

CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Tax Collections Claimed At Unprecedented Level

Climbing to unprecedented heights, the 1962 total cash collections of current taxes and arrears amounted to 99 per cent of the net levy for the year. As a result the city showed a modest surplus of \$6,443.00 in the previous year, 1960, there was a deficit of \$63,360. Last year the total current revenue was \$1,550,540 while the

total expenditures amounted to \$1,544,097. In 1960 the revenue was \$1,397,689 while the expenditures were \$1,461,030. (See also stories on page 3 and 12.)

The figures were contained in the report of the auditors, H. R. Doane and Company, who noted "excellent results were obtained in the tax collection

department." In the report presented by Harry E. Hyndman, chairman of the finance committee, at the annual meeting of the City Council last night the recommendation as follows was offered:

"Our increase in revenue is due in no small part to the increase in tax rate also to a concerted effort which your committee has made to collect the arrears of both secured and unsecured taxes. We suggest to our successors in office that all properties listed for sale on account of arrears of real estate taxes, be sold if the taxes have not heretofore been paid."

The greatest source of revenue for the city was real estate taxation which brought in \$799,000. (Continued on page 4 Col. 5)

Mayor Outlines Prospects If Elected For New Term

A hint of what the future may hold for Charlottetown was given by Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet last night as he presented his report to the annual meeting of the City Council.

Among the things he said he would bring before the next Council if he is re-elected in this month's civic election are: a complete new assessment for tax purposes; a municipal parking lot; a standing committee to seek out and assist new industry for this city; publication of a pamphlet on the city for the benefit of tourists; appointment of a city convention manager to bring conventions to this city and provide service for them while here.

His Worship touched briefly on all city government departments and committees and occasionally singled out particular items for special mention.

FROZEN ASSESSMENT ENDS
He noted the great development taking place in the north-west section of the city and remarked on changes which could be anticipated due to the end of the 'frozen assessment' era of the amalgamation with Spring Park.

The amalgamation agreement, he said, froze assessments of the section until the first of this year but now property there could be subject to the same assessment values as in the rest of the city.

In emphasizing what this can

mean the Mayor mentioned one land owner in the district whose assessment at the time of the amalgamation was \$14,575. Due (Continued on page 4 Col. 2)

MAY SPLIT L.A.

14-1 Vote Ousts Cuba From OAS

CP from Reuters-AP
PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay — A plenary session of the Western Hemisphere foreign ministers' conference Wednesday endorsed Tuesday night's decision to bar Cuba from the inter-American family of nations. But the grouping appeared shaken Wednesday after the anti-Cuban ministers barely squeezed through the resolution agreeing to exclude Cuba from the Organization of American States and other inter-American agencies.

Mexico and the larger countries of South America, except Uruguay, failed to back the direct action but restricted themselves to approving a list of declarations against the Communist policies of the island nation.

Needing 14 votes to pass, the resolution to bar Cuba because of its adherence to Marxism-Leninism got just 14. Cuba voted against it and six countries abstained.

NO DELAY
The ouster order is to be carried out "without delay" by the OAS council in Washington and

individual agencies. U.S. sources said they expect action within a week or 10 days and hope that some of the abstaining six nations will swing over to support OAS legal measures throwing out Castro's administration.

But they conceded specific steps to quarantine the Castro regime will cause no major change in Cuba in the next 12 months.

The Cuban issue comes up for debate in the United Nations next week. Castro's diplomats are expected to voice bitter protests there against the actions of this conference.

Abstaining from voting in favor of anti-Cuba actions were Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Ecuador, as well as Mexico.

Canada's Policy Is Unchanged
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker indicated Wednesday that Canada does not intend to change its policy toward Cuba.

Cuban, Russian Reaction Heard On OAS Decision

HAVANA (AP) — "With or without the OAS, we'll win the struggle," Revolution declared Wednesday.

The organ of Premier Fidel Castro's 26th of July movement and other Havana newspapers denounced developments at the Organization of American States foreign ministers conference on Cuban communism.

