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HOCKEY AT LENNOXVILLE.

A Close Game.

College Won the Play-Off.

Bishops College vs. School played their first scheduled match in the Eastern Townships Hockey League, on the College rink, last Saturday, resulting in a victory for the College. The ice was not in the best of condition, a fact which told against the School, as they had the faster forwards. The College certainly had the advantage in the defence. The game was not as fast as might have been expected, and both teams will have to practice hard if they intend to conquer the victorious Village.

Chambers was ruled off for foul playing during the 5th game. When time was called the score stood three all. After a few minutes rest, play was resumed, and Rothera was called upon to stop some hot shots. However Rankin managed to make a pretty rush and passed to Boyle who scored, and college had won the match. There was a little dispute about the interpretation of the rules regarding a "play off" which was quickly settled by Mr. A. Simpson who made an efficient refferee. Chambers, R. Purvis and Hayward played the star game for the school, while Rankin, Carter, Rothera and Winder did very effectual work for the College.

The teams lined up as follows:

Rothera	goal	Hayward.
Carter.	point	Porteous.
Winder.	cov "	Gilmore.
Boyle	cen. forward	S. Purvis.
Johnson.	center	R. Purvis.
Rankin.	Rt wing	Cowen.
Mills.	left wing	Chambers.

T. Donlell, umpires B. Webster, E. Simpson. Timers P. Barretto, Refferee, A. Simpson.

Leaving for Italy.

Our genial friend, Assistant Postmaster M. A. Miquelon, expects to leave Sherbrooke, Thursday the 18th, via. Boston & Maine R. R. for New York, from which place he sails Saturday, the 20th, on the North German Lloyds Steamer, Kaiser Wilhelm. His destination is via the Mediterranean to Italy, where he visits Naples, Genoa, etc., etc. Close attention to his duties in the post office has so undermined his health that an absolute rest is imperative. He does not name definite date for his return but hopes to be back fully recuperated by April 1st. "Bon voyage"

Heard before Justice White.

The principal cases heard before Hon. Justice White, on Saturday, were two actions taken by the Quebec Pharmaceutical Association against Dr Elie. The first was for the sale of a bottle of carbolic acid, at his store, by an uncertified clerk, and the second for employing an uncertified clerk. The first action was dismissed but the second taken "en delibere".

Crushed by Falling Tree.

Lake Megantic, Que., Feb. 8.—Angus McKenzie, a young unmarried man, son of John McKenzie, tailor, was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed on Wednesday last, while chopping in Van's lumber camp, near Spring Hill.

Business Changes.

Mr. W. J. Melrose, of Georgeville made an assignment at the court house on Saturday, for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities about $250.

Messrs H. & S. Desmarais, grocers, of Richmond, have compromised with their creditors.

The firm of Butterfield & Co., manufacturers of taps, dies, and blacksmith tools, of Rock Island, has been dissolved.

Thomas R. Page and George W. Page, of Coaticooke, have formed a partnership under the name of T. R. Page & Son. They will carry on business as general traders.

Store News.

Mr. L. E. Chamberlain, the energetic proprietor of the deservingly popular dry goods store (The Bon Ton) has requested us to call the attention of the readers of the SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD, to the Bon Ton's columns, which will always be found the newsiest corner of this paper for store news, so interesting to the ladies.

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BISHOP THORNELOE.

Welcomed at Sault Ste. Marie. Congratulated on his Appointment.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 8.—Dr Thorneloe, recently of Sherbrooke, new Bishop of Algoma was given a cordial welcome on his arrival in this place to assume the duties of his new position On Sunday, January 31st, he conducted services at the pro-Cathedral, and in the evening confirmed thirty candidates. Tuesday evening last a reception was tendered him by the congregation. A large company was present. All denominations were represented.

In an address on behalf of the laity, the new Bishop was congratulated on his appointment and welcomed to the Sault. The address expressed confidence that the diocese would prosper under his auspices and that its claims on the mission fund would rapidly diminish. It congratulated the Bishop upon that broad liberality which had distinguished his career in the Province of Quebec, and had endeared him to all people there as it certainly would do here.

The Bishop, in reply, said that any misgivings he might have had had been entirely dissipated by the warmth of the reception tendered him and the bright prospects of the church which had opened up to his vision. He was personally introduced to every one in the hall and greeted all with his well known cordiality showing especial friendliness to the ministers of other denominations.

SHERBROOKE MARKET

Butter and Eggs sold readily.

The market on Saturday was the best held for a number of weeks. There was a good attendance. An extra large supply of butter and eggs was offered. All sold readily at quotations except frozen beef, of which, the sale, was slow.

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Straight Grades	3 20 " 3 40
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Middlings per 100 lbs	0 75 " 0 80
Cracked Wheat	2 20 " 2 25
Shorts per 100 lbs	0 65 " 0 70
Wheat Bran per 100 lbs	0 85 " 0 90
Oats per bush. (32 lbs.)	0 28 " 0 30
Barley per bush.	0 45 " 0 50
Peas per bush. good	0 80 " 0 90
Beans per bush	1 70 " 1 80
Buckwheat	0 55 " 0 60
Corn per bush.	0 55 " 0 56
Potatoes per bush.	0 30 " 0 35
Onions per peck	0 20 " 0 25
Beets per bush	0 35 " 0 50
Turnips per bush	0 20 " 0 25
Butter, per lb., good	0 15 " 0 17
Butter, fresh prints, choice	0 18 " 0 20
Lard per lb	0 08 " 0 10
Cheese per lb., dairy	0 09 " 0 10
Cheese per lb., factory	0 11 " 0 13
Maple Sugar	0 07 " 0 08
Box Honey, per lb., in boxes	0 12 " 0 13
Honey in large boxes	0 12 " 0 14
Eggs per doz., fresh	0 16 " 0 20
Apples, per bbl.	2 00 " 2 25
Beef, per quarter, good	4 00 " 5 00
Beef, cuts	0 04 " 0 10
Beef, corned	0 05 " 0 06
Mutton	0 04 " 0 05
Pork, in carcass	5 25 " 5 50
Pork, per lb., fresh	0 06 " 0 08
Pork, salt, per lb	0 06 " 0 10
Lamb, per lb	0 05 " 0 07
Veal	0 05 " 0 08
Ham	0 08 " 0 10
Bacon	0 08 " 0 10
Chickens, fresh killed	0 10 " 0 12
Turkeys	0 12 " 0 13
Lettuce, doz. heads	0 20 " 0 25
Cortland Huddeck	0 04 " 0 05

Death of S. W Twose.

On Friday night last, there passed away Mr. S. W. Twose, one of the leading citizens of Sherbrooke. For over a year he has been sick with consumption, but with strong vitality has held on to life much longer than his friends could hope for.

For several years previous to his illness, he, had charge of the furniture business of his father, located in Twose Block, Wellington street.

He was a very prominent member of Unity Lodge, I. O. O. F.; also of the I. O. F.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2.30, from the residence on Queen street to the Episcopal church, and thence to the English cemetery. The I. O. O. F. has charge of the funeral, assisted by the I. O. F. Mr. Twose was unmarried.

Three Cows Burned.

Lennoxville, Feb., 8.—On Sunday evening at half past seven the barns of Rev. Mr. Scarth were found on fire. It had reached such headway as to be beyond control, and three cows and one heifer were burned, with 20 tons of hay as well as other contents. The cause of fire is not known but thought to be incendiary.

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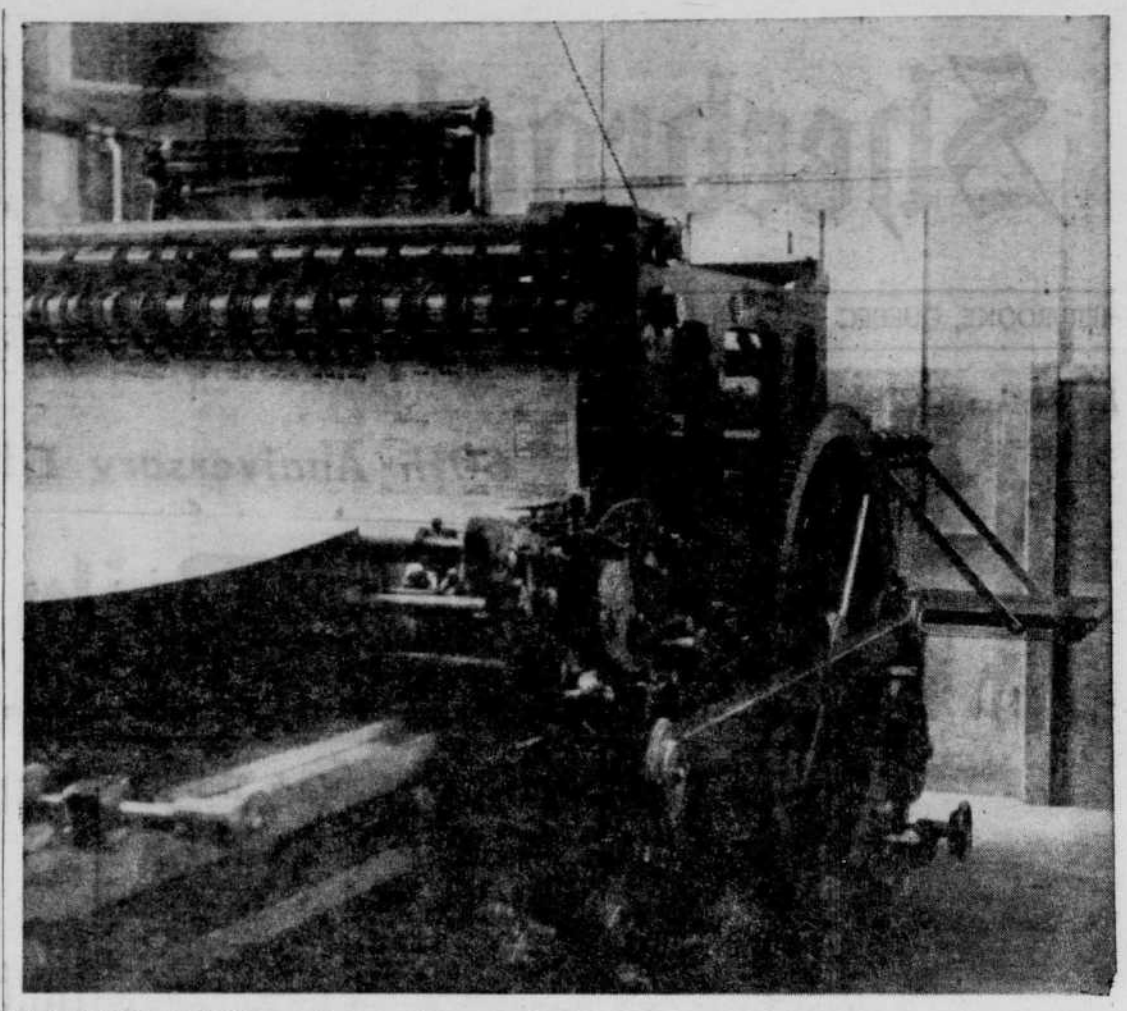
SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD

With this issue we commence publication of a daily paper in the city of Sherbrooke. It is the only English daily in the Province of Quebec, outside the cities of Montreal and Quebec, but the size of Sherbrooke, and the large number of people within a radius of a few miles, we believe warrant support to a paper issued every day.

For some time past, we have given considerable attention to the study of daily newspapers carried on in different cities and towns, some even smaller than Sherbrooke. The result has been that we are firmly convinced of the feasibility of successfully publishing a daily paper in Sherbrooke. A personal canvass for the business men of the city, soliciting contracts for the **Daily Record** increased our confidence, and with this issue, we have commenced the publication of a daily paper that is bound to prove a success. With fourteen years practical experience in the newspaper and printing business, we believe we realize all the difficulties in store when we say that the **Sherbrooke Daily Record** has come to stay. There is no doubt about it, and in the future, it can be reckoned on as one of the established industries of the city.

We have adopted two new features, different from other journals of a similar nature. The first is a daily paper at a low subscription price of only $1.50 a year. The second is that we shall not publish so-called editorials. Our whole time, and that of the writers connected with this paper will be devoted to the gathering of local news in Sherbrooke and throughout the Eastern Townships. After several years study of the question of editorials in weekly and small daily papers, we are convinced it is a waste of time and space. The people of the country have grown beyond such, and do their own thinking. If the ablest writers in the country can be secured to write on subject in which they are recognized as specialists, then,

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FLAT BED PRESS — Shown above is the Duplex flat bed press upon which the Sherbrooke Daily Record was printed after the company moved into the present premises in 1903. When the Record was first established sixty years ago, all typesetting and printing was by hand, and it wasn't until six years after the first Record hit the streets of Sherbrooke that this press allowed for completely mechanical printing. The flat bed press was replaced in 1911 with the present Duplex rotary press. The photograph above is the property of Mr. Charles Pearson, a Record press man from 1900 to 1952.



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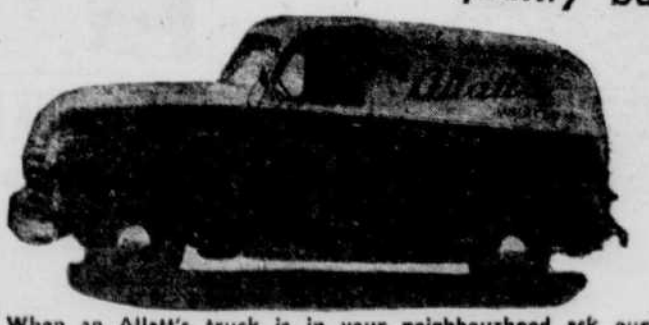
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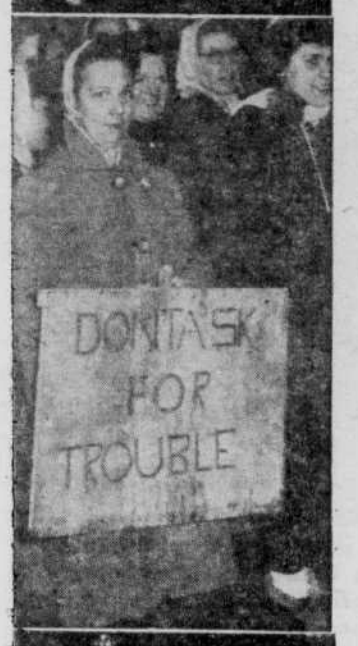
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1956 An Active Year In Sherbrooke









Growth, Tragedy And Pleasure Part And Parcel Of City Life

By GERALD McDUFF

Sherbrooke went through a typical year in 1956. It had growing pains, violence, pleasure — all the facets of an ordinary city, reflecting the character and temperament of its people.

There were conflicting opinions, the normal and healthy signs of a progressive community and the true indication of a democratic society.

There were the natural but undesirable consequences of people living together — murder, robberies, fires, tragic loss of lives through accidents.

On the lighter side, the "Queen of the Eastern Townships" could look back to the many who came as visitors and left as friends.

This was Sherbrooke, 1956.

JANUARY

1—The Hotel Dieu Hospital took the lead again last year as the first baby of the year, a boy, was born to Mrs. Conrad Tardif, 920 Council St., at 8 minutes after midnight. The baby weighed seven pounds 11 ounces.

16—Premier Duplessis, here on a special convocation, announced that the University of Sherbrooke would receive a $750,000 grant to build a new engineering school on the St. Catherine road.

17—The perennial battle between the Proprietors' League, the Social Creditors and the City Council broke out last night as the two organizations demanded that the aldermen rescind the 1956 budget or resign en bloc.

20—More opposition was met by the Council as it attempted to expropriate the grounds, buildings and name of the Eastern Townships Agricultural Association.

24—Dominion Textile's Sherbrooke Mill faced a full-scale strike today as the last of three shifts in the weaving department walked off the job, stopping work for 800 of 975 employees.

Declaring that the directors of the Eastern Townships Association had broken their pledge not to reveal any proceedings at the meeting of city and exhibition representatives held last week in connection with the proposed acquisition of the fair property by the city, Mayor Armand Nadeau last evening indicated he may delay any written proposals until the Quebec Legislature has dealt with the amendments to the city charter.

26—A prominent Eastern Townships' maple syrup authority yesterday tore into an American controversy among the governors of Vermont, New Hampshire and New York concerning the quality of maple syrup in the respective states.

27—Otis A. Fowler, of Kingsbury, winner of so many Dominion and Provincial maple product championships that he could not remember or count them all, entered the three way race among the states of Vermont, New Hampshire and New York with backing from The Record.

30—Sherbrooke hoped soon to have an airport that could link it with the Tri-States and many Quebec centres, Mayor Armand Nadeau said yesterday in a television address over an American channel in Lewiston, Me. The Mayor was attending a snow shoers convention there.

FEBRUARY

1—Legislature shelved for the time being the City Council's action to expropriate property of the Eastern Townships Agricultural Association.

6—Work resumed at the local mill of the Dominion Textile Company as the union and management reached an agreement ending a ten day shut-down. The Magog and Drummondville plants also affected by the stoppage, started normal operations.

8—Geoffrey Lowther, a Magog textile worker, was sentenced to hang for shooting Gilles Murray, also of Magog, to death at the Mount Orford Golf Club on Sept. 17, 1955.

13—Romeo Drapeau, 34-year-old accountant, was held as a material witness in the bludgeoning of his wife and four children at their Seventh Ave. home.

16—Drapeau attempted to commit suicide in local Provincial Police cells last night.

17—Transport Minister George Marler gave strong encouragement but made no commitments as he discussed the possibility of air service for the Eastern Townships.

22—Mayor Nadeau said that a study would begin this year or early in 1957 on a new city hall for Sherbrooke, and added that the overcrowded conditions in the present building were becoming unbearable.

23—Over 10,000 Sherbrooke children and adults should receive anti-polio Salk vaccine shots this year, it was announced by Dr. Emile Poisson, director of the local Health Unit, today.

An appeal in the case of Geoffrey Lowther, condemned to hang for the murder of Gilles Murray at the Mount Orford Golf Course last September 17, was lodged with the Quebec Court of Appeals by the defense attorneys.

28—The aldermen unofficially favored a referendum on the sale of the municipal electricity service during a meeting of the committee.

MARCH

6—For the second consecutive year, the city finished its 1955 fiscal operations with an excess of revenue over expenditures, though this year's surplus of $1,663.53 was nearly $5,000 less than the surplus shown for the 1954 operations.

The outright sale of the municipal gas business to anybody who is prepared to assure its continued operation was proposed at the regular session of the City Council by Ald. Leo Cadorette.

17—Social Welfare Court cracked down on the practise of serving liquor to minors as Judge J. C. Samson fined a North Hatley hotelkeeper $1,000.

19—Fried chicken was served up piping hot when a fire destroyed a barn, owned by Bernard Blanchard, of R.R. 1 Sherbrooke, killing 1,500 fowl and injuring two people.

21—Georges Sylvestre, co-chairman of the Sherbrooke Committee for the Dominion Drama Festival, announced that improvements would be effected in the St. Charles auditorium for the event.

24—Sandblasters began cleaning Sherbrooke's War Memorial on King Hill.

26—Police detained a 13 year old boy in connection with three fires at a Marquette St. apartment block, the Monument National.

APRIL

5—City Council approved an $8,700 resolution to widen the

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intersection of Portland and Queen Blvd. and added $18,000 to demolish a house on that location.

7—Shoppers at the local market shied away from the maple syrup counter as the best quality product sold anywhere from $6 to $10 a gallon. Farmers blamed the high price on a poor crop.

9—Otis Fowler, Kingsbury farmer and Canada's Maple Sugar King, failed to bring home the victor's prize from the New York State Maple Syrup Festival. He was defeated by Dewey Lyman of White River Junction, Vt., and Clive Wills, of Bellevue, Mich., who shared top honors.

10—The ceiling of 75 taxi permits to be issued in Sherbrooke was maintained as the City Council refused applications for permits from two brothers who have tried unsuccessfully for the last 12 years.

11—Ideal sugar weather reversed the drab maple syrup pictures as production zoomed and prices dropped.

18—City Council authorized the engineering firm of Cote, Lemieux, Carignan and Bourque to draw up plans for the second storey parking lot which has been proposed for Webster park, east of Wellington St. The firm submitted a tender of $2,000 to complete the plans but it was agreed to ask them to make the plans and they would be paid only if the $100,000 item passed in special works by-law now being studied.

20—Judge J. C. Samson, of the Social Welfare Court, sentenced seven local waiters to pay a total of $1,400, the largest amount yet, for serving liquor to minors.

24—A referendum on the $972,000 public works by-law approved by the City Council a week ago, will be held on Tuesday, May 29, Mayor Armand Nadeau announced last evening following a public meeting of the proprietors at which 64 property-owners signed a petition asking for a plebiscite on the loans proposals. Under the terms of the City Charter, only 50 names are required on a petition to force the Council to order a vote.

25—Robert Gauthier, a florist, defeated Ald. Sylvio Rousseau, 12 years on the City Council, in the East Ward aldermanic race.

MAY

8—The "twinning" of Sherbrooke and Halifax was officially approved by the City Council. The aim of the project is to foster better relations between English-speaking and French-speaking citizens.

11—Employees at the Dominion Textile Company's Sherbrooke plant went on strike this morning, idling 950 workers. This was the third mill to shut-down, two others in Magog and Drummondville are also closed.

14—The first play of the Dominion Drama Festival, held here for the first time, was staged this evening at the St. Charles Auditorium. The piece, "Les Fourberies de Scapin" by Moliere, was presented by a St. Boniface, Man., troup.

15—The Council approved in principle the sale of the municipally-owned power dam at Bromptonville, six miles north of Sherbrooke on the St. Francis River, to the Richmond Pulp and Paper Company.

16—Ald. Gerard Berard, member of the City Council for the past three years and an associate of Maurice Gingues, M.P., for Sherbrooke, in the real estate business was named Liberal representative for Sherbrooke county in the coming Provincial elections on June 20.

22—A Canadian play, "Teach Me How To Cry", by Patricia Joudry, copped first prize, the Calvert Trophy, and $1,000 for the University Alumnae Dramatic Club of Toronto as the week long Dominion Drama Festival came to an end here.

23—Hon. J. S. Bourque, who has represented Sherbrooke County in the Provincial Legislature since 1935, accepted to run as candidate in the provincial elections.

29—Dr. Emile Poisson, director of the local Health Unit, said he had received no indication how much Salk vaccine would be made available to this district. He added, however, that enough vaccine had been received to assure a third (booster) shot to all children who received the first two shots last year.

