



Delegates To Health Conference

Delegates to the Federal-Provincial health conference in Ottawa, Jan. 25, 26 and 27, pose for the camera before beginning their closed meetings. Health Minister Martin, third from left, followed by Premier Smallwood, Justice Minister Garson, Mr. Martin, Premier Hicks of Nova Scotia, and Ontario Provincial Secretary Dana Porter. (CP Photo)

Federal Health Plan Today

Ontario Ready To Oppose Sliding Scale Insurance

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government Wednesday detailed for the provinces what it is spending on health services but did not present its cost-splitting plan on health insurance at the federal-provincial health conference. Health Minister Martin said after the conference that he would not raise the curtain officially on the central government's contribution to a national insurance scheme. Meanwhile, Ontario Provincial Treasurer Porter said his government is sticking to its original proposal that the federal treasury contribute 60 per cent of the cost of a scheme based initially on comprehensive hospital coverage including diagnostic services. Mr. Porter said in an interview that Ontario will oppose a reported federal plan to provide a sliding scale of percentage payments to the provinces, geared to the national average for capita cost of hospital care and diagnostic treatment.

of this plan are that it would hold down big spreads in federal percentage payments to provinces while taking into account cost factors in each. The conference, meanwhile, got a detailed accounting from Mr. Martin Wednesday on what the federal government is doing on health insurance after finishing with discussions of existing provincial health arrangements. Province reporting Wednesday were Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland. Mr. Martin, it was reported, told the conference the federal government's expenditures on health services will be about \$107,000,000 for the 1955-56 fiscal year ending March 31.

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30,000 Get Retroactive Benefits

Unemployment Insurance Restrictions Are Relaxed

WINNIPEG HAS RECORD SNOW

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg's blanket of snow this year is the heaviest in the city's records. The winter's snowfall reached 62 inches Wednesday. The previous record to Jan. 25 was 59.4 inches in 1921-22. Tuesday 2.2 inches fell. The forecast: Light snowflurries.

Premier Smallwood In London, Eng.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Radio station CJON says Newfoundlander's unpredictable Premier Joseph Smallwood has turned up in London, England on his way to continental Europe. The Premier, Finance Minister Greg Vardy went to Jamaica for a vacation shortly after Christmas. Later they were in New York presumably for talks concerning iron ore concessions in Labrador, and were expected home this week.

CJON said the premier had given no reason for his trip when interviewed by their London correspondent. It is not known when he is due back or whether his two aids are with him. Cabinet ministers here could offer no explanation for the premier's unexpected trip.

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Mayor Stewart Reports On City's Centennial Year

In his report to the citizens of Charlottetown, Mayor Stewart declared that the year 1955 was a most eventful year in the history of Charlottetown, and with the passing of it, our city passed the 100th. Milestone since our incorporation. I think I should state for the records the following information so that future citizens can refer to the action which was taken by the City Council, commemorating Charlottetown's Centennial. Many events were built around the earliest years of the life of Charlottetown, so that you people would know something of the history of our fair city. We were most fortunate in securing a Committee of many of our leading citizens, who, under the leadership of Chairman Lieut. Col. F.J. Storey, E.D. took upon themselves the task of organizing and supervising the greatest community sponsored undertaking ever launched in the long history of our City.

The fact that our "year long" birthday party was a most outstanding success, is now history. This enormous success is attributable, 1st, To the great number of public spirited citizens, who were willing to make great personal sacrifices, and give of their time and energies to the many tasks they were called upon to undertake in their various roles of promoters and supervisors, and 2nd, To our grand citizens, and I mean Mr. John Public, who supported every effort made to put Charlottetown and our Centennial year across to the rest of Canada, and indeed, to many parts in U.S.A. 3rd, To the permanent staff of City Hall, to Radio Station C.F.C.Y., and to the Charlottetown Guardian and Patriot.

