

Emphasises Growing Demand For Improved Street Policy

The increasing need in Charlottetown for hard-surfaced streets of permanent composition, was emphasized in the report of Coun. J. D. Stewart, chairman of the Street Committee, submitted at last night's annual meeting of the City Council. The report stated that a programme in this connection was being prepared and would be submitted for the approval of the Council in time to have a start made on the work this Spring.

"Our City," the report states, "has grown greatly in the past ten years, and our permanent street work has not grown with it, with the result that we are faced with a terrific demand for paved streets and sidewalks in those areas that were not taken care of when our last work was done and in the area since built up."

"We also know that our City has an oversize debt and is in the process of securing a new tax structure to take care of it. World conditions are in a state of flux and a number of basic materials will be required for works, possibly more important than our streets. However, even considering all of these factors, I feel that we should not play 'ostrich.' We must plan for the future."

Underground drainage of these areas is also important and this work must be done before the laying of new asphalt streets.

Last year much work was done which, to a large extent, had been withheld during the war years. This constituted a start on the programme of resurfacing the streets, paving streets and developing new areas.

"It has been the policy of your Street Department to do its utmost to keep our streets and sidewalks in as good a state of repair as possible, our City clean, our shade trees trimmed, and give all the services enjoyed by any other city of comparable size. Your street committee has attempted to be progressive. Let us continue to be. To do this entails a certain outlay of money and if your department has spent money, we have received money's worth, in maintenance and in capital account, and we have the assets against our expenditures."

1950 Activities

The following resume of the year's work was given in the report, supplemented by further details in the report which were tabulated from the Engineering and Building Inspector, Mr. H. A. Messervy.

"On Sunday, Jan. 8, 1950, Charlottetown had its first real snowstorm, but with our tractor plow, grader plow and two truck plows, traffic was kept on the move. The use of our bulldozer and the use of the snow loader facilitated the removal of snow from the business sections of the City. Sand, salt and chloride were applied to streets and sidewalks where necessary throughout the year. To allow for the winter thaws, the gratings on our catch basins were kept free from snow and ice. It is now your attention to this angle of street work, because the winter service of providing safety for pedestrians, safe driving of automotive equipment, parking areas, etc., involves the expenditure of considerable money in labor, gas, oil and maintenance of equipment. Snow plowing in particular subjects the equipment to its utmost capacity.

"This winter service was provided at a cost of some \$15,000 which is approximately 25 per cent of the total amount of money placed at the disposal of your committee for the complete winter maintenance of streets as provided in the estimates passed by your Council.

Spring Work

"Immediately following this, and with the arrival of spring, all clay and gravel streets were graded and where necessary gravelled, the paved streets were flushed by our motor flusher, and our street sweepers set about a systematic clean-up of all streets and paved areas.

"With the coming of spring, our asphalt plant was made ready for the repaving of streets, and the depth of some 20 inches. Broken stone and sand and gravel were set in to a depth of 22 inches. This was then covered with 6" of Portland cement with a 2-inch asphalt sheet top. This was necessary in this area due to the condition existing in swampy, which did not allow for a solid sub-grade. A similar condition existed on Pownall Street between Fitzroy and Kent, but it was not necessary to put in such a thickness of base.

"The pavement on Kent Street from the entrance to the Charlottetown Hotel to the City Hall was taken up and re-laid. The same thing being done on Grafton Street from the Legion Home to Queen Street."

The remaining streets were patched where the pavement was broken.

New Street Work: Dorchester Street between Pownall and Queen; King Street between Pownall and Queen; intersection at corner of Hillcrest and Upper Hillsboro.

Parking Areas: Following the paving of the streets, parking areas were paved as follows: Queen Street, both sides, from Kent Street to Euston Street; Great George Street, both sides, from Grafton Street to Euston Street; with the exception of the areas which had been done previously; Great George Street, east side, Richmond to Sydney Street; Grafton Street, both sides, between Queen Street and Pownall Street; Kent Street, north side, between

Queen Street and Pownall Street; Grafton Street and Weymouth Street, in front of Mr. Albert Zakem's; Grafton Street, unfinished area in front of Canada Packers; Prince Street, in front of the Y. M. C. A.; Queen Street, in front of the Condon Woolen Mills; McGill Avenue, in front of the Provincial Sanatorium; corner of Hillsboro and Euston Streets fronting on Michael's Store.

