

Mayor Emphasizes

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was lowered from 3% in 1951 to 2.35% for 1952. This revision and evaluation is a reform in Civic administration which was long overdue.

Education

For the past number of years, the various Councilors have been approached by the Board of School Trustees to impress upon them that the time has come when additional school facilities would have to be provided to meet the requirements of our students.

Diversification of curriculum cannot be accomplished economically or with full educational possibilities with the present overcrowding of our public schools.

At the present time there are eighty-eight teachers engaged in our four public schools and kindergarten. There are 1,318 boys and 1,155 girls, making a total in all of 2,473 pupils.

Mr. H.F. MacPhee, B.A., Q.C., was re-appointed to the Board for another five years. We also welcome as Superintendent to the City Schools, Mr. Kenneth Parker, M.A.

Finance

Your city has lived within its budget in current account for the past year, and it is to be congratulated on so doing in the face of rising costs.

Much time and energy has been devoted to the spending of the taxpayer's money, in order that the tax dollar be stretched as far as possible.

Your Finance Committee has also worked most strenuously on the collection of arrears of taxes.

Shortly after taking office, your Committee visited on the Provincial Government and presented a brief setting additional assistance, and as a result of our efforts the grant was increased by approximately 25 per cent.

The net debt of the City at the present time is \$2,774,317.86. This would make the per capita debt \$176.85. There are 5,400 persons on the assessment roll of the city, paying a total of \$513,822. The net debt per taxpayer is \$513.82, the net debt practically five times the current levy for real and personal tax.

The following table shows the aggregate revenues for all governments in 1930, 1939, 1948 and 1951, and the percentage of the total acreage to each level of government.

Fiscal years 1930 1939 1948 1951 Total - All Governments (millions)

Federal 38.6% 50.7% 67.5% 71.3% Provincial 22.0% 21.7% 19.8% 17.2% Municipal 39.4% 27.6% 12.7% 11.5%

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Streets

Your Biggest Committee and your busiest for the year of 1952 was the Street Department.

This Council, faced first with the maintenance of some of our streets and the rehabilitation of others, had no idle moments.

Tenders were called for the work of rehabilitation and bids were received from the Island Construction Co., Curran & Briggs, Rayner Construction Co., and Warren Maritimes Limited.

The latter company was awarded the contract, to insure the greatest efficiency in this project.

The Donald Inspection Company was engaged on a technical capacity. Approximately \$380,000 worth of work was done under our Engineering Department with Mr. Harold Hewitt and his staff working along as technical advisors.

Other major projects under the supervision of the Street Department were done by M.F. Sothman Company, the County Construction Company and our Street Department men.

A detailed account will be found in the report which will be submitted by the chairman of the Street Department.

Public Property

Your Public Property Committee was certainly not idle during the year. Possibly the major project taken by them in 1952 was the building of the sea wall at the west end of the Victoria Park.

The re-building and lengthening of the north end of the Government Pond, the laying of the asphalt walk on King Square, the painting of the rail on the breastwork at Victoria Park, and the redecoration of our City Hall, are some of the operations done by them.

Police

The Police Department carried on in its usual efficient manner. Here again much thought was given to the workings of this Department, by the Police Committee.

The new police patrol was purchased, and later in the season a motorcycle was acquired. We believe that the acquiring of the motorcycle will do much to control traffic menaces.

The parking meters netted the City some \$6,016.13. They have done much to facilitate the parking in the congested areas, and I know the Police Committee is giving thought to the installation of more.

The traffic lights also are a great aid to the handling of our traffic, especially those at the intersection of Euston, Weymouth, and Longworth Avenue. I feel that there is still need for more of these traffic lights, and they will be procured just as soon as it is conveniently possible.

Fire Department

This is another splendid department in our civic set-up. We are proud of both the men and the equipment. During the year our Fire Committee has given much of their time and energy in dealing with the various problems and requests from the firemen.

The acquisition of an air horn, life net, and deluge gun have added to the efficiency of this splendid department. This new equipment, which has cost the taxpayers considerable money, has been purchased only when it was felt to be absolutely necessary.

Perhaps the citizens do not realize it, but the purchase of every piece of major fire equipment means a reduction to them on the premium they pay on their individual fire policies.

By way of information to the general public, the present volunteer personnel of the Fire Department is forty-five men, a Fire Chief and an Assistant Fire Chief appointed by the Council. The fire equipment is maintained and operated by three permanent engineers. The supervision of the Fire Department is vested in the Fire Board, which consists of the Fire Committee of this Council, a member of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply, and the Chief of the Fire Department.

