

Increased Revenue Noted From Water Supplied City

The sum of \$130,934.81 was collected in water rates during the year, stated H.R. Bevan, Chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply in his report to the City Council last night.

Mr. Bevan noted that this was \$1,509.36 more than in 1956, adding that the expenses for the year amounted to \$31,853.55.

The amount paid over to the City to take care of the Sinking Fund and interest on outstanding debentures was \$49,081.26, he said. Mr. Bevan stated that the increase in this payment of \$8,717.13 in 1956 was attributed to the increase in receipts and a decrease in operating costs.

Mr. Bevan's report indicated that the amount of water pumped during the year was 696,373,123 gallons with an average daily consumption of 1,905,104 gallons, and that the amount supplied through metered accounts was 209,156,816 gallons. He said the balance of \$77,216,307 represents the amount used for domestic purposes, small commercial accounts, fire fighting, street flushing purposes and other public uses.

The Sewer Construction Account has a credit balance of \$2,

112.29, he said, adding that the Water Construction Account started with a credit balance of \$6,400.00 and ended with a credit balance of \$7,266.10.

He said that this increase was caused through the payment of some 1956 construction in 1957 obviating that most of all 1957 construction accounts were paid in full in the current year.

BUSY YEAR

The relocation of approximately 700 feet of water main on the Malpeque Road, and the consequent disconnecting and reconnecting of all services on this line made 1957 a busy year for the Commission, Mr. Bevan stated.

"In all, 1,192 and one third feet of pipe with two twelve-inch tapping sleeves with gate valves, and nine six-inch gate valves was installed," he said.

This work was completed in the Autumn without interruption in service, the Chairman of the Commission declared, adding that he was pleased to report that the Provincial Government had paid in full for the cost of this project.

Included in additional work completed during the year by the Commission the Chairman noted:



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the provision of two new sprinkler systems, one at the Provincial Building, and the other at Birchwood School; the construction of two manholes, and nine main gates; and the replacement of four hydrants.

Will Cost More To Provide Better Lighting For Streets

The fact that the City to a large extent was poorly lighted was "quite familiar" to the Light Committee, Chairman A. J. Haslam, told the City Council last night.

The extended installation of mercury vapor lights is the solution," he said, but reminded the Council that every time this is done "our light account automatically increases."

"The Committee feels," he said, "that if our city could afford to do so, it should embark on the systematic installation of mercury vapor lights as recommended by the Maritime Electric Company."

Budgeting for an expenditure of \$22,160.30, his committee expended only \$21,975.18, Councillor Haslam noted.

Councillor Haslam said that at the end of the year the Charlotteville lighting system included: 100 watt - 140; 200-watt, 169; 300-watt, 20; 450-watt (mercury vapor), 57; 100 C.P., 69; 250 C.P., 23; and 400 C.P. 50

These costs respectively each per year: \$26.80, \$40.60, \$52.40, \$96.00, \$23.50, \$34.20, and \$47.00, he added.

"A few months ago a resolution was passed authorizing Mr. James Toombs, an architect, to make a preliminary survey of the basement of the Market Building with a view to providing office and store space, and also make a preliminary survey of the top floor of the Market Building with a view to providing our citizens with a civic auditorium.

This survey is still in progress but seems to indicate that the conversion of the basement is economically feasible but that the conversion of the top floor may remain but a dream for some years to come."

Market And Scale Committee Reported Surplus For Year

A surplus of \$1,441.96 in the current year's operation was reported to the City Council last night by Councillor Gerald R. Foster, chairman of the market and scale committee.

This represented a two-year average surplus for this committee "in excess of \$1000," Councillor Foster noted, adding that his was accomplished while "continuing and, we hope improving the service provided."

Much of the credit for this saving, Mr. Foster said was due to the caretaker, Mr. Llewellyn, "whose continuous efforts made this saving possible."

Councillor Foster continued:

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Street Committee Reports \$10,326 Surplus For '57

"Your committee has been able with prudent and careful administration to get by with an expenditure of \$137,603.40, or in other words wind up our year with a surplus of \$10,326.60," Council A. Walthen Gaudet, Chairman of the Street Committee informed the City Council at the annual meeting held last night.