Concrete Sidewalks

New concrete sidewalks were laid on the following streets: City Mix: Park Terrace, east side, Brighton Road to Bungalow Street; Bungalow Street, north side, Park Terrace to North River Road; Crestwood Drive, east and north sides, from Admiral Street to west extremity of property of Mr. William Rogers; Greenfield Avenue, north from property of Judge McGilgan to north limits of property of E. Sterling Blanchard; Green Street, south side, Spring Park Road to Palmer Apartments; Laphorn Avenue, south side, Longworth Avenue to a distance of some 150 feet from Birchwood. This street could not be completed owing to lack of cement.

Replacements: Prince Street in front of the Y. M. C. A.; Euston Street in front of Mr. Wendall Barbour's. Ready Mix: East side of Ambrose Street from Green Street to McGill Avenue; Ambrose Street, west side, Highland Avenue to McGill Avenue.

Replacements with Ready Mix: Great George Street and Dorchester Street in front of the Bishop's Residence; Water Street in front of the premises of Mr. W. R. Jenkins.

Asphaltic Sidewalks: Belmont Street, north side, from Kensington Road, a distance of 480 feet with a width of 3-1/2 feet; Belmont Street, south side, from Kensington Road, a distance of 483-1/2 feet, with a width of 3-1/2 feet; Birchwood Street, north 312 feet with a width of 3 feet; Prince Street School from Prince Street to main entrance; West Kent School from street to sidewalk; extensive re-laying of sidewalks and replacing of broken blocks with new cement.

Curbs were cut on Fitzroy Street between Weymouth and Cumberland Streets to allow for parking in this congested area and to eliminate the bottle neck in traffic in front of the Central Creamery.

Clay And Gravel Streets

Clay streets and gravel streets were sacrificed and graded as required. Calcium chloride and salt were used as dust eliminators. The use of these materials supplemented the work of the flusher and sprinkler to a very great extent. Gravel and ashes were applied to many of the streets and Belmont Street especially in the low area a fill was made with crushed stone taken from Kent and Grafton Streets where a new asphaltic base and top were laid.

The crushed stone from the new work on Pownall Street was hauled and spread on Spring Park Road from McGill Avenue to the city limits. Other clay and gravel streets were coated with run of the pit gravel from Inna pits or from College Bridge. This should be the making of a good sub-grade for the laying of pavement at a future date.

Material from the excavation of parking areas and broken curbs was hauled to the breastwork at Victoria Park. This has been used to fill in holes which had been caused by wash during the stormy season.

This back fill has meant much in keeping the sea wall from deteriorating. However, it will require a little grading in the Spring to make it more passable for pedestrians.

With one or perhaps two exceptions our street sweepers did what was necessary for the keeping of our streets clean, and while there were times during the busy season when refuse piles remained longer than usual before being picked up, it was not the fault of the truck drivers. So many demands to service all the different jobs sometimes reared our heads a little of timing.

Wooden sidewalks were repaired where absolutely necessary but your Committee has endeavored to follow the policy of the Council in replacing wooden sidewalks with concrete ones and of laying new sidewalks with either concrete or asphaltic cement.

Many of our shade trees were trimmed. Dangerous and dead ones were taken down and certain trees which were infested with insect pests were sprayed to eliminate injury to them.

Storm Sewers

The storm sewer from Great George Street to Church Street had to be dug up and a new one laid. This work was necessary due to the fact that the roots of the trees in the area were growing in the pipes and had stopped the flow of water.

A storm sewer was laid on the east side of School Street between Hillcrest Avenue and Gerald Street. A new storm sewer was also laid on Green Street to allow for drainage into the Government Pond stream.

The new concrete culvert replacing the old wooden one over the Government Pond stream, also made it necessary to replace some storm sewers on Brighton Avenue and Villa Street. In connection with these storm sewers some six new catch basins had to be constructed. In connection with our underground drainage system, some catch basins were repaired.

The wooden bridge over Government Pond stream on Spring Park Road, and the wooden bridge on Douglas Street, were taken out and a reinforced concrete culvert 72" in diameter was laid across the entire intersection running

Paying Unexpected Call



A tax stand at Orillia, Ont., had an unexpected visitor recently in the form of a car which missed a sharp curve, skidded 50 feet and then wound up inside wooden building. Except for a few cuts and

bruises the owner of vehicle emerged from accident none the worse for wear to face a careless driving charge.

Improvement in educational facilities for Charlottetown is discussed in the annual report of the Board of School Trustees, submitted at the annual meeting of the City Council last night.

"Our school buildings are all old and overcrowded and do not allow for extension in the carrying on of specialized departments, as is the case in other cities," the report states. "Thought was given to the erection of a new school in which pupils would receive instruction up to Grade 12. As the Board did not feel itself qualified to pass judgment on so highly technical and so costly a project it was decided to have an educational survey made of the City to ascertain what would be the best course to follow both for the present and for some years to come."

