

REPORT SMALL SURPLUS IN S'SIDE

LINE EXTENDED

Electric Light Dept. Had Increased Surplus

Councillor Dr. H. E. Clark, chairman of the Electric Light Department, in his report before the annual meeting of the council last evening, said that for the year 1957, the few remaining sections which were not served with electricity in the area allocated to Summerside electric light utility, were practically completed.

This along with new customers on lines built previously in the rural areas, as well as new lines in the town, has meant a normal increase in the number of customers the total of which is slightly over \$3,300, he said.

The number of kw/h generated and purchased for 1957 showed an increase of 6.4 percent over 1956 for a total of 9,852,410 kw/h. 65.5 percent of this was purchased from the Maritime Electric Company, as against 39.7 percent for the preceding year.

Referring to a change in the charge for street lighting in Summerside, Councillor Clark said that additions to the street lighting units have been made throughout the year, and now 507. "The flat rate of \$4,000.00 charged to the town for many years, was changed this year, and the change resulted in a charge of \$12,836.77 in the revenue section of the utility, based on a fair rate per k.w.h. used," he said.

During the year the council approved a set of rates and regulations which will serve as a basis of agreement between utility and customers.

These were made to conform to other utilities which in many instances were being followed even though no set of rules could be located.

The firm of Engineering Services Ltd. of Halifax has been doing an appraisal of the electric light utility. Councillor Clark reported, and this was requested by the P.E.I. Public Utility Commission for the rural portion, and it was felt advisable to have the whole system completed at the same time.

Much valuable information is expected from their report, the Councillor said, and their recommendations will have to be studied thoroughly by the incoming committee.

leaving a net surplus of \$76,838.37 — an increase of \$10,500.00 over 1956.

Some of the increases of expenditures are \$30,000.00 for power plant operation and purchased power; \$27,000.00 for transmission and distribution; and \$12,000.00 for collecting, administration, and general expense, Councillor Clark reported.

In the charges for transmission and distribution, he said, were included \$10,000.00 for storm damage, and many items formerly charged capital were included in the charges for the year. In general expense, one half of the salary of the town manager, and rent for electric light utility of town hall space, were included, he said.

Service charges for commercial customers were reviewed and corrected, which resulted in a more equitable payment for demand.

The federal sales tax on diesel oil was discontinued, which will mean a considerable saving on fuel costs, he pointed out.

All gasoline used in town vehicles since June has been distributed through town pumps, and a very substantial saving for utility trucks has resulted.

In his closing remarks Councillor Clark said he wished to express the appreciation of his committee to the engineer-in-charge, Mr. L. W. Hacker, and his staff, for their co-operation at all times; to the town manager Joseph Brophy for his energetic and conscientious work all hours of the day or night; and to the Mayor and remaining members of the Council for their interest and support.

Finance Committee Head Presents Annual Report

Councillor W. E. MacCausland, chairman of the finance committee, in his annual report at the annual meeting of the Summerside Town Council last evening reported a surplus of \$574.90 for the past year, 1957.

Revenue for the year totalled \$501,222.19, while expenditures amounted to \$500,647.29.

Councillor MacCausland said that in the budget the finance committee estimated revenue from real and personal property at \$282,527.00 and the actual was \$282,209.00.

The increase of \$9,782.00, he said, resulted in the assessment roll going from approximately \$8,300,000.00 to \$8,400,000.00.

Poll tax was estimated at \$19,000.00, and the actual was \$20,142.00.

The portion of taxes which went to judgements was \$16,903.00 and recoveries of previous years' judgements amounted to \$4,673.00, making a percentage received during current year of 97.05 of outstanding taxes.

Taxes going to judgement in 1956 was \$15,892.00, he said, so in spite of a rate increase of \$4.00 per thousand, the collection of taxes has been much better percentage wise. Judgment account now stands at \$47,477.00, against which there is a reserve of \$15,000.00.

\$1,000.00 is being added to the reserve account this year but is not sufficient and an energetic campaign of collection will have to be undertaken by the new finance committee.

Reporting on licenses and permits, Councillor MacCausland said the figure in the budget for this amount was \$12,357.00, and the actual receipts were \$11,830.00, a net difference of only \$500.