30 — Sherbrooke's ratepayers gave an overwhelming approval to a $972,000 works by-law. Every ward showed a majority in

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Sherbrooke's New Cathedral — **Construction is continuing on the huge St. Michael's Cathedral, Sherbrooke's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Work on the superstructure of the grand edifice was started last May, and officials hope to be able to open the cathedral next fall. The cathedral is 274 feet long, and when completed, will accommodate 3,000 worshippers. The first St. Michael's was built on approximately the same site in 1855, and torn down to make room for the Bishop's Palace, and the foundations of the new cathedral about 1917.** (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

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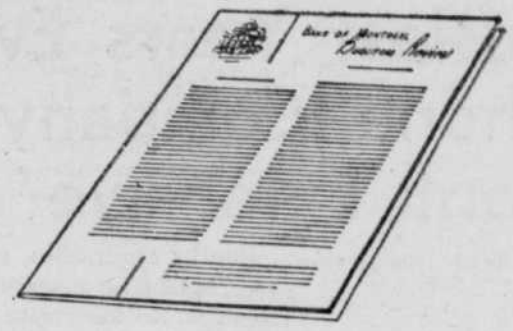
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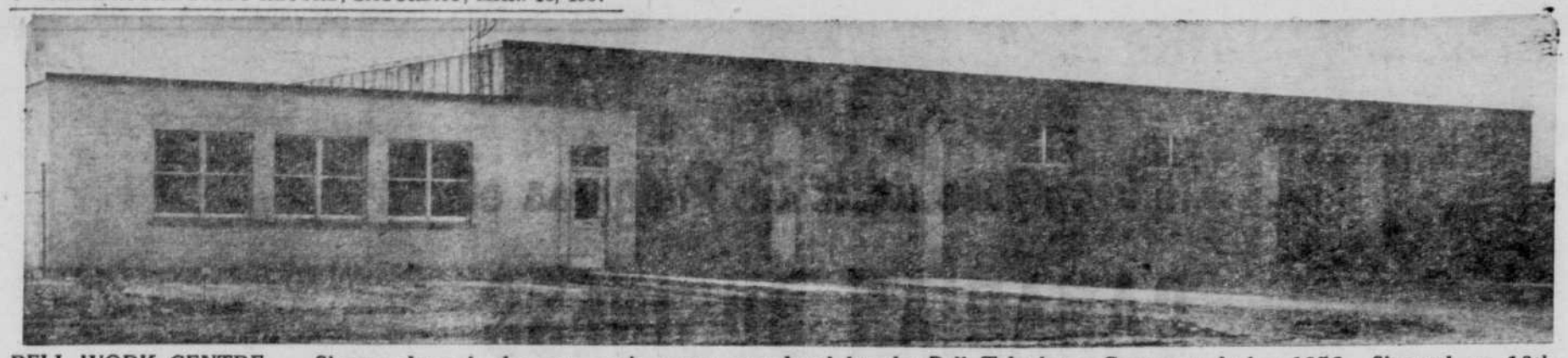
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BELL WORK CENTRE — Shown above is the new work centre completed by the Bell Telephone Company during 1956. Situated on 10th Avenue south, the one-storey structure provides garage space for 72 vehicles, and also houses offices, a store room, a vehicle repair unit, washrooms, and a rest room for employees. The building is designed to enable the Bell Company to centralize its construction, maintenance, installation and repair operations in the Sherbrooke-Magog area.

One Of The Busiest Years Ever For Bell Telephone Company; E.T. Development Extensive

Parallelling the exceptional development which has taken place throughout the Eastern Townships during the last few years, The Bell Telephone Company of Canada had one of its busiest years ever during 1956 as it strove to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for telephone service in many localities in the area.

Week after week and month after month, crews of Bell plant men were seen in city streets and country roads, extending and rearranging the network of underground and aerial cable and wire leading from customers' homes and offices to telephone exchange buildings. Meanwhile, contractors were putting up new telephone buildings as the company's large-scale program to extend and expand its facilities in several busy communities forged ahead.

EVEN BIGGER

But all the designing, engineering and building which went on during those 12 months were only the prelude to an even bigger year, for it is in '57 that many of the major projects will be completed. This summer, for instance, a new community dial telephone exchange will begin serving telephone users in Bromptonville. Other dial exchanges will replace present manual exchanges in Knowlton and Windsor Mills. Additional dial switching equipment will go into operation in Sherbrooke and in Magog, providing service to people who have had to wait because of a shortage of equipment.

In a few weeks, contractors will be invited to submit tenders for the construction of a major extension to Bell's modern exchange building on King street in Sherbrooke. A fourth storey will be added to the present structure while a four-storey and basement extension, 40 feet wide by 80 feet deep, will be added at the rear.

This extension will provide space for more dial switching equipment, for larger offices and for larger quarters in the long distance centre serving the city and the surrounding territory.

Since the beginning of February, four more localities in the area have become part of Bell Telephone's network following the purchase of Mansonville Utilities Limited. The four exchanges are located in Mansonville, Dunham, Sutton and Iron Hill and they serve a total of some 1,500 telephones.

Growth of the system serving Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Magog and vicinity amounted to more than 1,200 telephones during 1956. Nearly 2,000 more went into operation in 17 communities located in the area between Sherbrooke and the border, along parts of Vermont and New Hampshire.

At the end of the year, the average number of local calls placed daily by subscribers in Sherbrooke and Magog reached 134,200 — or over 10,000 calls more than at the end of 1955. Long distance operators handled an average of nearly 5,000 calls daily — an increase of approximately 500 calls over the previous year.

WORK CENTRE

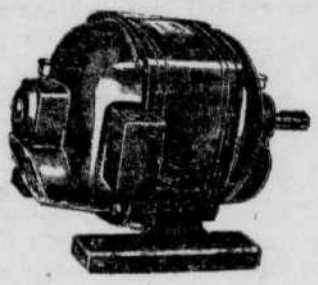
The year 1956 was also marked by the completion of a large work centre building on 10th Avenue south. The one-storey structure provided garage space for 72 vehicles and it also houses offices, a store room, a vehicle repair unit, washrooms and a restroom for employees. The purpose of the new building was to enable the Bell Company to centralize its construction, maintenance, installation and repair operations in the Sherbrooke - Magog area. It was designed to improve administration and supervision of the work of the company's plant department in this region.

In Thetford Mines, a major building extension was completed, following which hundreds of people who had requested telephones were served. The extension consisted of a two-storey annex and it enabled the company to install sufficient facilities to serve another 1,100 telephones. At the end of the year, there were some 6,100 telephones in operation in that city and this is approximately four times as many as there were 10 years ago.

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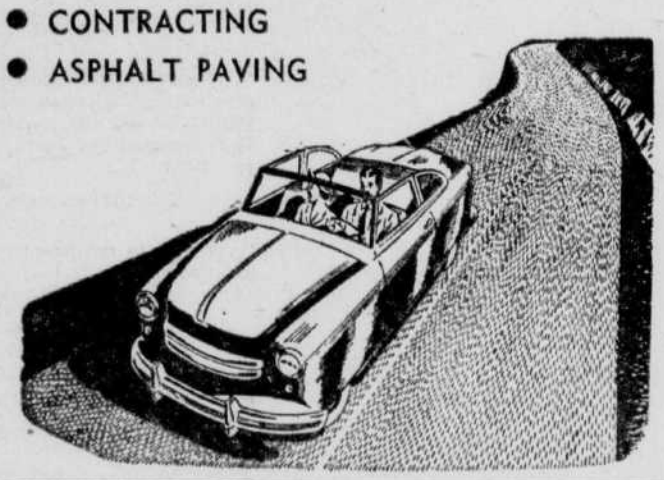
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Canadian National Railways Complete Dieselization Phase

By DONALD GORDON, C.M.G.,
Chairman and President
Canadian National Railways

The year 1956 marked the completion of an important phase of Canadian National Railway's dieselization plans. A five-year plan initiated in 1952 was based on dieselization of those specific services which would yield the greatest return on the investment made. The $220 millions spent thus far have resulted in the substantial economies anticipated.

A new phase has already been introduced. It contemplates further development of the program on a territorial basis commencing at the eastern and western extremities of the railway.

Our earnings, $711 millions to the end of November, indicate the high level of business activity that has prevailed throughout 1956. Canadian National has shared in the growth of Canada and, in turn, has made its own contribution to that growth.

The post-war years have seen new rails push northward into such areas as Lynn Lake and Kitimat. This year was no exception. We are now well under way with construction of a 290-mile line between Beattyville, Quebec and St. Felicien, Quebec, which cuts through the Chibougamau mining fields. By the time this report is printed we should have track in usable condition as far as Opemiska, in the western part of the Chibougamau area. Further east we have cleared and graded a 22-mile line through the New Brunswick forest to reach a new mine site. To the west, Canadian National forces have surveyed a route far up the Hudson Bay railway line into the Mystery-Moak Lake district where an extensive nickel deposit will be developed over the next four years at a reported cost of $175 millions.

Our year-end figures will show that more than $95 millions were invested in cars and locomotives this year. This represents a substantial net addition to our rolling stock in order to carry the produce of an expanding economy.

It is difficult to conceive of a period in railway history, including the war years, when the railways' resources were so fully employed. In company with others Canadian National has experienced difficulty in obtaining all its requirements, particularly for steel. On the man power side, personnel training has been accelerated to produce more skills from our own ranks.

It is discouraging that the inflationary consequences of higher prices and higher wages tend to overshadow steady improvements that have been made in operating efficiency.

Among the major expenditures of the past decade have been those for extension, improvement and modernization of yard facilities. Clearing and grading commenced on our property in the Cote de Liesse district on the outskirts of Montreal for an automatic hump yard. It will serve a major industrial area: The Island of Montreal and the adjacent St. Lawrence south-shore where seaway development is generating considerable activity.

Railway track maintenance has been changing from a manual to a machine operation during the past few years. In 1956 we spent some $3,000,000 to continue the mechanization of track work. Our investment in track machinery approximates $21 millions.

Another 140 miles of automatic block signals were added to the 480 miles already installed.

Centralized traffic control, a signalling and switching system known as CTC, has made it possible to increase average train speeds and traffic volume about 80% without adding physical track. There are now more than 700 miles of CTC on CNR lines. In some cases its application to double track territory provides a capacity for one track that permits the other to be abandoned. In 1956 we were able to remove 40 miles of track by applying CTC.

By year's end deliveries of new rolling stock will include 324 diesel locomotive units and 4,633 freight cars. Two new cars were introduced for specialized traffic and are now under test. These are a pulpwood car which increases normal carrying capacity by 70% and a double decked automobile transporter that can load eight standard-sized automobiles in contrast with the normal complement of four. A third car, also at the testing stage, is an all-purpose box car. By means of hinged and sliding wall panels the door openings can be increased from 5' 8" to 15' 6". Our aim is to make it easier to load and stow freight and also to convert the car quickly, when required, into a bulk carrier for grain.

Orders were placed for 6,110 freight cars and 130 air-dump work cars.

Experiments with motive power were continued. This summer we tested a diesel locomotive equipped with hydraulic transmission instead of the customary electrical transmission. It is now in Western Canada where it will be observed for winter performances.

The east-west transcontinental schedule of the Super Continental was shortened by 40 minutes and a new, fast (6½ hours) mail train was placed in operation between Toronto and Montreal. Dinette cars and coffee shop service with their popular prices have been well received. Their acceptance by the public has encouraged us to order five more dinette cars for delivery in 1957. It is estimated that 80% of the passengers on a train patronize these cars at some time during their journey.

In Newfoundland we will soon realize our program of complete dieselization. To this end 26 diesel units were shipped by sea to St. John's in November.

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Paint Sales Increase

New Finishes, High Production Feature Industrial Year

By D. A. WHITTAKER
President and Managing Director, The Sherwin-Williams Co. of Canada, Limited

Recent figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, for the period from January 1, 1956, to September 30, 1956, indicate the Canadian protective coating industry will show a gain in sales at year end December 31, 1956.

For the nine month period, sales amounted to $95,615,185, which represents a gain of 5.66 per cent over sales for the same period in 1955. Goods sold to dealers for resale accounted for 63.03 per cent of total sales compared with 64.53 per cent the year previous.

It is encouraging to note that sales in May 1956, the peak month, amounted to approximately 14 million dollars, compared with 6 million dollars for the same month in 1946. Sales for January 1956, the month with the lowest sales volume of the year, amounted to $8,344,000, compared with $3,844,000, in 1946. This indicates progress in two directions . . a higher sales volume to be shared by members of the industry and a better balance in monthly sales throughout the year.

In general during 1956 raw materials were available in good supply, but at a higher cost. Prices for vegetable oils ranged up to 20 per cent higher. Titanium pigment prices, on imports from England, were up 18 per cent compared with an increase of 5 per cent on American imports. It should be mentioned that although the percentage of increase of the price of English titanium was higher, the actual price was lower than the American price. Solvents, basic materials for latex finishes, which are used extensively in the manufacture of interior wall finishes, and miscellaneous pigments and extenders also showed considerable increases.

In addition to higher raw material costs last year, the industry had to pay 8 per cent more for containers, cans, and cartons, which they purchase in large quantities. Notice has already been received to the effect that an additional increase will be added to container prices after January 1, 1957.

It is anticipated that this upward trend of prices on all raw materials will continue well into the new year and cost forecasting will be difficult.

Although raw material and operating costs have increased steadily, the industry has absorbed the major portion of the rise. Since 1952 paint prices have been increased less than 10 per cent, which is a favorable comparison with price advances in other products and industries. This has been made possible through improvements in formulating, increased productivity in plants and equipment, and of prime importance, increased consumer demands for the products of the industry.

Decentralizaiton of manufacturing facilities and producing finished material closer to the point of sale have resulted in some economies and have made for faster and more adequate

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Sutton Chinchillas Are Prospering

Booming Brome Industry

By GORDON P. ENGLAND

Sutton Correspondent'

SUTTON — Like the fellow who longed to know what lay behind the "Green Door," I was eager to view the interior of the Helgor Chinchilla Ranch buildings here. Thanks to the hospitality and helpful co-operation of its owners, however, I was far more fortunate than the thwarted chap in the hit-song.

The experience was so interesting, that I delved into the history of this gold mine in a cage.

I found that fossilized remains have proved to scientists that millions of years before Adam built a bower for Eve in the Garden of Eden a species of small silky-furred gray-blue rodents lived in the Andes. That area was then a tropical region, and when Time caused many climatic changes, many other animals became as extinct as have the dodo, moa and passenger pigeon. The rodent mountaineers, however, proved amazingly hardy.

Delighted by the warmth and softness of the little animals' fur, the savage chinchas later used many pelts for

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Sutton Chinchilla Breeders — **Shown above are Mrs. Gordon Heughan, left, and Mr. Heughan right, who, as a part-time activity, raise high class chinchillas on their Helgor Chinchilla Ranch in Sutton. The Heughan's have been raising the precious little bundles of fur since the end of the Second World War, starting with three pairs, costing $1600 a pair. Season by season, the Heughan's improve their fur product, and have an ultimate goal of 1000 pelts in one year for marketing.**

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Forest Industry Active

Production Increase For '57 Seen; Employment High

By HON. JOHN S. BOURQUE
Minister of Lands and Forests and Hydraulic Resources, Quebec.

Quebec's forest industry has enjoyed a prosperous and active year in 1956 and many signs lead us to foresee an increased productivity in 1957.

Cutting volume on Crown lands during the operating year 1955-56 amounted to 637,609,330 cubic feet, an increase of about 10 per cent over the previous season.

The production volume was divided as follows:

Wood for pulp and paper: 466,653,451 cubic feet.

Wood for lumber: 159,206,540 cubic feet.

Wood for other production: 11,749,339 cubic feet.

The above figures cover operations on Crown lands. To complete the picture of Quebec's forest operations, one must add the production on private forest lands.

Production on private lands was as follows:

Wood pulp: 173,707,545 cubic feet.

Lumber: 112,167,586 cubic feet.

Firewood, charcoal etc.: 150,674,880 cubic feet.

Operations on Crown and private holdings produced a total of 1,074,249,341 during the past year, an increase of 154,110,070 cubic feet over the 1955 figures.

The global value of 1956's forest production amounted to $677,848,634. The pulp and paper industry accounted for $625,000,000 of this production. The 55 pulps and paper mills in Quebec spent more than $113,894,480 in salaries among some 24,114 employees. These figures, naturally, do not include wages spent for the cutting and driving of pulpwood. It is estimated that 36,382 workers were employed on this work during the past year.

The overall picture for the year shows that the industry employed some 130,000 workers who received wages totalling $250,000,000. These figures will give some idea of the importance of Quebec's forest industry and the important role it plays in the province's economic development.

The forest industry plays an even greater part in Quebec's economy than is revealed by the annual statistics. The forest industry helps Quebec's agriculture by assuring the farmlands adequate irrigation.

Reasonable exploitation of the Quebec forest also guarantees Quebec rivers with a steady flow of water to feed the hydro-electric developments which dot the province and which attract industry to our borders.

The Department of Lands and Forests does all it can to maintain this basic industry at the high level it has enjoyed in recent years. The department enforces a policy designed to protect our forests from unreasonable exploitation and those associated with the industry today appreciate the full value of this policy of sane forest management.

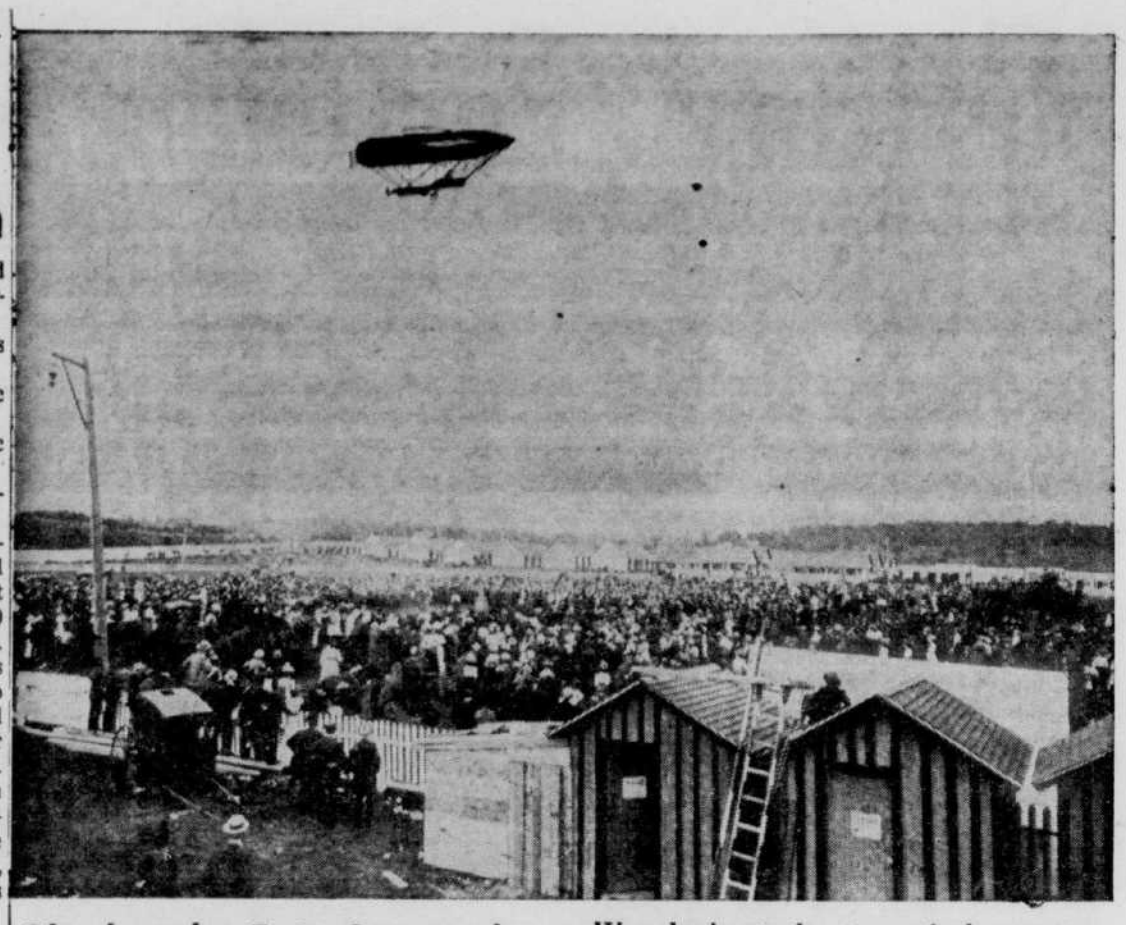
They realize that the first forest, a living element, is liable to perpetuate itself indefinitely, and even increase its productivity, if we are wise enough to carry out exploitation according to the laws of the province.

Turning to the overall Canadian pulp and paper industry picture, published statistics for 1956, necessarily estimates, indicate that Canada produced approximately 11 million tons of pulp and paper products with a gross value of close to $1 billions. Exports of pulps and paper accounted for fully $1 billion of this impressive total.

In the matter of pulp production, it is estimated that 1956 exceeded 1955 by about six per cent. Pulp exports were somewhat higher. In the exports of dissolving and special alpha pulps there was a reduction of some three per cent but exports of unbleached sulphite pulp were substantially higher.

In newsprint for Canada as a while, production increased over four per cent to approximately 6.4 million tons, with mill production throughout the year averaging approximately 104 per

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Sherbrooke Fair Spectacle — **Way back at the turn of the century, when the Sherbrooke Daily Record was first published, one of the most exciting sights to be seen at the Sherbrooke Exhibition was the balloon-like airship shown above. Even at that early date, the Sherbrooke Exhibition was famous, and in 1907, the local Fair Grounds were the site of the Canadian Dominion Exhibition.**

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Sherbrooke To Get Airport; Ascot Site Is Decided Upon

By WARREN SPAFFORD

Final plans are now being prepared for the installation of an airport to serve Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships. The Federal Government announced toward the end of last year that some 20 farms would be expropriated in the Ascot area in order to build the airstrip. Under existing laws these expropriations must be carried out by the Municipality which the airport will serve.

Steps for the inauguration of air service in Sherbrooke were first taken in October 1955 when Alderman Leo Cadorette, and Maurice Gingues visited TCA officials in Montreal. Following this, TCA officials visited Sherbrooke a month later and outlined their company's interest and position with respect to Sherbrooke's airport program and also arranged for surveys in conjunction with the studies which were to be made into the traffic potential to and from the Sherbrooke area.

TCA REPORT

In February of last year TCA tabled a full 74-page factual report on air potential in the area. The report was presented at City Hall on February 24 and Sherbrooke's Federal member, Maurice Gingues, expressed the hope that construction of the new airport would start within a year.

The conclusion of the TCA report placed the estimated yearly air passenger potential at 7,015 passengers. These figures, continues the report, represent only the potential in the area. The percentages of potential which could be obtained would, of necessity, be directly proportional to the frequencies and routings provided, the rates charged, the time of operation, connection provided at terminal points and type of aircraft. It was estimated that 19.3 passengers would leave Sherbrooke per day.

From the beginning of the survey, the tone was favorable to Sherbrooke.

"Sherbrooke is a hub point in the transportation system of South Eastern Quebec. Railroad lines, as well as highways, radiate from the city in various directions," it was noted.

