

Metropolitan Committee Reports Steps Necessary

PART TWO
THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED
 A. The rapid growth of Parkdale and Spring Park.
 Because of the great desire to have their own home, a home practical with a generally limited lot, some families sought land which could be bought at low cost. On this land they could build a small home to start with and either enlarge or rebuild as the need and/or financing permitted. This land of course was found in the less heavily populated areas and consequently outside the limits of the City of Charlottetown.
 Some homeowners, built first a building which could afterwards be their garage, workshop, or barn — winterized it and lived in it until they were able to complete the home itself.
 Who are these people who have built outside the borders of Charlottetown? For the most part they are Charlottetown people in every sense of the word — in that they were born or raised in Charlottetown and make their living in Charlottetown. There are also those who came to Charlottetown annually from rural areas, to take

employment.
 Most of them consider themselves to be Charlottetown citizens with their homes in Charlottetown and with only an imaginary line keeping them from being actual residents of the city.
WERE RURAL
 A few years ago the areas immediately surrounding Charlottetown were rural in character, but one by one families bought land and established homes. Thus, what was in the beginning a sparsely settled rural area soon became an almost urban one.
 A sparsely settled area has relatively few problems. The family can drill a well and obtain pure water. Sewage is no problem. Fire hazards are not great. The need for police supervision or protection is rare indeed. Schools are rural in character and comparatively inexpensive. Paved streets, sidewalks, street lighting and storm sewers are beyond the hope of the residents and therefore rarely, if ever, considered.
 A thickly populated area on the other hand has many problems — and problems affecting health, san-


itation, education, fire and other such services become very important and ultimately very pressing. The thickly populated areas in both the Villages of Parkdale and Spring Park are at this stage now.
 B. The restriction of the population growth of Charlottetown.
 The limitation placed on Charlottetown by its boundaries which have remained unchanged since the community was founded nearly 200 years ago now restrict further population growth.
 The few areas of Charlottetown which up to now have not been built upon are very limited and are at present mainly unserved for city services, and are further restricted by building regulations.
LIMITS
 The cost of providing such services to these areas will be comparatively great, unless at the same time these services can be extended to areas beyond the present limits of the city.
 The ever increasing area of the present city required for business, industry and administration has the tendency to force more and more residents from the center of the city. Many of these people find homes in the areas bordering the city.
 The disadvantage of limitation of further population growth is in part compensated for by an increase in the city's assessment values and consequently in tax revenue to the city.
 A few examples may be cited to illustrate this point. The Federal Government purchased the property of one whole city block for the erection of the new Confederation Building. This resulted in:
 a. The removal of such residents from that area, and in some instances, out of the city altogether.
 b. The new Confederation Building under the new agreement whereby the Federal Government pays full tax on its fully assessed value now yields a far greater revenue to the city than did the total number of rate payers in that block previous to the purchase of their properties.
 c. The hazard of fire has been greatly reduced.
 d. The appearance of the city has been considerably enhanced.
 Another example was the purchase of a number of properties by the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. Again we had a similar removal of residents but an increase in tax revenue, a les-

sening of fire hazard and an improvement in the general appearance of the city.
 A study of Charlottetown as it was just ten years ago compared with Charlottetown today reveals the extent to which such a removal of residents to make way for business, industry, and administration has improved the city through erection of such new structures in place of the old.
 C. The lack of employment within the limits of Parkdale and Spring Park.
 The employment situation in both Parkdale and Spring Park shows that most of their employed and employable residents work in Charlottetown. Those who have employment within the two Villages are for the most part self-employed or, at the most, provide employment for two or three people.
 Such a situation is easy to understand when it is realized that the population of the whole metropolitan area is not over 20,000 persons and, that business, industry and administration is mainly consequently consolidated in the central business area of the City of Charlottetown.
 D. The cost to Charlottetown of the provision of employment to persons who live outside the city.
 The city is required to provide important and expensive services in order to provide the environment required by business, industry and administration. These services must be paid for from taxes.
 All that a male non-resident pays into the city for the privilege he has of earning a living within the city is \$25.00 a year.
 E. The need for improved educational facilities, teachers and supervisors common to the three areas.
 Because the heavily populated areas of both Parkdale and Spring Park are adjacent to the built-up residential areas of Charlottetown, the educational facilities of the three areas could be pooled. Such pooling of facilities should ultimately lead to a decrease in overhead costs, improved teaching standards, and better supervision over education generally.
 F. The need for a sewage collection and disposal system for Spring Park and Parkdale and provision for its maintenance and extension.
 The urgent need for such a system surely should be fully realized and we will not here deal further with it.
 However, what is not so apparent and not generally realized is that both the Villages of Spring Park and Parkdale are growing rapidly and that even should the money to provide a system immediately, there is the additional cost