On rentals, he said the budget figure of \$4,000.00 was surpassed by \$1,867.00, accounting for \$1,200 being received from the Electric Light Department for their portion of town office usage, the balance of increase being made up by rental of machinery.

Fines and costs and small debt court, he said, show an increase over budget figure of \$7,775 of \$2,171.

Parking meter revenue of \$4,830.00 falls short of the estimate of only \$170.00 and undoubtedly a more vigorous attempt should be paid to this budget item.

Referring to the abattoir, he said receipts were \$6,908.00 and expenditures were \$6,655.00, giving a modest surplus of \$253.00, the first time a profit has been shown in this operation since 1946.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Listing the grants received, he pointed out the provincial grant of \$21,276.00 based on a basis of \$3.00 per capita on 1956 census and the Federal Government's \$4,396.00, covering federal properties (C. N. R. \$3,000) in lieu of taxes, making a total of \$29,122.00 for which was budgeted \$30,541.00. This is he said, approximately \$5,500.00 above receipts under this heading in 1956. This is the first year, he went on, and amount was received from C. N. R. and is a flat payment pending finalization of the town's reassessment.

The electric light revenue, he stated, is \$76,838.00, over last year by \$10,488.00. He said that this heading will be dealt with by Councillor Clark, chairman of the electric light committee.

He pointed out that the water and sewerage of \$7,352.00 was down from last year by \$15,881.00.

He said that pumping charges would account for the major portion decline in this department.

In 1956 pumping charges were \$6,299.00 and in 1957 \$18,675.00.

In continuing his report he outlined the various items: Civic stadium net revenue was \$1,297.00. The budget figure for this heading was \$6,000.00. The forecasting for income from this source, he said was very difficult. The 1956 figure was \$2,815.00.

Refunded gasoline sales tax was \$704.00. He said that this is a new source of revenue. The town now has its own gasoline supply, he said, and this represents the saving on tax for the year 1957. A considerable further saving was affected by using the town's own pumps, he explained, in that the gasoline now used is purchased direct from the oil companies which resulted in a saving of \$512.00. These savings were over a period of the last six months only and the pumps were installed on the recommendation of the town manager.

The surplus in 1956 was originally shown as \$15,290.00 but adjustments from the Electric Department of \$3,017.00 has lowered this surplus to \$12,273.00. He said that these adjustments would be explained by Councillor Clark in his report.

EXPENDITURES

In expenditures the councillor listed the following:

General government \$35,002.00, down \$4,000.00 from estimates; insurance and fifty per cent of town manager's salary charged

to the Electrical Department.

Protection to persons and property, budget \$68,500.00, actual \$68,479.00.

Public works, budget called for \$50,400.00, actual expenditure \$66,114.00.

Snow removal estimate \$12,000, actual \$11,026. The Street Department estimate \$38,400.00, actual spent \$55,087.00.

The over spending of \$16,687.00 in this department, he said, emphasizes the difficulty of preparing a proper budget and any excess required by a department should come before council for approval. While this spending in excess of the budget in this department may be well warranted, he went on, it is quite possible council would have deferred certain repairs to a later date.

Health: budgeted \$5,450.00, actual \$5,187.00. Social welfare, budget \$7,350.00, spent \$7,337.00. Education budget, \$68,000, actual \$73,429.00. He stated that the Council had no control over the requirements of the School Board and the budget figures were their estimate for 1957 school requirements.

Community services: estimated \$22,875.00, actual \$28,082.00. The difference of \$5,207 is mainly accounted for in heat for the auditorium which was budgeted for \$4,000 but which went considerably over \$6,000 and which includes the new school. The portion applicable to the school should in future be paid by the School Board to show proper costs, he said.

A \$600.00 grant was authorized to the lobster carnival to assist this worthwhile community project.

Parks: He said this item took \$7,500.00 to maintain this year and separate heading has been raised "playgrounds" which cost \$1,626.00 and which was formerly charged to parks. This heading, he explained, covers supervisors' wages and as well the athletic instructor. The total therefore in this heading exceeded our estimates by \$1,126.00 he said.