Referring to the Windsor Mills airfield, the survey reported the airport was equipped with all necessary facilities for the operation of the types of aircraft which are most often used by private companies.

However, it was decided quite early that the airstrip at St. Francois Xavier would not suit the purposes of modern aircraft and the Federal government immediately set about looking for another site. Meanwhile all aircraft stored on the premises were auctioned and the land itself was put up for sale.

GROWTH

On a straight projection basis the report predicted a population eight years hence of 168,415. The area covered by the counties of Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Richmond and Compton was said to contain a population of 145,000 last year. Percentage-wise Sherbrooke's growth has increased rapidly in recent years compared to other major cities in the province.

The survey outlined in detail the employment and wage scale in the area and noted that the number of manufacturing establishments in Sherbrooke has been increasing and that the relatively low value of the average wage would appear to be due to the high proportion of textile workers in the labor force.

The average wage in the textile industry in Sherbrooke is among the highest paid by this industry in Canada, stated the survey.

The survey concludes that Sherbrooke's surrounding trading area is large in relation to the city's population. This is due to Sherbrooke's proximity to the New York border. People living in the border counties cannot go south and they are thus drawn to Sherbrooke's shops."

"A huge market for consumers and producers manufacturing goods is contained within a 400-mile radius of Sherbrooke and this radius represents closely the average length of freight hauls for manufacturing goods in Canada. An area within 250-mile radius is a most valuable market zone for the average industrialist. These considerations may prove significant in air freight potential."

It is hoped that by this time next year an airport will be ready to serve the Eastern Townships district.

SHORT CIRCUIT

GRANBY, Que. (CP) — Fourteen of 20 cows in a barn at nearby Adamsville were found electrocuted. Farm owner Camille Robert said a short circuit was responsible. He estimated the loss at $2,500.

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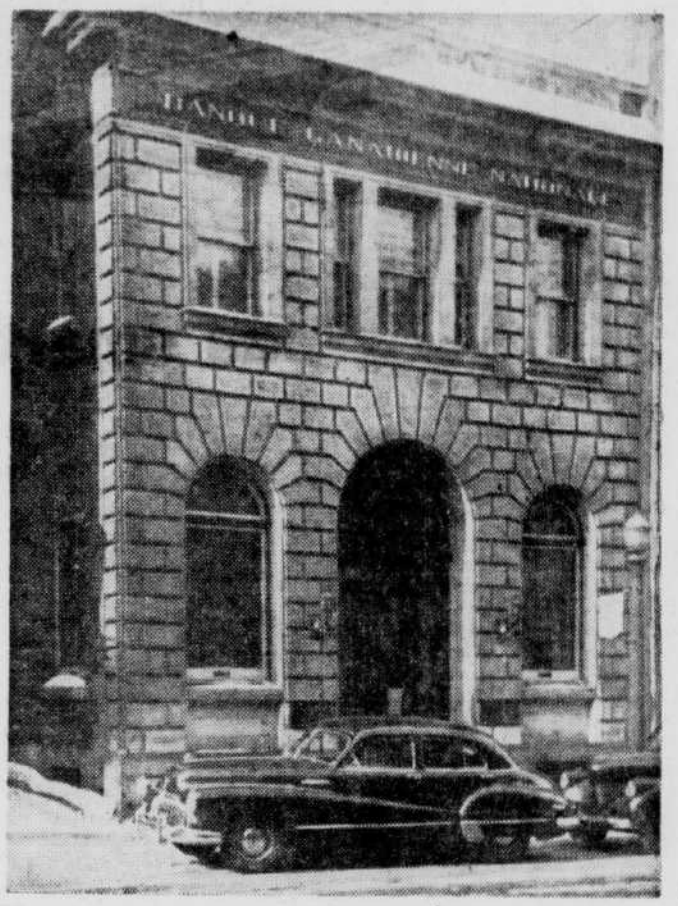
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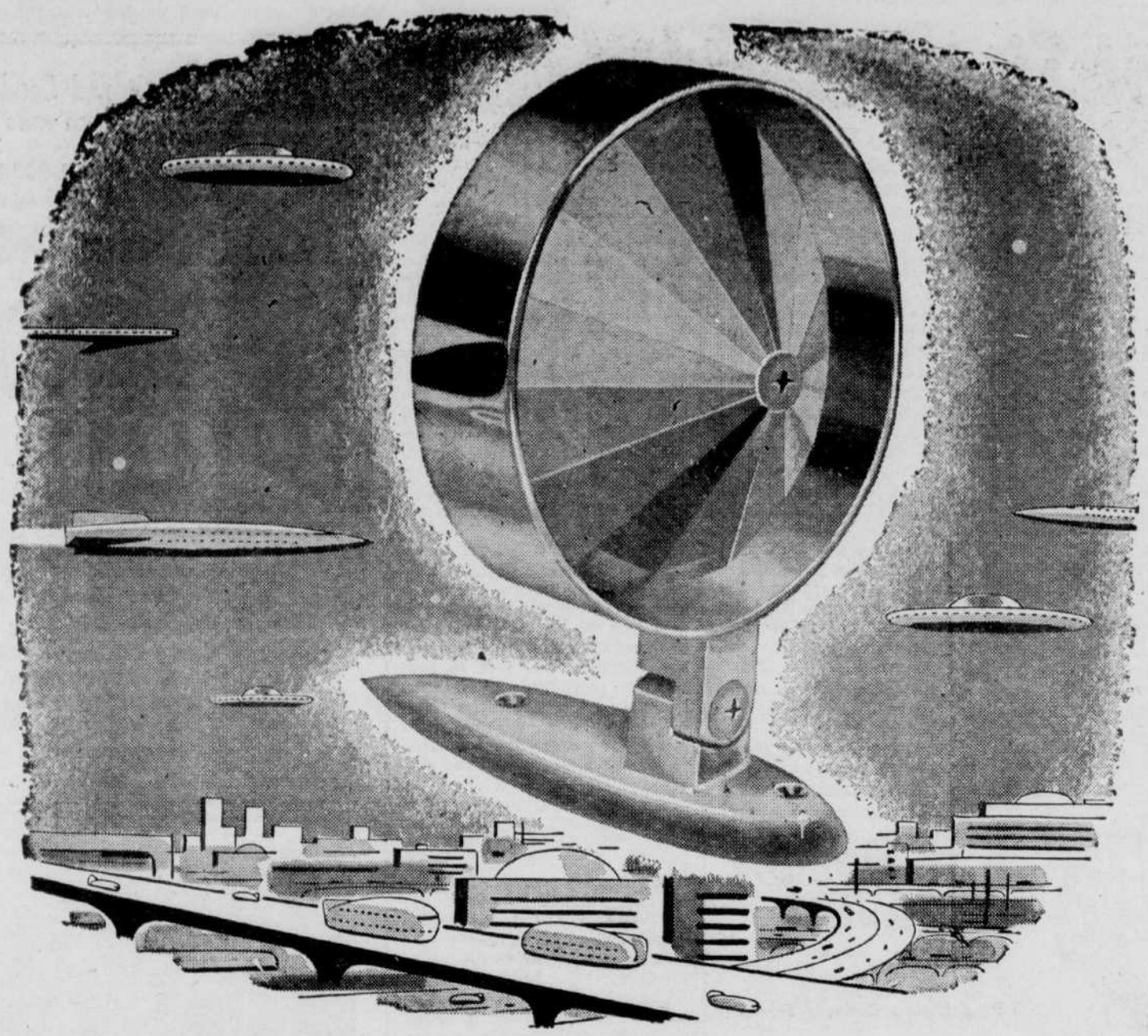
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TV Station Opens

By WARREN SPAFFORD

After four years of negotiations, planning, and construction, Sherbrooke's television station started televising last August. The official opening and blessing took place almost a month later, with dignitaries of church and state attending the function.

CHLT-TV, with a power output of 300,000 watts — maximum permitted for TV stations in Canada — is one of the country's most powerful. A 3,000 foot transmitting tower stands atop Mount Orford and the station has an estimated 2,000,000 viewers. The station serves an area bounded on the west by Valleyfield, to the north by Shawinigan Falls, and St. Georges de Beauce to the east, besides extending into the United States.

The first steps to have a television station in Sherbrooke were taken by Hon. Jacob Nicol, former owner of La Tribune in 1952, when he undertook talks with the Minister of Trade and Commerce in order to obtain a permit to operate. A year later, Hon. J. S. Bourque, provincial representative for Sherbrooke County asked the Provincial Government to grant the company permission to erect the tower of Mount Orford, which is a national park, therefore requiring special legislation for such a project.

Other difficulties delayed the start of work until Sept. 15, 1955, when a contract was signed to build the road to the summit. In November of the same year ,the first orders for equipment were placed and the following month it was decided to continue work through the winter, hoping that the opening would take place in the spring.

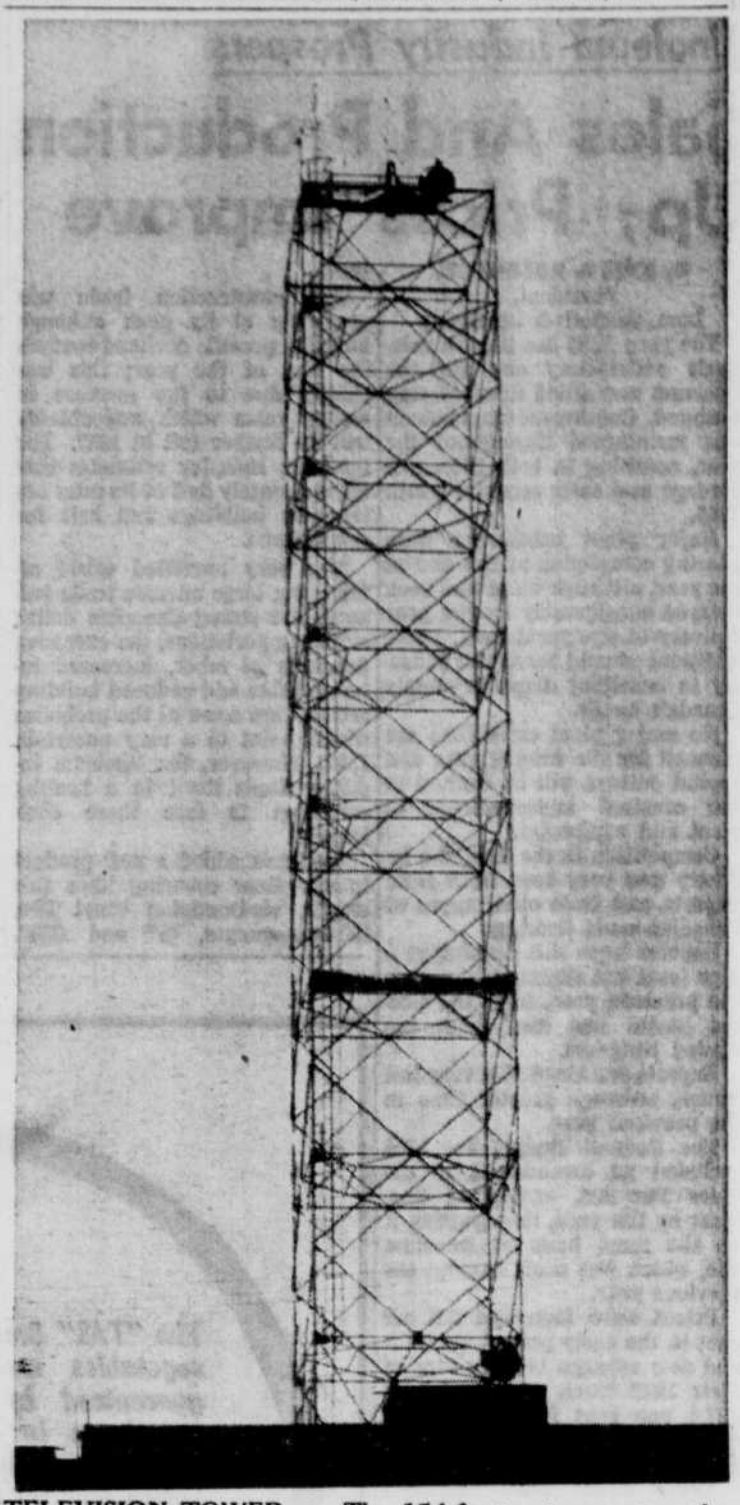
After the transmission line was completed at a cost of $75,000, discussions with the engineers led to a decision to ask for an increase to 300,000 watts.

At the beginning of May engineers started erecting a 154 foot antenna on the roof of La Tribune building. This antenna transmits the picture and sound produced in the studio to the tower on Mount Orford.

The station serves 27 counties and the Island of Montreal.

QUIET WORSHIPPERS

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)— No organ, no choir and no murmurings of prayer are heard at monthly religious meetings in the YMCA here. Services held by the Deaf are conducted in sign language by Rev. Wills Ethridge of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf.



TELEVISION TOWER — The 154-foot antenna atop the roof of the La Tribune Bldg. in Sherbrooke transmits the picture and sound for Sherbrooke's CHLT-TV station to the 3,000 foot transmitting tower atop Mount Orford, from where it goes out to some 2,000,000 viewers.
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SHERBROOKE, QUE.

Linoleum Industry Prospers

Sales And Production Up; Prices Improve

By KEN B. ROBERTON
President,
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The year 1956 has been a relatively satisfactory one for the linoleum and allied floorcovering business. Continuous employment was maintained throughout the year, resulting in both increased yardage and sales compared with 1955.

Major plant extensions were nearing completion at the end of the year, although these had been delayed considerably by the poor delivery of structural steel. These additions should leave the industry in excellent shape to supply Canada's needs.

No major plant extensions are planned for the coming year and capital outlays will be limited to the constant improvements of plant and equipment.

Competition in the linoleum industry was very keen both from imports and from other types of Canadian-made flooring.

Imports were still running at a high level but slightly lower than the previous year, from the United States and also from the United Kingdom.

Exports remained at a very low figure, although greater than in the previous year.

The Federal Budget for 1956 included an amendment to the Sales Tax Act, exempting linoleum by the yard, thus putting it on the same basis as linoleum tile, which was made exempt the previous year.

Prices were increased 2.8 per cent in the early part of the year and now average 146 per cent of their 1939 level, compared with 227.4 per cent for the general wholesale and 254 per cent for the building trades.

These minor price increases were not sufficient to offset entirely the increases in both labor and raw materials, linseed oil being the chief item which varied from a low of 11½ cents to a high of 18½ cents per pound.

The 1956 Canadian flaxseed crop amounted to an all time high of 35,000,000 bushels, compared with 21,500,000 bushels last year; the United States crop was 52,000,000, compared with 41,000,000 bushels; the Argentine is expecting 27,000,000 against 9,000,000 bushels and India is expecting 15,000,000 bushels, which is approximately the same as the previous year. Although the world carryover was very small, it is anticipated that ample supplies will be available for 1957, and the industry looks forward to rather more stable prices for linseed oil in the coming year.

Toward the end of 1956 we completed the building of a vinyl tile plant which is at present carrying out its preliminary runs. It is expected that the new plant will be in full operation early in 1957.

The construction trade was operating at its peak although building permits declined towards the end of the year; this was chiefly due to the increase in money rates which undoubtedly will be further felt in 1957. The linoleum industry estimates that approximately half of its sales are for new buildings and half for renovations.

The very unsettled world affairs, the large adverse trade balance, the strong Canadian dollar aiding importations, the excessive demands of labor, increased interest rates and reduced building activity are some of the problems which point to a very uncertain 1957. However, the linoleum industry finds itself in a healthy condition to face these challenges.

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It is hoped that the courage and initiative displayed by the founders of both these organizations may continue over the years ahead.

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Local Symphony One Of Finest

Orchestra Of Today Founded 17 Years Ago

By BARBARA WARK

The fact that the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra has developed into one of the finest orchestras in the province, due directly to the efforts of its inspired conductor, Sylvio Lacharite, has become a source of joy and pride to the citizens of Sherbrooke and to the orchestra's vast number of supporters in surrounding communities.

The orchestra is playing this year to a full house in St. Charles Auditorium, sufficient evidence that the people of the district realize and appreciate what they have within their grasp.

SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD

The present orchestra actually dates back only 17 years. It started with a small number of men, who called themselves l'Orchestre St. Charles, when they organized into a group in December 1939. Heading this venture were Sylvio Lacharite, who became its conductor, Horace Boux (the present concert master), Rev. Alphonse Labrecque and Lionel Prefontaine. Later Paul Emile Fortier and A. L. Parker joined the organization. When women were admitted to the orchestra in 1941, it became known as the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra.

This, however, was not the first symphony orchestra in Sherbrooke. The history of another organization known by the same name, dates back some 45 years.

FIRST SYMPHONY

The first Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra is believed to have been organized around 1911, under the direction of Irwin Sawdon. Little can be discovered about the early history of this group, apart from the fact that concerts were presented from time to time in the 53rd Armoury.

Professor Sawdon was in charge of the orchestra until he left Sherbrooke in 1926, being assisted in the latter years by Professor Roger Havard as deputy conductor. After his departure, the orchestra disbanded, due mainly to lack of sufficient funds.

The orchestra appears to have grown considerably in stature in its fifteen-year history, as indicated by a program in the possession of Mrs. Glenn Sampson, dated September 24, 1925. On this occasion Mrs. Sampson, then Miss Mildred Largie (of New York), was the guest pianist and Madame Bachand Dupuis was the vocalist with this Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra, consisting of 50 performers. Held in the 53rd Armoury, the performance was also listed as a "People's Concert."

A list of the orchestra personnel at this time appears on the back of the program. In the violin sections were: Messrs L.

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FOREST INDUSTRY

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cent of rated capacity. As 1956 ended, the statistical position appeared to have improved considerably, with stocks in hand rebuilt to what are regarded as normal levels and less evidence of newsprint shortages. In the domestic market, a feature was the 12 per cent increase in shipments to Canadian consumers who, in the aggregate, accounted for some 7½ per cent of mill production as compared with 6.9 per cent in 1955. Additional mill capacity is scheduled to come into production during 1957 which, it is now felt, should take care of customers' increased requirements.

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Townships' Artificial Breeding Centre Aids Local Dairy Farming

By GORDON SHIPWAY

The production of high quality milk has long been associated with dairymen in the Eastern Townships, and it is not surprising therefore to find a large number of Jersey breeders taking advantage of the artificial insemination program offered by the Eastern Townships Artificial Breeding Center. Aside from eliminating the danger of having a bull on the premises, users consider that the Government bulls which are used are far better than any they would ordinarily keep, and two additional producing cows can be kept for approximately the same cost as keeping a bull, regardless of the quality of the animal.

Organized in June 1944, with a separate unit for Richmond and Stanstead Counties, the first Board of Directors were: W. M. Parsons, Barnston; Myron Sampson, Way's Mills; George Johann, Coaticook; Hugh McClary, Hatley; Gordon Geddes, Way's Mills; Freeman Sutton, Way's Mills, and Levi Cleveland, Barnston. W. M. Parsons was elected the first president of the organization and Freeman Sutton and Gordon Geddes were the first to fill the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

Indicative of the intense interest taken by the first technician of this group, Fritz Pope, now of Waterloo, is the fact that in the first sixteen months of operation, with cows bred for 56 owners, 40 breeders using artificial insemination almost entirely, over 500 cows were serviced with about 50% effectiveness on first service. Robert Vaughan of North Hatley, has also been the technician for this organization with equal success.

In 1947 the Richmond County branch of the Breeding Center saw fit to withdraw from the Central Unit and the privileges and duties of the E.T.A.B.C. passed entirely to the Stanstead County Unit.

The prevention of disease is of the utmost of importance in this undertaking and several steps are taken in this direction. All the bulls are the property of the Federal Department of Agriculture and are regularly tested for Bangs and T.B. by the local Federal veterinary. All instruments used in the process are sterilized after each service. The technician sterilizes his boots before leaving each barn. Antibiotics are now added to the semen after it is extended.

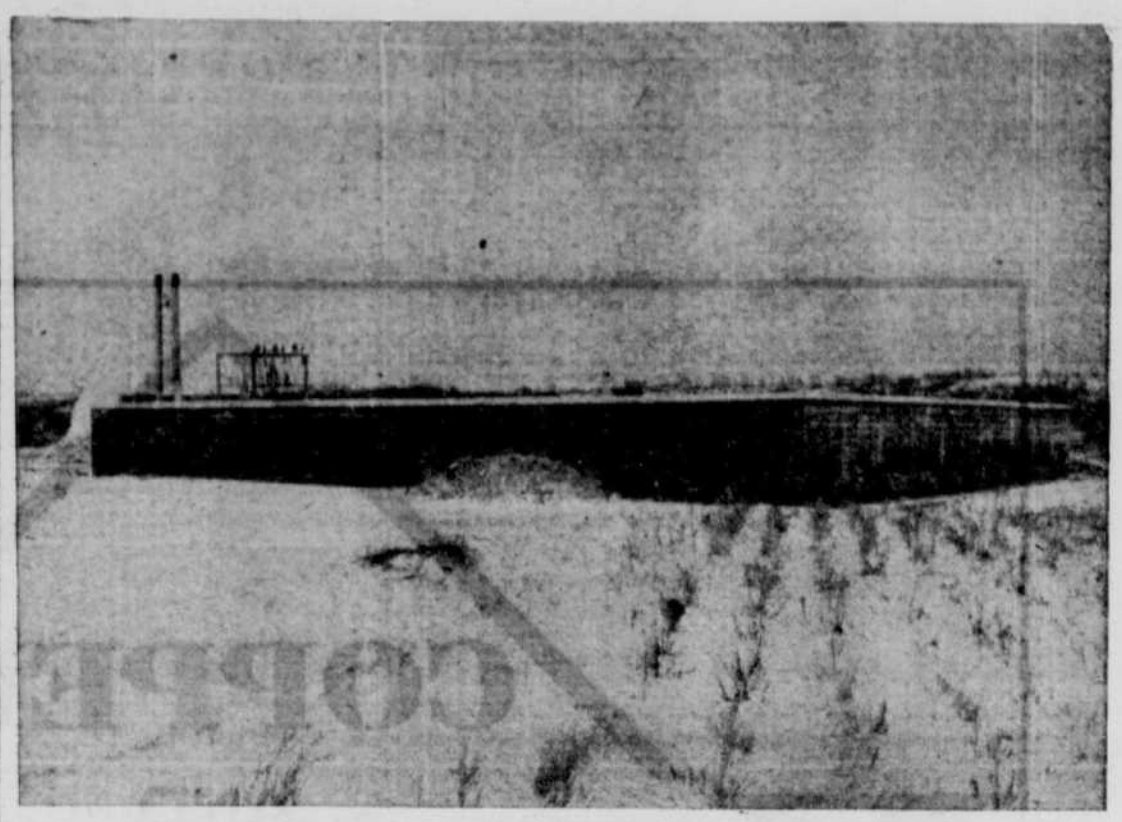
Semen is kept at 40 to 45 degrees and is actually effective for seven days. At this unit, however, none is used that is over 72 hours old. Shipments of semen are made to outside points as far away as Quebec City, another indication of the success and widespread use of the facilities of the E.T.A.B.C.