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Centennial Year Sees Books Closed With Black Balance

A successful Centennial Year was reported by the City Council at the annual meeting held last night. Councillor A. Walden Gaudet as Manager of the Centennial Committee was able to refund to Finance Chairman, E. C. Johnstone a cheque for \$2,100 which had accumulated from outstanding accounts since the year ended.

A surplus of \$30,952 on current account was reported by Councillor Johnstone to the Finance Committee. This was shown by a total revenue of \$1,000,731 against expenditures of \$969,778.

At the same time the Finance Chairman said that the net debt of the City had increased from \$3,410,280 to \$3,766,841 or an increase of \$356,561. Permanent streets, renovation to the Market Building, completion of the High School and a new roof on Prince Street School were among the items listed by Councillor Johnstone as a reason for the debt increase.

Councillor Johnstone also reported that there was a higher percentage of the newly instituted educational tax paid than there was in former years—this in spite of the fact that the new tax is five times greater than the old. A word of caution to the incoming Council, was expressed by the Finance Chairman who said that the strictest economy will have to be exercised if the city is to reduce its debt and not be burdened with interest on debentures and sinking fund payments.

His Worship Mayor Stewart took cognizance of the fact that a good number of citizens had shown their interest by attending the meeting.

Khushchev Thinks West Seeks Peace

MOSCOW, (AP)—Communist party secretary Nikita Khrushchev said Wednesday that he and other top Soviet leaders are "convinced" that President Eisenhower and his advisers are striving for peace. Khrushchev said also he believes neither Prime Minister Eden nor former premier Edgar Faure of France wants war. Faure was France's representative at the Big Four Geneva conference last year.

His statements were made in an interview with Marshall MacDuffie, a New York lawyer. He also told MacDuffie that Soviet leaders are of the opinion international tensions will be relaxed further. MacDuffie, a former chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the Ukraine immediately after the war, visited the Soviet Union in 1953 and 1954.

On both previous trips he had interviews with Khrushchev whom he met in Kiev when he was UNRRA chief.

Queen And Duke Leave Friday For Tour of Nigeria

LONDON (CP)—The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh leave by air Friday for an 18-day flying tour of Nigeria, Britain's largest colonial possession. They depart from Britain's dreary winter in the afternoon, and step out of their plane the next morning into the hot, 80-degree temperature of the Nigerian dry season. Their first sight of the newly-formed federation in Africa's western elbow will be Ibeja airport, near the capital, Lagos.

Then begins a round of official engagements, broken mid-way by a two-day rest at Jos in the high interior plateau.

On her arrival day the Queen will inspect a guard of honor, take a royal salute, meet a dozen notables at the airport, witness a ceremonial fly-past of RAF Canberra jets, stop halfway on the 13-mile drive to Government House to receive Lagos town council officials, lunch, meet the press and attend a state dinner.

TO VISIT LEPERS Late in the tour, the Queen and Duke will watch weird tribal dances, visit a new power station, four hospitals and even see a leper colony at Oji river. The royal couple will fly to most engagements, flitting across a country of colorful, intriguing contrast. For British Columbia, shades of Lagos and the coastal forest belt into mangrove swamps, then rises to great grassy plains and finally merges into the Sahara desert to the north.

Labor Minister Gives Outline Of Changes

OTTAWA (CP)—Relaxation of unemployment insurance restrictions will restore temporary lost benefit payments to more than 30,000 workers. Labor Minister Gregg announced the change in the Commons Wednesday, after complaints from many labor bodies. Officials said later it will have these effects:

1. Between 30,000 and 33,000 workers, temporarily disqualified from benefits after Parliament's new unemployment insurance legislation went into effect last Oct. 2, now will collect retroactively to that date.

2. They will get more than \$3,000,000 in back benefits from the \$900,000,000 insurance fund.

The retroactive payments, officials said, should be largely cleaned up a month from now. WORKERS LEFT OUT Mr. Gregg's announcement followed a long clamor from labor groups and some members of Parliament that the big 1955 rewriting of the Unemployment Insurance Act led to the disqualifying of many workers from benefits last year because of a shift in the basis of qualification.

