

# Hospitals Ready To Launch Drives

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Financial campaigns will be launched by the Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown and Prince County Hospitals right away, it was learned officially Saturday.

The P. E. I. Hospital will launch its drive for funds immediately — the hope is to raise \$75,000 to \$100,000 and it is expected the drive will get underway in the first few days of this week. William Hayward, board chairman, said Saturday.

**RESERVES EXHAUSTED**  
Mr. Hayward said the P.E.I. Hospital drive is for funds to meet both operating and "spit" costs. "Our capital reserves have been exhausted," said Mr. Hayward, a statement that had been made and substantiated in this paper several weeks ago.

**MEETS TONIGHT**  
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**Legion 'Spiel' Opens Today In Montague**  
The Prince County Hospital campaign "will be commenced right away," and will be done through an advertising program which will make an appeal to the public for financial support, it was learned.

**TRUSTEES OF KINGS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT MONTAGUE**  
The trustees of Kings County Memorial Hospital at Montague already have underway a campaign to raise about \$10,000 a year and let them run it.

**Subsidy Suggested**  
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**Parking Lot Is Available**  
The city's parking problems were eased slightly Saturday with the announcement that the site of the old Prince Edward Theatre on Grafton Street has been made available for public parking.

**NO FIRE TRAP**  
On a question raised regarding fire safety, Fire Chief R.H. Jewell was called in and said the building could be emptied in emergencies in five minutes as the present exits were ample if kept open and manned. He said the furnace room needs some changes as it would be awkward to get in there if fire occurred in that portion. But he maintained the Arena was not a fire trap.

**IMPORTANT POINT**  
An important consideration in the committee's move was the announcement last year regarding participation in the federal physical fitness program. It is believed that with acquisition of the Sports Arena, the city would name a recreational director and thus be able to qualify for federal financial grants.

**Such a director would be in charge of summer programs, and also be responsible for operating the Arena in winter.**  
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Volume was 16,945,955 shares compared with 22,680,450 for the previous week.

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MONTAGUE'S NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

This modern medical centre, in operation since Jan. 1, is located on Main Street, Montague, and at present, houses offices of Dr. John C. Bonnell, who also has an office at St. Peter's Bay and Dr. Lorne M. Bonnell, who has an office at Murray River.

The two-story structure, built of wood with three stone panels, has well-equipped sound proof offices, each with adjoining examination and treatment room and laboratory. It also contains two large waiting rooms.

# Sports Arena Purchase By City Meets Opposition

By RALPH CAMERON  
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The anticipated easy passage of purchase of the Sports Arena by the city ran into an unexpected snag Saturday morning when it was opposed by Coun. Walter Cox as City Council met in an emergency session called to discuss it.

It had previously been learned the city finance committee had discussed the matter the day before in a meeting with Arena owner Carl Burke and agreed on a purchase price of \$80,000.

Last year Mr. Burke had announced his desire to sell the property after operating it at a loss for several years. He agreed to continue operation at the present rate, however, provided there were no costly breakdowns in machinery, in order to give the city an opportunity of either buying it or finding an alternate site for winter recreation facilities for the youth of Charlottetown.

Efforts were made to determine suitability of the Coliseum as a rink and experts came here to examine the feasibility of installing an ice-making plant there.

**COLISEUM COST**  
However, it was related at Council Saturday by Mayor A. Wathen Gaudet that the Exhibition Association directors wanted the city to install the plant and then pay an annual rental of \$7,000 for use of the building. With other necessary changes including provision of dressing rooms, heating and extra roofing it was stated the cost would be over \$170,000 and it was felt this was excessive.

Immediately it was known the Coliseum idea was not practicable, city authorities called Mr. Burke who went to City Hall to meet them and on a time by time basis.

It was at this gathering agreement was said to have been reached to purchase the Sports Arena for a reported \$80,000. City Council had previously been called in special session yesterday morning to consider legislation to be readied for the coming session of the Legislature and as City Recorder K.M. Martin was not in the Chamber at the start Mayor Gaudet suggested holding an emergency meeting then to discuss the new project.

**LACK OF PARKING**  
Coun. Cox's main argument against the purchase centered around lack of parking space for cars of people going to the rink and said the Coliseum was far superior in this respect. He also said the latter was a much newer structure and suggested a delay in proceedings in order to have the city engineer examine the costs as he thought it might be a better idea to build a new rink even if it meant spending an additional \$100,000.

His arguments favoring delay met with support from Councilors Arthur Wright and Eimer MacRae with the latter maintaining the city could have four or five outdoor rinks for the same outlay of money.

Coun. Wright made more details on financing, cost and condition of the building.

Coun. Cox was supporting the proposal. Coun. John Nicholson said, "even if we had to ban parking within three miles of the arena, we should still do this for the benefit of our children." He later stated adults spent plenty money on their own entertainment and some should be spent for the children. He maintained if Council purchased the Arena there should be no criticism at all from "any thinking citizen."

Coun. Allison Gilts also fully supported the move and

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