Lawrence Johnson, of Hatley, the present technician, completed a course in Artificial Breeding and related subjects, at Cornell University, Ithica, N.Y., in October of last year. While his success during 1955-56 averaged 62 to 70% on first service and 90% overall, comparing favorably with other units, now that antibiotics are used it is expected the percentage of success on first service will increase.

The present battery of bulls consists of Quilchena Le Rondin Bindle, Quilchena Bindle's Rondin 15th and Brackenhurst Lynne's Pilot. A fourth bull, Quilchena Journal's Serenader, is due to arrive soon. These animals may be seen on appointment with Mr. Johnson.

At the last meeting of this association, Freeman Sutton was elected president, Ivan Lemon vice-president, and Lawrence Johnson, secretary-treasurer. The following board of directors was named:

Arthur McClary, Stanley Jordon, Hubert Sutton, Albert Littlejohn and Oscar Cloutier.



New Major Industry — The new plant of the Bates Textile Manufacturing Company Limited, above, was built in Waterloo during the past year. Employing at the present time some 150 people, the company manufacturers bedspreads, drapes and rugs, and expects to be in full production by spring.

AIR FORCE VETERAN

OTTAWA (CP) — Air Marshal Roy Slemon, 52, in his fifth year as head of the RCAF is the only member still serving in the force who was in it when the RCAF was formed in 1924. There have been reports that he may succeed Gen. Charles Foulkes as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff next autumn.

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New Textile Plant Established In Waterloo During Past Year

WATERLOO — A new major industry came to this Shefford County town during 1956.

The Bates Textile Manufacturing Company's new plant was constructed last summer on the west side of town. Although still in its infant stages, the new plant shows promise of becoming one of Waterloo's most valuable assets.

The plant itself is a one-storey brick construction, with 30,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and designed to accommodate giant Jacquard looms when anticipated expansion is realized in the future.

Products of the plant include bedspreads, drapes and rugs. It is attached to the Home Furnishings Division of Bates Manufacturing Company in Lewiston, Maine.

The plant at the present time employs from 125 to 150 people, but this number is expected to increase with plant expansion in the future.

Frank MacAskill, general manager of the new industrial concern, emphasizes that at the present time, production is not at its peak. The building has been occupied only since December of last year, and the company is still concentrating on the training of mill personnel.

He added, however, that peak production should be reached by this spring.

Elsewhere on the Waterloo scene during the past year, activity and prosperity were evident.

Town Clerk J. A. Renaud said that the town had paved over two miles of Waterloo street during 1956, and had made improvements to sewerage and waterworks systems at an approximate cost of $52,000.

He said that a new well, with a capacity of 600 gallons a minute has been constructed at a cost of $20,000.

In addition, during the past year, the town purchased a new truck, and a new tractor with a back digger, at a total outlay of $11,000.

Mr. Renaud added that population had increased slightly over last year's figure. The present population of Waterloo is 4,305.

Waterloo Town Council

The Waterloo Town Council this year is headed by Armand Russell, MLA. Councillors are:

South Ward: Seat No. 1, Windsor Holloway; seat No. 2, Lucien Ledoux; seat No. 3, Maurice Lalumiere; seat No. 4, Lucien Roy;

North Ward: Seat No. 1, Fred Marsh, seat No. 2, Paul-Andre Roy; seat No. 3, Guy Genest; seat No. 4, Gilbert Duval.

HEALTHY SPOTS

YORKTON, Sask. (CP) — Next to Hawaii, the healthiest places in the world are Saskatchewan and Alberta, says Dr. C. J. Houston, Yorkton's medical health officer. He thought this might be some consolation to citizens getting tired of winter.

COLDEST YET

KAPUSKASING, Ont. (CP) — January was the coldest month ever recorded at this northwestern Ontario town's weather station. Average temperature of 9.2 below zero was 12 degrees colder than the record a year ago.

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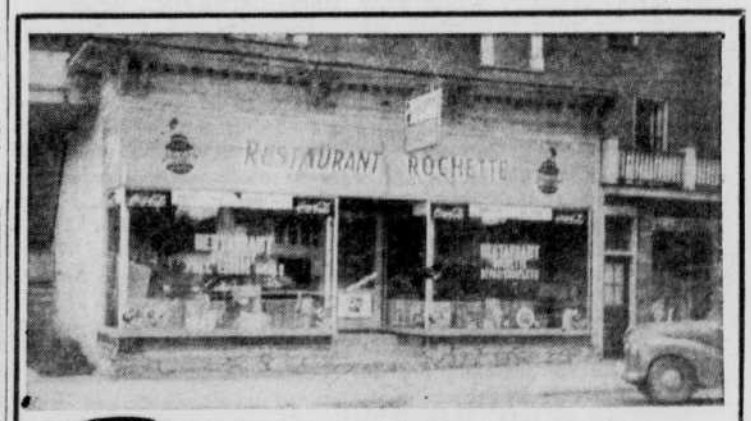
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SUTTON CHINCHILLAS

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manufacture of articles of clothing. At a later period, when Incas conquered that tribe and discovered the origin of their garments, they for the next 2000 years used ceremonial robes made of chinchilla fur.

THE SPANIARDS

In 1542 came the Spanish invaders to possess the Inca Empire.

They, too, were quick to recognize a worthwhile article when they found it—and as soon as the first chinchilla furs appeared at the royal court in Madrid, all the Spanish ladies went wild over them. Chinchilla became the rage.

Chinchilla hunters, like the killers of buffalo, were greedy and ruthless. As a result, towards the close of the Ninteenth Century the chincillas of Chile became threatened with extermination. After 400,000 had been slaughtered in 1899 the situation became so bad that in 1914 the Chilean Government banned export of pelts. Even then, with many furs smuggled out, conditions failed to greatly improve. It looked as if all chinchillas were doomed!

Six years after that taboo against exportation of pelts had been made, however, an American mining engineer named Mathias Chapman obtained permission from the Government of Chile to capture a limited number of the animals and transport them to North America. He led a hunting expedition into the mountains, managed to trap 11 specimens, and took them to California. There the species took on a new lease of life and multiplied to form the backbone of a profitable new fur industry on this continent. From those few animal emigrants to California have descended all the Chinchillas in the United States and Canada.

THE SUTTON CHINCHILLAS

And so to the Sutton chinchillas.

For, prior to the Second World War, two young Canadians here in the Townships had been interested in the raising of Angora and Chinchilla rabbits. The young man, W. G. (Gordon) Heughan, was a Montrealer by birth, and the girl whom he married was Miss Helen Eastman, a daughter of the late Eber Eastman, a prominent public-spirited businessman of Sutton, who at the time of his decease was Chairman of the Protestant School Board.

Answering the call of Duty, Gordon Heughan served for two years in Canada and Overseas as a bomber navigator and instructor in the R.C.A.F. While away, though, he must have made ambitious plans for the future, for, after his return, with his wife as partner he embarked upon a fresh venture—the creation of a chinchilla farm in Sutton.

At that time the price for a pair of the animals was $1600. The Heughans bought three pairs. Then, since of course the new company needed an official name, they coined one by a marriage of portions of their own names "Helen" and "Gordon." And so the Helgor Chinchilla Ranch came into being.

That was in 1948. Now, a bit more than eight years later, the business has so much expanded that, with 200 animals now at the ranch, some 30 pelts will be marketed this year—and more babies are coming every month!

Three dozen red and blue prize ribbon trophies, too, prove that at chinchilla shows in Montreal, Toronto, Sherbrooke and other places the stellar quality of Helgor chinchilla fur demands and receives the admiring and respectful attention of the judges. Season by season the Heughans are improving their fur product — with a tentative utlimate goal of 1000 pelts in one year for marketing.

More than that, they have sold some of their stock for breeding purposes, including several animals to a neighbor, Paul Jenne, who now also has a chinchilla ranch. So, with such promising beginnings, the future of the Sutton chinchilla industry appears quite rosy.



Prize Inmates — Some of the Heughan's prize chinchillas peer out curiously from their cages at the camera. The Sutton chinchillas, like all of their breed, are friendly little creatures, and get along well with each other, and with humans. Although extremely clean, they have baths in sand, not in water, and get along on one meal a day.

(Record photo by Mrs. Brereton)

THE BREEDING RANCH

And now, to intimately acquaint yourself with the cute little animals, step with me across a door threshold into the breeding ranch, their family home and nursery.

The animals' domiciles are 2-room metal cages, with a dark bedroom at the rear where a family sleeps during daylight hours and a large openwork wire enclosure where they exercise, bathe and feed. The outer cage is 3 feet long by about 18 inches wide, and they can pop out into it from their bedroom through a small door.

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Dainty little creatures, with a varitable passion for cleanliness, they insist upon daily baths, too —but not in water. Except for drinking purposes, they abhor that element. But they do love to take sand baths! They have those in basin bath tubs partly filled with fuller's earth. It is great fun to watch them cleaning themselves up in that way, rolling about in the sand. Because of those baths, too, chinchillas always are as clean as a Dutch housewife's kitchen.

In appearance, these appealing little animals look rather like miniature kangaroos. Adults weigh about one pound each, although the thickness of their blue-gray fur coats makes them seem much larger and heavier. Their large, erect ears appear admirably constructed for tuning in every sound and vibration —and their beady near-black eyes are keenly alert.

Their tails, so strong that they use them to balance with when they stand up on hind legs, are rather bushy. You use those as handles when taking chinchillas from cages, since they release patches of their body fur if you clutch fingers in it when you pick them up. After you have removed them from their homes, however, they will lie quietly on your arm or hand. Even-tempered, they are not at all vicious, and even if one did bite you for what he considered just cause, the slitted incision made by his beaverlike teeth would give only temporary discomfort: the wound would heal without becoming infected .

Perhaps because of their beautiful thick fur coats, chinchillas are very warm blooded. So much so, in fact, that if you make a part in the fur with a finger, then gently contact the skin beneath, you will find it almost as warm to the feel as a hot water bottle. Scarcely surprising, then, that chinchillas stand chilly climates well. In winter the temperature in the breeding branch is kept at about 45 or 50 degrees and at 25 to 35 in the pelt ranch. Summer heat up to 88 degrees doesn't affect the animals adversely, either, though it quietens them down somewhat.

Just the same, chinchillas are very weather-wise. More sensitive to atmospheric changes than precision barometers, by some strange sixth sense they can make infallible weather predictions. Mrs. Heughan said that when they thus intuitively realize that a storm is on the way they become very quiet.

During most of the time while they are awake, though they are anything but still. They bound in and out of their sleeping quarters with astounding swiftness. Each has a big bump of curiosity and hates to miss any excitement that is going on. Yet the little animals have their likes and dislikes, too, and are quick to display those. They like the Heughans' small black dog, "Butch," but the presence of any bird would put them in a state of terror. They have no great love for children—especially if the youngsters dash about noisily.

As for other human visitors; well, the smart creatures instinctively sort out friends from foes. If they distrust a person, they will bounce back into their dark

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Sutton Town Council

Mayor Robert S. Miltimore heads the Sutton Town Council for his third straight term.

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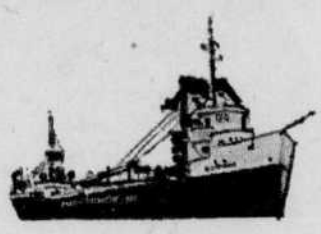
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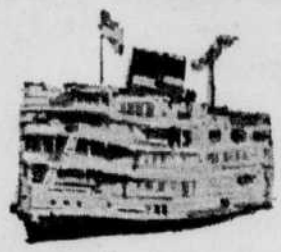
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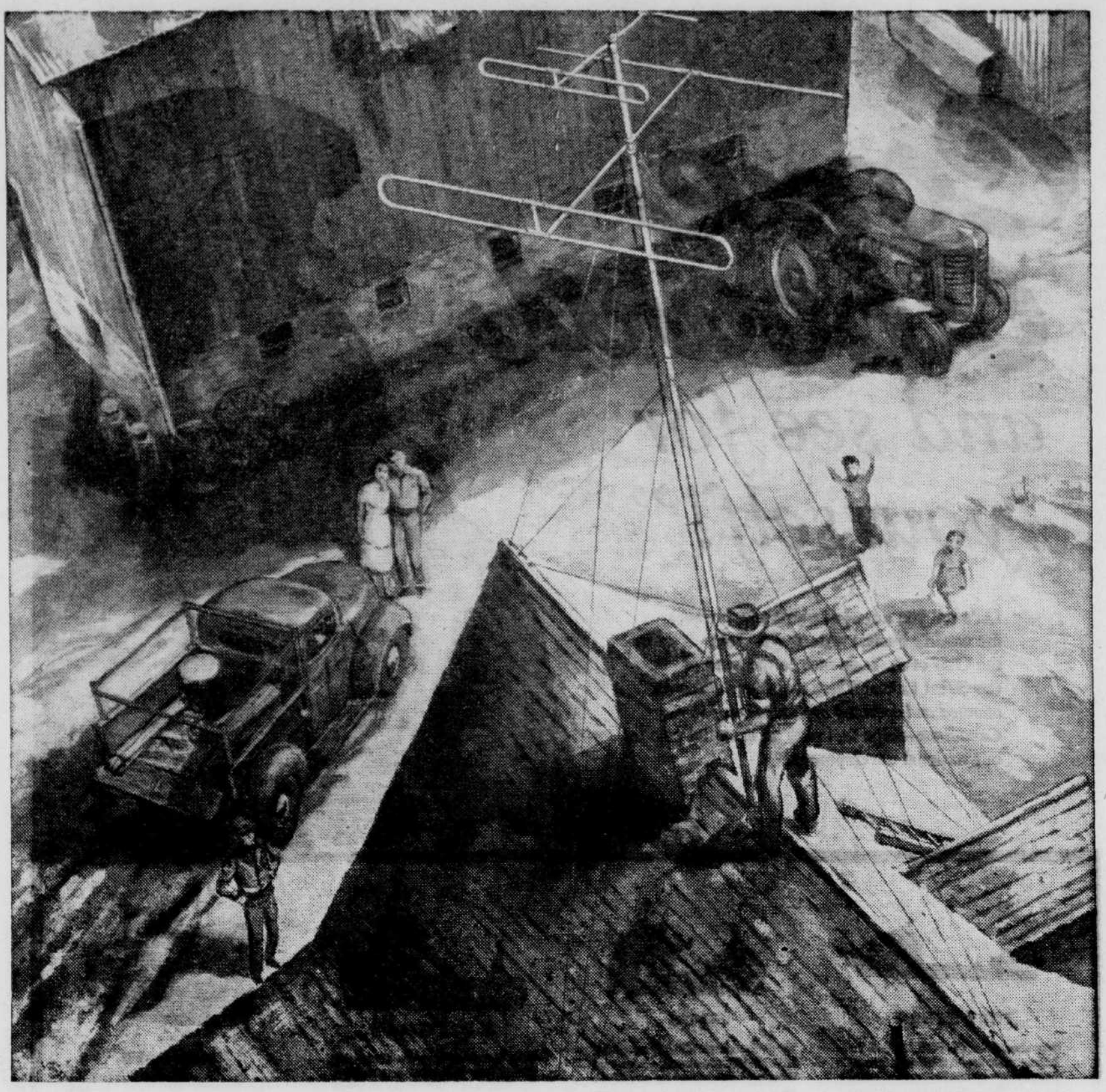
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His wife was thinking of the programs for housewives she'd be able to watch. As for the youngsters, they knew all about the westerns—and could hardly wait.

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It is a coincidence that in this year when the centenary of the Grand Trunk Railway is observed we should be planning to make a portion of it the newest piece of railway of Canada. A 40-mile diversion of our Toronto-Montreal line between Cardinal and Cornwall is now constructed and will be ready for operation next summer. The abandoned section will be flooded by the power reservoir in the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Freight traffic in 1956 should show a 12% increase over 1955. The mix of traffic is heavily weighted with raw materials that move on low rates, however. Despite an interim rate increase of seven per cent last July our average revenue per ton mile continues downward. Trailerail (piggy-back) services continued to show gains necessitating the purchase of additional trailers.

In the field of communications an entirely new international service, known as "Telex," was offered to Canadian subscribers this year. It affords instantaneous two-way written communication between this country, the United Kingdom and Europe. It will be extended to other parts of the world in 1957.

Canadian National Steamships added San Juan, Puerto Rico, to its ports of call in the West Indies service and calls were also made at Gibara, Cuba as cargoes warranted. Refrigerated chambers are now installed on all eight vessels in the fleet. Exporters and importers in the Western Islands group, particularly, have made increasing use of the refrigerated space. Fifty-six voyages will have been completed by the end of the year.

The year also saw the inauguration of M/V Bluenose in the tourist trade between Yarmouth, N.S. and Bar Harbor, Me. Canadian National operates the service on behalf of the federal government. It has met with notable success. In July and August the vessel carried more than 60,000 passengers and 16,000 vehicles in the daily round-trip service. Many of the sailings were at full capacity.

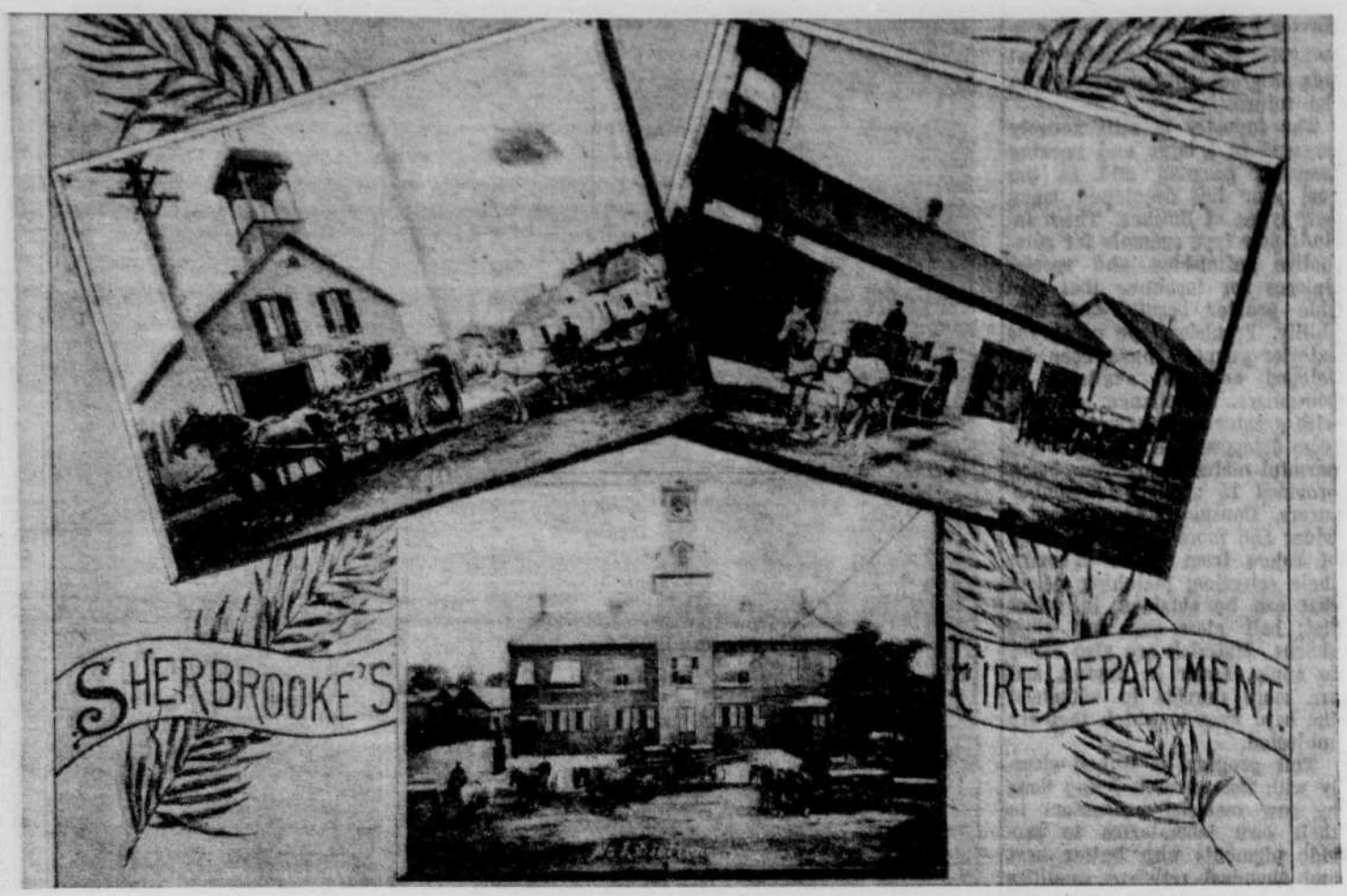
The cost of wage increases aggregating 11% over the term of a two-year agreement and a health and welfare plan, to become effective January 1, on behalf of its non-operating employees, have to be met by the railway as the result of an award made during the year. This and other awards will add an estimated $80 millions to the railways' payroll expenses when the agreements become fully effective. Canadian National has made parallel benefits available to its employees not covered by wage agreements.

The seven per cent increase in freight rates authorized last June together with the four per cent to become effective on January 1 will still fall substantially short of meeting the full impact of 1956 wage awards.

Construction of the new Queen Elizabeth Hotel located in the CNR terminal area in downtown Montreal is proceeding on schedule toward opening in the spring of 1958. The steel structure is almost completely closed in so that interior work can progress rapidly during the winter.

It was gratifying to the CNR management that an agreement contemplating early development of more than four acres of very valuable real estate in the terminal area was concluded with Webb and Knapp (Canada) Limited in October. The property involved flanks on "Place Ville Marie" which the railway will build in front of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel joining Dorchester and Cathcart Streets. Below the Place substantial parking space for automobiles will be provided in the heart of Montreal.

OLD FIRE HOUSES



These three buildings comprised Sherbrooke's Fire Department 60 years ago when the first Sherbrooke Record was published. The lower photo shows the original No. 1 fire station located on Marquette street at the top of the hill. It was torn down to build a wing on St. Charles Seminary. Top left is the old No. 2 station which was located on London street near Stanley where the London street tennis courts are now. Top right is the old No. 2 station, situated where operations are now going on for the construction of a new bus terminus at Lansdowne market.

OLD PARISH

Longeuil on the south shore of the St. Lawrence opposite Montreal was first settled in 1657.

The ice cap that covers most of Greenland has an average depth of 1,000 feet.

NOTED COMPOSER

Jacques Offenbach, the German-French composer who died in 1880 was a skilled cello player

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PAINT SALES

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service both to dealers and consumers. It is anticipated that this program will be extended in the future.