The amount spent by his Committee was \$17,000 less than the amount spent by the Street Committee in 1956, the chairman noted, adding that this year the committee made capital expenditures of only \$35,915.54 in comparison with \$81,366.75 in capital outlay in 1956.

Some of the larger amounts listed in the detailed distribution of expenditure appended to Mr. Gaudet's report were: salaries: \$42,971.76; labor, \$41,038.22; gas, oil and anti-freeze, \$11,015.09; chip seal streets, \$7,224.59; asphalt mix, \$4,844.84; and repairs to machinery, \$9,752.39.

Included in new equipment acquired during the year Councillor Gaudet listed a "Scard Junior Snow Blower," a Hough Payloader and a new Dodge truck.

The major street paving job carried out in 1957 was the 1,375 foot project on Orlebar St., the Chairman observed.

"This work was done by Warren Maritimes Limited using an



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asphalt mix as laid down by our own city engineer," he said.

Other large scale projects accomplished by the Street Committee in 1957 and referred to in Mr. Gaudet's report included: the resurfacing of Fitzroy Street from Queen to Weymouth (1,700 ft.); the completion of the parking area adjacent to the Confederation building; the application of shale

to various sections of the city streets, principally, Upper Queen from Connolly Street to the City Limits; Goodwill Ave. from Sidmouth Ave. to Lansdown Ave.; Waverly Court, Admiral Street from Goodwill Ave. west 450 feet, and Grafton Street East along the dump road east to a distance of 300 ft.

In addition the Chairman included the following items in the report of the year's work: chip-sealing (new) 1,500 lineal feet; street re-chip-sealed, 10,505 lineal feet; streets patched with chip seal, 4.5 miles; sidewalks rehabilitated and repaired, 1.68 miles; storm sewers laid (new) 1,097 lineal feet; storm sewers repaired, 68 lineal feet; new catch basins built, 10; and catch basins repaired, 3.

SNOW REMOVAL

Speaking of the snow removal problem, Councillor Gaudet said: "Through the early winter season of 1957 your Street Department had to cope with repeated heavy snow, and all snow fighting equipment was accordingly taxed to its utmost to keep streets cleared and traffic moving. During actual storms one plow remained on duty at the fire hall in case of emergencies, and as soon as such storms abated Hospitals, Schools and the like, and the business sections, were firstly opened up, with the remainder of the streets following as soon as possible. Only after all streets were opened up came snow removal, and under the aforementioned council policy this work was done by our own men, with our own equipment, and in regular working hours.

"At all times your street department carried out these tasks of snow clearance and snow removal to the best of its ability, but certainly our experience pointed up the need of additional snow-fighting equipment for our city as soon as possible. During the latter part of the year this need has been met by the purchase of our new Scard Junior Snow Blower and our new Hough Payloader equipped with side delivery plow and we should now be reasonably well prepared for anything which lies ahead. The mild weather of the latter months of the year were most welcome in this whole regard and have afforded considerable saving in snow fighting costs to our citizens.

NEW SITE REQUIRED

The 1957 Chairman of the Street Committee had a word of advice for his succession office: "One of the main outstanding problems facing this department is that of the securing of a new site for our City Works Department and Barn and while some of the groundwork was done in this regard in 1957 it is recommended that the new council give this matter priority in 1958 and place it high in the list of early capital expenditures for the new year. No details in this matter should be necessary in this report as I'm sure the whole council is aware of the need in this respect."

Revenue And Expenditure

Following is a summary of the Civic revenue and expenditures for 1957, as given in the report to the auditors, Messrs H. R. Doane, and Company, at last night's annual meeting of the City Council:

REVENUE	
Taxation: Real personal and educational	\$930,909.75
Licenses	10,834.50
Rentals	12,855.90
Salary	153,065.22
Total revenue for the year	\$1,107,665.37
Less: Total expenditure for the year	1,038,293.59
Excess of revenue over expenditure	\$69,359.78
EXPENDITURE	
General Government	\$111,426.95
Protection to persons and property	127,266.08
Public Works including street maintenance	141,675.85
Conservation of health	4,388.59
Public welfare	14,495.07
Board of School Trustees	214,981.31
Recreation and Community service	40,392.25
Debt charges	360,081.15
Salary	23,586.34
Total expenditure for the year	\$1,038,293.59

The auditors report showed that the Current Funds ended with a bank balance of \$78,799.53, as compared to an overdraft of \$33,097.22 a year previous to that.

