

# Island News Page

Eastern and Central Districts

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## Centennial Project Plans Are Approved

GEORGETOWN — At a recent meeting of the Georgetown Centennial Committee held in the council chambers, plans were presented and approved for the centennial project, which is the reclaiming and development of Kent Square, in the center of the town, to make it a complete public square, playground and picnic area, beautified and landscaped as the original planners of the town probably envisioned it would one day be.

Present plans now call for the moving of the War Memorial, from its present location between the Court House and the Masonic Lodge, to a site in the center of the square. Here the memorial would be erected on a two-level base, with flag poles placed on either side.

A children's playground would be situated in the area lying between the Court House and the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. This playground would be complete with swings and other necessary equipment for the children's entertainment. If present plans are finalized, the square would have three entrances, one leading from Kent Street, through the area where the War Memorial now stands; another from Glenage Street, east of the Legion Hall and a

third from Grafton Street, east of the Fire Hall.

Seats, benches, picnic tables and other accommodations for the public would be placed at suitable locations throughout the square. Maple trees, Austrian Pine and Weeping Willows would be planted in the area and shrubs and flower beds would be placed, using the expert advice of officials of the Department of Agriculture and Dominion Experimental Farm.

Due to the fact the Kent Square is presently a low-lying area, a large amount of clay fill will have to be hauled on the site. Plans were made some time ago to make a start on this part of the project before winter set in, but weather conditions interfered and a start will not now be able to be made until spring. Drainage is a problem that has given the committee considerable thought and expert engineering advice has been obtained on this important matter.

Alec Arseneault, who was chairman of the 1964 Centennial committee is once again chairman of the committee. Temple MacDonald is secretary and other members of the committee are Raymond Soloman, J.A.B. McConnell, Cyril A. Davis; Mayor H.S. MacLean and

### WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures:

Low overnight	High Wed.
Dawson	-54 -43
Prince George	-5 -4
Edmonton	-27 -17
Regina	-6 -5
Winnipeg	5 6
Churchill	-9 -7
North Bay	11 10
Ottawa	19 28
Montreal	21 30
Quebec	28 37
Fredericton	35 37
Saint John	30 38
Moncton	32 38
Halifax	33 36
Charlottetown	31 32
Sydney	31 34
Yarmouth	31 37
St. John's	30 33
Boston	24 34

## Battle Looms In Ward Six

Ward 6 is the only ward that has guaranteed a battle for the Feb. 9 civic elections. Here Councillors Dr. Douglas MacDonald and Elmer MacRae are re-fighting along with newcomer Ivan Doherty. Two are to be elected from this ward.

New York	31	35
Miami	53	71
Tucson	42	54
San Francisco	41	58

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says moist and extremely mild air continued to flow into the Maritimes late Wednesday; skies were cloudy and light snow was being reported from all three provinces. Skies will remain cloudy today with snowflurries here and there. Little change is expected Friday.

Regional forecasts: Southern Half Eastern New Brunswick Counties, Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with snowflurries. Extremely mild. Winds northerly 25. Temperatures remaining steady at Moncton, New Glasgow and Charlottetown at about 32. Outlook for Friday, Cloudy and extremely mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown 10.47 a.m. and 9.39 p.m. At Rustico at 4.52 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.31 a.m. and sets at 5.17 p.m.

However, right at the moment it seems that the three other candidates in wards 1, 2 and 3 will receive acclamations. The present representatives of these portions of the city are to nominate again but nobody has suggested that any of the trio will be opposed. The three are J. Arthur Gormley (Ward 1), Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan (Ward 2) and Frank Zaken (Ward 3). There's still the possibility that opposition will yet be provided in each of the wards. But nobody has given any indication that they intend to try and unseat the present occupants. There could yet be another contestant in Ward 6. J. Edmond Arseneault, a former councillor, was still undecided today whether he would make it a four-cornered fight in Ward 6.

## Appeal Allowed In Liquor Case

The appeal of George Henry Reid of Charlottetown against the conviction on a charge of having possession of liquor in a place other than his residence was allowed without costs in Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, by Mr. Justice Mark MacGuigan.

Crown Prosecutor Alan Scates acted for the Crown. Counsel for the defence was Gordon Tweedy. Evidence for the crown was given by Corporal Miles E. Foster and Constable Edward J. Steedley of the Charlottetown detachment RCMP. The only witness for the appellant was Mr. Reid.

