

\$279,540 In Grants Paid To Municipalities

Government grants for 1958 totalling \$279,540 were paid to the province's eight senior municipalities, Provincial Treasurer B. Earle MacDonald disclosed yesterday. Cheques covering all balances owing were mailed out Jan. 31st, he said.

All based on \$9 per capita, largest single amount, \$162,293, went to the provincial capital, the city of Charlottetown.

Amounts received by the other seven incorporated towns were as follows: Summerside, \$65,178; Souris, \$13,041; Montague, \$10,368; Kensington, \$7,686; Alberton, \$7,380; Georgetown, \$6,746; and Borden, \$6,408.

A provincial government order-in-council dated October 30, 1958, states that grants to incorporated villages shall be equal to the revenues from other sources, provided that the total grant to each shall not be less than \$1.25 per capita and not more than \$3.75 per capita.

These payments have been increased substantially this year, Mr. MacDonald said, "because the government knows the difficulties the city councils and commissioners have in their financing."

Expressing appreciation that the government had seen fit to remit these balances so early in the new year, Councillor A. Walther Gaudet, chairman of Charlottetown's finance committee, said the payments indicated a jump of \$6 per capita in these municipal grants.

Mayor Wendell Birt of Souris stated that the additional grant played a very important part in the town's financing program.

History Of

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forces. "The rubbing of millions of tires and the pounding of heavy trucks and trailers take their toll on even the best built roads," he said.

The first settlers here built homes or shelters near river banks or shores, where supplies could be brought in by boat or canoe. Gradually "blazed paths" were made from one settlement to another, by which people first walked, then later rode on horse back.

FIRST P.E.I. ROAD "The first road I can find mentioned sometime about 1715, was a foot-path from St. Peter's Bay to Port Lajoie (Charlottetown) along the south side of the East River, where mail was de-

spatched to Pictou and the outside world."

Mr. MacKay went on to say that there were no roads 100 years later, and described a missionary journey made by one from the Old Country who landed at Murray River, where he visited some families before setting off walking to Charlottetown. Before completing his journey he visited Tryon, Cape Traverse, Bedeque, and Malpeque will still on foot.

"By 1827, roads were being widened and some bridges built. The first one mentioned was from Cardigan Bay to a place called Cherry Valley.

According to provincial records, the first motor vehicle was registered in 1913, described in the accounts as "car registration \$430; chauffeur's fee \$50, total amount collected \$480.

The first act passed by the legislature governing the operation of motor vehicles was enacted and assented to in April 1913. Operation of motor vehicles on public highways was forbidden on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday Sunday of each week. Motor vehicles were operated in Charlottetown and Summerside within the boundaries, prior to 1913.

7,350 REGISTERED Mr. MacKay quoting progressively dealt with the increased expenditure for machinery, etc., which in 1920 was \$369,000. "In 1934 we bought our first plough. That year we had 7,350 vehicles registered and spent \$52,000 on roads."

The first large scale pavement was the Charlottetown-Borden road in 1934. Pavement was extended from Charlottetown to both Souris and Montague and

from Summerside to Alberton in 1938.

"Our fleet in 1940 consisted of 11 maintainers, 25 tractors, 30 pole graders and eight snow ploughs. Some \$1,000,000 was spent that year on roads. War-time restrictions and shortages cut down all but barest maintenance work until 1946 when earth moving scrapers were added and a start was made to build up modern motor graders and drop the units becoming obsolete.

In 1950, \$3,375,000 were spent on public works and highways and in 1958 upwards of \$7,000,000 was spent and the fleet consisted of 37 motor graders, 12 dozers, eight rubber tired dozers, six 15-yard scrapers and eight tractor pole graders.

ENVYABLE POSITION "It is entirely out of order to feel that P. E. Island falls behind other provinces planning multi-million highways," Mr. MacKay said. "Actually we are in an enviable position. Our annual budget for several years has averaged 40 per cent while the Canadian average is 30 per cent.

"Your province has 500 miles paved, while Ontario, that highway-heaven-on-earth, to hear it told, has 225; per 100,000 population."

Continuing to quote figures, Mr. MacKay said "We have 235 miles per ten thousand vehicles registered, against 79 in Ontario. "Ours is the highest in Canada.

"We have more roads per person to attend to while the average citizen of P. E. Island is financially worth less than the average of Ontario. I have the latest figures right here, reading Ontario \$1576; P. E. Island \$768. These figures represent the aver-

Alberton Lady Curlers Capture RCAF Bonsel

SUMMERSIDE — A friendly bonspiel was held on Saturday by the lady curlers of RCAF Station, Summerside. The Alberton team captured top place with Montague second.

