

# TOWN OF WOLFVILLE

## Annual Report For 1923

### REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

(Continued from last issue.)

to the system. This fund is being administered by the Eastern Trust Co. of Halifax in the same manner as our sinking funds.

With regard to the sinking funds the water bonds outstanding are \$46,000.00. Sinking funds for this Department amount to \$3790.31 at the end of 1923. Assuming that the sinking fund investments continue to earn at least 5 per cent. the present payment of \$510.00 per year into the sinking fund will pay off the bonds to the value of \$3,000.00 and \$5,000.00 due in 1926 and 1934 respectively, and will have established a fund of about \$9200.00 in 1940 to meet bonds to the value of \$38,000.00 maturing at that date. If the sinking fund payments beginning with 1924 were increased to \$920.00 at two per cent. of the outstanding bonds the funds created by 1940 would amount to about \$20,000.00 which therefore would still require a new issue to go towards paying off the bonds then maturing. It may thus be seen that it will be many years before the interest and sinking fund charges on the water debt can be appreciably reduced, especially if any further large capital expenditures are made in the near future.

The town has just acquired title to two properties at the reservoir at a cost of \$216.00. One of these was a strip of land thirty-two feet wide across the site of the new reservoir and which until recently remained in possession of Mr. W. H. Evans. The other lot is the Joseph Rogers property on which are two houses. By agreement these houses will be removed during the coming summer and it will be a source of satisfaction to the citizens to know that both reservoirs may then be properly fenced off and kept free from possible contamination. Although the water in the reservoir nearest the two houses was not used by the town during the past season, a sample was sent during the summer to the Dominion Analyst at Halifax who pronounced it pure and safe for drinking purposes.

An inventory shows value of supplies on hand as follows:

Purchased on Capital Account:	
Pipes, fittings, etc.	\$1130.00
(Most of these having been bought previous to 1923)	
Purchased on Maintenance Account:	
Service pipe and fittings	\$215.00

### SEWERS.

Although the actual expenditure in this department during the last year has not been large, some important measures have been carried out, and a limited amount of construction as well.

Early in the summer the limited storage capacity of the main outlet pipes when the sluice gates are closed down during high tide, became very apparent. In May at the Eastern main outlet sewer during a high tide the water burst through a joint in the pipe and flooded Mr. D. Munro's garden. This particular break was repaired by enclosing the pipe in concrete which, however, does not guarantee that other joints may not in the future break out in the same way.

This outlet now discharges into the creek some 400 feet North of the railway, which undoubtedly is too close to the wharves and town generally. The gate which closes at high tide is immediately outside the railroad and 400 feet North of Main Street. It will be readily understood that with this gate closed at high tide a heavy rain would very quickly fill the sewer on Main Street in that vicinity. This outlet may demand some attention in the near future.

At the Western outlet during the high tides in May the sewer running North from Main Street across the dyke became overcharged and flowed out through the top of the man holes in Mr. E. C. Johnson's pasture. In addition to this, the water broke up through the ground and flooded the college dyke in several places along the line of the sewer. These conditions were bad both from the stand point of the property owners and of the town. Although an inspection showed sticks wedged in the sluice gate, preventing it from closing tightly and which were removed, the real cause of the trouble was not from the gate. Measurements made of the normal dry weather flow in that sewer showed that when the gate closes the sewer will fill from the running dyke back 2800 feet to Main Street in about four and one quarter hours. Other measurements after a heavy rain showed that at such a time the same length of that fifteen inch sewer would fill in about forty minutes. As the gate is closed for from two to five hours, depending on the range of tides, it is plain to be seen why the sewer often flooded back through the man-holes.

Half way across the dyke and at a cross ditch running westerly to an old creek bed, we built last summer over the sewer an overflow man-hole which acts in the nature of a safety valve to the system. That is, when the sewer fills from the sluice gate back to the railroad during high tide, but not until that time, this man-hole will begin discharging through an opening on one side and continues until relieved by this sluice gate opening again. The water discharged passes into the old creek bed and remains there until the main aboiteau opens with the lowering of the tide. Although this man-hole effectually stops the flooding of Mr. Johnson's pasture and the college dyke from the sewer, it may still be necessary to provide some storage basin under control of the Town in which to hold the excess water over high tides. The gate on the outlet should be inspected every few months to provide against any large leakage coming in from that direction.

Two catch basins were built, one on the East side of Elm Avenue above Front Street, and one on the South side of Main Street just East of Victoria Avenue. These will carry away a good deal of surface water at those points.