Market

The Market Committee has given utmost satisfaction. The Market Building has been kept in a good state of repair at all times, and all the service in connection with the Market have been attended to.

Lights

During the year, the lighting of our streets has been well looked after by our Light Committee.

Tender

This committee, though not overworked, gave careful consideration to all purchases for which tenders were called. While the latter two committees have not been called upon to perform very onerous tasks, they have been valuable members of other committees on which they have served.

By-Laws

The following By-laws were passed by the Council during the year: April 15th. - A By-law to establish the Installment Payment of Civic Assessments and to fix the Rate of Interest.

April 15th. - A By-law levying and specifying the Rate of Assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property and the amount of Poll Taxes in the City of Charlottetown, for general civic purposes.

April 27th. - A By-law to amend the By-law to establish Rules of Order to regulate the proceedings of the City Council.

May 12th. - A By-law to amend the By-law respecting Shows and Places of Entertainment and Amusement.

August 11th. - A By-law to amend the By-law to establish a Restricted Building Zone in the City.

October 24th. - A By-law to amend the By-law to regulate Traffic in the City of Charlottetown.

December 18th. - A By-law to amend the By-law respecting Trucks and Tru-

Mayor's Problems

"Your Council has given considerable study to the major problems that are confronting this City and surrounding areas, and while nothing yet in concrete form has been taken up, with the coming year we hope that the ideas will take solid form.

To mention a few of the important ones - the revision of the Health Department to work in close co-operation with the Health and Welfare Department of the Provincial Government; the study of the fringe area with the possibility of the extension of the City limits, which would mean the supplying of services enjoyed by the residents within the limits, more particularly the laying of water and sewer mains to eliminate the hazard of pollution.

"Then too, as I mentioned before in this report, the building of the High School. Your Council knows that these projects will involve the spending of the taxpayers' money, and naturally is moving slowly in making any changes. It is gratifying to the Council to report a splendid spirit of community co-operation, through the Board of Trade, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens' Committee on Town Planning, and the Parent-Teacher groups. We welcome this valuable assistance.

During the year, you appointed Councillors Johnstone and Farmer, and myself, to meet with the Provincial Minister of Health, to discuss the matter of a re-vamped Board of Health for the City of Charlottetown. At this meeting, plans were laid to have legislation brought in for a new organization of the Board of Health for the City. After such legislation there will be available to the City of Charlottetown the facilities of the Provincial Department of Health and we will be assured of a rigid inspection of our milk, meat, fish and other foods.

The Water Department, as you can see by the returns, is down in the income from 1951. In July an increase in the water rates was established, to take care of the increase in electrical energy costs, and the satisfactory results of this increase are shown in the financial returns by the Water Department to the City, for the last six months of 1952.

Many distinguished personages called at City Hall during the year, the outstanding one being our first Canadian-born Governor General, His Excellency Vincent Massey, who was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Massey. After a formal visit and presentation in the Council Chambers, His Excellency was a guest at a Civic Luncheon at Dalry in our National Park. His chateau, Mrs. Lionel Massey, was a guest of Mrs. Stewart at a Luncheon at Keppoch Beach Hotel. The citizens of Charlottetown greeted our Governor General with a warmth and sincerity which I feel he will long remember.

Events for the Coming Year: The year 1953 will be an historical one for the British Empire. Every City, town and hamlet will in some way celebrate the Coronation of Elizabeth II. We in Charlottetown must not just as soon as possible make plans for this occasion. We must impress upon our citizens, young and old, the importance of this event, and what the Crown of England means to our Commonwealth of Nations, and to our democratic way of living.

To many, of course, the coronation of a Sovereign is not new. Our school children, however, must be made cognizant of what it means, and a spirit of loyalty and patriotism to the throne impressed upon them.

Let us then make this a day long to be remembered - an event in their history that will remain in their minds as long as they shall live, and instill in their hearts such a love of country that they will ever be proud they are Canadian citizens and British subjects - and that the sun never sets on the Union Jack - that flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze.

We must also at this time give thought of and the very near future make plans for the Centennial of our City, which as you know will be the year 1955. I will appoint a Committee from this Council, with power to add to its members from citizens of our City, to work out plans as to what form of celebration will be held.

Mr. Fullerton has already been in communication with the City of Halifax and has a program of events which took place there, when they celebrated their Bicentennial, and I believe that by laying the ground work now, even though some of us may not be in the Council, a start will have been made and we will not have neglected our duty in this regard, and our successors can take up the program from there.