Members of the Alberton team were Isabel Clark (skip) Jean Campbell, Corinne Campbell and Ruth Millman. Montague team members were Blanche Smith (skip), Edith Clay, Kay Hughes and Elsie Waterworth.

Other skips of visiting teams were Alice Morrison and Kay MacIvor, Summerside; Kay Johnston and Elizabeth McDonald, Charlottetown; Mary Nicholson, Montague, and Margaret Perry, Alberton. The RCAF teams were skipped by Yolande Karwandy and Mae Smith.

At the conclusion of the afternoon play the visiting curlers were entertained at a banquet.

age income of both groups". The speaker was introduced by chairman Clive Currie and thanked by co-chairman Austin Scates.

Guests or Rotary were: W.R. Shaw, Earle Kennedy, Walter Pickford, Alex Scott, Harold Hoofard, all of Charlottetown and J.A.J. Knox, Canadian-British engineering consultant; and Bill Robinson, Salt Lake City Utah.

More than 85 per cent of the 2,104 square miles in Prince Edward Island is farming land.

Castro Plans Rural Guard On RCMP Lines

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Fidel Castro says he is planning to reorganize Cuba's rural guard along lines of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The revolutionary chieftain told reporters of the plan Tuesday. "I like Canada and I want some day to go there," he said. "I am very interested in the mounted police and we are sending a man to Canada to learn about them."

Capitol SUMMERSIDE

Tonight (Tuesday) 7:15 - 9:10

'Houseboat'

Sophia Loren Cary Grant

Real comedy hit Don't Miss It!

BLAZE DESTROYS CAR, GARAGE

An early morning fire of unknown origin destroyed the one-car garage and a '52 Plymouth owned by John Thomas and his daughter of St. Eleanors. The blaze broke out around 3.30 yesterday morning during bitter cold weather and high winds but the prompt and fine efforts of the St. Eleanors Fire Department prevented the flames from spreading to the Thomas home

and adjoining residences although there were a couple of buildings that caught fire slightly from flying embers. The Thomas home is located on the Sherbrooke Road a few yards east of the war memorial.

Money Is Made Available To Cover Hospital Expenses

SUMMERSIDE — Zeta Arsenault, a 20-year-old Egmont Bay girl, need no longer have fears of not receiving urgently needed treatment for a heart condition at a hospital in Halifax.

The money to pay the hospital bill will be provided by the co-ordinating council for rehabilitation it was learned yesterday. Funds for this council are provided by the sale of Easter seals handled by the Charlottetown Rotary Club and the P. E. I. chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Polio-myelitis. Walter Baker of Charlottetown, is president.

Miss Arsenault was reading last week to re-enter the hospital at Halifax when she learned that she must guarantee full payment of the bill as well as pay a \$100 deposit before she would be admitted for treatment of a rheumatic heart condition, that may require surgery.

Upon learning of the girl's predicament, students and faculty of St. Dunstan's University started a fund-raising campaign to help defray hospital costs. However, that drive will no longer be necessary.

The co-ordinating council, which will look after expenses at the hospital, has a medical committee to screen cases referred to it and it accepts cases where rehabilitation can be effected.

Learning of the news yesterday morning, a delighted young lady said, "It's so wonderful to have friends."

Dial Telephone System Installed At S'Side Station

SUMMERSIDE — A new milestone in telephone communications was achieved at RCAF Station, Summerside on Friday when a new automatic dial telephone exchange commenced operation.

This project was completed by the Island Telephone Company subject to acceptance by the department of national defence, and replaces the manual telephone system previously in operation.

This modernization provides RCAF Station, Summerside with the latest in telephone equipment and will increase the efficiency of station telephone service.

Sir Winston Busy Painting

MARRAKESH, Morocco (Reuters) — Sir Winston Churchill, spending a winter vacation in this sunny South Moroccan town, has quickly resumed the pattern of activities he followed on earlier visits here.

The 84-year-old wartime prime minister has been painting regularly in the streets of Marrakesh, in the gardens of the Hotel Marmouza where he is staying with Lady Churchill and from the window of his room, which gives a panoramic view of palm trees and the Atlas Mountains.

Completed revision of the electric light rate structure and new lower rates went into effect at the beginning of this year.

A contest for election is certain in the East Ward where Councillor Elmer Newson has renominated and will be opposed by Edmund F. Arsenault.

Councillor Leo F. Wood has signified his intention to renominate in the West Ward. As yet no other candidates have announced their intention to contest this ward.