The net effect of what the minister termed a different "view of the law" by the unemployment insurance commission will be to provide benefits for workers who could have qualified after Oct. 2 under the old regulations but who could not do so under the new ones.

The qualification came about because the 1955 legislation shifted the qualifying basis from a work day to a work week. Previously, to get benefits, an unemployed person had to have contributed to the fund on the basis of 100 working days in the previous two years. The new law made this 30 weeks.

In spelling out the weeks for qualification the commission has been lumping all a worker's days together on the basis of six days to a week. A man could have worked in parts weeks, but would not be qualified under the commission's interpretation.

Mr. Gregg's announcement said that in counting up weeks to make up the necessary total any one in which the worker earned \$9 or over will be cut out as a week for contribution purposes. He earned less than \$9, that will be a half week.

(The Labour Minister Gregg was in this Province last November. Mr. Neil A. Matheson, M. P., raised the point of difficulty many had in qualifying under the interpretation then placed on the regulations. Many such complaints have no doubt reached the minister since.)

Water Commissioners Think Fluoridation Needs Prov. Act

The Commissioners of Sewers in their annual report say that they are prepared to take steps toward the fluoridation of the City's water supply. They recommend further consideration by the Corporation immediately following the election.

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Prominent Canadian Marine Photographer Dies At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP)—Wallace Robertson MacAskill, one of Canada's best known marine photographers, died of a heart attack Wednesday at his seaside home in Ferguson's Cove on the outskirts of Halifax.

He was 63. His pictures of ships and the sea won praise in many countries and numerous awards. Some of his best work was done for the Royal Navy's "Photo by MacAskill" series, a hallmark for picture buyers.

The MacAskill file of photographic negatives is reputed to be worth thousands of dollars. Many pictures of old sailing ships, including the famous racing schooner Bluenose, can never be duplicated. They represent more than 40 years of picture-taking along Canada's Atlantic coast.

He published two collections of marine photographs in book form. "Out of Halifax" appeared about 15 years ago and "Lure of the Sea" in 1953. He was working on a third, "Spindrift and Coast."

Mr. MacAskill was an eager spare-time sailor. His yacht "Hull" was a 30-foot "Spindrift" and Coast. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Squadron, of which he had been a commodore.

Born in the village of St. Peter's on Cape Breton island, few Cape Bretoners were prouder of their Scottish ancestry. His favorite headpiece was a tam-o'-shanter, which he wore in all seasons.

Mr. MacAskill studied photography in New York and opened a studio in Sydney in 1907. He came to Halifax in 1913.

His widow survives. The funeral will take place here Saturday with mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic basilica.

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A busy year of works was reported by the Commission. These included the laying of pipe on Victoria Avenue, Goodwill Avenue, Admiral Street and a new street off Admiral. Ten new hydrants were installed and five new gates on hydrants. Two gates on mains were placed and six manholes built. Sprinkler systems were installed at the New Guardian building and at Notre Dame Convent. Water service was supplied to 37 new buildings and sewer service to 38 old buildings.

Routine testing of hydrants and flushing of sewers was carried out in the spring and autumn. All properties and equipment controlled by the Commission were carefully attended to during the year.

The usual practice of analysis of water was carried on by the Provincial Health Department Laboratories.

The amount of water pumped during the year was 686,540,624 gallons, with an average daily consumption of 1,889,933 gallons. (Continued on page 5 col. 6)

Nora Bateson, Organizer Of P.E.I. Library System, Dies

Word has been received of the death in Rhyl, Wales, of Miss Nora Bateson, on January 8, 1956, from a heart attack. The late Miss Bateson was well known in Prince Edward Island, having resided in Charlottetown from 1933 to 1936.

During that time she was employed on the organization and development of the Carnegie Regional Library in Charlottetown. A graduate of Manchester University in England, she obtained her librarians' degree in Brooklyn, New York. Coming to Canada shortly after receiving her degree she was employed in the Ontario Legislative Library. From there she went to work with Dr. Helen Stewart in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia on regional library demonstration work, before coming to this Province.