During the year a total of \$956,519.1 representing 102.7 per cent of the levy for the year was collected. This contributed a great deal toward the substantial bank balance. The revenue for the year exceeded the expenditures by \$69,359.78.

Under Capital Funds the report shows that \$993,250 in debentures were issued during the year. Of this \$700,000 was for the Birchwood High School, \$250,000 for permanent works to reduce the bank overdraft and \$43,250.00 for the 1955 refunding issues.

\$45,750.00 of the debentures came due for retiring during 1957, certain of these require refunding issues amounting to \$7,250.00.

The net debt of the City now stands at \$3,941,355.52 an increase of \$195,824.66. However, it was

\$69,359 Surplus

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BONDS RETIRED

During the year, bonds to the amount of \$45,750.00 were retired of which \$7,250.00 are to be refunded.

Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply—The receipts from the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply for 1957 showed \$49,081.26, which is in an all time high for returns from this Department.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Capital Expenditure during the year was kept to a minimum, and the practice of having a budget for Capital Expenditure which I instituted in 1956 is recommended to the incoming council as a MUST in the interests of keeping Capital Expenditures under control.

PENSION FUND

During the year, our Pension Fund was handed over to the Eastern Trust Company for investment purposes. This shows \$108,700.00 invested in Bonds.

SINKING FUNDS

Our Sinking Funds are in excellent condition and they also are handled by the Eastern Trust Company. These investments are computed at a 3 percent earning value but are actually earning more than 3 percent, and it is of interest to note that the Sinking Funds at the end of 1957 are \$39,300.00 in excess of actuarial requirements.

Your Finance Committee is highly gratified to have such a good report to present to this Council. Your Committee, along with other Committees of the Council, is most pleased with what has been accomplished during the past year. This financial picture has been brought about by the supervision of spending in the various departments which practically in every case, are under their estimates. This, with additional revenue brought in by our Assessing Department, accounts largely for our surplus.

Your Committee would suggest a study of the Auditors' Report as it presents a clear and complete picture of the City's financial operations during the year, and also the City's financial picture at the close of the year. They require little amplification or explanation by your Committee. However, we have tried to point out a few of the salient items, so that they may be brought to the attention of our citizens who have not the time necessary to give exhaustive consideration to the report.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Early in the year Mr. J. S. Jenkins was engaged as Tax Collector and has proved to be an exceptionally efficient addition to the staff here at City Hall. The figures shown in the financial statement for the year are irrefutable evidence of this fact. In this regard you will note that tax collections for 1957 amounted to \$102.7 percent of the levy for the year.

This is the first time since 1948 that tax collections have exceeded the levy for the year with the ratio for these 10 years averaging only 98 percent. Total arrears collected during 1957 exceeds the arrears collected during 1956 by nearly \$100,000.00.

While the larger portion of such were arrears on real estate nevertheless the tax collector's best work was in the unsecured field of arrears of educational and Poll Tax.

The first task in this regard was to see that all citizens liable for our Educational Tax were, in fact, assessed for this tax. By

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Other projects completed by this committee and noted in Mr. O'Neill's annual report were: straightening a section of the Victoria Park sea wall, and painting the guard rail thereon; painting the Police Station and Cell Blocks; securing the old fire bell with steel joists; the installation of heated electric wires on certain gutters of the Market Building; the construction of a new green-house at Victoria Park; and the replacement of missing street name plates at various intersections.

Among proposed projects that will require the attention of the incoming Council, Councillor O'Neill included: replacement of the doors on the First Station; and improving the grassed area to the east of Government Pond.

Police Chief Says Fewer Arrests Made During '57

A total of 846 persons were arrested by the City Police in 1957, according to a report of the year's activities submitted by Chief MacArthur to the City Council last night. This, the Chief noted, showed a decrease of 177 in comparison with the number arrested last year.

In addition another 130 persons were brought before the Magistrate, the report stated. Of the over-all total 936 were convicted two were sent to a higher court, one was withdrawn, 16 taken to Riverside Hospital and 21 dismissed.

