

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

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Mr. William Landry, Halifax, is spending a week in Montague, guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landry.

PARISH OF GEORGETOWN, Holy Trinity (Anglican) Sunday, January 31st, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, 8 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 3.30 p. m. Evening Prayer. Rev. W. A. Cotton, C. I.

RETURNS MONEY—Miss Janet Vandierstine, employee of the Bison Restaurant, Montague, was suitably rewarded and highly commended for her honesty yesterday when she found and returned to the owner, Mrs. Gordon Coffin, a billfold containing a large sum of money. Mrs. Coffin lost her billfold on her way home Thursday night during the snowstorm, and was unaware of her loss until Mrs. Vandierstine telephoned her early yesterday morning.

C. W. L. CARD PARTY—The regular weekly card party sponsored by the Montague C. W. L. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Larkin on Wednesday night with a good attendance. The door prize was won by Mrs. Andrew Landry. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Harold Hynes, and the men's prize was a tie between Mr. Alex Kennedy and Mr. David Vandierstine, which made it necessary for them to play off with the prize going to Mr. Vandierstine. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge. The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McKeeman. The lottery sponsored by the C. W. L. was drawn for at this party, and the

fruit cake was won by Mrs. Alice Robertson, Montague, and the set of dishes by Mr. Cecil Power, New Perth. The lucky tickets were drawn by Bruce Clair.

THE ANNUAL Scottish concert will be held in Yeo's Theatre, Montague, Wednesday, February 3rd. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church choir.

ATTENDING WEDDING—Mrs. S. C. MacLean, Mrs. A. C. MacKay and Mrs. L. H. Poole, left this week for Yarmouth where they attended the MacLean-Baker wedding which took place yesterday afternoon.

IS CONVALESCING—Miss Theresa McAree, Baldwin's Road, of the staff of the Haven Restaurant, is convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McHerron, on an injury while skating on the Montague River this week necessitating a few days in the hospital.

Montague Curling Rink Schedule

Mixed bonspiel schedule at Montague rink today: 2.15—P. Sinclair vs. J. S. DesRoches; J. Larkin vs. G. Gordon. 4.00 P.M.—H. M. Smith vs. Mac MacKenzie; R. Beck vs. T. Clair. 7.00 P.M.—H. Moar vs. A. MacDonald; L. A. Johnson vs. G. Coffin. 9.00 P.M.—L. H. Poole vs. D. MacGowan; Dr. P. MacIntyre vs. A. E. Sullivan.

Murray River Theatre Opening Tuesday Night

HIGHSPEED AIR TUNNEL NEW YORK, (AP)—One of the fastest wind tunnels in the U. S. has produced air speeds of better than 10 times the speed of sound—so fast the air glows as it passes a solid body. Dr. Henry T. Nagamatsu, director of the wind tunnel at California Institute of Technology, estimated that the air temperature at mach 10-10 times the speed of sound at sea level rises to 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

FINAL TODAY "DESTINATION GOLI" Shows 2:30 - 7-9

PRINCE EDWARD MON. - TUES. - WED. ADULT LANA TURNER KIRK DOUGLAS WALTER PIDEON DICK POWELL THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

CAPITOL NOW SHOWING "NIGHT STAGE TO GALVESTON" Starring Gene Autry MON. - TUES. - WED. "THE SAVAGE"

GRAND OPENING SALE WILL CONTINUE AT CO-OP STORE Montague All next week so that patrons who have been unable to take advantage of the sale because of the snow storm may have an opportunity to do so. The drawing for the Special Prize will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6. Sale will also continue at the Charlottetown Store

"KING'S X" Don't fail to see this dynamic Credit Union Film At YEO'S THEATRE, MONTAGUE MONDAY and TUESDAY February 1st and 2nd And at Mt. Stewart on February 5th and 6th

Finance Chairman

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plementary to the Auditors' statement. Before presenting the Auditors' Statement, however, I would like to outline briefly some of the workings of your Finance Committee.

