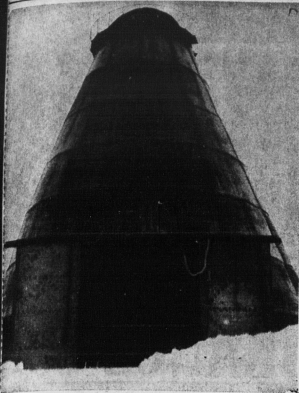


Long sought garbage service finally comes to capital city



THE TEEPEE TYPE INCINERATOR



NEW COLLECTION TRUCK

The winds of change blew over Charlottetown last year to record progress in unexpected, but welcome, directions.

Perhaps the greatest step forward was taken by the city when it completed plans to finally eliminate the ancient and dishonorable dump. Although original plans ran aground on government opposition, the net result was the same in that the long-standing eyesore, nuisance and possible health menace saw the beginning of the end.

A new teepee incinerator is now rapidly nearing completion on the east end of old Falconwood Farm. Start of operations there will signal the end of the open dump and mean the final of the continual annoyance of papers, cartons and dirt being blown far afield to litter lawns and yards a sometimes miles away.

A CHANGING FACE

The full story of construction in Charlottetown is told elsewhere in this edition, but it cannot tell the complete change in the city's face — the totally new look given so many parts and particularly the heart of the city where ancient Queen Square will never again seem the same. It is in that area that massive new buildings are also nearing completion to honor the founding fathers of this country and bring a complex \$3,000,000 structure to the centre of the capital city.

Meanwhile the city moved in other directions as well with particular emphasis placed on equalization of the civic tax burden by realistically reassessing all properties on the basis of present market valuations. The new property assessment has been completed and will form the basis of this year's city budget. It will mean higher taxes for many, lower taxes for some, and possibly fairer taxes for all.

Perhaps taking the sharp edge off the impact of a higher real property tax bill will be the end of taxation on personal property. But the tax on automobiles will be continued, perhaps at a slightly higher figure.

BUSINESS TAX

Changes have also been proposed, and are now before the Legislature for approval, in the field of the business occupancy tax. Formerly this was based on rentals, but it was felt unfair that like businesses, professions

or industries might be paying different rates of tax though making similar or even greater profits.

Under the new system it is proposed to tax on a space occupied basis, regardless of rentals paid.

Much change was also noted in the general field of recreation with the city finally going into business through its purchase and operation of the Charlottetown Forum. News that former owner Carl Burke was ending his losing operation of the big ice plant sent civic minds scurrying for an answer to the problem of winter fun for the children.

But having decided to purchase the plant and operate it in future as a civic enterprise — with the definite knowledge it would mean consistent financial losses — the city also moved to obtain the services of a top manager for it. Hiring of Weston (Bucko) Trainor to take charge of the operation was another step forward in city sport progress.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

At the same time Charlottetown hired a fulltime director of recreation, both to take advantage of federal assistance in the field of fitness and to coordinate all recreational activities and facilities the city has to offer. Much is expected in future from the work of James Fox.

One of the biggest civic headaches, here and elsewhere, is provided by traffic problems. Charlottetown is no exception and has tried and is still trying a variety of schemes to ease the situation.

Efforts to provide greater parking areas were made in many sections of the city and were especially effective when old curbs were removed and the inside areas paved to the side walks. In addition to giving parking space the plan served a double purpose in that by eliminating on-street parking it helped increase the flow of traffic.

PARKING METERS

At the same time many additional parking meters were installed to reach into the so-called fringe streets of the main business section. Inducement to park in these places rather than uptown was provided by a heavy increase in parking meter charges. The former one cent

parking time was eliminated and now charges vary from five to 10 cents with more time allowed for the money invested in the fringe areas.

In addition the city started a train other parking space on long term plan for municipal parking by buying land on Kent Foundation authorities to re-allocate the money invested in the fringe areas. Street adjacent to City Hall and place the space lost on old Market Square.

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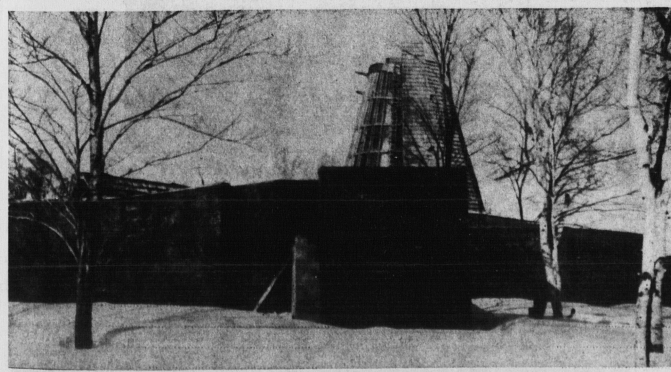
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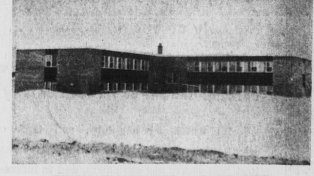
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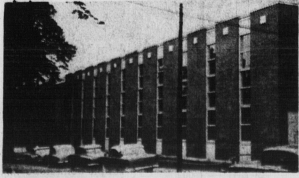
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