Persons charged as drunk and incapable accounted for 548 of those arrested by the City Police in 1957, the report notes. In addition offences for which arrests were made included: assault-13; breaking entry and theft, seven; drunk and disorderly, 96; alcoholism, 15; driving whilst impaired, 36; drunken driving, 10; disorderly conduct, 10; forgery, one; mischief, eight; robbery with violence, two; theft, 5; vagrancy, 58; and wounding with intent, one.

Other cases prosecuted by the City Police in 1957 included: speeding to stop at red light, 39; failing to stop at stop sign, 18; and unclean premises, four.

Additional duties performed by the department included: accidents reported and investigated; 511; burial permits issued, 374; dog licenses sold, 413; inquests held, 3; motor vehicles reported stolen and subsequently recovered, 34; monies collected from various sources, \$4,136.50; summonses served, 105; telephone complaints received and investigated, 2,612.

Chief MacArthur's annual re-

Tender Committee's Report Indicates An Active Year

Tenders called on April 8 for the sale of civic debenture in the amount of \$993,250 was the most important item handled by the Tender Committee in 1957 according to the Committee's annual report submitted to the City Council last night by the Chairman, Councillor John P. Nicholson.

Designed to raise funds for the construction of the new High School (\$700,000), permanent works (\$250,000), and for a refunding issue of \$43,250, these tenders, called in two divisions, were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Royal Bank of Canada, W. C. Pitfield and Co. Ltd., Royal Securities Co. Ltd., Eastern Securities Ltd., and Wood Gundy and Co. Ltd. \$950,000 of this amount bearing 1-2 per cent interest, brought a price of 96.27, and the balance bearing 5 per cent a price of

90.29. Councillor Nicholson noted.

The most costly purchases approved by this committee as shown in the report were: fire pumper, bought from Pierre Thibault (Canada) Ltd., through local representative, V. L. Dingwell, \$21,325.50; junior snowblower, bought from A. Pickard Machinery Ltd., \$16,150; and a payloador, bought from Lounsbury Co. Ltd., \$14,967.

Included in the additional 13 tenders approved by this Committee in 1957 were: oil burning furnace for city building with pump and tank, awarded to Bevan Bros. at a price of \$2,383; truck, awarded to W. G. Barbour, Ltd. at a net cost of \$2,900; installation of vault in City Hall, awarded to County Construction, at a price of \$2,855; renovation to the City Tax office, awarded to Chandler Bros. at a price of \$4,475; and alterations to the Fire Hall doors, awarded to County Construction Co. at a price of \$5,620.

own business and my own family, when I can shed the great responsibility of being Chief Magistrate of this Capital City of ours. But, on the other hand, I know that I am going to miss my daily visits to City Hall, the Council meetings, with their many, many, interesting problems, my intimate dealings with the great number of public spirited citizens, who have been members of this Council through the past twelve years, my meetings with other Canadian Mayors, and the discussions of Municipal subjects on a National level. Yes, gentlemen, I will miss public life, but the time has come for me to step away from the bright lights that go with leadership, into the quiet shadows of retirement, so that another may take on the task where I leave off.

"I would be remiss, indeed, if I did not, before taking leave of you, say a word of thanks to you eight Councillors, and the other members of Council that have served with me in the past, for your great spirit of co-operation, that has brought about the very good results that I have mentioned in my report tonight. You have served your City well. I do trust that you will all offer for re-election, and I wish you success.

"I wish also to thank the Heads of Departments and all Civic employees for their full and complete support since my coming to City Hall. I would like to mention the great help that I have received from the other two members of the Police Commission, Mr. K.M. Martin and Chief Crowe, in solving the problems that have come before that body from time to time, and finally a very sincere thank you to my personal staff. The City Clerk, Mr. Fullerton, his assistant Mr. Butler and Miss Mary McQuaid, their devotion to duty and their ready willingness to help at all times has made my task light indeed. Gentlemen, our City is blessed with capable and devoted employees. I will, naturally, always be interested in Civic affairs, and if the knowledge gained through my years in Civic Government is of any use to future Councils, I will always be available. Thank you for your kind attention."

Merchants Threaten To Defy Law

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Discussion of the controversial St. John's shops closing act erupted in the legislature Friday night.