When your Committee took office, we were confronted first with heavy expenditure in the Street Department—an item which has to be considered in the preparing of the year's estimates in determining the tax rate for the year. The total valuation on Real and Personal property was \$24,062,110 as against \$24,062,250 for the previous year.

After considerable work by all Committees of the Council, your Committee brought in as the estimated expenditure in all Departments \$789,230. Estimated revenue for licenses, rents, Police Court, etc., grants, Commissioners of Sewers & Water Supply, parking meters, and poll tax, to the amount of \$1,167,753, left the sum of \$672,477 to be raised by the Real and Personal property tax.

The year just closed shows a surplus of \$8,105.45. I would like you to refer to the item, in the Auditors' statement of expenditures, in the amount of \$22,739.05 for uncollectable taxes. This could have been added to the surplus mentioned above. However, by way of explanation, may I say that the valuation placed on the Charlottetown Hotel by the Board of Valuers for the City of Charlottetown was \$862,300. This, as set up at the current rate of 2.35% for the year 1952, amounted to \$20,264.57. On the other hand, the Board of Valuers of the Federal Government, they paid to the City \$3,525, leaving a balance of \$16,739.05.

Financial Statement The actual revenue for the year 1952 was \$688,966.36 and the actual revenue for the year 1953 was \$829,851.66. The actual expenditure for the year 1952 was \$688,575.59 as against an expenditure for 1953 of \$821,746.01—a difference of \$138,170.42, accounted for as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Overdraft Int. in Capital, Police Department, Fire Grant, Streets, Workmen's Compensation, School Board, Victoria Park, Int. Debenture, Payment to Sinking Fund, Sundry expenditures, Reserve for Uncollectable Depreciation equipment, etc.

Bonds In 1952, your Committee sold a Refunding Issue of bonds, 4 1/2% amounting to \$68,000 to the Provincial Government at 97.50. Also in 1953 a Refunding Issue, 4 1/2%, amounting to \$23,250 to the Provincial Government at the same price. A Permanent Works issue of debentures 4 1/2% amounting to \$250,000 was sold in 1952 to Bell, Gouinlock & Company and Dominion Securities Ltd. at 95.05. In 1953 a Permanent Works issue, 4 1/2% \$450,000 was sold to Wood Gundy & Co. at 95.81.

Table with 2 columns: Rate, Amount. Includes 3%, 4%, 4 1/2%, 5% rates and corresponding amounts.

Sinking Funds As is the adopted policy of many municipalities, the Sinking Funds and Sinking Fund Investments are handled by a Trust Company. A report from the Eastern Trust Company shows the following bonds were purchased for Sinking Funds during the year: \$4,000 City of Halifax, \$3,000 City of Halifax, \$9,000 City of Halifax, \$25,000 City of Montreal, \$12,500 Prov. of Manitoba, \$6,000 Prov. of Manitoba, \$4,000 Prov. of Ontario.

Commission Advises Further Study Of Water Fluoridation

The question of fluoridation of the water supply for the citizens of Charlottetown has been studied with interest by the Commissioners of the Water Supply but no action has been taken, states the report of the Commission tabled at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

In its inquiry the Commission acknowledges receiving much helpful information from the Provincial Department of Health "Having in mind the fact that \$25,000 Prov. of Ontario 4% 1961 25,187.50 \$15,000 Prov. of Quebec 4% 1962 15,000.00 In addition, \$100,000 was deposited with the Provincial Government on December 31st, for 3 months at 3 1/2%, which will be withdrawn in April to meet the requirements of the year 1953. In the Eastern Trust's management of this fund, the Sinking Fund totalled \$616,437.50. The net income of this fund was \$17,306.13. On the same basis, the present fund of \$789,230.00, however, under the management of the Eastern Trust Company, with the new investment policy, the Sinking Fund in the year 1953 earned \$24,972.98. This shows an increase of \$2,902.05.

