeping with the occasion. With Premier Matheson was Lieut. Col. P. S. Fielding, M.M., E.D., Deputy Provincial Secretary who presented the guests.
Aiding Mrs. Matheson in essential services were: Pourers, Mrs. Douglad MacKinnon, Mrs. R. R. Bell, Mrs. C. C. Baker, usher, Mrs. E. Earle MacDonald, replenisher, Mrs. A. H. Penke, Servers were: Mrs. Keir Clark, Miss Margaret Jardine and Miss Janet Matheson. Assisting in other capacities were: Mrs. J. H. Cery, Mrs. E. S. Matheson and Mrs. William MacKenzie. Master James Matheson was door attendant.



At City Hall Mayor Stewart greets Mr. Frank Curtis during New Year's Day reception at City Hall. Others pictured are Mrs. J. D. Stewart, wife of Mayor Stewart and Mr. J. A. Fullerton, City Clerk.—(Barter's Film Lab)

Following the precedent inaugurated by the present incumbent, the New Year's reception by the Mayor was held at City Hall, where His Worship, J. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart received the guests in the Mayor's office when presented by the City Clerk, Mr. J. A. Fullerton.

Following the introductions, the guests were conducted to the Council Chambers where refreshments were served in an atmosphere of friendliness in keeping with the season. Wives of the members of the City Council who took part in serving refreshments were Mrs. G. R. Keefe, with whom was associated Mrs. K. M. Martin, wife of the City Recorder, Mrs. Arthur Gormley, and Mrs. A. Walthen Gaudet, in pouring coffee. Serving were: Mrs. E. C. Johnston, Mrs. Elmer MacDonald, Mrs. Gordon Hutchison, Mrs. George J. Rogers, Miss Lorraine McCormac, Mrs. Donald Campbell, Miss Mary McQuaid, Mrs. Benjamin Rogers, Mrs. W. T. Rogers, Mrs. F. J. Storey, Mrs. E. K. MacNutt and Miss Barbara Stewart.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS
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BIRTHS
LLEWELLYN — At the P. E. I. Hospital, Jan. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Llewellyn, Southport, a daughter, 8 lbs. 4 oz.
MACDONALD — At the Charlottetown Hospital on January 1, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacDonald (nee Phyllis Hughes, R.N.) a daughter, Paula Cecelia.
MACEACHERN — At the P. E. I. Hospital on Jan. 2, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. John MacEachern, Appleton Road, a daughter. Weight 7 lbs. 2 oz.

DEATHS
MACEACHERN — At Somerville, Mass., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1954, Mary E. Baker, widow of the late David MacEachern in her 76th year. Remains will arrive at the MacLean Funeral Home this evening. Interment in Canoe Cove Cemetery tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock.
FRASER — At Prince County Hospital on Friday, December 31st, 1954, Howard Fraser of Belmont, Lot 16, in his 80th year. Resting at the Bonwess Funeral Home until noon Monday, January 3rd, then to Central Lot 16 United Church for services at 2 P.M. Interment will be in Church cemetery. Funeral services will be held by the Orange Lodge of Central Lot 16.

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Seen above are the many beautiful gifts on display at the lobby of the Prince Edward Theatre, which will be given to Charlottetown's centennial baby, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Murchison MacEachern of Hampton. The following are the donors and their gifts: A cap and sweater set, S. A. MacDonald's; Kenwood crib blanket, Moore and McLeod's; cap and sweater, Prowse Bros.; case of babyfood, Atkinson's; Groceries; baby play pen, Holliman's; six photos, Myers Studio; nylon dress, Tiny Tots; a high chair, Crockett and Storey; cribbage wrap and pillow, Holmes and Bradley; silver mug, Taylor's Jewellers; infant drugs to 610, Jenkins Pharmacy; handsomely bound baby book, Island Book Room; shoes, LePage's Shoe Store; case of Perfection milk, Central Creameries Ltd. These are displayed un-

Centennial Proclamation

The following is the Centennial Proclamation read at the inaugural ceremonies of Centennial year, held New Year's Day at City Hall.

City Hall, January 1st, 1955

Whereas in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Prince Edward Island, made and passed on the Seventeenth day of April in the Year of our Lord the thousand eight hundred and fifty and in the nineteenth year of the reign of that sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, which provided "that the inhabitants of the said town of Charlottetown and Common, and their successors, inhabitants of the same, from and after the passing of this Act, constituted a body corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by and under the name, style and title of the City of Charlottetown";

And Whereas in pursuance of that said Act, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Dominick Daily Esquire in Council issued instructions to William Baginall Esquire, High Sheriff of Queen's County in said Island, to hold a court for the election of fit and proper persons to act as Mayor and Common Councilors of the said City of Charlottetown for the ensuing year, and the said Sheriff having complied with the said instructions duly held the first election the seventh day of August, and made due return thereof to the Colonial Secretary, the Honourable George Coles, as announced in the Royal Gazette of the said Island of the ninth day of August in the said year as follows:

Mayor Robert Hutchinson, Common Councilmen: Ward No. 1 Benjamin Davies and Robert Longworth, Esquires; Ward No. 2 John C. MacDonald and Donald Moisaac, Esquires; Ward No. 3 Silas Barnard and Artemas G. Sims, Esquires; Ward No. 4 David Stewart and Thomas W. Doid, Esquires; Ward No. 5 Thomas Petnick and Richard Heartz, Esquires.

And Whereas the said Mayor and Common Councilmen took the oath of office on the tenth day of August before the Honourable Robert Hodgson, Chief Justice, and the first meeting of the said City Council was convened on the eleventh day of August in that said year;

And Whereas the present is the result of all the past, the flower of the previous civilizations, and the concentration and completion of the days that are gone;

And Whereas, mindful of the truth of the statement that "a wise nation preserves its records,"

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