

Some Picture Highlights of Centennial Year



His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse, His Worship Mayor Stewart and Premier Alex Matheson joined hands to cut Charlottetown's Centennial Birthday Cake. This was one of the first official acts of last New Year's Day which started the City on a twelve month round of activities. The Governor, the Premier and the Mayor were required before the year was over to make countless public appearances.



The Centennial Baby as he looks today. Named after Mayor Stewart, David Philip Irwin MacEachern was one year old January 1st.



The Centennial Bonspiel was being led in a street parade by Band. grand success. Curlers are seen (the famous Black Watch Pipe)



The crowning of Miss Noreen MacPherson as Miss Centennial to Ontario to bring greetings to that City, celebrating its centennial. She later travelled to London.

Successful Year-Long Program Carried Out By Active Committee

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The cry of a new-born baby at the Prince Edward Island Hospital a year ago January 1st announced the beginning of a new life in the City of Charlottetown which was on that day to commence the celebration of 100 years of its incorporation.

David Philip Irwin MacEachern, a nine pound boy was born to a Hampton electrician and his wife at 2.46 a.m. on January 1, 1955. He was immediately named Charlottetown's Centennial Baby and a few hours later was visited by Mayor Stewart and members of the Centennial Committee who presented the mother and child with numerous gifts on behalf of well wishing city merchants. Today the infant that produced the lusty cries of 366 days ago, has grown to be the beautiful curly haired child seen in the top centre picture.

To mark the advance of the year, a number of public spirited citizens foresaw the possibility

of observing Centennial year throughout the whole 12 months of 1955. The general chairman of the Centennial Committee was Lt. Col. Frank Storey and the general manager, A. Walthein Gaudet.

There were many who scoffed at the idea of attempting to carry out such a colossal program, but through the efforts of a large volunteer committee and through the whole hearted co-operation of City merchants, the celebration of Centennial year has been a success in every concept of the word.

The increase in the tourist population for which the centennial Celebrations can be held largely responsible, is shown to be approximately 20,000 more cars than during 1954. There were over 40 National and district conventions held when previously the City had never enjoyed more than two in one year. Merchants reported a record business and the whole populace enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

In addition to this many former Islanders visited their native Province after years of absence bringing families and friends together again.

Many were the distinguished personages who visited the Province. Their impressions of the Island scenery and the hospitality of the people will long be one of the greatest selling points for the tourist industry of the Province.

Much of the colour added to the full program was provided through the co-operation of the three armed services. Several nationally known bands added greatly to the festivities and the visits of ships of the Royal Navy, The Canadian and United States Navies were very much enjoyed.

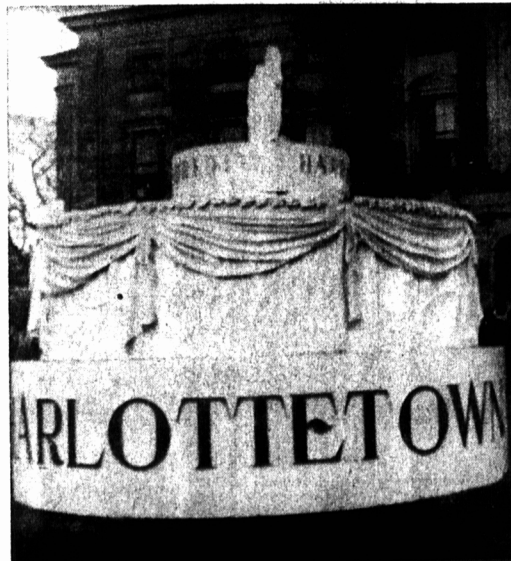
To the thousands of visitors who flocked to Charlottetown during Centennial year, it will be a long remembered experience which no doubt will have its mutual advantages to both hosts and guests.



Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa's Mayor was the guest speaker at the S. N. Robertson Memorial lecture. She presented Mayor Stewart with a replica of the Coat of Arms of the National Capital.



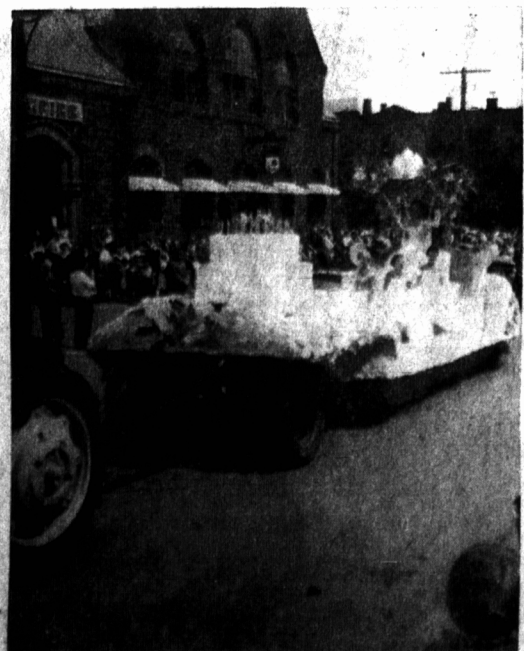
The parade of fashions was a beautiful event. A feature of the show was the contrast between those of today, the gowns of 100 years ago and



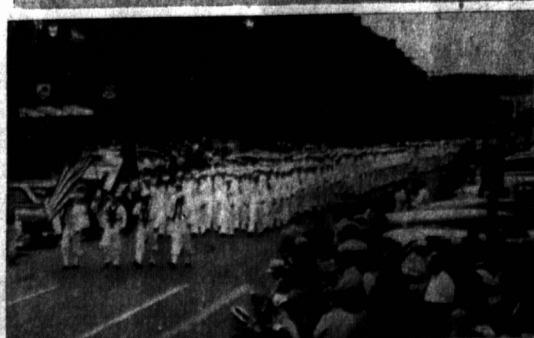
Placed on Queen Square between the War Memorial and the Provincial Building was the beautiful Centennial Cake which was the cause of much favorable comment from citizens and visitors alike.



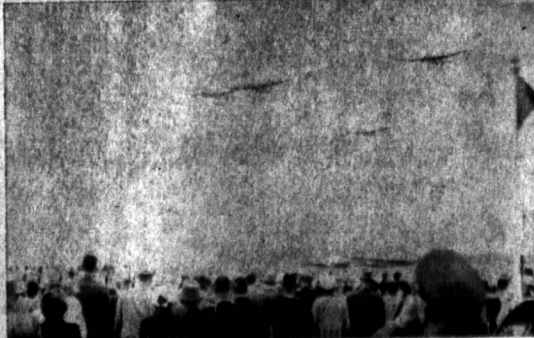
The Centennial Pageant enacted at the Coliseum was a performance of great interest. The script was written and planned by Mrs. Arthur Henry and Mrs. Arthur Roper. The P. E. I. Art Society painted the scenery.



The float parade was one of the most elaborate ever seen in a city of its size. Seen above is Gerald Maddigan.



The Armed Forces played a great part in the Centennial Celebrations. Upper left are units of the Garrison Militia on their way to a church. Lower left is a contingent of American sailors who joined with members of the Canadian and British Navies to make the event a success. Upper right, Hon. Ross MacDonald is



seen unveiling the new Welcome sign erected at the approach to the City by a number of Service Clubs. Lower right is a fly past of Royal Canadian Airforce planes at the Air Show which was the largest ever staged in the Province.



The laying of the corner stone of the new Federal Building by year Hon. R. H. Winters was a historic event during Centennial. Photos by Barriers Film Lab