

Busy Year Reported By City Street Committee

1956 was a busy year for the Street Department, as indicated by the report given at the annual meeting of the City Council last night by Coun. P. A. MacKay, chairman of the Street Committee.

The snowfall during the early winter season of 1956 was at times fairly heavy. As it occurred, it was dealt with promptly by our plows and snow removal equipment. In December, fortunately, the snow fall was very light and did not necessitate removal measures other than the application of salt where required to remedy slippery conditions.

Street trees: The City's trees on streets and squares were pruned and trimmed throughout the season. A freezing rain, accompanied by high winds, visited our Province in the early part of January. This caused great damage and destruction to our trees, necessitating much work, in the early part of the season in pruning and trimming trees which had been too badly damaged to save.

Concrete Sidewalks: Extensive repairs were carried out on the following streets: Passmore, (both sides) between Elm Avenue and Queen Street; Gerald Street (north side) from John to Orlebar; King Street, between Great George and Queen; Great George Street (west side) from King to Dorchester Street; (north side) Great George to Queen; Hillsborough Street (both sides) at various places and Easton Street (north side) between Hillsborough and Orlebar.

New concrete walks: These were laid as follows: Queen Street, in front of New Federal Building (8 ft. wide) 159.8 ft.; Pownal Street, in rear of Federal Building (5.5 ft. wide) 159.8 ft.; Admiral Street, north side, (3.5 ft. wide) 163.8 ft.; Richmond Street, north side, between Pownal and Queen Streets (4 ft. wide) 80.9 ft.; replacement, in parts of new co-operative store extension, a length of 60.2 feet with a width of 3.5 feet; and York Lane, north side, running 485 feet from Goodwill Avenue, and 3.5 feet in width.

Gravelled streets: Gravel, obtained during the preparation of streets receiving asphalt pavement during the season, was applied to the following: Connolly Street, Longworth Street, Reserve Street, Belmont Street and John Street.

Chip seal streets: The following streets had chip seal applied during the summer: York Street, Construction Company, York Lane, Admiral Street, Highland Avenue, DesBrisay Crescent, Reserve Street, Valley Street, Connolly Street, Peake Street, Windsor Street, Longworth Street, Gay Avenue, Alexander Drive. The area of this work is 17,887 sq. yards.

Asphalt streets - patching: Approximately 8.75 miles of asphalt streets were patched in addition to 4.95 miles of chip seal. This work was all done by City day labour using City equipment.

Cost of street maintenance: During the year 1955, labour and materials in connection with street maintenance cost the City a total sum of \$158,961.87.

PAVING
As in 1954 and 1955, the City's paving programme in 1956 was quite extensive. The following streets were paved with the City's standard mix of 1 inch asphaltic mortar top laid on a 4 inch asphaltic concrete base:

Prince Street (from Railway Tracks 148.9 ft. South); Great George Street (from Water Street to Railway Tracks); Lower Water Street (27.8 feet in length); Gerald Street and Laphorne Avenue (445.7 feet).

In addition: North River Road was widened by a strip of standard pavement as specified above, 5 feet widened on each side, from Brighton Road to McGill Avenue. The same was done on McGill Avenue from Ambrose Street to Spring Park Road on both sides, 5.3 ft. wide, and on the North side from the Sanatorium west to North River Road, 6.4 feet wide, also on Brighton Road from North River Road to Goodwill Avenue, 5 feet wide on both sides. The pavement on North River Road, which had become badly worn, was resurfaced from Brighton Road to McGill Avenue, was resurfaced with a 1 1/2 inch coat of asphaltic mortar.

PARKING AREAS
These were paved as follows: Great George Street (West side) Sydney to Dorchester; Great George Street (East side) Sydney to Dorchester; Great George Street (West side)

Coming Events
Card party at Winsloe Station Hall, Tonight at 8.30.
Bingo tonight Morell Parish Hall Jack Pot \$50.00 Freez-out \$5.00.
New Glasgow and district Junior Farmers Meeting, New Glasgow School, Wednesday January 30.
Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Websters Orchestra, P. A. System and Can-ten service.
Annual meeting of the Wilshire Dairying Co., Ltd., will be held in Wilshire Hall, Monday, February 11, 2 p.m. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.

Comes to the Variety Concert in Cornwall Hall Saturday, February 2, 8.15 Singing, dancing, fiddling. Guest Artists, sale of candy sponsored by Cornwall W.I.
Hockey at North River Rink tonight, Nine Mile Creek bulldog vs. Winsloe Heartbreakers. Game time 8.30. Skating after. Carnival on February 1st. Prizes at Stead's Pharmacy until Thursday. Door Prize Radio.

Lower Water, 108.4 feet North-Prince Street (West side) Richmond to Sydney; Euston Street (North side) Upper Prince to School.

At the New Federal Building, extensive areas on Richmond Street, Sydney Street, Pownal Street and Queen Street. Pownal Street (East side) from Richmond North 63.5 feet; Pownal Street West 23.2 feet; Pownal Street (West side) Richmond Street North 63.5 feet; McGill Avenue (both sides) 700 ft. West from Spring Park Rd. McGill (North Side) - 390 ft. East from North River Rd.

The total area of the above parking spaces is 37,177.8 sq. ft. Asphalt resurfacing and side-walks: The following concrete sidewalks were resurfaced with asphalt mortar, 1 inch in thickness: Grafton Street (North side) from Great George Street, 250 feet West; Great George Street (West side) from Kent Street North, 180 feet; and Euston Street (North side) from Upper Queen Street, 62 feet East.