Debt Charges: These accounted for \$206,270.00 of which the Electric Department assumed \$19,188.00. This figure, he said, will be less in 1958 by about \$10,000 as the practice of prepaying by a full year of debenture requirements will be discontinued.

Discount on assessments: acted \$3,922.00, budgeted for \$3,000.00 grant re electric light rate adjustments. \$2,626.00. This item, he said, would be covered in the electric committee report.

Miscellaneous Expenses: \$2,694.00, budgeted for \$3,000.00. In the budget, he explained, we estimated an amount of \$600 capital out of revenue. It has not been possible to meet the budget requirements due to unforeseen able expenses which confronted us during the year.

He said the significant feature in our expenditures for capital which totalled \$138,000, is quite a large total which is non recurring, these are comprised of the following: Civic Building, \$17,600; accounting machines; Revaluation, 6,600; property revaluation; fire horn, 1,500; installation; street truck, 10,000; school, 22,000; new furnace; Civic Stadium, \$3,000; Sundry; auditorium, \$14,100; landscaping paving curtains, \$75,000.

The remaining large items, he said, which are with us from year to year if we are to maintain and add to our services are streets which come to \$21,300.00 and water and sewerage \$24,400.00.

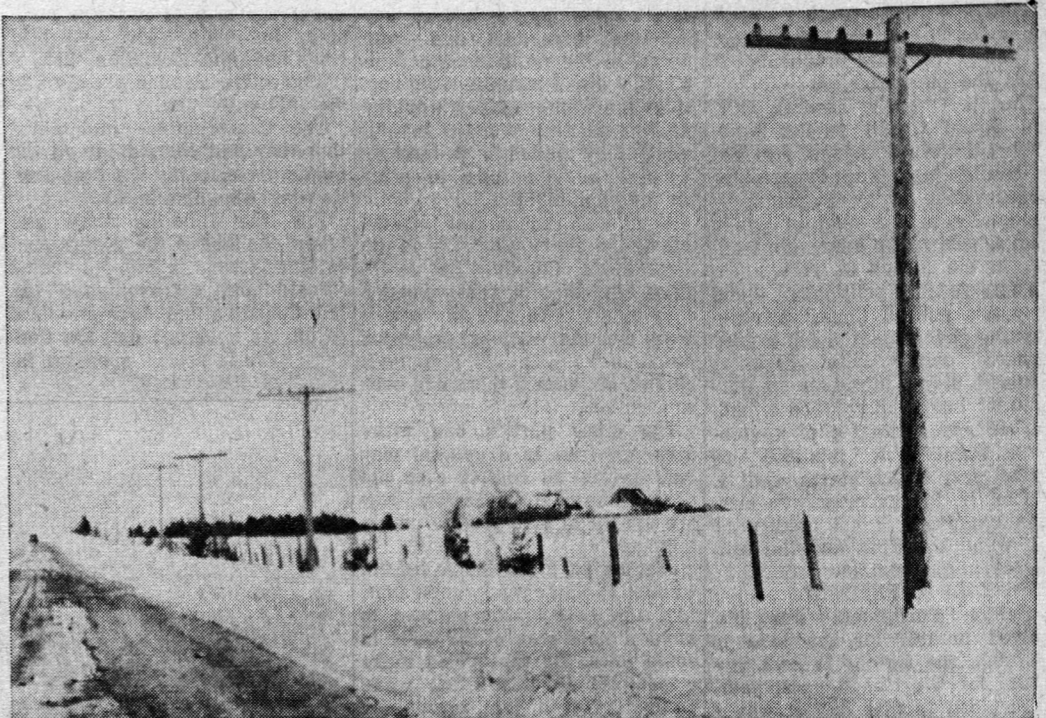
Our outstanding debt in 1956 was \$1,934,362 and to this we must add our capital of 1957 of \$136,000 for a total of \$2,070,362.00. Debenture retirements in 1957, 77,500; debt reduction tax-cavator, 9,000; payment P. E. I. Loan Stadium, 6,547.00; P. E. I. school grant received, 15,000; additions to sinking fund, 20,000; 128,047.00; total 1,945,315.00.

This shows an increase in our debt of approximately \$8,000.00 the above figures are unverified at this time.