I cannot close my report without recording the passing of Mr. John Turner who for many years served the City as a fireman, Mr. B. Roy Holman, a Councillor for many years and Mayor from 1940 to 1944. Lt. Colonel R. C. Chandler, who served the City as Councillor and was recognized as one of the ablest Chairmen of Finance in the last quarter century. We extend to those left to cherish their memory, our sincerest sympathy.

To you Councillors and to all Civic officials and City employees, for your co-operation, I offer my sincerest thanks.

J. D. STEWART, D.S.O., Mayor.

Current Account

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vised assessment on real estate, and are pleased to state that it was received by the taxpayers as a fair and equitable valuation.

The total valuation on real and personal property was \$24,063,250, as against \$15,160,124 for the previous year.

After considerable work by all committees of the Council, your committee brought in as the estimated expenditure in all departments \$675,042. Estimated for licenses, rents, Police Court, etc., grants, Commissioners of Sewers & Water Supply, parking meters and poll tax, to the amount of \$122,656, left the sum of \$552,386 to be raised on the real and personal property tax.

To raise this amount on the \$24,063,250 made the actual revenue was \$685,963.36 as against an estimated revenue of \$684,219.95. While the actual expenditure was \$683,575.59 as against an estimated expenditure of \$675,041.90. I have made this comparison to show you how closely the actual revenue was to the actual. This is not done, therefore, much thought and effort. Incidentally, we note that we are some \$2,390.00 within our budget.

Bonds

Two issues of bonds were sold during the year - a refunding which was made up of a \$33,000 carry over from 1951 which was done owing to the lateness of maturity and the unhealthy con-

dition of the bond market - and \$35,000 which is 50% of bonds maturing in 1952, up to the first of July. The refunding issue of \$68,000 was sold to the Provincial Government at a price of 97.50. The bonds were 20 year, non-callable 4 1/2 per cent, 1972.

Tenders were invited on a bond issue of \$250,000 permanent works debentures to lift the overdraft in the Royal Bank in comparison with the American dollar. The result was that the Americans who held Canadian bonds took the advantage of the exchange to sell their holdings. This had a tendency to, and actually did, glut the bond market. Such being the case, it was deemed desirable to offer the bonds at a price as offered, but to invite bids later in the Fall. Consequently, tenders were again called, and this permanent works issue was sold to a syndicate comprising Bell, Gouinlock & Company Limited, Eastern Securities Limited, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the price being 4.95 below par.

The funded debt of the City, that is the City debentures outstanding at the end of December 1952, is \$2,857,050. The debentures are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Interest rate and Amount. Rows include 3 1/2%, 4%, 4 1/2%, and 5%.

Against this sum, we have in Sinking Fund and Sinking Fund investments \$679,448.14.

Sinking Fund

In the latter part of March, a proposition was received from the Eastern Trust Company, suggesting that they handle the City of Charlottetown Sinking Fund and Investments, on an Agency basis.

After considerable study, and on presentation of the Eastern Trust Company's proposition to the Council, a resolution was passed authorizing the Finance Committee to enter into contract whereby the Eastern Trust Company will have the safekeeping of Sinking Fund investment and monies, the re-investment and realization thereof, as required, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, as indicated by the signature of the chairman - the fee of the Eastern Trust Company not to exceed 4% of the annual income from the Sinking Fund.

A formal agreement with the Eastern Trust Company was entered upon on the 26th day of September 1952. Your Finance Committee feels that by so doing they will have knowledge and advice of the Eastern Trust Company on the investing of Sinking Fund monies, and the re-selling and purchasing of present investments for better holdings, bearing a higher rate of interest. In time, this should increase the earning capacity of Sinking Fund investments, which is now 3%. The total amount of the Sinking Fund either cash or investments held by the Eastern Trust Company for the City would be \$4,065,761.67, \$5,500.00. This will be augmented by \$672,650.41. This will be augmented by \$5,500.00 worth of debentures to be sold in 1953, and \$1,297.73 un-invested cash, making in all a total of \$679,448.14.

Tax Collector

In April, Mr. Fred Large was given leave of absence due to ill-health. Mr. George Abbott of the Assessing Department was appointed Tax Collector, and upon his assuming office, a new system was inaugurated to allow for collection of arrears of taxes. Mr. Abbott checked with all employers to ascertain the names and addresses of persons in their employ, and got a very much larger coverage, and many new names were added to the Tax Assessment rolls for poll tax purposes.

This could not have been done except for the splendid co-operation given the Tax Collector by the different employers in the City. If this co-operation continues, and I feel sure that it will, it will have a far reaching effect in perfecting Mr. Abbott's system of collection.

We are giving thought to the idea of seeking legislation, making it compulsory for employers of help to give the City Hall the names of new employees as they are taken on from time to time, and the collecting of poll tax at the source.