The industry is still actively engaged in a large and growing research program and in the past year has developed many new types of finishes. These include new type enamels for automotive refinishing and special finishes for furniture that provide greater beauty and durability. Emulsion type paints for exterior purposes have been developed and are available to consumers. Appliance finishes with greater resistance to attack from detergents, acids, and other harmful materials are now being provided to appliance manufacturers. Consumers are offered a wider and more attractive range of colors from which to make their selection; matching colors that can be obtained in velvet flat, half gloss and full gloss sheens. Materials are also easier to apply, faster in drying, and are more durable to withstand the hard wear to which they are subjected.

This program is linked closely with the research being done by raw material processors in their own laboratories to provide pigments with better heat and chemical resistant qualities and which will unite with the new oil free alkyds and synthetic oil alkyds which are being more commonly used in paint formulae. All this research is being done for the sole purpose of providing consumers with the best type of finishes to meet their needs.

While it is still too early to predict results in 1957, most manufacturers, painting contractors, and paint dealers feel 1957 will be a good year for "Paint". Much exterior painting deferred last year because of unfavorable weather should be done this Spring or early Summer. Added to this will be redecorating requirements for the large number of homes built in 1954 and now due for repainting. Expansion in industrial plants and maintenance programs should also consume large quantities of paint finishes.

Alert to keen competition from without the industry, paint manufacturers, generally, are planning more extensive and aggressive advertising, merchandising, and sales promotion activities to inform the public of the advantages and true economies in the use of plant finishes.

SHERBROOKE CHURCHES



Shown above are three of Sherbrooke's early churches, which were in existence 60 years ago when the first Sherbrooke Record was published. Bottom is the old Bishop's Palace, and the original St. Michael's Cathedral, which were both situated on approximately where today's structures are. Top left is the original Baptist Church, located on the Portland street site where the present church is. Top right is the old St. Patrick's Church.

Lost: One Large Floating Island

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Fletcher's ice island has gone and got itself lost somewhere near the North Pole and the United States Air Force has been having trouble in the search for it.

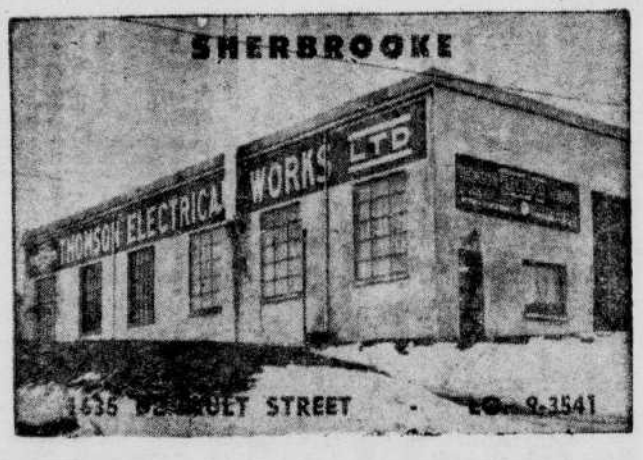
The island is a huge expanse of ice drifting in a continual orbit around teh North Pole. Half the year it glints in northern sunlight; the rest of the time it broods in darkness.

To the United States Air Force it is known as T-3. It has been assigned a role in research in the International Geophysical Year, starting this spring. But at last report, nobody knew just where it is.

The island was last seen 200 miles north of Ellesmore Island, off the northern tip of Greenland. Planes from the USAF base at Thule, Greenland, have been searching for it for several weeks.

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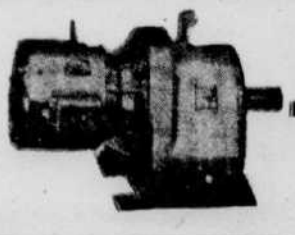
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SUTTON CHINCHILLAS

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bedrooms and hide from sight there until the intruder leaves. If you do win their confidence, though, they will reward you by coming over to the front side of their cage to get better acquainted with you.

FAMILY LIFE

In the main, the family life of chinchillas appears to be a happy one. Male and female mates occasionally have an argument over domestic affairs, but usually made up amicably afterwards. Each assumes his or her full share of parental responsibilities, too. Even when alarmed, they don't run amuck and destroy their young as some other animals do.

Chinchillas are less prolific than are rats or rabbits. The period of gestation is 111 days, and a female may bear two or three litters in one year. The babies, 2 or 3 in a litter as a rule, are known as "kits." Unlike pups and kittens, they do not enter the world blind. Not only can they see when born, but they have full sets of teeth at birth too. Yes, and a nice coat of fur. Within a few hours they are romping merrily about their homes.

These animals mature so quickly that a female frequently becomes a mother on her first birthday.

Of course, not all the offspring survive, and of those that do, some cannot pass the high standards of the chinchilla inspector and have to be disposed of. Mr. Heughan told me that three worth while kits from a parent pair is a good yearly average.

Sometimes, when babies are apparently dead, Mrs. Heughan administers first-aid by dousing them up to their necks in water as hot as a hand can stand. Such shock treatment either revives them quickly—or completely finishes them off!

The family is satisfied with only one meal each day in the form of a night dinner at 7 or 8. As strict vegetarians as the late George Bernard Shaw, in winter they like a menu of timothy hay and grain pellets. In summers, as a special treat, they munch dandelions. Since each adult has a 12-foot-long intestine, such a diet appears best for him.

Indeed, as chinchillas are not very susceptible to most diseases, the chief serious ailment is an intestinal one which sometimes attacks. Usually, though, both parents and children enjoy robust health.

THE PELT RANCH

When sufficiently mature, such chinchillas as are not kept for breeding purposes are placed in cages in the pelt ranch. Put there in the fall, they are cared for and protected while their fur becomes prime. That fur, so highly prized by sellers and customers alike, is truly of rare texture and beauty. Each individual hair, after pricking through the skin, divides into from 70 to 80 separate strands. The under part of the fur next to the skin is of deep slate-blue, while the remainder may range from shades of blue-gray to a snow-white. That fur is so light that a lady's coat made from a hundred skins weighs only about 7 pounds. Nor, because of that unique formation of the hairs, can chinchilla be successfully imitated.

Inspectors carefully grade the fur of each animal prepared for market. When the fur is prime about the last of January or in early February, the brief but not unhappy life of the little fur bearer ends. He is killed mercifully, with a last-sleep-producing ether.

But it has not been a final ending, after all, for now his greatest usefulness is to be realized. Reincarnated in the hands of skilled furrier as a part of a coat, stole, or dress or hat trimming, he has another long life as a lady's cherished possession.

A WORD OF CAUTION

Now you may begin to dream of starting a chinchilla farm yourself. But don't make a leap too suddenly. No, first do some logical reasoning, weighing all the pros and cons. For the chinchilla business, like any other, has its ups and downs, and it is no "Get rich-quick-Wallingford" scheme. There is no royal road to glorious success in it, and the amount of dividends accrued from your initial outlay of capital will be proportionate with quality of skill and quantity of honest hard labor that you put into your job. For although the field is broad, competition is keen—and the best man is the biggest winner!

Even the Heughans, despite their gratifying success up until now, do not depend entirely upon chinchillas for livelihoods. Versatile persons with other talents, too, they are gainfully employed in different occupations also— Mr. Heughan with a Montreal aircraft plant, and Mrs. Heughan as the efficient teller at the Sutton branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Someday, perhaps, both may resign to give full attention to their chinchilla ranch.

But not yet.

ROYAL NAME

The state of Maryland in the U. S. was named after Henrietta Maria, queen consort of Charles I of England.



Large Elm Destroyed — **The elm tree pictured was once located near Frost Village near Knowlton. The inhabitants of the area boasted of it as the largest elm in Quebec and this picture was carried in the Record annual edition two years ago. However, it is being carried this year for another reason. Last fall the elm was cut down after being affected by the Dutch Elm disease. The approximate dimensions of the tree—circumference, 17 feet 11 inches, height, 105 feet.**
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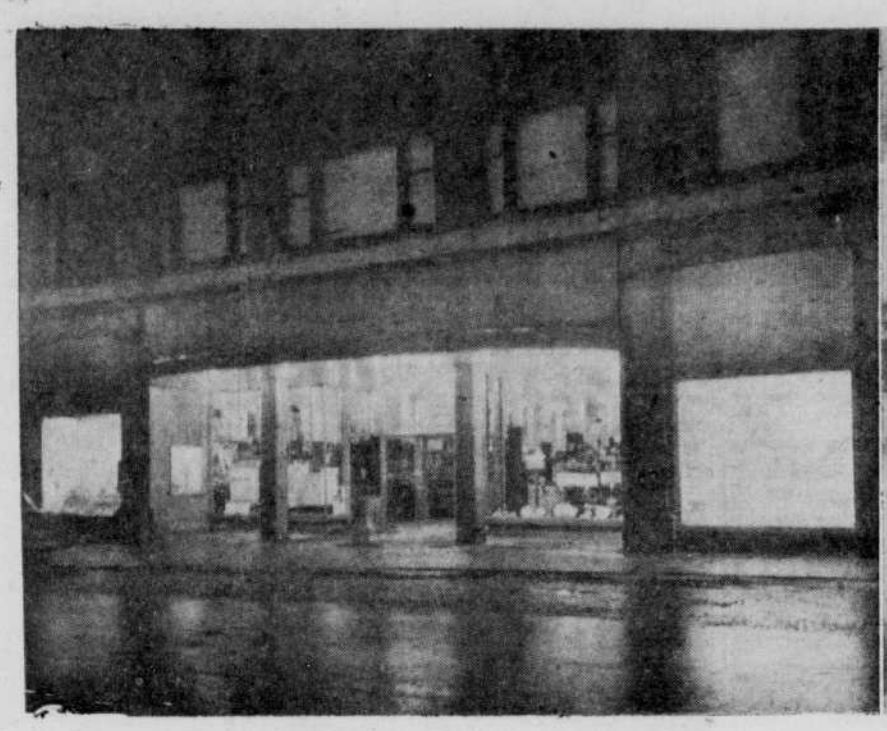
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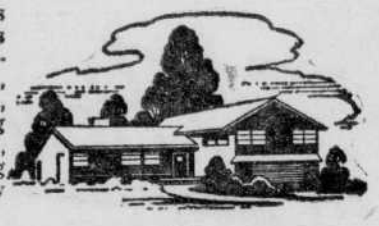


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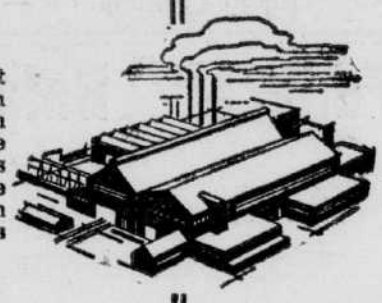
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favor of the works program. It was approved by a 688 margin in a referendum.

Halifax, N.S., sent an official approval of the proposed "twinning" with Sherbrooke.

JUNE

2—About 3,000 strikers of the Dominion Textile Company's plants in Sherbrooke, Magog and Drummondville rallied in the Belvedere St. Armory, demanding the intervention of provincial authorities into the dispute.

5—Council leader Carrier Fortin suggested at a council meeting that the City guarantee loans made by the OTJ, a French-speaking playground organization, to build swimming pools here. Ald. Fortin made the suggestion after it was learned that the City could not operate a beach in Jacques Cartier Park.

12—Despite complaints from certain aldermen that the old Post Office building on Dufferin St. is not the place for a municipal library the City of Sherbrooke will offer the Federal Government $45,000 for the location. The City's former offer was $30,000

18—Lucien Laurencelle, 14, was credited with saving the life of Ivan Trudeau, 10, who was caught in deep water and unable to swim at the Jacques Cartier Park beach. Laurencelle brought the younger boy safely to shore.

21—J. S. Bourque was re-elected for his seventh consecutive term as Union National member for the county of Sherbrooke.

JULY

4—The Crown Assets Disposal Corporation of the federal government accepted the City's offer of $45,000 for the old Post Office building.

25—The Canadian Elks and the ladies of the Royal Purple, holding their joint convention here, were officially welcomed by Mayor Armand Nadeau at a reception in City Hall.

27—Local police took into custody an 18-year-old youth who gave himself up after admitting he stole a car to go for a "joy ride".

31—The aldermen were startled when they opened tenders for an excavation job on Portland St. and for the construction of a central store adjacent to the municipal garage on Grand Forks St. The tenders were way above the estimates prepared by the Director of Services Charles Langlois.

AUGUST

7—After three weeks of bickering and discussion over 1,800 lineal feet of excavation work to be carried out on Portland Ave., the City Council at its regular session decided to have the job done by the public works department.

14—Differences between the City's estimates and tenders from local contractors were again found when the aldermen received bids for street paving jobs. This time the tenders were below the estimates—$53,000 lower.

17—Some 250 delegates, representing 97 French language weeklies in five Canadian provinces gathered here for the annual convention of the Association of French Language Weekly Newspaper publishers.

18—Hon. J. S. Bourque announced that the Provincial Government had authorized a $100,000 grant to the City of Sherbrooke toward the construction of the Montcalm bridge near the Paton Mill on King St. West.

21—The public beach on the Magog River along Esplanade St. was ordered closed by the City Council, the second time in a month.

27—Poor weather cut the attendance at the opening day of the 71st annual Sherbrooke Fair.

SEPTEMBER

5—A probe into the extra costs incurred in building the municipal market was launched by the City Council last night. The market expenses were $16,000 above the estimates.

8—Maurice Gingues, M.P. for Sherbrooke, announced that construction would start on the new airport in the spring.

22—Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, criticized the federal and provincial governments for not signing collective bargaining agreements with their employees. He made the statement before some 500 delegates to the Canadian Postal Employees Association assembled here on their convention.

OCTOBER

4—A large department store will likely be established in the new shopping centre to be built on the Montreal Road.

9—Prime Minister St. Laurent here at a special convocation was invested with the degree of Doctor of Civil Law while his sister, Rev. Sister Marie Teresa Jesus, the former Katherine St. Laurent, received a Doctor of Philosophy and Social Economics for 100-page thesis, "The Rt. Honorable Louis St. Laurent and His Contribution to National Unity."

12—Despite a decrease of nearly 100 in the number of animals offered for sale, a sharp increase in bids resulted in an increase of over $5,000 in the gross receipts of the fat stock sale held in connection with the Sherbrooke Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show as compared with the sales in 1955.

15—Hon. J. S. Bourque appealed to Sherbrooke citizens to retain the municipal electricity system during an annual dinner of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

25—In a report prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, it was learned the City must be expected to make a capital outlay as high as $4,000,000 to meet the demands of the electric system in the next 5 years.

30—Mayor Nadeau warned that dancing would not be tolerated on Sunday in the City.

NOVEMBER

12—Andre Thibault, 18, of 325 Laurier Ave., was killed instantly and two other passengers, Gaston Cadorette, 20, of RR 4 Sherbrooke, and Noella Laverdiere, 17, were injured when their car collided with a Roads Department truck on the Joffre Bridge.

13—In a move to provide definite basis for discussing the proposals to dispose of Sherbrooke's municipal electricity system, the City Council approved a suggestion by Mayor Armand Nadeau that minimum offers for the service be asked from the major power companies.

27—The City hired a Montreal weather forecasting company, the Weather Engineering Corporation, as Sherbrooke's official weatherman for the winter months.

DECEMBER

1—Several Sherbrooke industries offered jobs for the Hungarian refugees which are scheduled to arrive here soon.

4—Mayor Armand Nadeau blasted Provincial Police authorities for carrying out a series of raids on local restaurants and confiscating pin-ball machines without forewarning the municipal government.

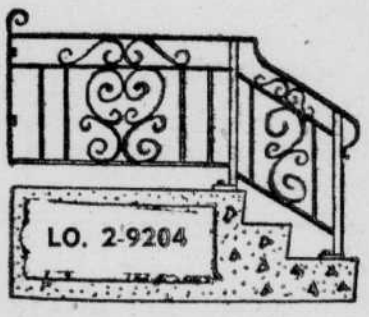
11—The Quebec Transportation Board approved a three

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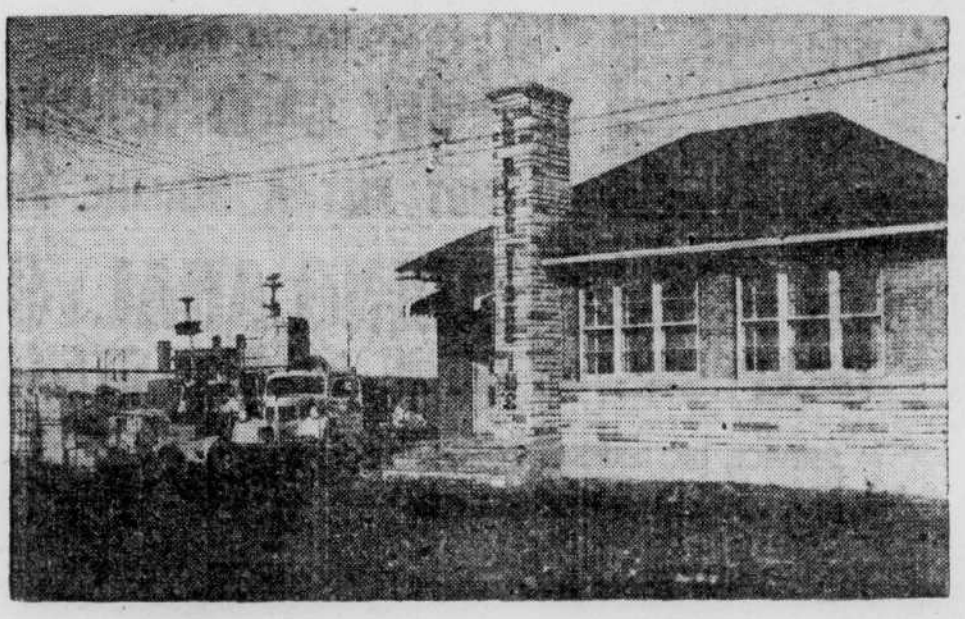
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Violas: Messrs. F. Roy, J. Roy, Miss E. Bishop, Mrs. Kasper.

Cellos: Cliff Price, Misses G. Sylvestre, B. Joachim, D. Odell, D. Barter.

Basses: Messrs. Dunn, J. A. Barrie, A. H. Bartlett, H. Mousette.

Flutes: Rev. Father Lanctot, Dr. Bloomfield, M. Knapp.

Oboes: C. Sawdon, K. Russ.

Clarinets: G. Sylvestre, J. D. E. Marcotte.

Bassoons: R. Havard, J. Corcoran.

French Horns: O. Rousseau, J. A. Cook, L. Laliberte, Joiner.

Trumpets: Dr. Dawson, L. Gingras.

Trombones: J. Letendre, E. C. Hatcher, P. Sylvestre.

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Direction: Irwin Sawdon.

ANOTHER TRY

The second symphony orchestra had a long and oftimes difficult pull up the ladder of success, but persistence and determination won out. During the first years, concerts were held in various church halls of the city. At a later date the orchestra moved to the Granada Theatre where concerts were presented until two years ago when the new St. Charles Auditorium was opened.

A number of the orchestra members come from "out of town". Among the personnel now are representatives from Magog, Coaticook, Asbestos, Compton, and Lennoxville. In addition there are always some professional players to improve the quality and to provide a stimulus for the other artists. The orchestra at full strength, numbers about 65, although the size of the orchestra for each concert is determined by the selections to be played.

Being a member of the orchestra is no easy task. As soon as one concert finishes, rehearsals for the next one begin, twice and sometimes three times a week. It is strictly a labor of love, for the small remuneration received barely covers travelling expenses in some cases.

The orchestra is maintained by the subscriptions received and by small grants from the city and province.

SYLVIO LACHARITE

An orchestra, of course, is only as good as its conductor. In this respect Sherbrooke has been very fortunate in that one of her own has become one of the finest conductors in the country and has remained here to develop a local group.

Sylvio Lacharite, who has been with the orchestra since it started in 1939, took the baton from the beginning. He gained some experience conducting while at St. Charles Seminary taking his degree from 1940-44, then began studying with the famous conductor, Pierre Monteux, at his school in Hancock, Maine, during the summers from 1944 to 1949.

A signal honor was accorded him in 1947 when he was made a "disciple of Monteux", the first Canadian to receive such an honor, and one of nine in the world. Monteux is now considered the Dean of conductors.

In February 1950, Mr. Lacharite went to Europe on a two-year Provincial scholarship and studied at the Paris Conservatory with Olivier Messiaen and Mrs. Honnegger. During his stay, he represented the Jeunesses Musicales du Canada at two conferences, in Lisbon and Geneva. Mr. Harry Long substituted as conductor of the Sherbrooke Symphony during his absence.

Since his return, in addition to taking over his former duties, he also took the position as conductor of the orchestra class at the Provincial Conservatory of Music in Quebec City.

During its 17-year history, the orchestra has presented works by nearly all the great classical composers: Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Hadyn, and by Brahms, Schumann, Ravel, Handel, Purcel. Modern works are not attempted so often because they are technically very difficult for an orchestra and usually require a large number of instruments, according to Mr. Lacharite.

"We are trying to promote Canadian music and Canadian artists," Mr. Lacharite said, "and hope to present a new Canadian work every season." One just given at the last concert, Cantate Pour Une Joie, by Pierre Mercure and Gabriel Charpentier, was a difficult undertaking, Mr. Lacharite said, but he feels the local artists met the challenge. The fact that works of this nature can be done in a community this size is an example for other centres to follow, he feels.

ARTISTS

A number of Canadian artists have been presented over the years, including many local ones. Among these are: Mrs. L. A. Codere, Mrs. Cesaire Gervais, Mrs Glenn Sampson, Mrs. Marcotte Morin, Marcel Marcotte, Paul Robidoux, Miss Isobel Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Howard, Mrs. Codere Brunel, Gerald Gendron, Mrs. Mimi Bachand Beaudry and Mrs. Kathleen Shea Gingras.

Many famous artists have also appeared with the orchestra, probably the most renowned one being Glenn Gould, an artist of rare calibre who, Mr. Lacharite said, gave him some of his "most wonderful moments". Among the others who have appeared are Leon Fleisher, Arthur Brussilow, Malcuzynski, Maureen Forrester, Leopold Simoneau and Pierrette Alarie.

Presidents of the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra since 1939 have been the following: Horace Boux, Paul Emile Fortier, Marcel Fortier, Gerard Gingras, Dr. Jacques Olivier, Charles Emile Belanger, and Dr. Olivier again, who is its present head. Two other people who are intimately connected with the administrative side of the orchestra and have put a great deal of time and effort into it are Mrs. Raymond Provencher and Miss Bernadette Gregoire.



SYMPHONY REHEARSES — Members of the Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra rehearse under the baton of conducter Sylvio Lacharite, one of many such workouts required before each concert is presented in St. Charles Auditorium.

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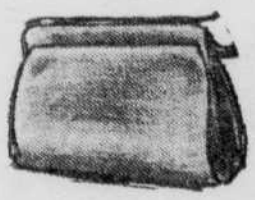
28—Aldermen reached an agreement on amendment that would give the City power to expropriate land outside the city limits for purposes of establishing an airport.