City School Board Awaiting Educational Survey Report

"It is also anticipated that as a result of the knowledge gained by this survey the Board will be in a position to better use the facilities it now possesses. For this survey Professor John C. Matthews, an islander and now of Penn College, Cleveland, Ohio, was engaged. Prof. Matthews has not as yet presented his report, but it will be received early in 1951, when the whole matter of school development will again be considered by the Board."

The number of pupils enrolled in December was as follows: Prince Street School: boys 269, girls 270, total 539. West Kent School: boys 282, girls 200, total 482. Queen Square School: boys 650, Rochford Square School: girls 555.

Totals for the four schools: boys 1228, girls 1034; 2262 in all. This shows a decrease of 35 pupils from the same date the previous year.

The number of Teachers employed was as follows: Prince Street School 20 West Kent School 20 Queen Square School 22 Rochford Square School 17

The total expenditures of the Board for the year was \$130,041.09 and the amount paid as supplements to teachers salaries \$78,735.00 less deduction for Teachers Pension System \$177.00 and deductions for Blue Cross \$1045.80, and amount due Receiver General of \$160.53. Net Supplements to teachers of \$75,341.67.

Mr. William Allen MacCannell, a pupil of Prince Street School was awarded a prize of \$25.00 by this Board for having made the highest marks in the entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College in June last.

At the closing exercises in June the following pupils were awarded the Governor General's Bronze Medals for proficiency: Prince Street School, Mr. William Allen MacCannell; West Kent School, Mr. Briar Maxfield Chandler; Queen Square School, Mr. Clifford Gillis; Rochford Square School, Miss Frances Peters.

As usual quite extensive decorations were made in the interior of the four schools during the summer. As intimated in the last report it was found that the boiler in Prince Street School has served its day. A contract was therefore entered into with the Rio Engineering Ltd. of Halifax, N. S. for the complete installation of a Crane Viking Low Pressure Steam Boiler with a net rating of 3760 square feet of steam radiation. This installation has been made, and we believe after some further adjustments will be very satisfactory. This boiler has all appliances for operation by Bunker "C" fuel oil, or by coal. The City Council provided this Board with \$9500.00 additional revenue to cover cost of this installation.

The present steam boiler in West Kent School was installed in 1922, and we have been warned that this will also have to be replaced during the coming summer. The boilers in the schools are inspected annually by a representative of the Insurance Company with which they are insured.

A large portion of line fence at the southern end of Prince Street School grounds had fallen down

from 20 ft. south west of the original Spring Park Road bridge of a distance of 30 ft. north east of the Douglas Street bridge. This should eliminate the flooding of this area during the heavy rains and the spring freshets.

Your Street Committee would recommend that this entire stream be encased with this same concrete sewer as has been laid under the direction of Councillor Keele's Committee. As the chairman of public property will be reporting on this phase of civic work, I will refrain from further mention of it.

During the year a new half-ton truck was purchased to replace the Fargo half-ton which was worn out. On testing our 3-wheel steam roller, the steam engine condemned her as unsafe for further use. This roller has been replaced by a new 3-wheel diesel one with automatic scarifier, which should prove satisfactory.

Without a scarifier, after the gravel dries out in May, it is practically impossible to break the surface sufficiently to grade it and fill in the pot holes. During the time we were awaiting delivery of our roller and scarifier, the Provincial Government came to our assistance with one of their scarifiers.

The boiler on our tandem roller which has served over thirty years was also condemned as unsafe for use at a boiler pressure sufficient to work satisfactorily. We were fortunate in having Robb's Foundry of Amherst construct and fit a new boiler to this piece of equipment making it practically as good as new. As this was done early in the spring, it enabled us to carry on our patching without any delay.

Building Report

In the building Inspector's report it was noted that during the year, 68 building permits were issued. Of these forty nine were for residences and nineteen were for buildings for other purposes. The total value of this construction was \$620,290.00.

Of these permits were issued for dwellings in the fire zone, of these, some were for alterations and additions to two restaurants on Queen Hillcrest Street, one for alterations and additions to a building on the north side of Kent Street to fit it for use as a plumbing shop, one for the erection of a building to contain offices and shops on the east side of Great George Street, and one for alterations and improvements to a hotel on the south side of Kent Street.