DOES STAFFER Jim Cullen look a little pensive? Could it be he has partial regrets as to already being married? The three lovely girls are in charge of the Prince of Wales Winter Carnival, they are

## Carnival Committee Steps Up Activities

That miserable snow, condemned by all and sundry, was greeted with joy by Patricia Neal of Winsloe. For the ordinary person it created both walking and driving hazards. Miss Neal, however, sees it transformed into beautiful snow sculpture and providing a white Winter Carnival.

Patricia Neal is chairman of the 1966 Winter Carnival at Prince of Wales and the snow fall has sent her hurrying to complete last minute arrangements as the local college prepares to swing into the biggest carnival in the history of the institution.

The Villagers, the highly popular folk singing group from Toronto will appear at the Basica Recreation Centre Wednesday, Feb. 2, as the main attraction of the Carnival.

Along with these entertainers, Miss Neal and co-chairman Mary Campbell of Kensington, announced a full schedule of events for the four days of the Carnival. The events include the Carnival Ball Thursday evening, the Variety Show Friday night and the annual competition with Kings College of Halifax is set for Saturday.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

**UNDERGOING TREATMENT**  
Mrs. Cecil Ward, Valley Street, has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital for treatment.

**FLU FIE**  
The Morell Fire brigade extinguished a fire at the residence of Shelton MacKay, Bangor, yesterday about 1 p.m. A spokesman said there was no damage.

**LIGHT DOCKET**  
There were four cases of drunk and incapable before Magistrate A. James Haslam, QC in City Police Court yesterday. Three of the accused received fines while the fourth was remanded to Jan. 20.

**BACK TO TORONTO**  
Teddy Butler, formerly of Gaspareaux, now residing in Toronto, returned to his home following a two week vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butler, Gaspareaux.

**WORKERS BURNED**  
Louis Collier and Eugene Ward, employees of the Guardian Patriot, were yesterday treated for burns received when they were splashed with molten metal. Mr. Collier received second degree burns to the hands, arms and face while Mr. Ward was burned on the chest.

**BOARD MEETS**  
The first meeting of the provincial treasury board will be held this morning at 10 o'clock. The treasury board is composed of the full provincial cabinet and they will be meeting to prepare the provincial budget for the coming year.

**APPEAL DISMISSED**  
An appeal by John Lovat Fraser, was dismissed by Judge Mark R. MacGuigan in Supreme Court yesterday. Fraser was appealing a conviction of impaired driving laid against him by City Police Constables Donald Trainor and William Ford. Counsel for the accused was Gordon Tweedy. Alan Scates acted for the Crown.

## TESTIMONY

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ed by the commission were sufficient to provide sinking fund provisions. Mr. Kay replied that he felt the 7 1/2 per cent proposal would be sufficient to do what is required.

The chairman asked if any of the citizens wished to question Mr. Kay. Louis D. Johnston, a councillor for Ward 5 who said he was appearing as a private citizen asked for permission to question the witness. Mr. Johnston stated he didn't feel the proposed system was fair to the householders as the new commercial rates were down while the new rates to homes were up.

The chairman told Mr. Johnston at this point that he could only ask questions of the witness and that he would be given a chance to make a presentation at a later time. He was forced to remind the speaker of this ruling on several occasions.

**METERS**  
Mr. Johnston stated he agreed the old rates with high charges to commercial consumers may not be right, but objected to the new ones as the people did not have water meters. He didn't have any questions for the witness and agreed to make his presentation later in the hearing. Allan Rodd, assistant manager of the water commission office, was the next witness and said reports showed that in 1964 and 1965 respectively the water commission turned over the city approximately \$40,000 less than was spent on financing. The chief expense as shown in this report was the water construction account.

Under examination by Mr. Gaudet, Mr. Rodd said the growth of the city is the sole reason for the necessity of a higher rate. Louis Johnston asked Mr. Rodd if it was not true that under the new proposal for a higher rate the tax payer would be paying twice for fire protection in that he would be paying the city and the water commission. The chairman pointed out to Mr. Johnston that the witness was not competent to answer such a question.