Revolution declared the agreement to exclude Cuba from the OAS was unlawful and aggressive. El Mundo said it was without precedent.

The Communist newspaper Hoy asserted the inter-American group has been "converted

into an aggressive military bloc of the United States.

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters) — Uruguayan trade unions have called a general strike for next Wednesday to protest Uruguay's vote at Punta Del Este to exclude Cuba from the Organization of American States.

MOSCOW (AP) — Tass says the American press regards the results of the Punta Del Este conference as a telling blow at U.S. prestige in Latin America.

A New York Herald Tribune editorial headed Tribune Without Maps was quoted by the Soviet news agency.

The editorial's theme was that the United States went to the conference with proposals for punishment of Fidel Castro that were destined in advance to prove unacceptable in parts of the hemisphere.

Winter Work Program Draws Sharp Criticism



RETIRING FIREMEN ARE HONORED

Two city firemen with a combined total of 68 years of fire fighting were honored by fellow firemen at a party held last night at the Firemen's Club. Walter Perry is retiring after 37 years in the department and Lt. William J.

Bevin after 31 years service. Both men have reached the statutory retirement age. The men were each presented with engraved silver trays by the members of the hose company, to which the men had belonged. The presentation was

made by Hose Captain Hawley Crockett. Seen above left to right are Deputy Chief Gordon Stewart, Mr. Perry, Mr. Bevin, Captain William Connolly, Captain Crockett in the rear. (Story on page 5)

Navy Confirms U.S. Shelling

VICTORIA (CP) — Rear Admiral E. W. Finch Noyes, flag officer Pacific Coast, confirmed Wednesday that the shell fragments which fell on the community of Chatham Bay were fired from one of the ships of the RCN's Pacific Command during gunnery practice in Juan de Fuca strait Monday.

"Shell fragments recovered from the Chatham Bay area have been identified by our ordnance experts as three inch 50-calibre anti-aircraft ammunition of Canadian manufacture, the type used by our destroyer escorts.

"In all probability, Skeena was the ship involved."

An investigation team from command headquarters brought three shell fragments, the only evidence of the shelling found to date, back from the scene.

Holdups Blamed On Secret Army

CP from AP-Reuters
ALGIERS—Seven daring holdups blamed on the right-wing Secret Army Organization were staged in Algeria Wednesday. As the feeling of anarchy heightened, airlines cancelled night flights to and from Algiers.

Discovery Of Wreckage Dims Hopes For Trawler

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Discovery of life belts and wreckage from the missing St. Pierre trawler Ravenel dashed hopes Wednesday that the vessel's 18-man crew will be found alive.

Late Wednesday the weather prevented a concentrated search off Lories Beach on the tip of the Burin Peninsula where the belts and wreckage were found Wednesday morning. Blinding snow reduced visibility to almost zero.

However, RCMP speculated that the 210-ton Ravenel may have struck a reef lying between Green Island and the mainland and gone down with all hands. The island lies between the mainland and the French islands of St. Pierre-Miquelon nine miles offshore.

The 115-foot Ravenel was skippered by Capt. John Corbett, 33, of St. Pierre, described

as an experienced seaman. Three years ago another trawler captained by Cormier grounded in a fog but at that time there was no loss of life.

LLOYDS ISSUES TWISTITIS POLICY

LONDON (Reuters) — Lloyds agreed Wednesday to issue an insurance policy against "twistitis."

The company issued a £10,000 (\$28,300) policy to cover medical fees, hospital and other expenses incurred by a person injured while doing the twist.

The policy is to be given away as a raffle prize at a charity ball next week. Lloyds added a rider that the injuries must be incurred in a genuine twist and not in rock 'n' roll.

Amateur Gets Circus Deaths In Pictures

DETROIT (AP) — "I only went to the circus because the wife wanted to go. I took my camera, thinking at least I'd get something out of it."

O. C. Hansen, 50-year-old engineer and amateur photographer, was one of 7,000 spectators who watched horrified Tuesday night as two members of the famous high-wire Walden troupe plummeted 35 feet to death. The victims were Dieter Schapp, 23, and Richard Faughnan, 29.