Boiler Installation

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Wins U. S. Figure Skating Ch'ship

SEATTLE, Feb. 4 — (AP) — Dark-haired Sonya Klopfer, a 16-year-old from Brooklyn, N.Y., who was all grace and rhythm, stood head and shoulders over her field Saturday to win the United States senior ladies' figure skating championship relinquished a short time ago by Yvonne Sherman of New York.

Olympic champion Dick Button of Boston had successfully defended his senior men's crown Friday night.

Sport Briefs

BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 4 — (Reuters) — Lethbridge Maple Leafs had their work cut out to beat Bern 9-8 in a fast hockey match here today.

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OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Right-winger George Greene scored the payoff goal in overtime here Saturday night to give Ottawa Senators a 4-3 win over the pace-setting Valleyfield Braves in a bruising Quebec Senior Hockey League game. The wildest donnybrook here this season held up the game for about 20 minutes.

Famechon-Burgin Bout Postponed

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4 — (AP) — Old man virus infection has put Ray Famechon, European feather-weight champion, down for a 10-count.

That was the word from the Frenchman's American representative, Lew Burston, in asking for a postponement of Famechon's bout with Eddie Burgin of Cincinnati, scheduled for Feb. 6.

Burston so informed Paul D. Cain, chairman of the Cincinnati Boxing and Wrestling Commission, in a telegram Friday.

Promoter Sam Becker said the 10-rounder may be rescheduled at Cincinnati Garden March 6.

Hampshire Bulldogs Still Undefeated

Hampshire Bulldogs, backed by the steady goateading of Chalmers (Old Man) Newton, and a solid performance by almost every man on the team, turned back a determined Wiltshire Muscles team Saturday night at Wiltshire rink, before an overflow crowd.

Although only one penalty was handed out to each team, the game was a fairly rugged affair.

The Miracles will have their big chance to get into second place behind the Bulldogs, when they play the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday night.

Summary
First Period
Bulldogs — Tremere W. Watts 8-0.
Penalties: None.

Second Period
Scoring — None.
Penalties: None.

Third Period
Bulldogs: Stewart W. 16.35.
Bulldogs: Tremere W. Watts 16.50.
Penalties: MacLean, C. Watts.

and on the 6th of August, the death of Mr. H. W. Yeck took place after a long illness. He was for some years a principal of West Kent School and had been on pension since June, 1949.

The report was submitted by Dr. E. G. Lea, chairman, and Maj. T. E. MacNutt, secretary. Following is the personnel of the Board, with the expiring year of each member's appointment:

Government appointments: Dr. R. G. Lea, 1953; Dr. A. W. M. Allan, 1951; Maj. Earle C. Baker, 1952; Mrs. Simon Paoli, 1954. City appointments: Maj. D. L. Mathieson, K. C., 1951; H. F. MacPhee, K. C., 1952; Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O. B. E., 1953; Mrs. Dorothy Lantz, B. A., 1954; Dr. W. R. Carson, 1955.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"I dread asking Dad's permission to stay out late. He always puts up such a fight before he gives in."

Civic Balance Sheet

The following general statement of civic accounts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1950, is from the financial report by the auditors, Messrs. H. R. Doane and Company, submitted at last night's meeting of the City Council:

Current or Civic Balance Sheet

| Assets | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on Hand | | \$ 80.00 |
| Taxes Receivable | | |
| Real Estate | \$ 70,213.04 | |
| Personal Property | 6,920.18 | |
| Poll Tax | 83,045.87 | |
| Less: Reserve for Uncollectable | | \$210,178.59 |
| | | 141,210.02 |
| Accounts Receivable | | |
| Sundry | 1,638.30 | |
| Debiture Interest Prepaid | 32.50 | |
| Post-dated Cheque | 100.00 | |
| | | 1,770.80 |
| | | \$ 70,819.67 |

| Liabilities | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Bank Overdraft — Net | | \$ 39,701.96 |
| Debiture Interest Payable | | 5,482.14 |
| Accounts Payable | | 3,215.38 |
| Hoarding Account Deficit | | 3,029.95 |
| Prepaid Taxes | | 55.03 |
| | | \$ 51,484.46 |
| Due to Capital | | 36,201.01 |
| | | \$ 89,685.47 |
| Surplus Account | | |
| Balance at credit, December 31st, 1949 | \$ 2,288.28 | |
| Adjustments Tax Accounts | 95.77 | |
| | 2,384.05 | |
| Excess of Disbursements over Receipts | 21,249.85 | |
| | | 18,865.80 |
| | | \$ 70,819.67 |