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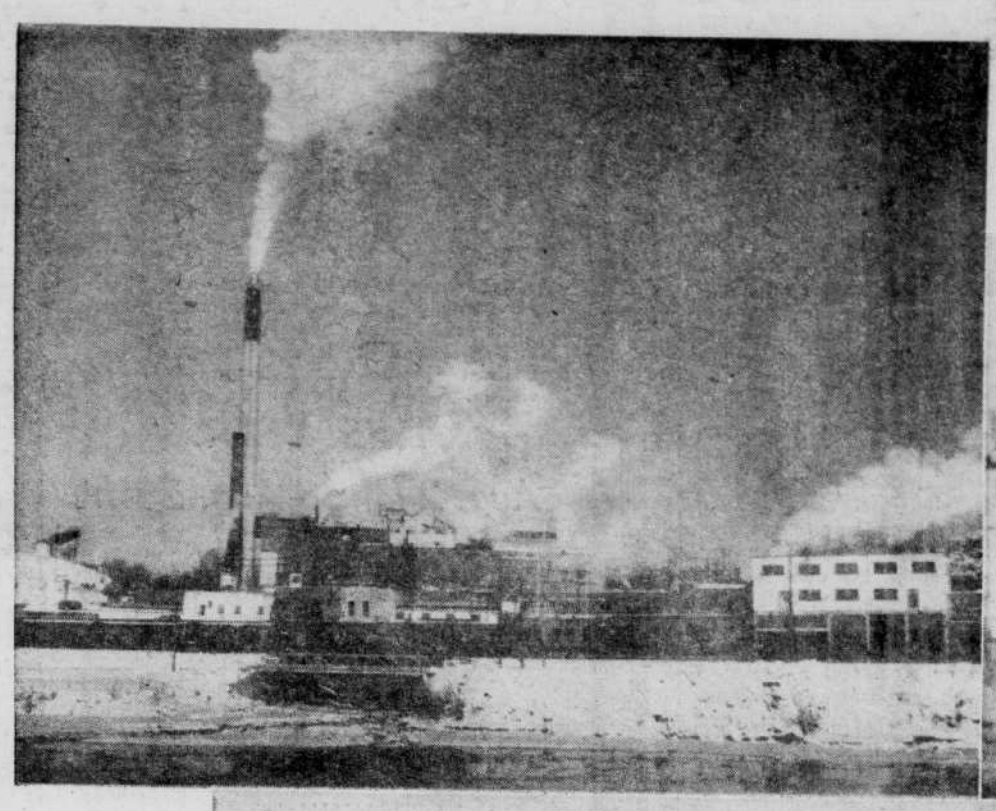
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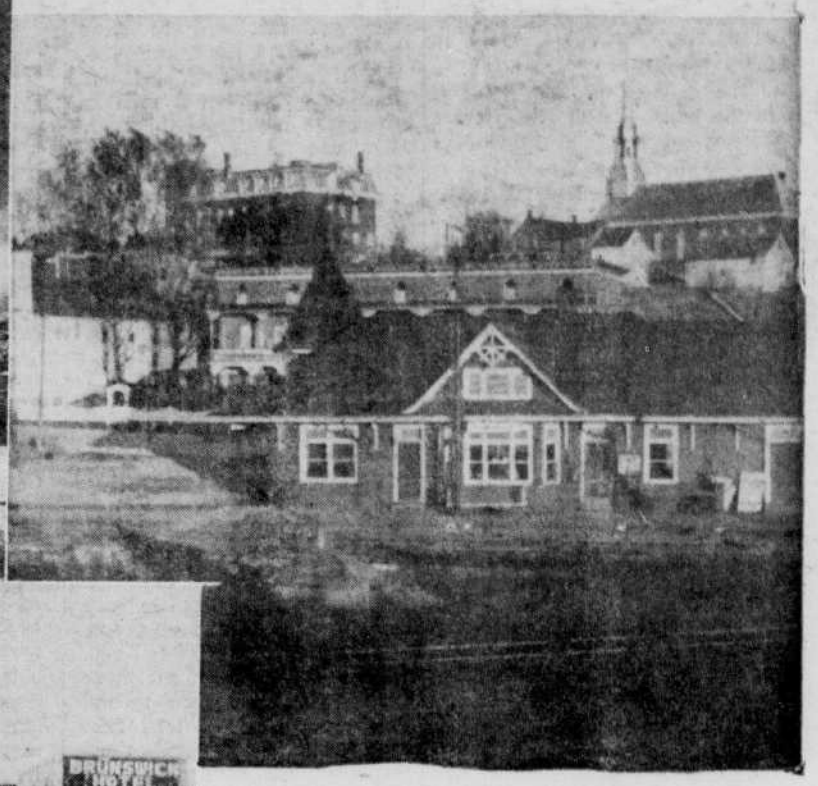
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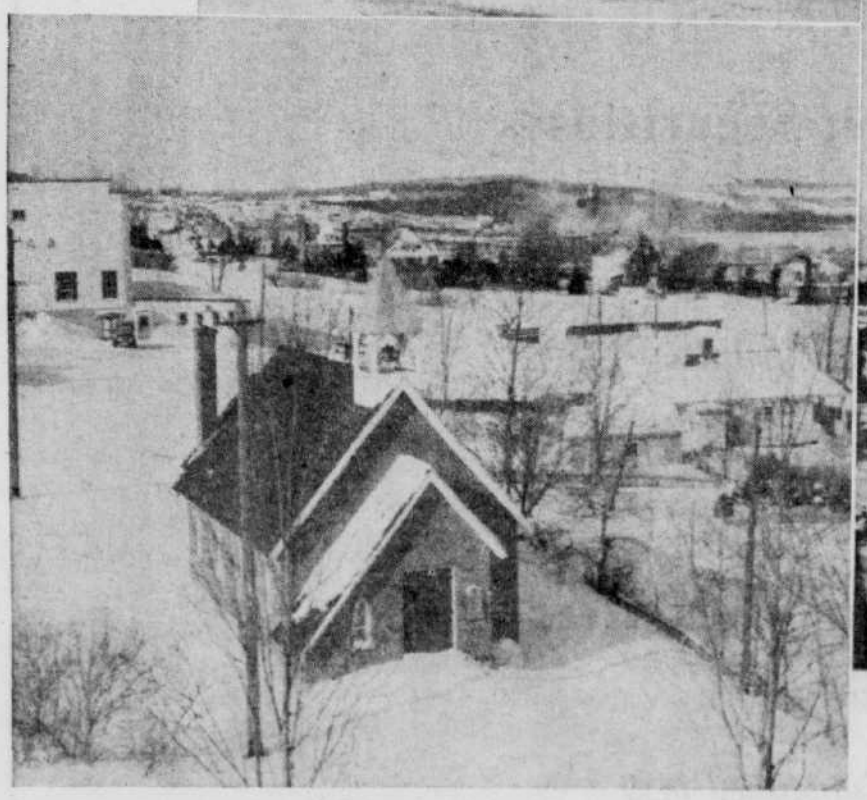
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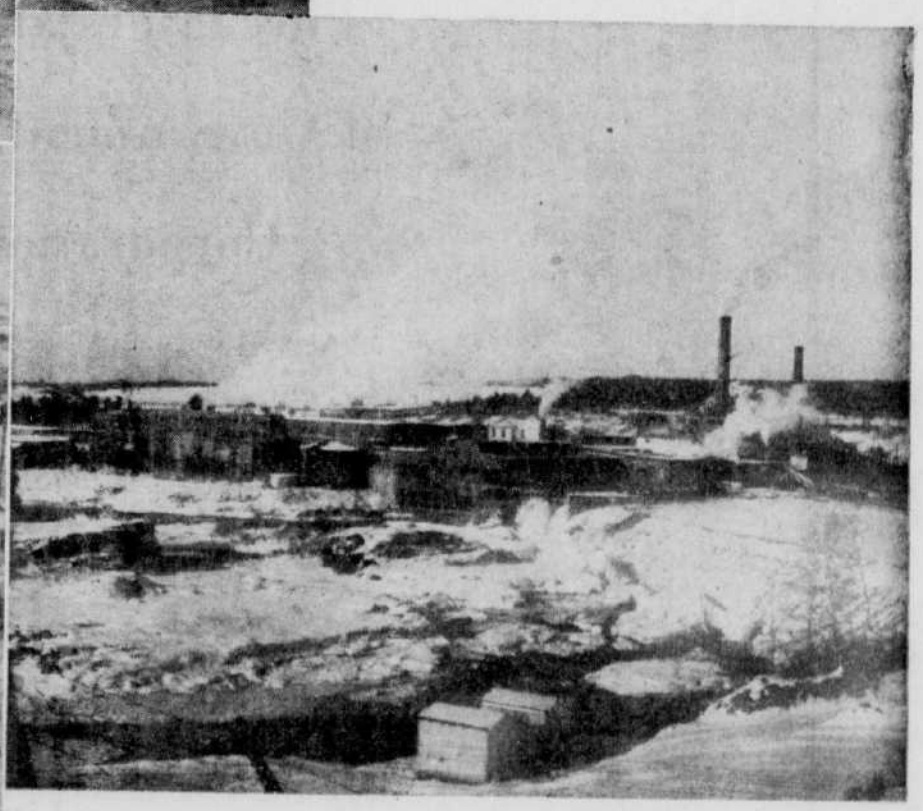
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Familiar Richmond County scenes. .Top, left to right are: Canada Paper Co. mill at Windsor Mills; CNR Station, Danville, looking at Upper Town. Centre, Main street, Richmond. Bottom, left to right are: All Saints Anglican Church, Asbestos, with Canadian Johns-Manville Mill in background; Bromptonville mill of the Richmond Pulpand Paper Company.

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The original of this letter is in the possession of Mrs. George Parsons of Bury, a great niece of Josiah.

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We received your letter and was glad to hear from you and felt happy to know that you and your family was all well, and we hope these few lines will find you and all your family well, as, thank God it leaves us all.

Dear brother, you ask if Harriet lost anything, nothing only hair brush, nothing hurt but her bonnet was bent a little, 4 plates broke and my blue tea service, and I think that is nothing for the miles they came. Harriet was sick two or three days, she say, but not so she had to lay to bed. William did not ail anything so as you could say he was sick. Their vicatals lasted out well so they had some when they landed.

Dear Brother and Sister: We are just got into our new house, but I shall not be able to finish it till another summer and then it will be a very nice place. The land, I have not done anything to yet, neither shall I till the spring, and then I shall get some ploughed and put in some crop. This country is different to England, for here the people put nothing in till the spring, no kind of crops. But I hope to be able at the spring to get crop enough in to keep us through the winter, and that will be good help to us. I shall, this winter, if all be well, get out four or five hundred rails to fence the land from the road. We use cedar timber for fences as that never rots, and I am very lucky as I have got plenty of that not more than 300 yards from the house and I shall have to get a man to cut them and split them and that will cost about $1.00 a hundred, and them will make fence a quarter of a mile long, and that's how wide my land is, and about a mile long but to the back part I have not been yet as it is dense, woods, but it is good land when we get it cleared and here is plenty of work to clear it, so you and I for 10 year to come shall not have to sit down and say we have nothing to do. How people clear land I will just tell you. In the winter they cut down and burn the big timber, and then in the spring they rake and gather all the little wood together and burn them and then harrow the land and sow the seed, and the land will want nothing done for 2 or 3 years, only harrowing. They cut big timber down about 3 ft from the ground, and then let stumps stand till they rot. Our house stands in a very nice place, we can see three houses and we live just by the road side where trees are. A great many people say every day this is a very healthy part of the country.

We live in what is called the Eastern Townships and there is not another part of the world that can boast of its wholesome waters as we can. this part where we live, for 17 years back was for many miles round nothing but one vast woods. But now there is a nice little village and plenty of people live around. I mean a few miles round, but we stand in need of good carpenters, for here there is not one for miles, and tailors and other trades I might name, but if tradesmen came they take land and soon get to farming, and their trades may go for here a man can get land and be his own master. Here is them that left England 17 years back, that have have got cows, oxen, and land of their own, and a horse to ride on, and when in England had not enough to eat, and many might be better of than they are if they would but work, but they are too idle to. A man that will work can live here, but a lazy man cannot, as here is no parish to go to.

Dear Brother and Sister: I do not wish to deceive you in one thing, and what I say, you may depend on, here is good living for us here if, please God we have our health and strength, and we shall have better chance then many have as I can work at my trade when the weather is so that we cannot work outdoors, but let me tell you we shall have to make some shifts and work hard for years till we can get things round us, but here will be a good home for you to

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Inverness Native Is Older Than The Country He Lives In

By GLADYS TAYLOR

Mr. William Learmonth of Inverness who celebrated his 90th birthday this year is just a few months older than Canada. He was born February 15th, 1867, five months before Canada became a Dominion. Needless to say, he doesn't remember too much about that event, but he does remember a good deal about this particular part of Quebec.

Mr. Learmonth was born in Inverness and with the exception of a few months in Alberta and five years in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, he has spent all of his life in and around Inverness and Leeds.

Although he says regretfully that he didn't receive much schooling he has vivid recollections of the men of Inverness going back into the woods and cutting logs for the first schoolhouse. He also retains a clear picture of the completed building, with its benches lining the walls and the pupils leaning so far over to reach their books that it is a wonder most of them weren't permanently bent-backed.

Within sight of the Learmonth kitchen windows runs the Becancour River, they called it the River Thames in Mr. Learmonth's youth and many people still do, and Mr. Learmonth vividly recalls watching the log drives down the river from Thetford Mines to the railway line at Ste. Julie. Incidentally, it is said by some, to be as a result of these log drives that asbestos was discovered. The early French settlers used to cut logs each year on the hills surrounding Thetford Mines. After a few years there was, as might be expected a good deal of dried brush left after these successive cuttings. One fall a fire was accidentally started and Mr. Learmonth can well recall the stories of how the smoke, and at night the glare, from the fire could be seen as far away as his farm. He says the fires kept up intermittently for over a month before they finally died out, after which was exposed the "cotton rock" as the French called it, or asbestos as we know it.

In connection with the mining of asbestos, Mr. Learmonth tells how the first asbestos was bagged and hauled by sleigh to Ste. Julie for shipping to the United States. Those having the hauling contract usually split up the trip, one man bringing the rock as far as Lower Ireland or thereabouts and the other man taking it the rest of the way. The first part of the haul was always made by sleigh, summer or winter, because wheels made too deep ruts in the sofe mine area. In summer the latter part of the trip was made by cart or wagon.

Mr. Learmonth's first actual sight of Thetford Mines, he says, was when he was about 12 years old. His aunt had contracted to sell potatoes to a railway crew then working in the area and she sent him with ox and cart to deliver them. He recalls that there was only one house here then and it was in the vicinity of the old railway station, its spot now swallowed up in mining operations. At that time the railway bed had been laid, he reports, but there were no ties or rails.

When asked why he decided to remain in Canada after his five years in Vermont, Mr. Learmonth tells how he came home because of the sickness of his grandfather. Then when it came time to go back to the United States he was sitting in the Thetford Mines station waiting for the train to come when the first Mr. Andrew S. Johnson saw him and asked him why he didn't stay in Canada. Whether that was his moment of decision or not is unknown, but Mr. Learmonth did decide to stay in Canada and has never regretted it.

Mr. Learmonth's stories of the walks taken by himself and his neighbors down the Craig Road to Quebec City, are many and varied. Perhaps the prime example is that of a man from this area who is said to have carried a cookstove and a bag of flour home from Quebec, both at the same time. He managed it by the simple expedient of carrying the stove for as far as he could, then setting it down and walking back for the flour and doing the same with it. He kept this up, alternating his loads, until he finally got them both home.

For those living along the Craig Road, Mr. Learmonth says their hospitality might be called upon at any time. If people landed near their home at night they would come in and stay. On leaving, if they had money they would pay and if not they didn't. Every house on the Craig Road was a "home by the side of the road" in those days.

The Learmonth family originally came to Canada from Edinburgh, Scotland and one of Mr. Learmonth's most prized possessions is a grandfather clock which his people brought with them from Scotland and which has been in use in the family for at least 150 years. It still runs but no one but Mr. Learmonth himself is allowed to wind it now.

In 1890 William Learmonth married Mary Ann Davidson also of Inverness, who predeceased him in 1936. They had four children, William with whom Mr. Learmonth resides, Gordon who farms nearby, Wilbert who lives in Lennoxville and one daughter Mrs. Irwin Maxwell (Ethel) who is dead. There are 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. It is interesting to note that all of Mr. Learmonth's direct descendants live in the Eastern Townships with the exception of two, one grandchild in British Columbia and one in Ontario.

Mr. Learmonth has a younger brother and sister still living, Mrs. John Williamson of Orleans, Vermont, who is 86 and Mr. R. Learmonth of Lyndonville, Vermont, who is 88.

In recognition of his long life in the area, Mr. Learmonth's birthday was celebrated informally by a "shower of birthday cards" from his many friends and relatives, in the Eastern Townships.

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come to. I have to work hard to get it along, but if all be well by the time you come I shall have it very comfortable. I have got a first rate stove that cost 5 pounds, but we can bake, fry, boil kettle, boiler and saucepan, all at one time. We have got 2 pairs of bedsteads, 6 chairs and two rocking chairs, I never saw chairs like them before, and a clock and all things for our use in the house, and I hope by the time you get here, I shall have paid for my house and stove, and that would be more than ever I should have had in England, house of my own. We have got for the winter, 30 lbs of butter, a barrel of flour, 12 bushels of buckwheat, 4 bushels of rye, 15 bushels of potatoes, a pig we shall kill at Christmas, and some few pounds of sugar, and I think we shall take no hurt through this winter. Harriet and William are so fat living on fish an! potatoes, that they can hardly see out of their eyes, and he grow very fast.

Dear Brother and Sister, I shall now name what you are to bring with you, and if there is anything I have told you to bring in other letters and do not name them in this, you must bring them. Bring your steelyards and all your butchering tools, carpenter's things you can bring plastering trowel, painting brushes, your fishing rod and a few jack books, iron candlesticks, plates, tallion iron and baker's copper, dustpan, tea trays, bread trays all pictures, tea pot, wine glasses your beer glasses, short brushes, hair broom. Do not buy any earthen ware to bring but if you have any you would like to keep as a keepsake bring your book shelves, and my walking stick, and all your books. Bring Harriet's bottle and your decanter, white bed hangings for they will do for window curtains as we have six windows in our house, as you will see by the ground plan — the figures 1 and 3 is doors and the others are windows. The house fronts the south. Fill the mattress with straw to lay on when you come, bring looking glass, oilcloths of the tables, carpets, if you've got the old umbrella bring it bring linen pegs.

Dear Brother: I sent word for you to bring spaniel bitch to hunt partridge, we want a dog that will hunt them up and stand and bark at them when they light, as the partridges are in the woods and when they be put up they light on the trees. Sell your bed hangings and bring the remains of Harriet's as you will find them useful on board the ship. You have no call to bring hatchet nor yet shovel.

Dear Brother: You must look out to come by Quebec as that will not cost half so much to get here as from New York. You come to Quebec and take the steamer to Montreal, and then you must ask for the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad that goes to Sherbrooke. If you get in Montreal before 2 o'clock you can get to Sherbrooke the same night, but I will send you word how you can come in the next letter which you may look for in about two months after you receive this. Bring your dark lantern, candle moulds, bring the patch work as Harriet say she have time to patch, work basket, you can pack it up in box with your things. Ask Mrs. Clarke to give you all the patterns she can of women's dresses, and children's as you will have to make all your own things.

Dear Brother: If you can get these thing I have sent for, do, but he sure not to spend your money after them so as to be short. The dog you will have to pay 10 shillings for on board the ship, that is what they had to pay on the ship I came with, and what it will cost the other part of the way I do not know. Now I would rather you shall not buy one thing than you should be short of money, I will send you as near as I can what it will cost from Montreal to here, in the next letter. Give our kind love to mother, brother Henry and his wife, and to Mrs. Royal. Bring looking glass.

This is Wednesday Nov. 23. I said on Sunday that I shall not be able to do anything to the land till spring, but on Monday hired 3 men and two pair of oxen and they are now at work. They board in the house and we are full of business, Harriet can do nothing only cook. We have a good deal of snow, but the ground is bare now and that is how I come to have my land ploughed. Now you must bring the carpets, the things you have got bring. Now we conclude with our kind love to you kiss all the children for us.