On Front Street during heavy rains there has been trouble with the sewage backing into the cellars. An opening has been cut into a catch basin drain, which passes through a man-hole at the foot of Gaspereau Avenue and discharges into Mud Creek. Levels taken show that the opening made is twenty inches below the cellar floors formerly flooded and the same distance above highest tide, so that when Front Street sewer again fills during heavy rains the surplus water which cannot flow out to Main Street should pass into off Mud Creek. This will undoubtedly prevent further flooding of the Front Street cellars by way of the house drains.

During the early summer many complaints were made by reason of the over flow from a private septic tank, at the West end of Town, discharging into the open street drain and creating a nuisance. The septic tank is built in clay and the difficulty is that there is no porous soil near into which the effluent can be led and absorbed. The Health Officer reported especially to the Board of Health on this matter at the time. A survey was made and as it was found feasible the construction of a sewer to drain that Western section of Main Street was recommended to the Council and passed. A meeting of the rate-payers has approved of the necessary expenditure and it is intended to proceed with the construction of this sewer in the Spring. The Town has an agreement from Dr. Eagar to pay towards the expense of this construction the sum of \$500.00.

A further important matter relating to sewerage was dealt with during the past year when the sewerage frontage tax was raised from fifty cents per foot frontage, as passed in 1902, to seventy-five cents per foot frontage, which is more in keeping with the increased cost of construction since the earlier date.

Other maintenance work on the system included clearing stoppages on the main sewers, cleaning catch basins and flushing out pipes.

The following are the costs of the catch basins and man-holes built in 1923:-

Cost of man-hole—Western Out-let	\$ 50.00
Cost of catch basin—Elm Avenue	48.00
Cost of catch basin—Main Street and Victoria Avenue	38.00
An inventory shows supplies on hand as follows:	
633 feet 6 inch Sewer Pipe at 26c.	\$164.58
242 feet 9 inch Sewer Pipe at 48c.	116.16
10 Junctions, 6 inch x 6 inch, at \$1.28.	12.80
23 Junctions, 9 inch x 6 inch at \$2.15.	49.45
24 Bends, 6 inch at \$1.04.	24.96
Total Valuation	\$367.95

### FIRE.

The Secretary of the Fire Company reports ten alarms of fire in 1923

I. C. Archibald's house on Earnscliff Avenue and T. E. Hutchinson's stables and small tenement house on Main Street were destroyed. The good work of the firemen saved Mr. Hutchinson's larger tenement dwelling and the barn on the College property adjoining. The roof of T. S. Sanford's garage was burnt, the remainder of the building being saved by the firemen. Water pressure was good at these fires. The Hockey Stick Factory owned by A. V. Rand was destroyed early on the morning of September 13th.

The action of the Council in placing an order for a fire engine of the triple combination pumper, chemical and hose car type, has been one of the most important steps taken in recent years towards improving the fire protection facilities for Wolfville. A statement prepared by the writer in conjunction with the Fire and Water Committee and read at the rate-payers meeting which authorized the purchase of the fire apparatus outlined the reasons for the choice of the particular size ordered.

It must be remembered that with the possession of a fire engine of any size our fire protection system as a whole still will be far short of the requirements of the Underwriters. The Town is to be re-rated for insurance purposes in 1924. The condition and size of our mains and number and size of the hydrants will have a considerable bearing on the rates. In the report on our system some months ago by a representative of the Underwriters, it was pointed out that, although the Underwriters requirements are for nothing smaller than six inch mains for hydrant supply, 60 per cent of our hydrants are supplied off the four inch mains. Their recommendations include the gradual replacement of the four inch mains with six inch or larger, and the laying of another eight inch main in to Town from the reservoir at the top of the hill. The laying of an eight inch main from the reservoir to, say, Gaspereau Avenue below the cemetery and down Gaspereau Avenue to Main Street, which should be one of the first recommendations to carry out, will cost in the vicinity of \$10,000 or \$12,000. Further expenditures on Prospect Street and Highland Avenue would greatly improve the pressure and water supply for fire fighting purposes on those streets. It will hardly be feasible for some years to increase the size of mains in the East and West ends.

In December, through the kind co-operation of the Telephone Company, a push button switch was placed in their office for operating the fire siren. This switch operated a remote control switch on the fire alarm circuit on Main Street at the head of Central Ave. Alarms can now be sounded directly by the telephone operators, and the former alarm switch at the fire station can be used as well. The total cost of the new installation amounted to \$75.00, which was not provided for in the estimates. One thousand feet of new rubber fire hose was purchased in 1923. Besides this hose there is now on hand five hundred feet of hose eight years old, and one thousand feet about twenty years old.