of operation and maintenance which is not only great at the initial stage but will increase because of necessary upkeep and extensions. Will these Villages be able to afford this heavy expense?
 G. The need for a water system for domestic, industrial and fire fighting uses in Spring Park and Parkdale and the provision for its maintenance and extension.
 The need for water is readily apparent and this important problem has been dealt with fully by Mr. Crandall in his report.
 H. The need for sewage collection and disposal in three areas of Charlottetown not yet serviced — the North-West end of the city in the general area of Admiral St. Extension; the northern end of Upper Queen Street and the Park Street area.
 While these areas can be serviced the cost would be very high. It would be more economical to combine with Spring Park and Parkdale.
 The Crandall Report will deal with the technical details and the costs involved relating to this problem.
 I. The need for pumping or increased pumping facilities and storage capacity for water to the approved standards for the three areas.

While this problem has been dealt with by Mr. Crandall in his report, it is known that while Charlottetown now has reservoir capacity to store 1,250,000 gals. of water, the Board of Fire Underwriters require a reservoir capacity of 2,250,000 gals. The cost of fire insurance in Charlottetown is therefore higher than it would be if its reservoir capacity was adequate. It will be found to be more expensive to have inadequate reservoir capacity than to provide the required storage.
 Fire insurance in the Villages of Spring Park and Parkdale is much greater than it would be if the necessary amount of water for fire fighting was available and the Villages had the facilities to distribute same.
 J. The need for improved fire fighting equipment in the three areas.
 It is understood that a substantial reduction would be made in fire insurance rates if improvements in fire fighting could be effected.
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 Inserted by P.E.I. Liberal Ass'n.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

Shediac, New Brunswick is the place and June 11 and 12 the time for the annual meeting of the National Farm Radio Forum. It is rarely that a national meeting of this kind is held so close to home and the occasion does present an opportunity for our own people to attend and take part. This is the first time that an island farm forum people of the National conference and an invitation to as many as can arrange to attend.
ADULT EDUCATION
 The week following the Farm Formu Conference Mount Allison University, Sackville will be the scene of the Biennial Atlantic Regional Conference of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. The dates are June 19, 20 and 21. The theme of this conference "Building the Atlantic Provinces through communities" is one that should capture the imagination of those who are generally concerned with Maritime development. Again it is hoped that the Island will have a good representation at this conference.


AMERICAN VISITORS
 Last Friday and Saturday the province was visited by Lt. Don Osborne, Veterinary Officer, Lt. Goose Air Base, Labrador. Lt. Osborne's visit was the result of contact made by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council group which visited Goose Base earlier in the week. All food brought into the camp must originate in approved establishments and is subject to inspection upon arrival. Lt. Osborne visited a number of places and establishments in both Charlottetown and Summerside and was, we believe generally impressed with the facilities and management of these places.
 Next week the province will be visited June 5 to 9 by Raymond A. West, Assistant Agricultural Attache, United States Embassy, Ottawa. Mr. West is an experienced farmer in his own right and was formerly an official of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. He has expressed the desire to examine and study the hog and potato industry of the province and will visit a number of farms between Charlottetown and Summerside.


TURKEY TROUBLES
 Prospects appear to be for quite low prices for turkey in the United States this fall. As a result Canadian producers are concerned that American imports will have a serious effect upon prices in this country. Already the Canadian Turkey Organization has approached the Dominion government asking that an embargo be placed upon imports apparently the turkey people prefer such an approach to the one advanced by the Federation of

COMING EVENTS
 Kelly's Cross Play, in Vernon River Hall, Monday night, June 3.
 Movie Corran Bann Hall, Saturday, June 1st, 8.15.
 Movie Fort Augustus Hall, Monday June 3rd, 8.30.
 Dance Iona East School, Monday, May 20th and every Monday.
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 Regular weekly dance St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Friday night, May 31. Cliff Peter's Orchestra.
 Rogerson's Beauty Shop Cra-paud, open each weekday, evenings by appointment.
 Rummage sale, Kirk lower hall Friday, May 31st, at 7 p.m. Hillsboro Chapter I.O.D.E.
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 who will be speaking over CFCY Radio at 8:45 standard time Tonight on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party.
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