J. H. Clarke.



Covered Bridge — This 90-year-old covered wooden bridge on the road to Ayer's Cliff is one of the very few still left in the Eastern Townships. At the present time in a state of very good repair, it was built by Edgar C. Ayer in 1867, and called originally the Bacon Bridge. In that year, he placed himself under a bond of $1000 to build a bridge in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Hatley Township Council. In the end, records show that it cost him only $620 for the labor to build the span. (Record photo by Marvel Smith)

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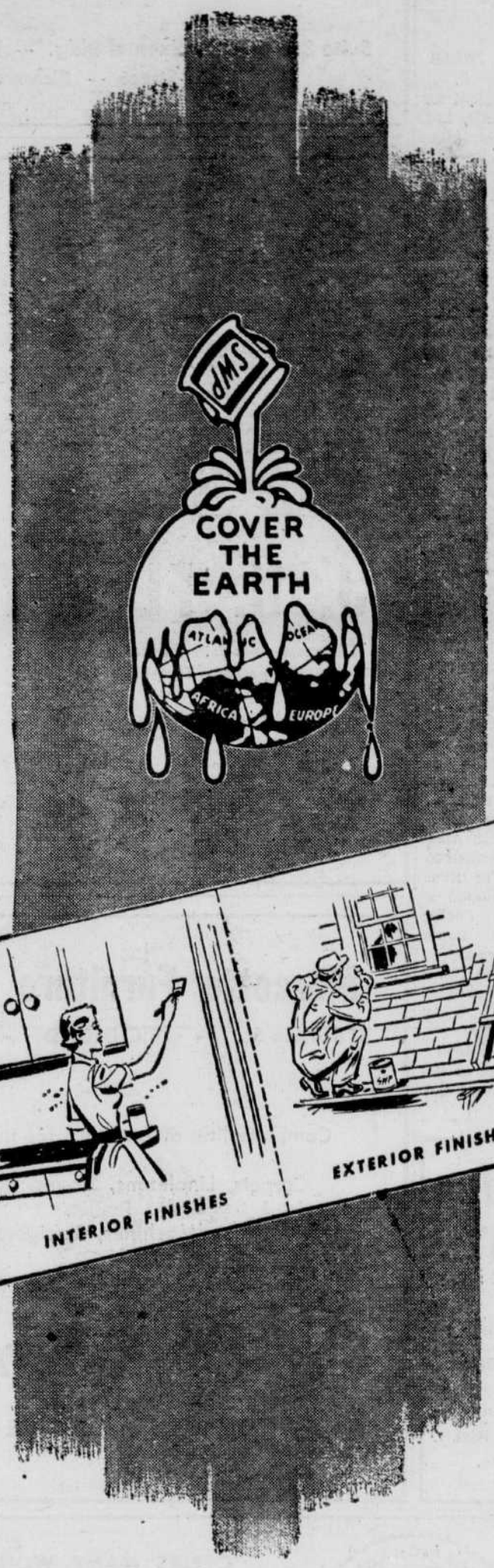
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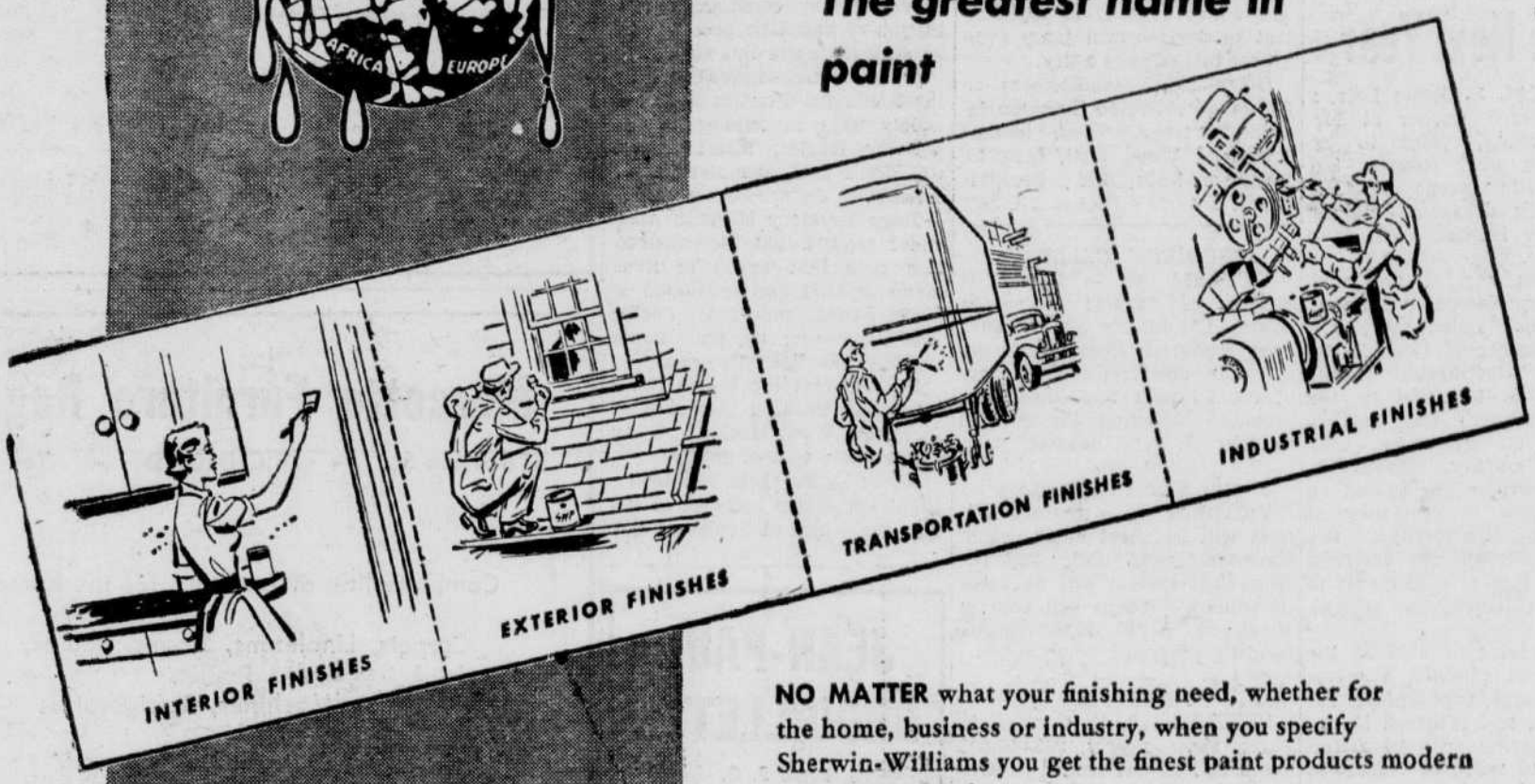
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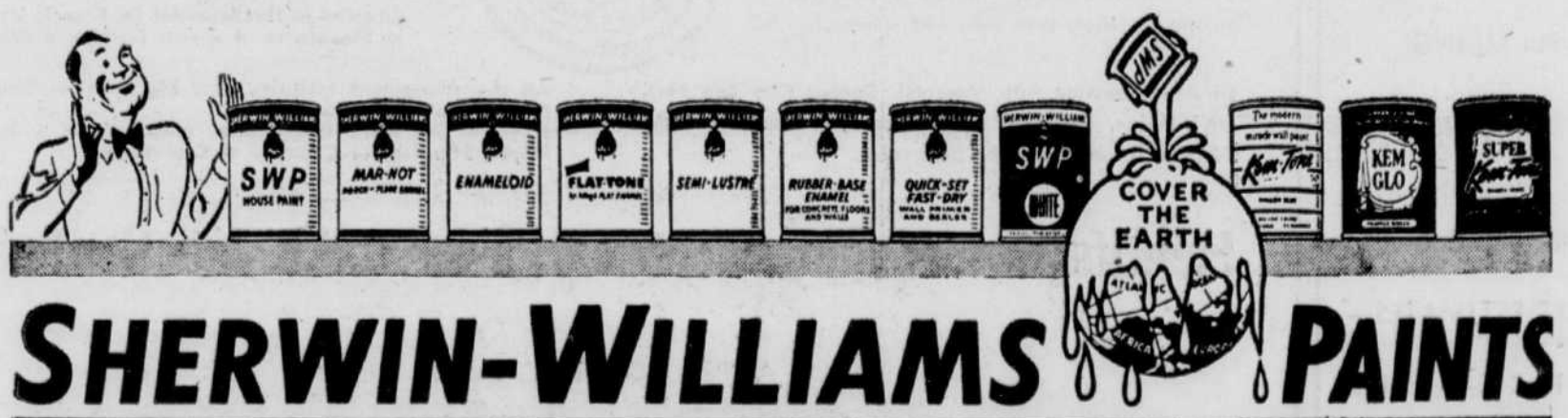
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Richmond Shoe Manufacturing Prosperous During Past Year; Textile Fortunes Uncertain

RICHMOND — Expansion and prosperity in nearly all phases of industry, with some uncertainty in the hosiery market was the manufacturing picture in this Richmond County centre during 1956.

Richmond's shoe industry reported a specially healthy year.

H. H. BROWN SHOE

The H. H. Brown Shoe C. (Canada) Ltd., following the pattern they set in 1955, expanded during 1956 yet again, this time into a $80,000 building extension which has enabled them to increase production by 1500 pairs of boots a day.

The plant, Canada's largest for the manufacture of heavy workshoes and boots, had increased employment about 10% said plant manager, George Morin.

He said that additional machinery had been installed, and the production line re-designed during the past year, all contributing to a more efficient business. He added that the company's sales force had grown to accommodate the increased production.

As for the future, Mr. Morin anticipates further progress and expansion. The company has reserved land adjacent to the present plant totalling 35,000 square feet in area, upon which future building is planned.

TEEN AGE SHOES

Teen Age Shoes, Reg'd., a company which specializes in the cement-process manufacture of shoes for young ladies, confirmed this report of shoe industry prosperity.

Rouville Dionne, accountant, and spokesman for the company, said had they had increased employment by 25% during 1956, and have upped their production considerably. Production is now at 750 pairs a day.

The spokesman said that the company is looking forward to even greater prosperity in 1957, and added that it is expected that production will jump even higher to 900 pairs a day.

Other shoe manufactures in Richmond reflected the same favourable trend. These include Richmond Wood Heel, Ltd., La Duchesse Shoe, Ltd., Prospect Shoes.

NATIONAL HOSIERY MILLS

On the textile side, C. L. Spence, plant superintendent for the National Hosiery Mills, Ltd. plant here, said that the plant had experienced a three-week recession in the summer of 1956, He said that this trend had been general throughout the nylon hosiery industry at that time.

Apart from this temporary uncertainty, however, Mr. Spence said that the year had been a good one, and he anticipated that the prospects for 1957 would be favourable.

RICHMOND PLASTICS

Richmond Plastics Ltd., an American firm which came to this Eastern Townships community last year announced their entry into a new field of plastics manufacture.

General manager Peter Kaye said that the plant is going into the production of extruded polyethylene film for packaging.

During 1956, the plant enlarged its 25,000 square foot facilities to accommodate this new line. Mr. Kaye said that its is expected that commercial production of new film product will be achieved early this spring.

Saran filaments produced by the Richmond Plastics Ltd., are widely used in automotive upholstery fabrics, insect screening, doll's hair, and many other articles.

Town secretary Marveau Alexander reports that the construction rush that began in Richmond in 1954 and continued in 1955 waned somewhat during 1956. However, he said, house building was "fair" this year.

He said that the town's No. 4 industrial building was sold to Richmond Wood Heel, Co., at an approximate cost of $95,000.

He notel that there had been a slight population increase of 400 over the census of five years ago.

No Dream For Jim Lotz Now, Maybe Next Year

MONTREAL — James Lotz, a young research worker at McGill University, plans to go north again next summer but may have to forego practical work on his dream of making things grow further north than ever before.

Lotz, who carried out agricultural experiments last summer at Knob Lake, Que., will go as a member of Canada's International Geophysical Year team. He is to assist in the study of glaciers and weather conditions on Ellesmere, Canada's most northerly island.

Born in Britain, he gained an honors degree in geography at Manchester University. His studies at McGill are designed to prepare him as a specialist in northern settlement and agriculture.

In the winter of 1955 at the university he planned a series of agricultural experiments for Knob Lake, and returned to the lake last spring with 20 different types of seeds of vegetables and grasses noted for resistance to frost.

The growing of cereals, vegetables and grasses may not be economic beyond a certain latitude, but something green has a psychological effect on people who go north, he said.

Various procedures could be tested, he said, to help move the "green line" northwards as Canadian enterprise penetrates closer to the Arctic.

PREMIERS' GALLERY

VICTORIA (CP) — Dozens of pictures of various figures in British Columbia's history have been removed from legislature corridors, and replaced by those of the 26 men who have been premier, including the present Premier W. A. C. Bennett.

CROWDED SCHOOLS

VICTORIA (CP) — Greater Victoria will be short of 17 school classrooms next fall, and the swing-shift system will be again introduced. Citizens will vote in March on a $5,600,000 school-building program.

MORE FISH

VICTORIA (CP) — Current figures show nearly $36,000,000 worth of fish was landed in British Columbia in 1956. This is about $4,000,000 above the average for the last five years.

TIGHTENING UP

VANCOUVER (CP) — Drivers' licences similar to passports will be urged by the Vancouver traffic and safety council. They would include the driver's photograph and fingerprints.

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Outstanding Growth For TCA

Passengers, Freight Planes All Increase

By G. R. McGREGOR
President, Trans-Canada Air Lines

THE YEAR 1956 was one of outstanding growth for Trans-Canada Air Lines. New records were reached in almost every phase of the company's passenger and commodity-carrying operations.

The exceptional year was marred, however, by the tragic disappearance in the mountains of southwestern British Columbia of a North Star airliner with 62 persons aboard. The entire Company was shocked and saddened by the accident. We wish to express the deepest sympathy for the families and friends of the passengers and crew.

In 1956 the airline greatly stepped up its activities to meet the demands of what has been described by economists as the most prosperous year in Canadian history.

The transportation industry as a whole shared in the bouyancy of the national economy, and the record levels of production and trade. The upward trend of air travel popularity was more apparent than ever before and all previous peaks of traffic volume were exceeded.

To keep pace with Canadian transportation needs, TCA made available for sale the greatest number of seat miles in its history — some 1,635,000,000.

The year was outstanding also in that TCA took the first step toward the commercial jet age in Canada with an order for four long-range Douglas DC-8s. An option was taken on two more.

These huge aircraft will have British Rolls-Royce Conway turbo-jet engines of the by-pass type and will carry 120 passengers and three tons of cargo at 550 miles an hour. They will go into service on TCA's longrange routes across the continent and the Atlantic Ocean in 1960 and will cut present flying times almost in half.

For the first in TCA's history more than 2,000,000 passengers were carried during a single year. The airline accommodated 1,682,195 travellers in 1955, and the 1956 total, based on 10 months actual and two months estimated figures was expected to reach 2,100,000 for an increase of 25 percent.

Approximately a billion revenue passenger miles were flown on TCA's routes in Canada and United States while another 188,000,000 were flown on the trans-Atlantic routes to the United Kingdom and Europe and on the southern services to Bermuda and the Caribbean area. The total represented a 23 per cent increase from 1955.

Air freight traffic on TCA's routes rose by 19 per cent during the year with approximately 11,815,000 ton miles being flown. TCA provided cargo accommodation on all scheduled flights in addition to a daily transcontinental freight service using North Stars each capable of carrying nine tons. Approximately 2,590,000 ton miles of air express were flown, a 20 per cent increase over 1955.

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The traffic increases were made possible by the continuance of TCA's planned program of fleet expansion and modernization. Two more Super Constellations were received in 1956 along with four additional Viscounts. Nine Super Constellations now provide the company's trans-Atlantic service and two of the seven daily transcontinental services.

TCA was the first airline to use propeller-turbine equipment in North America when it introduced the Vickers Viscount in the spring of 1955. By the end of 1956 TCA had 18 of these aircraft in service and they had transported more than 1,000,000 passengers with a percentage of seat occupancy consistently over 80 per cent.

Two more orders for Viscounts were placed with Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., of England during the year, bringing the number of turbo-prop airliners now delivered and on order to 38.

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Richmond Town Council

Mayor Alfred Geoffroy heads the Richmond Town Council this year. Councillors are:

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The steady upward movement in production of chemicals and allied products, unbroken in Canada for more than a decade, continued during 1956. The value of output for the year, tentatively estimated at about $1,150 million, represented an increase of almost ten per cent over the previous year. Of this advance, about one fifth was attributable to increases in selling prices. The net rise in physical volume of output was close to the seven per cent postwar annual growth rate of the industry. Last year's increase in production appears to have been most pronounced in primary plastics, pharmaceutical preparations and other chemicals directed toward the consumer market. Production of heavy chemicals showed little expansion during the year and fertilizer output may possibly have declined.

In contrast with 1955, when exports of chemical and allied products were responsible for nearly one half on increased output, sales to foreign customers rose only moderately during 1956. Imports chemical and allied products on the other hand advanced substantially, suggesting that foreign suppliers obtained a larger share than in 1955 of the increase which took place in Canadian chemical requirements.

The continued economic improvement evident in Canada in 1956 was largely dependent upon new industrial construction which did not immediately enlarge the markets for heavy chemicals. This situation was in contrast to early 1955 when increased industrial activity reflected a rapidly expanding export demand for forest products and minerals leading directly to increased consumption of heavy chemicals. Although the present outlook suggest that the improvement in business activity in 1957 may be at a more moderate rate, further growth in demand for chemical and allied products is to be expected as the requirements of the expanding economy develop.

The long list of new chemical projects announced during 1955 led to a sharp expansion in capital outlays by the industry during 1956. Despite shortages of labour and construction materials, the value of new investment for the year was fully double that for 1955, and not far short of the record $141 million expended during 1952. A number of recently announced projects, combined with a substantial carry-over of work from last year, should maintain capital outlays by the industry at a high level in 1957.

Despite the complex nature of the current phase of the chemical industry's expansion, it is still possible to recognize some of its dominant characteristics, of which the most striking is its close association with the petroleum industry. For example, two oil companies have announced their intention to construct petrochemical raw materials plants at Sarnia based on the availability of by-products from oil refineries. Plants to produce detergent alkylates for the first time in Canada will also use refinery by-products as their principal raw materials.

Capacity for the production of elemental sulphur from domestic petrochemical sources is also about to be expanded. To the two plants built by oil companies in Alberta during the past four years will soon be added two large installations at Pincher Creek, Alberta and in the Peace River district of British Columbia. A smaller but still substantial plant based on waste gases in Montreal East has also been announced. The combined capacity of these sulphur plant will be equivalent to more than half of the current Canadian demand for elemental sulphur and further expansion is likely as the need arises to remove sulphur from natural gas supplies destined for the Trans-Canada pipe line. Also in the petrochemical field, the prospect that the existing supply of butane in eastern Canada will shortly be inadequate for the expected increase in synthetic rubber production has drawn attention to the availability of butane in Alberta.

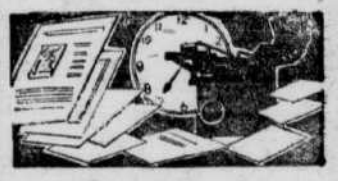
A second feature of the present phase of the industry's expansion is its continued emphasis on heavy chemicals closely associated with natural resources develpment. It is significant that with expanding and widely spread markets, and with freight an increasingly important factor in the price of heavy inorganic chemicals, many plants are now under consideration or construction in areas remote from existing Canadian facilities. Thus, in addition to the expansion now taking place in Ontario and Quebec, an important new caustic soda and chlorine plant is nearing completion in British Columbia, and plants are being considered for location in other parts of the country. Similarly, about one quarter of Canada's sulphuric acid capacity will soon be situated in the Blind River area of Ontario, where none had previously existed.

Despite the apparent trend towards wider geographical distribution of new chemical plants, the bulk of the industry's expansion continues to take place in the industrialized areas of Ontario and Quebec, as for example in the new facilities now under construction for the production of polyethylene, petrochemical raw

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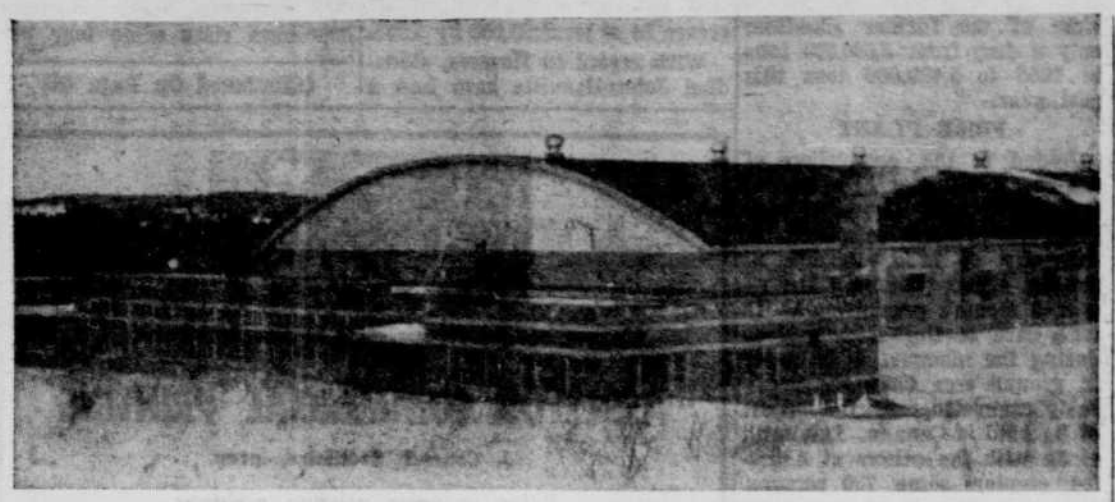
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Asbestos Recreation Centre — A view is shown of the Asbestos civic centre which has done so much during the past two or three years to bring together the various groups within the town. This combination arena and recreation centre is probably the most important single municipal achievement yet accomplished in this thriving industrial town.

Heavy Construction Activity Highlights Year In Asbestos

By NICK POWELL

ASBESTOS — A $100,000 road-work project, the construction of two Churches and the enlargement of a school feature civic welfare activities taking place in the community of Asbestos, during the past year.

For the past few years building has been one of the most prominent projects in the district, and for Asbestos, the year 1956 has been one of the best years. Work has commenced on the Church of St. Isaac-Jogues and it is expected to be finished next summer, a place of worship for some 500 families; and the Church of Notre Dame de Toutes Joies has been completed though work on the rectory has not yet ended. An enlargement of St. Joseph's School has been accomplished, making six more classrooms available to the students.

A bylaw, passed during 1956 has supplied about $100,000 for the improvement of the town streets, most of which have now been resurfaced with asphalt. The remainder are expected to be finished this coming summer.

Perhaps the most interesting local point of the community lies in the civic spirit of the people. At one time Asbestos used to have only two open-air rinks, a situation not conducive to supporting a hockey-minded population.

A drive was begun in 1950 to collect enough funds from the citizens to erect a community centre in the form of an arena, and which netted $48,000 — from about 9,000 people. Two years later the Canadian Johns-Manville donated the building lot and $250,000 to the cause. A third drive, bringing some $22,000 commenced work on the centre.

Completed in time for the hockey season of 1954, there has been trouble at the Recreation Centre due to a strong seepage of water into the foundations of the arena, causing most of the heavy expenses at first incurred

However, officially opened in Feb. 6, 1955, the Centre has constituted a major place in the lives of the citizens of Asbestos.

During the past year, there has been a variety of entertainment at the arena: Boxing, wrestling, skating, hockey games, industrial fairs, Army exhibitions, variety shows and — should the occasion arise — concerts.

The driving force behind this monumental contribution to the community was the quiet, but energetic personality of J. Osias Poirier, for the past 15 years the mentor of the Asbestos weekly, "Le Citoyen."

Asbestos Town Council

Mayor Georges Tardif heads the Asbestos Town Council, this year.

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Production Decrease At Johns-Manville; But Potential High

By NICK POWELL

ASBESTOS — The possibility of a 75% increase in expansion, production and employment coupled with a heavy increase in financial returns to both the company and employees is the story for the past year and for the next ten for the Canadian Branch of the Johns-Manville Company here.

Spokesmen for the Canadian Johns-Manville maintain that production has dropped slightly during the past year although actual profits have been on the increase. This is due to the fact that a price increase was predicted during the year 1955. Consequently merchants ordered a surplus for that year rather than pay the increased costs.

POTENTIAL

Since experts have determined the potential of the Asbestos mine — at the present production rate — to last for at least one hundred years, directors and technicians have come to the conclusion that there will be a probable increase of at least 75% expension during the next ten years.

The population of Asbestos some 15 years ago was only about 5,000 inhabitants. The population is now just over 10,000. A rapid increase in the populace of this important industrial centre, is clearly indicated.

Actually, production has not been too drastically reduced in view of the former situation; only a drop from 5,600,000 tons in 1955 to 5,499,000 tons this past year.

FIBRE PLANT

Added to the completion of the new mill a year or so ago, is the brand new fibre storage plant which was completed in February of 1956, capable of storing 40,000 tons of fibre — over a month's production — to take care of the slack periods during the summer. It is larger in ground area than the previously completed mill, the largest of its kind in Canada. This mill, along with the others at Asbestos, employs some 730 persons. However, there is to be an extension to the new mill, the construction of which is expected to commence early this year. This extension will be ten per cent of the size of the present mill.