DEBENTURES ISSUED

As the result of an outstanding overdraft at the end of 1956 of \$425,000 at the Bank of Nova Scotia representing the balance of the costs of Civic Auditorium and electric light it became necessary to issue debentures to the amount of \$400,000. This issue was planned to be marketed early in the year but in the fact of a rising interest market the council prudently deferred the issue rate and subsequent saving to the rate payer of approximately \$45,000 in interest over the life of the issue. These bonds were sold by tender upon which four quotes were received and the successful syndicate purchased the entire issue at 98.38 per hundred at a net cost of money to the town of 5.33 per cent.

Due to ever increasing load within the town administration caused by government reporting, modernization of statements, it became necessary to modernize accounting methods, also imple-



STORM DAMAGE IN WEST PRINCE

40 to 50 mile-an-hour gusts, accompanied by freezing rain disrupted power and communication lines in the West Prince area Saturday night. Electric power was restored to Alberton Sunday afternoon and to Tignish about 2 a. m. Monday morning. Some of the extensive damage to telephone lines occurred on lines like the above near Elmsdale. This picture was taken Sunday. Wires here are broken in dozens of places.

Photo by F. Weeks

HIGHER PEAK

Councillor Clark said that the peak load for the year, which was reached on December 6th, was considerably higher than a year ago — 2,470 in 1957, and 2,200 in 1956. Part of this increase was due to a breakdown in the scales electric utility which unfortunately happened at the heavy demand season of the year, he said.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

DANCE SPRING VALLEY Hall Wednesday, February 12. Dancing 9 to 1 a.m.

CRAPAUD Rink Tuesday night Parkdale Flyers vs. Summerside Junior Aces. Game time 8:15. Carnival Wednesday night.

IN STOCK Motor overhaul, recommended by satisfied users. R. W. MacLean, R. R. 5 Montague.

CARD PARTY Legion Home Kensington tonight 8 o'clock. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary. Good prizes and door prizes. Everybody welcome.

SHOW AND DANCE Borden Legion Home Wednesday, February 12th. Music by Noy Brothers. Admission 40-60 cents. Show time 8:30 p.m.

A MEETING of the Summerside branch of the association for retarded children will be held in the Health Centre on Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.

KENSINGTON Rink tonight Tuesday Junior North Shore League 7:00 p. m. Magrate vs. Springfield 8:00 Springfield vs. Kensington 9:00 Indian River vs. Stanley Bridge admission 25 cents to all. Skate after.

BEDEQUE RINK tonight, Tuesday, Junior Hockey, North Carleton vs. Bedeque 6:45; Freetown vs. Albany 8 p.m.; Bedeque Beavers vs. Summerside Town Taxi 9:15. Games must start on time.

FUNERAL AT KINKORA — The largely attended funeral of the late Michael Terbenec was held on Monday from the Monaghan Funeral Home to St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Pastor, Rev. Harold Croken, who also performed service at the grave. Pallbearers were: Leonard Kerr, Ralph McCarville, Maurice Berrigan, Fred Gody, James MacGuigan, Gerald Gody. Interment was in the church cemetery.

PERSONALS

Miss Elsie Mayne, Emerald, and Miss Joyce Daye, Norboro were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeo, Belmont.

Professional Cards

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Barrister

George R. MacMahon, LL.B.

255 Water St. Summerside (Also Kensington on Saturdays) Phone Summerside 3551

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R. E. Ellis & Son Limited Fire — Auto — Casualty 5 Sumner St. Summerside

Optometrists

E. E. Parkman Opt. D., R.O. PHONE 3207

OPPOSITE GUARDIAN OFFICE Summerside

B. F. Hunter, R.O. Summerside, P.E.I. Phone 3110 SMALLMAN'S BUILDING

A. Raymond Grant, B.Sc., O.D. 220 Water Street, Summerside Above Maurice Mill's Men's Wear. PHONE 3530

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School Grant Is Announced

A grant of \$39,750.00 has been made by the Federal Government to the town of Summerside towards the cost of the new High School. Mayor Currie said yesterday that application for a grant to the school had been made to the Federal Government last year some time after the new school had been completed. He said that at that time the prospect of getting the grant did not appear too bright and that such application, had it been made when construction began, would have been more readily granted.