Hansen, who said he was attending the Shrine circus performance "under duress," made pictures of the tragedy in which three other performers were injured seriously. Five of Hansen's shots were distributed by The Associated Press.

Hansen's camera, a 35-MM. Regina reflex with a 135 mm. lens, missed the actual fall because he was changing flashbulbs at the time.

Fresh Farm Controls Suggested By JFK

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy proposed Wednesday a new United States farm program that would take the government out of much of agriculture unless farmers accepted controls tight enough to half production of costly surpluses.

The program, outlined in a special message to Congress, ran into immediate and violent opposition in some quarters. Even those who said they liked it predicted it would face stiff opposition in Congress, especially Democrats who favored it and Republicans unfavorably.

Charles B. Shuman, President of the influential American Farm Bureau Federation, said the Kennedy proposals would attempt to coerce farmers into accepting controls they did not want.

The plan featured much tougher restrictions on production of wheat, corn, soybeans and milk—the major surplus products of the moment.

Producers would have to accept these new controls at referendums or lose important government price supports for wheat and feed grains and accept much lower supports for milk and dairy products. The new commodity controls

would be designed to cut \$5,000,000,000 off costs of farm aid programs during the next four years. Without the controls, the programs would cost an estimated more than \$12,000,000,000 during that period.

The parts that met the sharpest opposition were proposals to abandon supports and to authorize the government to dump large quantities of its surplus grains on markets if controls for these crops were defeated.

EARLY PAYMENT ASSISTS CARRIER

Weekly collections by your Guardian carrier are timed to provide convenient service and to meet his school and study schedule.

He may begin collections on Thursday and continue through Friday and Saturday. Your thoughtfulness in paying him the first time he calls will encourage him to prompt service.

Your carrier is an independent merchant, and like all merchants, he must be sure his collections before he can enjoy the full profit of his labor.



NURSING CONSULTANT SPEAKS HERE

Miss Margaret MacLean, Ottawa, nursing consultant in the Health Insurance Division with the Department of National Health and Welfare,

spoke to a special meeting of The P.E.I. Nurses Association held at the nurses residence of the Prince Edward Island Hospital last night.

Talking with Miss MacLean (center) are Mrs. Helen Bolger (left), executive secretary of the Association, and Miss Ida Mackay, president. (See story on page 2).

Ont. Roads Blocked As Snow Storm Rages

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Sun and near-record temperatures in Western Canada are contrasting with storms, cold and death in the East.

The dividing line runs north and south, with Winnipeg approximately on the fence.

Five persons have died on Ontario highways as the worst storm of the winter continues to lash the province and cut highway visibility to practically zero.

In Bruce, Huron and Grey counties, 60 per cent of the roads were reported impassable and 43 schools were closed. Police closed Highway 4 near

London, Ont., while they sorted out 20 minor accidents in one stretch.

The weather bureau forecast some relief from below-zero temperatures but no respite from snow and wind. Another two or three inches is expected.

The situation was reported bad and the outlook worse at Montreal with a forecast 10 to 16 inches for today. From four to six inches of snow was expected.

Member Of N.S. Legislature Dies Suddenly In Inverness

INVERNESS, N.S. (CP) — Roderick MacLean, a Liberal member of the Nova Scotia legislature since 1949, died suddenly Tuesday night in hospital here. He was 61.

Mr. MacLean was taken to hospital Tuesday afternoon following a heart seizure at his home in nearby Kenlock. He was a former warden of Inverness County and served on the council for many years.

In the House he served as chairman of the committee of the whole House and as deputy

Starr Declares Plan Most Useful Method

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal MP Paul Martin accused the government Wednesday of taking a "haphazard, laissez-faire" approach to the unemployment problem.

The member for Essex East said in the Commons that the government's winter works incentive program—under which the federal treasury pays half the payroll costs of approved municipal projects—fails to get at the root of unemployment.

Earlier, Labor Minister Starr had defended the winter works plan, saying "the results prove that it is a most useful method of tackling seasonal unemployment."