S'Side Parent-Cub Banquet Is Attended By 175 Persons

SUMMERSIDE — About 175 persons attended a parent-and-Cub banquet in the Summerside Y Centre last evening which preceded a demonstration on the excellent training which the Cubs receive under the direction of Cubmasters Mrs. George A. Key, Don Adams, Thomas Phillips, John Forbes, and their assistants.

Roy Boates, chairman of the Summerside Boy Scout committee, presided at the banquet and was the recipient of a gift from the Cubs, with the presentation made by Cub George Pickard.

Horace MacFarlane, of the Boy Scout committee, introduced the provincial commissioner, R. C. Parent and Mrs. Parent, of Charlottetown. After brief remarks and the showing of color slides about Scout and Cub work Mr. and Mrs. Parent were presented with an appropriate decorated cake from the Cubs.

Cub Danny McNeill proposed the toast to the parents with the response made by Sgt. J. T. Keefe, RCMP. The toast to the Queen was made by Cub Bobby Boates.

Among the guests at the banquet were Gordon Kerr, provincial executive commissioner; T. Earle Hickey, district treasurer; Norman Hogg, district secretary; George A. Key, president

Club Bonsel Scheduled Wed. At Alberton Rink

ALBERTON — A club bonspiel will be held in the Alberton curling rink Wednesday afternoon with prizes for the highest and second highest scores and a consolation prize. Games are six ends on the point system.

The schedule is as follows: 1.30 Ice 1 — H. Matthews vs F. Bryan.

3.30 Ice 1 — A. Wilkie vs J. Myrick; Ice 2 — E. Turner vs Legion.

7.00 Ice 1 — C. Hunter vs F. Bryan; Ice 2 — H. Matthews vs A. Wilkie.

9.00 Ice 1 — J. Myrick vs Legion; Ice 2 — C. Hunter vs E. Turner.

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I. TENDERS FOR SUB TRADES

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Applications will be received for the position of Inseminator, for the West Prince Artificial Breeding Club, until Saturday, February 7th. Apply by writing to the Director of Veterinary Services, BOX 3000 Charlottetown

Alberton Minor Hockey Results

ALBERTON—Results of games in Alberton minor hockey program and standings to date: Paperweights: Jan. 26, Canadians 4—Regals 1; Aces 4 Rangers 3.

Jan. 29, Canadians 4—Aces 0; Regals 3—Rangers 3; Jan 31, Canadians 1 Rangers 3; Regals 0 Aces 3.

Standings — Canadians 16 points; Aces 8; Rangers 7; Regals 5

Bantams: Jan. 27, O'Leary 0 Tignish 1 (default)

Jan. 29, Alberton 4 O'Leary 1; Midgets: Jan 26, Elmsdale 0 Alberton South 1;

Jan. 28, Elmsdale 2, Tignish 4; Jan. 30, Alberton 4 Alberton South 2;

Standings— Midgets— Alberton 4 Alberton South 4; Elmsdale 2; Tignish 2.

Schedule of games for this week. Feb. 3, Bantams vs Alberton 6.45-7.45.

Feb. 4, Midget: Alberton vs Elmsdale 6.45-7.45.

Feb. 5, Bantam: Alberton vs O'Leary 6.45-7.45.

Feb 6 Midget: Alberton South vs Tignish 6.45-7.45.

DANISH HERDS

Denmark's cows in 1957 had the highest average yield of butterfat in Europe, almost 385 pounds.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings, entertainment events, etc., are requested to place these announcements in the name of the sponsoring organization.

RESERVE SATURDAY February 14th, 3 p.m. for pantry sale Kennedy's Store. Sponsored by Ladies Presbyterian Church

KENSINGTON HIGH School Wednesday evening—card party —Lunch—Proceeds for school equipment.

CARD PATRY at the Legion Home, Kensington, Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

KENSINGTON RINK tonight Tuesday Intermediate Hockey Charlottetown Hawks vs. New Glasgow Junior Farmers. Game time 8.30. Ice Sports February 6th.

BEDEQUE RINK tonight—Tuesday—First game—Best two out of three, Intermediate B Hockey. Lot 16 Rangers vs. Tignish. Game time 8.30. Admission 25 cents and 50 cents. Skate after. Lost: Would the person who took by mistake from Bedeque Rink, white figure skates with red lining please return to Bedeque Rink and receive their own.

CORRECTION — In the report of the death of Robert Fraser, the name of A. V. Fraser should have been listed as a brother of the late Mr. Fraser, and not his son as reported in yesterday's issue.

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