Tax Collections The year 1953 showed 89% of the year's levy in Real Estate and Personal property taxes actually collected. The other 11% set up as Taxes Receivable should be entirely liquidated in two years. Total arrears of the year 1953, compared to revenue shows a figure of 98.75%. This in itself would show that tax collections were very good. Poll Tax still is not what we would expect, but there is some improvement over the previous year. Prior to 1952, approximately 40% was collected, as against 60% in the year 1953. However, this 60% does not present the actual picture, as a considerable amount of the money collected was applied to arrears of the previous year. When these arrears are liquidated under the present system a much higher percentage than 60% should be collected. Through the efforts of your Finance Committee, Legislation was obtained to reduce the arrears of the year 1952 were \$50,435.72. Total arrears for the year 1953 were \$66,381.58—an increase of some \$15,945.86.

Water Commissioners: The receipts for 1952 in this department showed \$18,206.84. However, as mentioned in my 1952 report, we anticipated an increase in revenue due to an increase in rate. The Water Department turned into the City Treasury the sum of \$42,084.64, a very substantial increase over the previous year, and one which we anticipated, and which your Finance Committee took into consideration when setting the rate of 2.75%. Had it not been for this anticipated increase, the rate possibly would have been 3%.

Business Tax As you are all aware, last year the Council spent very considerable time and thought to ways and means of increasing the City Treasury to take care of increased costs of education, debenture interest, maintenance of streets, payments to Sinking Funds, etc. To this end, a by-law establishing a Business Tax was passed, which went into effect on January 1st, 1953. This Business Tax is optional to a large degree, to the present Personal Property Tax, the assessing department having the option as to which tax shall be paid. It has only been used very sparingly, however, the idea of entering into this new field of taxation.

School Board: The incoming Council will have to give thought to the financing of the new High School which is now in the project. Pension Fund: The services of Pipe & Eckler were obtained, to make a study of the permanent employees' Pension Fund. On their report being submitted to the Council, they were given the go-ahead by our auditors and is referred to in their report. We would strongly recommend to the incoming Council that they take steps to put this Pension Fund on a sound financial basis.

Revenue and Expenditure In the year 1952 Mr. W. A. Morrell was engaged to make a study of the payments to Sinking Fund and interpret the Act as to the provision for Sinking Fund on all debentures issued after the year 1935. In consequence, to bring the fund up to requirement over a ten year period, the payment for the year 1952 was \$84,041.15 and in the year just closed \$89,569.36. The auditors' report stated that the net debt of the City with debenture interest, bank overdrafts, accrued payments and other items, 1951 was \$2,390,653.63, as against \$2,774,517.88 in 1952, and a further increase to \$2,846,199.67 at December 31st, 1953. This increase in the net debt of the City is accounted for mainly through new investments in water and civic improvements of a capital nature. The Annual Statement and Balance Sheets as taken from the records of the City Clerk's Office and audited by H. R. Doane & Company, the City's auditors, are being served by a careful and complete survey. Each year a great many annual reports are printed, which include the Financial Statement of H. R. Doane & Company, and they are available to any citizens who would like to avail themselves of them.

Your Committee thanks Your Worship, all members of the City Council, the City Clerk and his staff, for the many courtesies extended to it during the past year.

Water Supply The amount of water pumped during the year was 653,116,966 gallons with an average daily consumption of 1,803,359 gallons. The amount supplied through metered accounts was 203,649,433-44,343,593 gallons more than in 1952. The balance of 449,466,233 gallons represents the amount used for domestic purposes, small commercial accounts, fire fighting, street flushing and other public uses. The sum of \$123,938.13 was collected in water rates showing an increase over 1952 of \$23,740.21. During the year the Brackley Water Pumping Station was taken off the power line long period. The result of the Maritime Electric made a refund retroactive from November 1st, 1951, to January 1953 amounting to \$1,839.20. This made our total receipts \$125,667.33. Our expenses \$89,669.35 is an increase of \$1,701.84 over 1952. The balance to pay over to the Sinking Fund and interest on outstanding debentures. March 1953, the Commission purchased from Wendell G. Barbour, Limited, a 1953 Dodge half-ton truck, turning in our 1949 Fargo truck on the purchase price.