Subsequently she was employed by the Nova Scotia Government, working on the development of the regional library system of that province.

In 1944 she went to the Public Library in Cleveland, Ohio, and from there to the Enoch Pratt free library in the city of Baltimore. Miss Bateson was then assigned by the Carnegie Corporation to conduct a survey of the island of Jamaica in the British West Indies, for the purpose of setting up of a regional library system.

Miss Bateson retired early in the summer of 1955 to return to Prestatyn, North Wales, to take care of her sister Dorothy who was in ill health.

Well Spring Can't Be More Than Twenty-Five Cold Wave Lengths Away!

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here reports a northerly current of air flowing over the Maritimes is resulting in generally cloudy skies and scattered snowflurries. Not much change is expected today.

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Eastern N. B. counties, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with scattered snowflurries; mild; north winds 15. Low-high at New Glasgow, Charlottetown and Moncton 25 and 30, Campbellton 20 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.00 a.m. and 9.18 p.m. Summer tide sixteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 7.40 a.m. and sets at 8.11 p.m.

TEMPERATURES (CP)—Temperatures issued by the Toronto public weather office:

Vancouver	32	39
Edmonton	7b	14
Regina	7	13
Winnipeg	17	22
Toronto	13	24
Ottawa	6	16
Montreal	14	19
Fredericton	18	33
Saint John	18	30
Moncton	23	29
Halifax	24	31
Charlottetown	19	29
Sydney	24	32
St. John's, Nfld.	22	35

HALIFAX (CP)—Two men are in jail here charged with raping four women in separate attacks since Dec. 5.

Police said an artist's sketch of the attackers led to the arrests.

Andrew Andrews, 32, formerly of Halifax and James J. Mathers, 19, formerly of Buffalo, appeared in court on the charges Wednesday and were remanded to Jan. 31.

They were picked up in Saint John, N.B. last weekend and escorted to Hamilton where they were placed in a lineup viewed by the victims.

SKETCH BRINGS TIP Police said they received a tip from a woman who said she knew someone who resembled sketches circulated throughout the city and published in newspapers. The tip led police to three Maritimes. The attacks all followed the same pattern. The victims, one a



MAYOR STEWART

City Has \$30,952 Surplus Including Highways Grant

The following is the report of the Finance Committee presented at the annual meeting of the City Council by Councillor Edwin C. Johnstone.

Once more your Committee is highly gratified to be permitted to offer Your Worship, Your Council, and the Citizens of Charlottetown a statement showing an excess of Revenue over Expenditure, a surplus in the amount of \$30,952.22. This is accounted for largely by the fact that the City received an extraordinary grant of \$36,724.00 from the Provincial Government during the last year in lieu of pavement on the main streets which lead to the Government Highways.

Total Expenditure 969,778.90
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure \$30,952.22
Receipts for the year were 94.5 per cent of the total levy on Real Estate tax, Personal or Business tax, and Educational Poll tax. The amount collected in areas during the year was at all time high. As a comparison, Real Estate receipts for the year were 100.5 per cent of the current levy.

The percentage of collection in the new Educational Tax greatly surpassed the percentage of collection in the Poll Tax, even though the Educational Tax was five times the amount of the original Poll Tax.

NET DEBT The net debt of the City—that



COUN. JOHNSTONE

Coming Events

- W. I. Card Party Stanley Bridge School, Friday, Jan. 27th.
- Crokinole party, Thursday, 8 p.m. in Pownall Hall, auspices Y.P.U.
- Crokinole Party, Wheatley River every Friday night, if not fine Saturday.
- The Annual Meeting of the White Pastoral Charge will be at Highland Jan. 28th., at 8 p.m.
- Hockey at North River rink tonight. Covehead Red Wings vs. Milton Hornets. League game. Game time 8:30. Skater after if fee permits.
- Showing at Morell Friday. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in "The Caddy." Co-Starring, Donna Reed, Barbara Bates. This action packed picture is fun for the whole