The expenditure in this Department was about \$100.00 over the estimate. The installation of the new alarm facilities contributed largely to this.

### POLICE AND LICENSE.

The Police Court records for the year 1923 show that the following arrests have been made:

Drunkenness	5
Violations of Motor Vehicle Act	4
Assault	2
Selling without license	2
Creating a disturbance, etc.	2
Total	15

Outstanding examples of law-breaking during the past year have not been many. Most of the disturbances on the streets have been due to the use of liquor, some of which was manufactured locally. An effort must be made during the coming season to prevent as much violation of the Motor Vehicle Act in the matter of speeding on our streets as there was during 1923. There is here a considerable possible source of revenue to the Town in the way of fines.

The estimated expenditure for police during 1923 has been exceeded. New clothes for the Chief of Police and costs of extra police have made

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### FOUR MAJOR MARITIME SPORTS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY SEPARATE ASSOCIATIONS

TRURO, April 3.—In future, basketball, football, baseball and hockey will be controlled by associations independent of the M. P. B. A. A. U. C. This announcement was made by President Covey at the semi-annual meeting to-day. Such a move will benefit the M. P. B. A. A. U. C. greatly. Mr. Covey's union will still continue to control the issuing of cards and sanctions and decide who is and who is not an amateur.

Although ill, Mr. Covey appeared at to-day's meeting under a great handicap, and ably reviewed the work of his union the past year. He was assured of the support of the delegates present.

K. L. Pineo and W. P. Mailman were heard on the Kentville-New Glasgow hockey mixup, but the finding of the union after the protest had been filed, was upheld. Mr. Covey also offering evidence he had secured.

The feature of the meeting was in the presence of J. H. Crocker, manager of the Canadian Olympic team. He asked for the co-operation of the Maritimes and pointed out the possibilities for the eastern stars of going to France.

Funds to finance the Maritime men to the trials at Montreal are badly needed and ways and means to secure the needed monies, were discussed. It was finally decided to hold a Maritime Tag Day on April 19, and athletic events will also be held at some of the towns.

Mr. Crocker informed the meeting that the Maritimes should endeavor to have entrants in the dinghy race trials—a sport event on the Olympic program. Amherst and Halifax bid strongly for the Maritime Olympic trials, but this was left in the hands of the executive. Wanderers, of Halifax, have secured the Maritime track and field championships. Interscholastic and Intercollegiate sport will come under the associations hereafter, President Covey announced. These leagues will be asked to organize, but the final body of appeal will be the hockey, football, basketball or baseball association.

A Maritime baseball association will be formed this month when the various leagues will be called together. L. A. Andrews and Dr. Kirkpatrick, representing the champion Middleton club, favored the adoption of the constitution of the Nova Scotia Association.

### GO BURY IT DEEPLY

A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the road to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave. A man that cures the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give to civic affairs is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling hard times preaches the funeral, sings the doxology, and thus the town lies buried from all growth and progress.

Minard's Liniment for Headache.

### VISITORS FROM MIDDLE WEST

Representatives of Bankers Life Will Tour Province Next August in Special Train—Features of Itinerary.

Among the important conventions next summer in Montreal will be that of the Bankers Life Company. Most of the members are from the Middle West and it is expected that five hundred will gather at Montreal. What, however, is of greater interest provincially is the fact that one hundred and twenty-five of these will be given a special selling service will be given a tour through the Maritimes. The party travels in a special train with pullmans and diners attached, and will be expected spend August 15th and 16th in Halifax, coming through to Grand Pre the day following. After visiting this historic spot, they will be driven by auto to various points of interest in this part of Kings County, and will have dinner at Kentville. Continuing to Yarmouth they will be met there by representatives of the Town and Board of Trade and among items

of entertainment planned is a steamship trip and a genuine clam bake on one of the islands in the harbor. These last features will prove of interest and novel pleasure to the party, many of whom will doubtless be enjoying their first sight of the sea. They will have an excellent opportunity of seeing our Annapolis Valley under favorable conditions and the advertising which Nova Scotia will get as a result of this visit will be considerable.

The Bankers Life Company is composed of many of the big insurance men of the country, representing thirty-four States of the Union.

### KEEP YOUR SIGN UP

"To discontinue an advertisement is taking down your sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."—John Wanamaker.

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