Under consideration by the house was a \$40,000,000 item in labor department supplementary estimates to cover the federal share of the program for the rest of this season. It failed to come to a vote and the debate will continue today.

Mr. Starr said 111,200 men have been put to work under the program so far this winter, for an average of 45 days each. Municipalities participating to date numbered 2,286—compared to 2,163 for all of last winter.

FIGURE MISLEADING

Mr. Martin said that since 413,000 were officially reported as unemployed at mid-December—and the figure was no doubt higher now—"not too much satisfaction" could be derived from Mr. Starr's statement on the number provided with employment.

Unemployment, said the Liberal member, "continues to be the major domestic problem facing us."

The winter works solution "does not go to the root of the problem."

He compared the government policy unfavorably with that of President Kennedy, who had acted "in a vigorous way" to deal with the unemployment situation in the United States.

Mr. Martin also accused the government of taking all the credit for what he represented as the limited benefits achieved by the winter works program. Yet the burden of costs had been borne by the municipalities.

Walter Pitman (NDP—Peterborough) said if the winter works program is a measure of the inaction of the government on Canada's No. 1 problem he has no doubt the voters will give a verdict against the Conservatives at the next election.

W. L. M. Creighton (PC—Westmorland) said he believes patronage on the part of New Brunswick's Liberal administration enters into the program. Friends of the provincial government were referred to jobs on provincial projects accepted under the winter works program.

He also said that in advertising measures against unemployment to which the federal government was making contributions the N.B. Liberal administration was giving no credit whatever to Ottawa.

Pension Hikes Opposed By Liberal In Senate

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal Senator Thomas Crerar said Wednesday he is opposed to the federal government's proposal to increase the basic old age pension to \$65 a month from \$55.

The Manitoba senator also said in the Senate throne speech debate that he would be opposed to a any Liberal government boosting the pension to \$75 a month unless it is based on the contributory principle.

The wartime cabinet minister said increased expenditures on old age pensions are not warranted because of the serious state of the federal government's finances.

He said other expenditures proposed in the throne speech should also be deferred for a few years "until our finances are in a better condition." His list included:

1. A proposal to spend about \$63,000,000 on a flood control program around Greater Winnipeg, with the federal government paying about 60 per cent of the cost.

2. A \$42,000,000 acreage payment to Prairie grain farmers—the third since 1958—approved yesterday by the Commons.

Senator Crerar said he opposes federal government participation with the provinces work out arrangements for distribution of electric power across provincial boundaries.

The government's plan to increase basic old age pensions, he said, would add about \$125,000,000 a year to the country's financial burden.

Hard-pressed provincial governments would be pushed into further expenditures to match the 50-per-cent federal contribution for old age assistance to the needy in the 65-69 age bracket, whose monthly allowances also are to be increased to \$65 from \$55.

B.C. Member Dies In His Sleep

VICTORIA (CP) — George (Tiny) Hobbs, 54, New Democratic Party-CCF member of the British Columbia legislature for Revelstoke, died in his sleep Tuesday night.

His body was found in bed Wednesday in his hotel room by a friend who had spent the night with him.

The six-foot-six locomotive engineer was elected in the 1960 provincial election. Mr. Hobbs, whose father-in-law had died only a few days earlier, apparently died from a heart attack.

Mr. Hobbs' death leaves the standing in the 32-seat house at Social Credit 32, DNP-CCF 15, Liberals 4, vacant 1.

Newfoundland Hit By Storm

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A fast-moving snow and rain storm which struck the Maritimes Tuesday swung through Newfoundland Wednesday resulting in drifts and hazardous driving conditions.

There was at least one fatality as a result of the storm. John Anderson, 75, of East Roman Valley, 25 miles southeast of Antigonish, N.S., died when he apparently fell from a small truck when the driver lost control of the vehicle on an icy road.

In central Newfoundland 50 cars, a school bus and 30 highway equipment spun off the road along a 20-mile stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway between Norris Arm and Grand Falls.

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