This system has taken considerable time to get into operation, but we are pleased to report from Mr. Abbott's records as follows: "In July, 2,081 letters were sent out, advising the poll tax defaulters of the amount they owed. 1,118 follow-up letters were sent to those who ignored the first letters. From these letters, 374 paid the Council, a start will have been made and the majority of these are keeping their payments up. The amount of \$7,269.06 was paid on poll taxes in arrears in the year, against \$2,856.61 for the previous year. 586 letters were returned "wrong address, unknown, or left Province." A list of these was given the Police Department to try and locate. 150 accounts were turned over to the Court for collection. Of these, 79 were given to the Sheriff, 12 paid in full, 10 made part payments, 16 nulla bona, and three for garnishes. The Sheriff turned over \$275.00 on the above convictions.

The year 1953 should see this machinery running quite smoothly. Our intention is to leave no stone

turned to see that tax arrears will be paid the City Corporation.

Your Finance Committee, during the year, reviewed taxes on the Charlottetown Forum Limited, and the by-law to amend the by-law respecting taxation on the Forum was enacted. This was done under authority of the Act of Incorporation.

Charlottetown Hotel

A matter of concern to the Finance Committee, and which we will bring before the Council, is the agreement with the Canadian National Railways regarding the Charlottetown Hotel. The Board of Valuers set the valuation on the land and structure, for taxation purposes, at the sum of \$832,000. In the year 1941 a ten year agreement was entered into with the Canadian National Railway's Tax Division of Montreal, which stated they would pay on \$150,000 valuation at the current rate. The agreement expired in the year 1951, and when the new valuation was served on the Tax Commissioner in April of this year, they did not take cognizance of it, but paid on \$150,000 at the current rate of 2.35 per cent. The result of this is the setting, in our arrears ledgers of the sum of some \$16,000. Your Committee brings this matter before the Council now, to ask what action is to be taken on it. If this amount is uncollectable, it should not be carried on the ledgers as an asset or a "Bill Receivable".

Hospitals

After consideration given to taxes of the Charlottetown Hospital and the Prince Edward Island Hospital, it was decided to give them a grant in lieu of their respective taxes, augmented by \$2,000.00.

Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply

The receipts for 1952, as compared with 1951, show a considerable decrease. However, in our year 1953 we expect there will be a definite increase as a result of the new rates which were in effect only for the last two quarters of 1952. The increased costs in electrical energy used in the Pumping Station, and the general increase in maintenance costs, were responsible for the remittance being lower than our estimated revenue from this department. By way of comparison, in 1951 the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply paid the City Treasury \$26,241.58 as compared with \$19,684.14 in 1952. The estimated revenue from this source was \$25,000.00.

School Board

The cost of operating our public schools for the year was \$136,397.50 as against \$131,927.00 in the previous year. Looking over the audited statement of the School Board's receipts and disbursements, one sees a bank balance of \$883.75 as at January 1st, and an overdraft at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at December 31st of \$4,965.36. These two items totalling \$4,949.51 show the amount of expenditure over the above receipts for the year, and this can be assumed to be the amount of expenditure over the year's revenue which will have to be absorbed by the City Council, or a portion of the overdraft at the Canadian Bank of Commerce. This will no doubt be placed in the 1953 estimates of the Board of School Trustees when they make their submission to the City Council.

Your Finance Committee has studied a Brief presented by the Board of School Trustees to the City Council, regarding the overcrowding of our public schools, and the need for additional facilities. We realize in 1953 something definitely must be done to alleviate this situation. Whether it be the erection of a High School with a big capital outlay, or additions to the present schools, we are not prepared to say, but we go along

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Canadian Consumers News

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Every branch of our economy has its federation, union or pressure-group, it matters not what they are called, that looks after the special interests of that group. We all seem to do a better job of advancing our producer interests than we do of protecting our consumer interests.

There are more ways and places for anyone to get a hearing as a producer than for him or her to be heard as a consumer and yet after all producers and consumers are the same people. "Everyone is a consumer."

The February number of "The Red Book" has an excellent article entitled "A Real Break For Consumers." It is worth getting and reading. I am sure if you will think this out for yourselves you will realize the need for a strong association to study the problems and straighten out the tangles which come up every day in our struggle to stretch the household budget and be sure that we are getting and giving a square deal.

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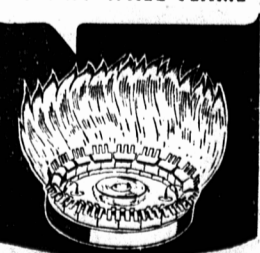
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