Capital Balance Sheet

| Assets | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assessment for Permanent Streets | \$ 9,841.70 | |
| Concrete Sidewalks | 7,404.81 | |
| | 17,246.51 | |
| Less Reserve for Uncollectable | | \$ 6,237.11 |

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| Airport | 15,000.00 | |
| Civic Purposes | 241,700.00 | |
| Direct Relief | 187,000.00 | |
| Market Building | 84,217.70 | |
| Public Library | 136,868.03 | |
| Other Property, Lands and Buildings | 9,975.00 | |
| Pure and Moveable Property | 147,417.35 | |
| Pond Improvement | 4,659.12 | |
| Scales, etc. | 5,855.00 | |
| Sewerage System | 196,000.00 | |
| Schools and Equipment | 192,000.00 | |
| Streets, Pavements, Storm Sewers, etc. | 1,543,922.47 | |
| Soldiers' Monument | 11,500.00 | |
| Spring Park Culvert | 9,534.56 | |
| Victoria Park Road, Brewstorks, etc. | 137,277.89 | |
| Water Tanks and Drinking Fountains | 2,500.00 | |
| Waterworks System | 670,500.00 | |
| Due from Current | | 3,596,127.11 |
| | | 35,201.01 |
| | | \$3,640,565.21 |

Liabilities

| Bank Overdraft — Capital Account | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Debitures Payable | | \$ 261,729.35 |
| Airport | 15,000.00 | |
| City Hall Annex | 20,000.00 | |
| City Ordinary | 432,200.00 | |
| City Refunding | 174,350.00 | |
| Direct Relief Refunding | 170,000.00 | |
| Direct Relief | 17,000.00 | |
| Fire Refunding | 15,500.00 | |
| Fire Refunding | 5,750.00 | |
| Permanent Works | 585,300.00 | |
| Permanent Works Refunding | 353,250.00 | |
| Public Library | 5,000.00 | |
| Sewerage | 34,500.00 | |
| Sewerage Refunding | 85,500.00 | |
| | | 1,913,550.00 |
| School (Board of Trustees) | 49,500.00 | |
| School (City Council) | 500.00 | |
| School Refunding | 59,000.00 | |
| Soldiers' Monument Refunding | 5,750.00 | |
| Storm Sewers Refunding | 26,250.00 | |
| Water Works | 276,500.00 | |
| Water Works Refunding | 41,250.00 | |
| Refunding Debitures not yet issued | | 2,372,300.00 |
| Refunding 1949 Maturities | \$ 12,250.00 | |
| Refunding 1950 Maturities | 29,500.00 | |
| Capital Surplus | | 41,750.00 |
| | | 964,785.89 |
| | | \$3,640,565.21 |

| Summary | | |
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| First Period | | |
| Bulldogs — Tremere W. Watts | | |
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Increased Collections From Water Rates Shown

Charlottetown's daily consumption of water last year amounted to 1,623,125 gallons, according to the report of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply submitted at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

The amount of water pumped during the year was as follows: Majeure Road Pumping Station, 133,862,210 gallons; Backley Road Pumping Station, 307,797,000 gallons; Union Road Pumping Station, 151,681,570 gallons; total, 593,340,780 gallons.

The amount of 167,868,944 gallons was supplied through meters to take care of all commercial users etc. The balance of 424,971,836 gallons represents the amount used for domestic purposes, small commercial accounts, fire fighting, street flushing purposes and other public use.

The sum of \$86,486.91 was collected in water rates showing an increase over 1949 of \$3,790.36. Due to the usual repairs carried out, the ever increasing cost of materials and labour etc. the disbursements increased \$3,924.03 over 1949. Included in this is a new light delivery truck which it was necessary for us to purchase during the year. Tenders were called for from the various city dealers. The F. R. MacLaine Limited, tender being the lowest was accepted. This truck is to replace our 1937 Fargo truck.

However, by careful management we were able to turn the net amount of \$29,481.62 over to the City, a sum sufficient to take care of interest and sinking fund on outstanding Water and Sewer Debentures.

Referring to the construction accounts, it will be noted that the sewer construction is overdrawn and water construction account reduced.

The sewer construction account was overdrawn Dec. 31, 1949, \$8,835.01. In April 1950 sewer debentures for \$10,000 were sold to the Royal Bank of Canada at \$100.35. These debentures were for twenty years with interest at 3-1/2 per cent. This sale was carried out as per the authorization received from the Provincial Government, upon application of the City Council. It will be necessary to issue further Debentures for 1951 extensions.

Attached to the report is the auditor's report on the accounts and records.

The Water and Sewers Commission comprises Messrs. W. R. Gillis, chairman, H. R. Bevan and J