However, Mayor Currie stated a forecast made by Airport officials with regard to requirements for the next five years indicated that they would equal the capacity of three classrooms. Three class rooms works out to 12 per cent of the area of the building and it was on this basis that the grant was made.

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Coun. Wood Gives Report For The Street Committee

Councillor Leo A. Wood, chairman of the streets committee, in the annual report for his committee, last evening said that expenditure on ordinary account for streets amounted to \$66,114.00.

This, he said, includes \$11,062.00 for snow removal; \$8,765.00 for street patching; \$2,442.00 for repairs to machines; \$1,500.00 for fuel for machines; leaving \$41,108.00 for ordinary maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Wood said that the budget set up for his department had been as follows: \$30,000.00 for ordinary maintenance and repairs. \$12,000.00 for snow removal. \$1,400.00 for repairs to machines (ploughs, etc.). \$1,200.00 fuel for machines. \$300.00 fuel for plough g a r a g e. \$5,000.00 patching.

BUDGET EXCEEDED

From these figures, he said, it can be seen that with the exception of the fuel for the machines and amount appropriated for snow removal, the budget figures on all other categories were exceeded.

Councillor Wood said that it is very difficult to budget for repairs to machines as well as fuel for them. These items depend to a large extent on the use made of the machines, and whether or not they are busily engaged, and, he said, "our machines were very active during the winter year."

While these machines are regarded as street equipment, Councillor Wood said, they have been engaged much of the time by other departments, particularly with respect to the sanitary land fill at the town dump.

While the same problem exists in estimating the cost of snow removal, these was sufficient provided in the budget this year to meet the demands of this phase of street expenditures.

"We started the year expecting that we could stay within the budget for ordinary maintenance and repairs," said Councillor Wood, "but as time went on we found that even though we were exceeding our budget, neglect of essentials would have been false economy as another winter's deterioration would have added thousands of dollars of additional costs for maintenance and repairs if left undone; this is true also with respect to paving done on capital account."

In a review of the Summerside streets which had been recapped, the following streets were listed: Central from Beaver to Maple Avenue. Beaver

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CONDITION CRITICAL

SEATTLE (AP) — Mrs. Betty MacDonald, whose breezy story of life on a backwoods chicken farm was a best seller 13 years ago, Thursday was reported in "very critical" condition in a Seattle hospital. She has cancer. Mrs. MacDonald's hit story in 1945 was "The Egg and I."

SALUTE QUEEN

LONDON (Reuters) — Salutes were fired and flags flew on public buildings Thursday to mark the sixth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne. The Queen, who had no official engagements, was staying at Sandringham, the Royal residence in Norfolk, known.

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CARNIVAL BORDEN RINK

FRIDAY — FEB. 14th
GOOD PRIZES
ADMISSION 25c

ICE CARNIVAL

at
CRAPAUD RINK
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Classes are provided for Ladies, Gents, Girls and Boys. Adult and minor classes for couples. Contestants must pass in card at wicket for registration as to age and class represented. Also have similar card on shoulder.

Over \$150.00 in Prizes
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Capitol SUMMERSIDE

TODAY (TUESDAY)
3:30 — 7:15 — 9:10
John Steinbeck's
"The Wayward Bus"

with JOAN COLLINS
JAYNE MANSFIELD
& DAN DAILEY

Free Valentine Offer

Any red garment cleaned free with another colored garment of equal dry-cleaning value.

Victory Cleaners

Central Street, Summerside Dial 2410

PLAYOFF HOCKEY TONIGHT TUESDAY CIVIC STADIUM

8:15 Amherst Ramblers vs. S'side Aces
Admission: Reserve \$1.00; Rush, Adults 75 cents; students 35 cents.

Advance sale of reserve seats at Boates Pharmacy

Coun. Jenkins Presents Report

Among the reports presented at the Summerside Town Council annual meeting last night was one by Councillor W. E. Jenkins, chairman of police, fire and abattoir committee. Coun. Jenkins is retiring from civic politics after serving for six years as a council member.

HOCKEY TONIGHT BORDEN RINK

League Game
"Tryon Sisters" vs. "Bedeque Sisters"
Admission 35c
One Hour Skate After Game