"God help Water Street if we have men there who are prepared to ignore the law to make a profit," thundered Attorney-General Leslie Curtis.

However, some merchants on St. John's main thoroughfare advertised they would open today in defiance of a government law that becomes effective the same day. It convicted and fined the maximum \$2, they plan to take their cases to the highest courts.

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ATTENTION CITIZENS

All interested organizations and citizens are hereby invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Charlottetown, on Friday, February 7th, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. to decide on a more appropriate name for our new Federal Building in Charlottetown.

The Government of Canada has agreed to change the present conflicting name if interested organizations and citizens can recommend a name meeting with general local approval.

Charlottetown Board of Trade.

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Report On Fire Losses In City During Past Year

City Fire Chief H.H. Jewell placed the loss incurred by fire in the municipality during 1957 at \$410,000 in his annual report presented to the City Council last night.

Chief Jewell said that the City Fire Department had answered 175 fire calls in the year ending December 31, 1957, adding that 71 of these are general alarms and 104 still alarms.

The most serious outbreaks were at the Island Tire Service, Martin's Garage, the Co-op Supermarket, and the Oddfellows Building, the Chief noted.

The report listed the known causes of fires during the year including among them: flue fires, oil burners, grass fires, rubbish, short circuits, cigarettes, overheated stoves and furnace pipes, children playing with matches and incendiaries.

PUMPERS O.K.

Tests made on the pumps in September showed the machines to be in satisfactory condition. A new 840 gallon capacity pumper has been added to the equipment to give added protection to the city he said. The report also expressed the hope that a new or improved house alarm system would soon replace the one now in use.

The city fire marshal's report was also submitted by H.H. Jewell.

The report stated that the existing condition in some of the housing houses of the city was causing some concern. Fire drills in the schools, public and private, had been carried out, he said, and considerable advice had been given on new construction and remodeling contracts, where fire prevention advice was necessary.

EXPRESSION APPRECIATION

Appreciation of the management of the Royal Bank who donated \$250 to the Fire Department following the fire at the old Post Office Building, was expressed by Councillor Nicholson in making his annual report as chairman of the Fire Committee.

"With the acquisition of the new fire pumper, and with the overhaul of the International, we feel that Charlottetown is equipped to fight fires comparable to any other city its size in Canada," he said.

Councillor Nicholson declared that the city not only had good equipment but "the personnel of

our fire department is of the highest calibre."

"When we realize that this force answered 175 calls last year, we cannot but appreciate the great sacrifices these men make," he said.

The Chairman of the Fire Committee informed the Council that a new alarm system was "a must" and urged this need receive the attention of the incoming Council.

"Our present system is worn out, obsolete, and inefficient," he said.

Department expenditure amounted to \$19,391.22, Councillor Nicholson noted.

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involved. In this Province there are fewer than 100 transport trucks registered, out of a total of 6,514 of all trucks."

CONSIDER EFFECT

"Continuing Mr. MacKay said, in placing weight restrictions on the paved roads in this Province, we have considered very carefully and conscientiously the affect on the economy of those engaged in the transport business, truckmen, farmers, fishermen, etc., but our Department feels that in order to save our paved roads in this Province, which are being built at a cost today of approximately \$30,000 per mile, and added to that a maintenance cost of \$2,000 per mile — in fact, our Department has spent approximately Five Million Dollars a year on roads in this Province, or during the last two construction years of 1956 and '57, we have spent approximately Ten Million Dollars.

Therefore, we feel that we cannot afford to have our roads broken up by over-loads during periods when temperatures are high, even though it does affect, to a considerable extent, those engaged in the transportation business, as well as farmers, fishermen, truckmen, etc."

HIGHWAY VEHICLES

"The suggestion that vehicles of the Highway Department should not operate on closed highways, surely was not made seriously."

"These vehicles are allowed

only to look after public safety, in such matters as sanding, patching, or snow removal. We could, of course, keep them off entirely, but I believe the people of this Province want the protection these trucks give, and are generally in favour of operations proceeding as at present.

"I cannot say, in advance, what will be done about the truckers' petition, but I will say this — If any concessions are made to them, they will be made to apply equally to the farmers, fishermen, and others who, as well as the truckers, have to use the highways in their daily work."

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