Debentures Issued In March 1953, the Department called for tenders to issue debentures for the year 1953. The Provincial Government through the Council of the City of Charlottetown for \$7,000,000 Sewer, and \$7,000,000 Water debentures for term of fifteen years, bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent. The tender of E. J. Brennan & Company of Ninety-five decimal fifty-one was accepted. During the year in order to complete the previous installation at Union Water Pumping Station, the second one million gallon pump was purchased from Allis-Chalmers, Company Limited of Montreal and installed along with the necessary electrical appliances at a cost of \$2,863.72. It was necessary to replace the two sewer pumps, one at the East Pumping Stations at a cost of \$1-372.47. The report gives details of last year's extensions of sewer pipes and other equipment.

5-Point Deal

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Civic Street Improvements Outlined At Council Meeting

A detailed review of the problems facing the Street Committee and policy decisions affecting the street department was given by Coun. J. E. Storey, chairman of the Committee, at the annual meeting of the City Council last night. Following are excerpts from the report:

"The conditions facing your Committee two years ago were rather disheartening by far the larger portion of our paved streets were in terrible condition, the graveled streets by comparison were as bad. Many miles of permanent sidewalk required immediate and extensive maintenance and repair. About 2 1/4 miles of wooden sidewalk was unfit for even repair plus a considerable length of street along which there was no walk at all. There were a number of areas of the city subject constantly to flooding during heavy rains to say nothing of the Spring Freshets caused by melting snows.

"The problem of the dust nuisance was not to go overlooked. In the mind of your Committee there was no cheap way out. The problems had to be met head on and the remedy would be expensive in the long run.

"All these problems were so pressing it was difficult to allocate priorities. However, your Committee recommended and this Council gave approval to the following work program for the coming year: Streets Rehabilitated (by Warrens) 7.28 miles Streets Recapped 1.15 miles Streets Patched 13.78 miles Streets Chip Sealed 2.15 miles Streets Rebuilt (graveled Streets) 5.25 miles Road Oil Spread 43,134 gals Sidewalks Rehabilitated 10.0 miles New Sidewalk Laid 2.54 miles Manholes Rebuilt (catch basins) 44 New Manholes 22 New Storm Pipe laid 1,638 feet Storm Sewer Rebuilt 526 feet Storm Sewer Pipe Cleaned 4,580 feet Gravel used to build up Streets 3,260 cu. yds.

Mechanical Street Sweeper "Much interest has been shown in the street sweeping operation since the Council authorized the purchase of a mechanical street sweeper. We now have the complete figure for one full year's operation and this report will show the comparison of costs.

"The last full year manual sweeping was 1951 and the first full year using mechanical sweeper was 1953. The cost of sweeping operation in 1951 according to the record was \$22,624.16. Due to authorized increase in labour rates etc. the estimated cost of sweeping with manual sweepers was approximately \$25,000 for subsequent years, (this is borne out as fact because the actual cost of manual sweepers for 77 days in 1953 was \$19,591.47. As the usual length of employment for manual sweepers was 190 days, the cost on the same basis would be approximately 2 1/2 times as great or over \$26,000.) The figure of approximately \$25,000 was therefore taken when the question of a mechanical sweeper was brought before Council in 1952.

"The actual costs of the street sweeping operation in 1953 was \$15,891.47 to the taxpayer over \$9,000. This saving was affected notwithstanding the fact that the mechanical sweeper was in operation at least one month earlier in the Spring and remained in operation one month later this Winter.

"When the saving for the last half of 1953 is added to the saving in 1953 it is readily seen that the mechanical sweeper has paid for itself as of now.

"A quick comparison of the estimates with the actual expenditures of the Street Department will show that expenditures exceeded the estimates by \$13,891.47, and in fact as \$6,000 was allowed for depreciation of equipment the actual total cost of a sweeping operation for this year, your Committee and this Council has insisted in including a maintenance much work which formerly was charged up to Capital Account.

Grassed Areas

"Your Committee was perturbed over the persistent mutilation of the grassed areas bordering our streets between the curb and the sidewalk. The loss of grass on this surface adds to the untidy appearance of our City and also adds to the dust nuisance.

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