The total area of this is 4936 sq. feet and a total length of 1.13 miles. Storm sewers and catch basins: During 1956, three new catch basins were built - One at the corner of North River Road and Sidmount Avenue; one at the corner of Brighton Road and North River Road; and one at the corner of Water Street and Weymouth Street. In addition, eleven catch basins were repaired in various places throughout the City. Repairs were also made to storm sewers where required. These repairs required a total of 120 lineal feet of storm sewer pipe.

During the year 1956, forty-two building permits were issued. Of these, thirty-one were for residential and eleven were for buildings for other purposes. The total value of these constructions was \$1,158,895.

COMMITTEE REPORT
The street committee report, which gives further details of work done, concludes as follows:

"Late in the Fall we dismantled our Asphalt plant which has served us adequately for many years. This was necessary for two reasons; first, because it was on Provincial Government property which they required for extensions to their highway's sheds and secondly; for the reason that it had outlived its usefulness. It was so worn out that it was not economical to move it, especially since the boiler was a built-in unit.

"The City is now an asphalt plant to serve its needs it would be much more economical to purchase a new modern portable plant. I think it would be a worthwhile Capital investment. This is a matter the Street Committee will discuss in the New Year.

"On November 1st, Mr. Samuel Crockett retired on pension from the Street Department, after serving the City faithfully and well for 54 years—and on January 14th, Mr. Frank Prunty, another faithful and valued employee, retired after 40 years service. May they have many years to enjoy their well earned and well merited retirement.

"In conclusion, your Street Committee wishes to express its most hearty thanks for the fine cooperation it received from the staff at City Hall, particularly the City Clerk, Mr. Fullerton, the City Engineer Mr. Messervy, his assistant and barn superintendent, Mr. Rananahan, and Mr. Ralph Crockett and indeed to all employees of our street department.

I also wish to tender our sincere thanks to the Provincial Government, especially our City representative, Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, and Mr. Alex MacLacross, and to our Provincial Minister of Highways, Hon. G.W. MacKay and the officers of his Department.

"And to you, Your Worship, and the members of the City Council, we beg to extend our thanks for your co-operation and advice throughout the year."

AGRICULTURAL NEWS
P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

BOVINE MASTITIS
Medicinal agents alone can never prevent nor control mastitis says Dr. George C. Fisher, Director of Veterinary Services, Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture. It has always been necessary to practice rapid, sanitary milking procedures and good udder care management to help lessen the spread of the disease from cow to cow and to prevent udder irritation.

The drugs and antibiotics now available are highly effective against mastitis caused by streptococci. Indeed these products have reduced the general incidence of this type of mastitis but at the same time, Staphylococcus mastitis has increased. The antibiotics are only partially effective against staphylococci and herd control measures are as important as ever.

Report Notes Problem Of Street Congestion
The opening of a number of new parking lots to provide some measure of relief from the problem of street congestion was promised in the annual report of the Police Committee submitted last night to the City Council by Chairman Arthur Gormley.

Also forecast in this report were increased safety measures for pedestrians at the city's busy intersections, and the installation of additional sets of traffic lights where required.

Mr. Gormley's report informed the Council that 17 single and 172 twin parking meters have been paid for in full, and are now the property of the city; also that 447 new parking spaces in the city area were now metered.

Referring to revenue and expenditure in respect of city affairs under the jurisdiction of the Police Committee the report stated that the receipts of the Police Court amounted to \$15,244, with parking meter collections amounting to \$9,934.

During the year the cost of the Police Court was \$3,936; the expenditure on meters was \$5,000; and the sum required to operate the Police Department was \$66,274.

South Winsloe Has Mission Band Meeting
The regular January meeting of South Winsloe Mission Band was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Diamond. The meeting followed by Scripture read by Shirley Diamond and prayer was offered by Myrna Ford. It being the first meeting of the New Year a story was told by the leader, Mrs. Hughes. "How God made the World and how each thing was created." A recitation was listened to with rapt attention by Lana Turner, on "The Mission Band Depends On You." A duet by Marlene Coles and Vodia Hughes entitled "My Friend" was sweetly sung. Hymn "I'm Not Too Young For God To See" was followed by New Year's Poem by Shirley Diamond. The devotions closed with Mission Band Purpose and Prayer by the leader.

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The hostess then gave each child a large chocolate bar after which a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Diamond for her kindness and generosity. All are looking forward to the next meeting at Mrs. Orville Turner's at which time a valentine program will be presented.

Organist & Minister Honored By Church
On January 9th, the members and friends of Bradablane United Church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Woodside to honour the organist and minister for their services.

When all had assembled Rev. Mr. Raynor, after some complimentary remarks, called on Mrs. Lorne Seaman to read an address to the organist, while Mrs. Harold Woodside made the presentation of a purse.

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Films were shown by Mr. George Lewis and Mr. Dick Welton-Di- Anne Jenkins, president, and Diane Rupert, vice-president, welcomed the guests at the door. Mrs. Leigh Walker spoke on the purpose of the group and Mrs. R. F. Welton thanked the guests for attending.

Evelyn Manuel, Jean Hansen, Phyllis Veo and Norma Brown received the offering which is to be used for M.R.E.C. work. Rev. Harold Mitton led games and Mr. Ralph Rupert led a sing-song with Mrs. Ballem at the piano. Refreshments were served by the C.G.I.T.

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