Mr. Rodd's testimony concluded the case for the applicants. The chairman asked if there was any evidence against the commission of water supply and Louis Johnston asked to present his alternate proposal.

In his presentation he expressed the desire to have all services metered and his main criticism of the proposed method was on the basic structure and the fact that he didn't think the water commission was fair, on the domestic householder.

Mr. Johnston said his principal concern was that the city was paying twice for fire protection under the new rates. All three Public Utilities Commissioners at different times attempted to persuade the speaker to confine his remarks within the limits of the understanding that the Commission had to deal by statute with two entirely separate corporations.

Commissioner William Brennan told Mr. Johnston that the city of Charlottetown and the water commission are not one entity according to legislation and thus the water commission has to make enough money to operate on its own regardless of what the city does.

**TWO CORPORATIONS**  
Judge Trainor told Mr. Johnston that he (Johnston) couldn't seem to get it straight that they were dealing with two corporations. In one instance the taxpayer was paying on taxable property while in the other case the bill was for water.

When asked if he cared to comment on Mr. Johnston's presentation Mr. Gaudet said he found the presentation confusing and would thus leave things in the hands of the commissioners. In his summation to the board Mr. Gaudet said there doesn't appear to be any general feeling that the water rate shouldn't go up and noted this was only the second time the rates have been amended since 1888.

**SEWERAGE FACILITIES**  
Mr. Gaudet pointed out there are only 128 commercial users of water in the city area while there are 3,305 residential users of water and sewerage disposal in the area. He pointed out it was regrettable that so few citizens take notice of the sewerage facilities provided by the city.

Mr. Gaudet pointed out the huge amount of water which may be used in the case of a fire, but to date the water commissioners had not been paid for this water.

Mr. Gaudet concluded his summary by saying in order for the commission to pay its way increased rates were needed.

The chairman asked the water commission if there was any consideration of the though expressed by Louis Johnston of metering the city. In reply to the question Sidney Green stated: "we don't feel it is economically feasible to meter the city at this time."

Mr. Foster added the city was apprehensive about this matter because as a result of legislation the city is responsible for the commission's debt.

Judge Trainor said that a change in legislation may very well be needed. The matter was taken under advisement by the Public Utilities Board which then adjourned. Its findings will be made known at a later date.

## Shaw Shows Concern

Premier Walter R. Shaw yesterday expressed his concern over the lack of an organization to co-ordinate the multitude of Federal assistance programs that are now available.

The premier told of the confusion that often arises when delegations go from here to Ottawa to seek assistance under one or two of these programs. They will be shunted from one office to another being told, "that doesn't come under our department, try such and such an office."

"I can't see that this is good, constructive, programming," said Premier Shaw, "there is the greatest need for some co-ordination to bring the whole thing into one package."

The premier said that though he was not ready to make any announcements on this problem at the present time, he indicated that he was doing a lot of thinking on it. When asked if the co-ordination he referred to would be on the federal or provincial level, he said, "it would have to be chiefly on the provincial level, but associated with the federal level."

Among the programs he mentioned as being confusing and difficult to apply to our needs were the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act (ARDA), the Area Development Agency (ADA) and the Atlantic Development Board (ADB).

## Mrs. Robertson Dies In Hospital

The death occurred in the P.E.I. Hospital on January 16, 1966 of Mrs. Wilfred Robertson, East Royalty where she had been a patient for some time.

She leaves to mourn her husband, two sons, Louis and Ferguson, one daughter, Victoria and her mother, Mrs. Goldie Carr of Charlottetown; one brother John Carr, Charlottetown, two sisters, Mrs. Reginald Marr, Mrs. Boyd Nelson, Toronto, one sister, Mrs. Thelma Burke of Charlottetown.

The funeral will be held today, Jan. 20, 1966 at 2 p.m. from the MacLean Funeral Home. Interment will take place in the Peoples cemetery.

## CITY AREA FUNERALS

**MURPHY FUNERAL** — The funeral for Maude Murphy of Millview was held on Wednesday morning from the Jenkins Funeral Home to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor Rev. Urban Gillis. Rev. Clifford Murphy was present in the sanctuary and also officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were: Milton Smith, Alphonse MacIntyre, Gordon Sheldon, Everett Dunphy, George Jenkins, and Joseph B. MacDonald. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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