



1855 - - OUR FIRST CENTURY - - 1955

The opening observances of Charlottetown's Centennial year have been held successfully. The Summer Season presents a new and more active phase of our celebrations. There will be more visitors to our City and Province than ever before.

The numerous conventions scheduled, including the Canadian Police Chiefs, Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, Canadian Freight Association and District 284 Rotary International as well as Maritime Kinsmen, Dentists, Bottlers, Automobile Dealers, Board of Trade, Fire Chiefs and Postmasters, together with the Firemen's Tournament, Gathering of the Clans, Armed Forces displays, Centennial "Old Home Week" and Provincial Exhibition will make our City a mecca for vacation-bound families. We welcome this opportunity to become better known both as to the warm-hearted hospitality of our people and the natural attractions of our sea-girt Province.

To our visitors, a hearty welcome. May you so enjoy yourselves that you will come again.

The 100th anniversary of the incorporation of our City is a proud event. We, your Mayor and members of the City Council, are grateful for the wholehearted co-operation and splendid civic spirit so evident at this time.

It is worth recalling an editorial reference to the responsibilities of our first City Fathers, which doubtless reflected their own views and which at any rate served as an admirable guide to their activities.

"Much will depend," said Hazard's Gazette of August 8th, 1855, "upon the spirit in which the first set of municipal officers commence proceedings. In all changes of government, whether municipal or otherwise, most men are apt to

expect too much from those entrusted with power, while on the other hand, a dread of being considered as extravagant and wasteful has the effect of introducing in the latter niggardliness, which is the reverse of good policy and sound economy. In public as in private spending, a liberal method of doing business is ever the cheapest in the end.

"What we would recommend to the municipal authorities is that when public works are determined upon—and they should not be undertaken except after full consideration of their utility and necessity—they be erected and finished in the most substantial and scientific style. Every member should recollect, that though he is mortal, the Corporation, of which he is a part, is destined to immortality, and that the work ordered by the Corporation should be in accordance with this difference, so that, though the original founders have mouldered in the dust, the monuments of their good government and prudent administration will proudly rear their heads, and serve as an example to their successors, of the wisdom and propriety of erecting their edifices on solid foundations, and of imperishable material."

Successive City Councils have conscientiously given of their best. If we have not made sensational progress, we have moved steadily forward and it is with gratitude that we look back upon our past, which will become brighter in the minds of all our citizens as the Centennial ceremonies are continued.

Our good wishes to all for a happy holiday season, renewing old acquaintances, making new friends and strengthening still further the bonds which knit our community.

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

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