A crusher room has been finished at the 800 ft. level of shaft No. 2 which has now been lowered to a depth of 1,400 ft. Although the shaft is in use as far as the 1,000 ft. level, the crusher and loading pockets at the 800 foot level will not be in operation until 1958. The complete penetration of the shaft is primarily for future use and will not be exploited until 1967.

During the year of 1955, a new self-sealing roof shingle was developed called "Seal-O-Matic" and it has been announced by the company that sales were highly successful.

With employment up to almost 3,000 at the Asbestos plant during 1956, it is important to note that expansion has occurred all over the country: a new wallboard plant in North Bay providing a wider variety of colors and many new plants opened in the United States.

It has also been disclosed by company officials that the present underground yield of 13,500 tons per day is expected to increase to at least 21,000 by 1961.

With regard to finances, Canadian Johns-Manville have had a very successful year: net earnings have risen some four per

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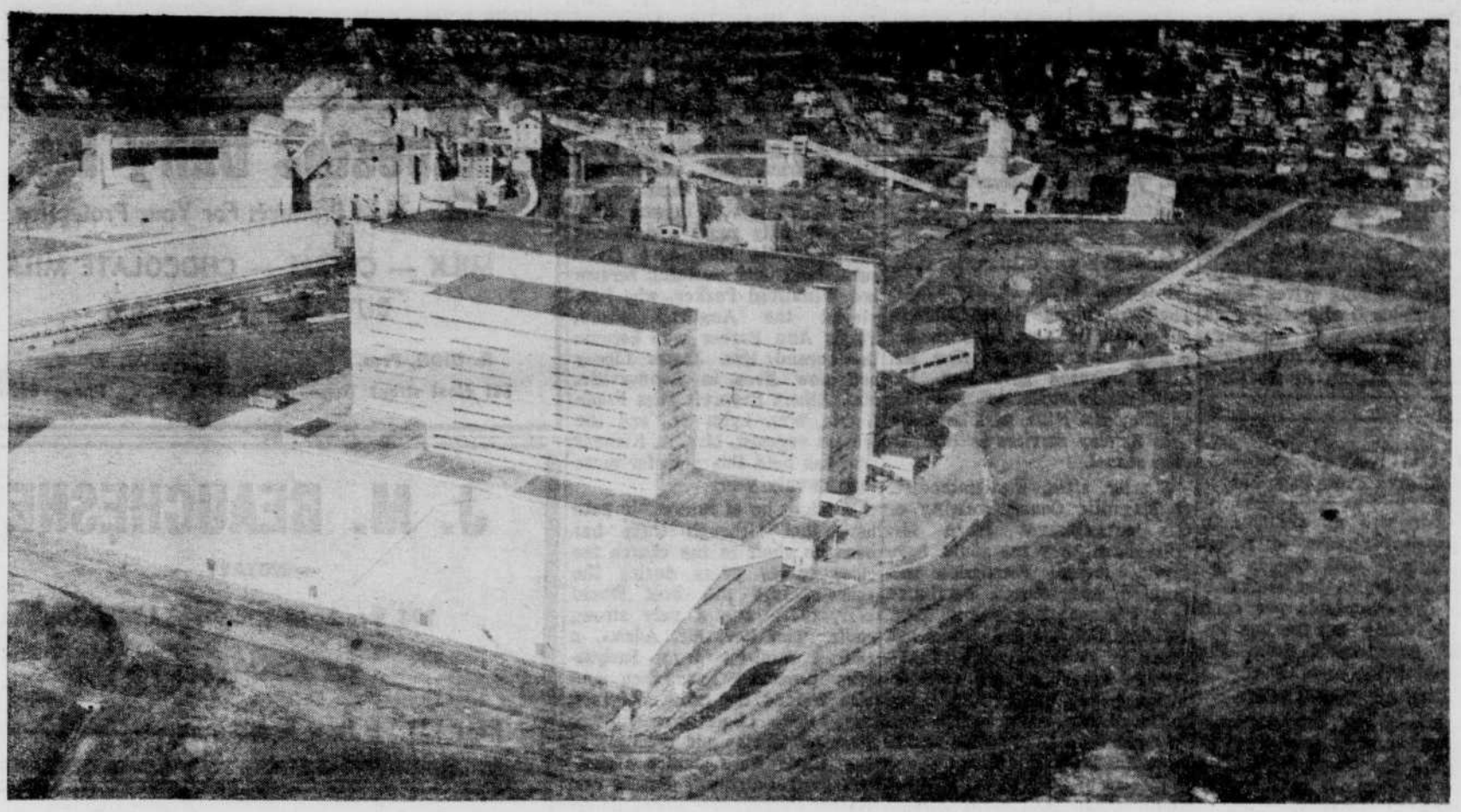
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The "Few" With The "Little"

The Story Of The Thetford Mines United Church — A Church That Wouldn't Die

By GLADYS TAYLOR

This is the story of a church. The story of a church that would not die, or if it did die, rose again, phoenix-like from its ashes. It is the story of William Petery who for 20 years, unpaid and unsung, lit the fires and shovelled the snow from the church steps. It is the story of Miss Seymour who wrote letters, sent wires, met trains and virtually moved mountains to see that there was a preacher in the pulpit at least twice a month. It is the story of Margaret Lipsey who housed the ministers from Saturday until Monday each week and of her husband James who sometimes paid them out of his own pocket. It is the story of Thetford Mines United Church, a church that had more of spirit than of pews, more of faith than of members. It is, to paraphrase Churchill yet again, the story of the "few" with the "little" who achieved the "much."

It is also a story without end, because the decision last year to build a new church, means that much is yet to be achieved.

SEED PLANTED

The seed of Thetford Mines United Church was probably planted on the long drives James Lipsey and his family made each Sunday to church at Kinnear's Mills. With each drive the dream of a church in Thetford Mines grew stronger.

And five years later, in 1905, the dreams began to take shape. Thetford Mines United Church put down its first roots in the mining town when the first Mr. A. S. Johnson gave Rev. Dr. Kellogg, Presbyterian minister of Kinnear's Mills, permission to hold Sunday services in his private school.

Shortly after, the Methodists of Megantic County hearing of this arrangement asked Mr. Johnson if they too could have services there. Permission was granted and church continued in the school house until 1908. By this time the Methodists had come to outnumber the Presbyterians but since they worshipped together, the two sects had achieved the union which was to come later in the main bodies of both their churches.

In 1908 the joint congregations again found themselves without a place to worship but this time the Bell Asbestos Company came to their rescue. The Quebec Central Railway had just built a new brick station. The Bell Asbestos Company bought their old wooden one, moved it across the street to the spot where it still stands and gave permission to the church to use the lower floor while the Odd Fellows used the upper floor. This arrangement still stands. The Church and the Lodge pay equal shares towards heating, taxes, etc., while the Bell Asbestos Company provides free electricity and has even, over the years, made comparatively costly repairs to the building without charge to either the Church or the Lodge.

STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE

With a more or less permanent meeting place at last, Thetford Mines United Church began its long struggle to survive. The first thing the church members did after moving into the old station was build a platform across one end for the choir and pulpit and bring their chairs from the schoolhouse. They also moved their organ. This organ is still in use, after close to fifty years and among the organists who have given such long and faithful service are Winnifred Parker, who first played the Anglican organ, Persis Ann Parker who become the second Mrs. James Lipsey and now lives in Lennoxville, Mrs. Albert Raycraft Miss Freda Norris, Mrs. Lynn Sr., and the present organist, Mrs. A. Kinnear who has held this post for more than twenty years.

It might be of interest to note here that although there has been no choir in the church for close to 40 years during the years before the first World War, there was a very strong choir. The Rev. Mr. Adams, a retired minister from Sawyerville preached here then and also trained the choir and sang the solos. Choir director was Archie Williams and members of the choir were James Lipsey, Dr. Paul Daigneau, Harold and Archie Parker, the Misses Bailey and Elliott, Persis Ann Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lloyd who later moved to Sherbrooke.

Few physical changes apparently were made in the church for the next 20 years, chairs continued to be used instead of pews and the windows turned uncovered stares at the asbestos tailing dumps nearby until in 1932 the question of redecoration was brought up. Mrs. J. McCallum, Mrs. P. L. Daigneau and Leonard Montgomery were named decorating committee. Church minutes tell little of what they did except that they bought shades for the windows and paid a charwoman 75 cents. At the same meeting it was decided that the ladies of the congregation should take a month to keep the church clean. It was to be almost another 10 years before a woman's group was organized in the struggling church.

Furnishing the church was another big problem. Some time during the 1930's, Rev. W. H. Stevens, Port Chaplain at Quebec City who supplied Thetford Mines for a couple of winters, procured a Bible from Wesley Church, Que., when that church was amalgamated with Chalmers. That same year the secretary of Thetford Mines United Church wrote Wesley Church as follows: "Thank you for the large supply of hymn books . . . they will be very helpful until such time as we can purchase a supply of the 'Hymnary' which may not be for a considerable length of time."

NO PEWS

In 1939, the church secretary wrote this letter to the Johnson Company, "For a long time we have been desirous of procuring pews for our little mission . . . we have just heard the alterations to St. John's Church include the installation of new pews and are wondering if you have already planned for the disposal of those already in use." Unfortunately another church had already spoken for them so the mission members had to sit on chairs for another 10 years.

In 1949, it was learned that the church at Leeds Village was closing and Thetford Mines congregation was offered the pews, communion table and two chairs matching it, floor covering and

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PRODUCTION

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cent; sales are up $26,000,000; the payroll increase in mines and plants in both Canada and the United States has maintained an average of six per cent, and the safety margin has improved considerably from the previous twelve months.

ASSISTS RESEARCH

Johns-Manville has not contented itself with merely contributing to the economic welfare of the province. It has also endeavored to assist research in the field of building materials, to which end the largest laboratory of its kind has been constructed by the company. In 1956 an endowment was made to Laval University for a Chair in Mechanical Engineering which in effect, totals almost a quarter of a million dollars.

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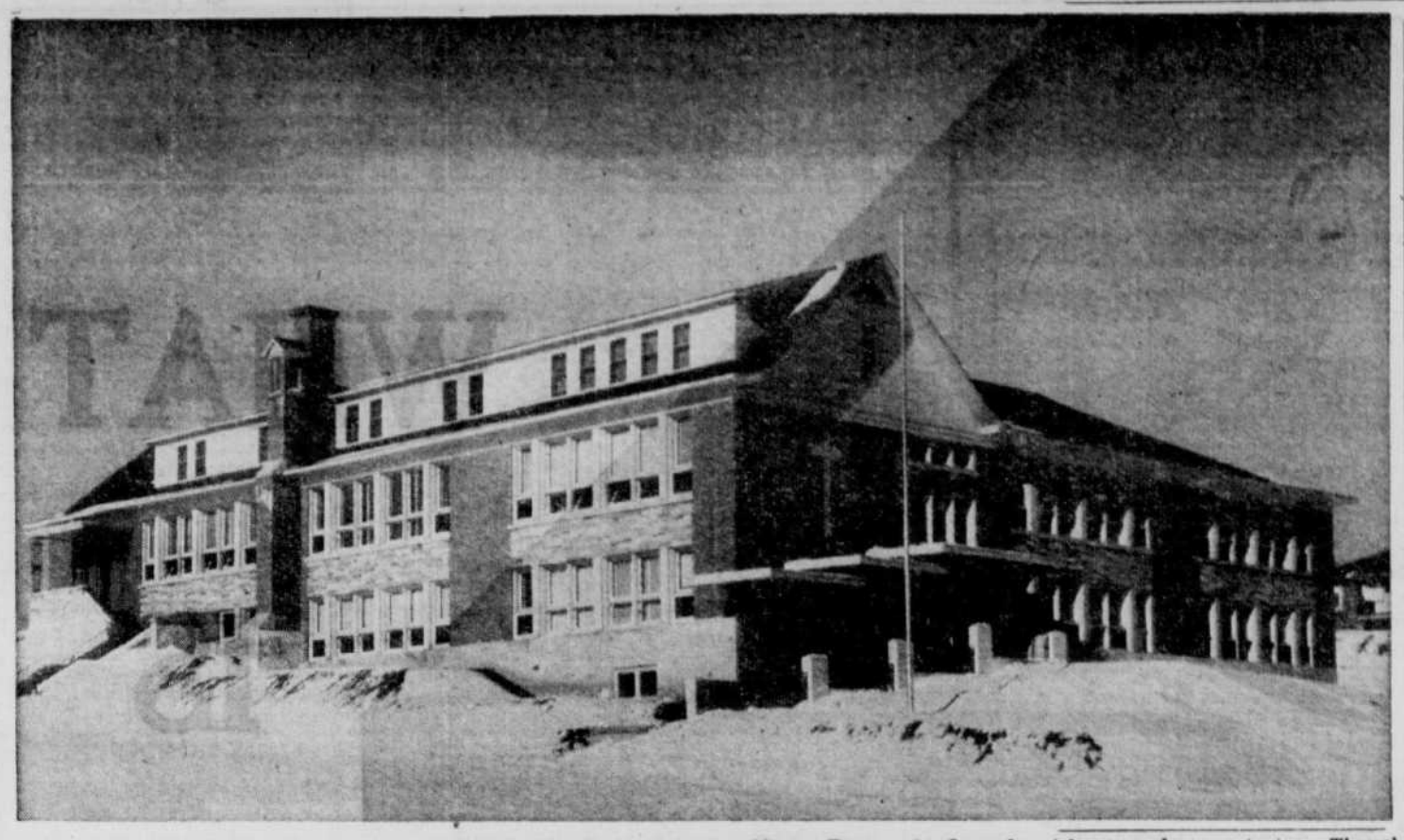
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New Catholic School — **Shown above is the new Notre Dame de Lourdes School completed during the past year in Windsor Mills at a cost of $150,000. The school, expected to accommodate 270 children in nine classes of 30 each, was opened last September. The building itself is "L" shaped, 113 feet long and 63 feet wide. It will be administered by five nuns of the Notre Dame Congregation and six lay professors.** (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Windsor Mills Public Works And School Facilities Expand

By NICK POWELL

WINDSOR MILLS—A tremendous building boom in school construction and public works was undertaken at Windsor Mills during the past year.

Permits issued for the reconstruction and building totalled almost 60 during the past year amounting to some $440,000 while bylaws passed to take up the slack in expenditures on public utilities of $135,000, $148,000, and $27,000 in July, October and December respectively were undertaken by the municipal Council.

NEW SCHOOL

The School of Notre Dame de Lourdes was completed in time for the official opening this September, making available space for 270 children. This school, in the Parish of St. Gabriel, has a faculty of five nuns of the Notre Dame Congregation and six lay professors. 113 feet long and 63 feet wide, the "L"-shaped building is centrally heated.

The population of 6,000 shows a marked increase over last year's census of only just over 5,600. Over 60% of the town revenue is from the Canada Paper Co.

One of the industries, the Windsor Artificial Stone Co. has now turned to producing brick as well as their stone products.

The old Consolidated school building has, since the construction of the new school at the corner of Allen and Hebert Streets, been renovated and is now being used as the Windsor Town Hall.

Another school project is to be undertaken at Greenley. This 71 by 50 foot structure will contain five classrooms allowing space for about 150 students from grades one to ten. Though the name of the school has not yet been chosen, it is expected to open in September of this year at a cost of approximately $72,000.

This school, on a lot 350 by 150 feet, will be solely for boys. The girls will remain for their studies at the Convent.

CURLING CHAMPS

For a town of this size, Windsor boasts a powerful curling team. A Windsor rink outlasted 31 other rinks to become the Ottawa Jubilee Bonspiel champions for which they received individual trophies and pins. Since that time the same rink has won the Sherbrooke Bonspiel, beating out 63 other teams for the silverware. Another Windsor rink captured the Windsor Open Bonspiel for Eastern Townships rinks in which 28 rinks participated.

COUNCIL

Municipal affairs were ably conducted during the past year by the following slate of civic officials:

Mayor, T. Bolduc; Ald. G. H. Morin, Antonio Rouillard, Bruno Dion, Leo Godere, August Maurice, and Antonio Frenette.

There will be an election in May to fill the seats of retiring aldermen Morin, Rouillard and Mauprice, and Mayor Bolduc.

Windsor Mills Town Council

Mayor T. Bolduc has headed the Windsor Mills Town Council for the past year. Councillors are:

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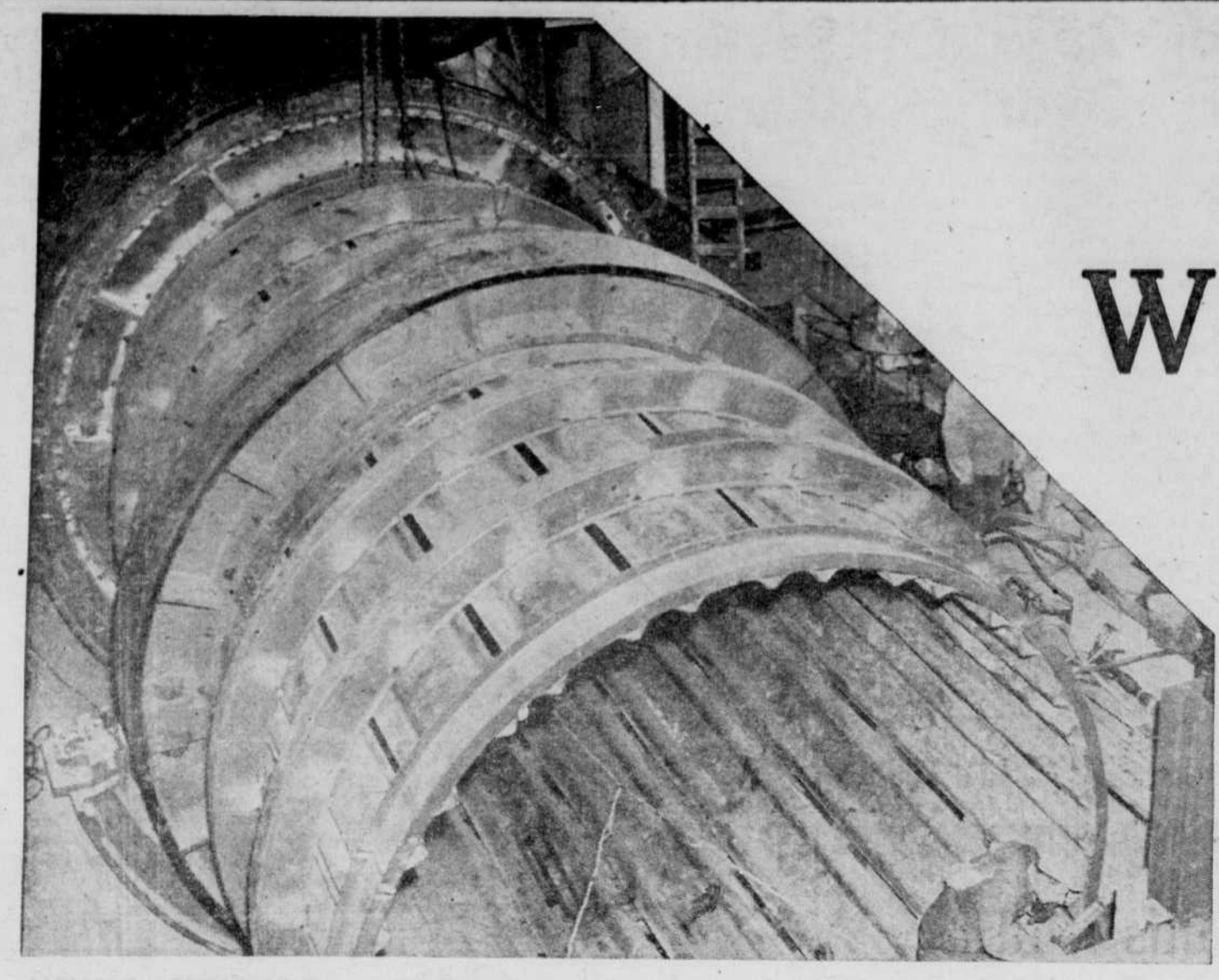
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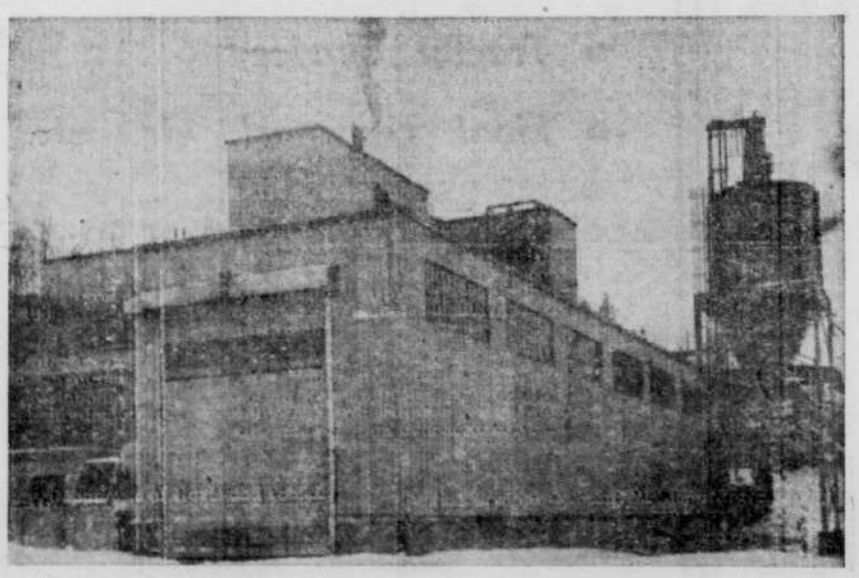
WATAPEKA DIVISION — Oldest and largest of the three Divisions, it is located exactly where the Watapeka and St. Francis Rivers come together. Here are located, the main mill, administration offices, various production buildings, new recovery building, steam plant, woodyard, laboratory, and a number of service departments.

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By GEORGE W. BOURKE
President Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

As an industry which matured with Canada and which continues to keep pace with the progress and development of the nation, life insurance has become the most widely practised form of thrift in the country today, accounting for over 25% of total personal saving. The number of Canadian policyholders is now over six and one-half million, almost double the number in 1925. There has been an even greater increase in the average amount of insurance owned per policyholder, $4,100 at the end of 1955 or over 3½ times the 1925 figure. With such a record, it should be no surprise to learn that the ratio of life insurance owned to national income is higher in Canada than in any other country of the world. On the average, just over 15 months of current personal income is protected by life insurance in force.

While the final life insurance figures for 1956 are still in the process of preparation, results obtained throughout the year showed a marked increase over 1955 when a record $3.4 billion of life insurance was purchased by Canadians. New life insurance figures for 1956 will probably exceed $4 billion, and bring the total business in force to $29.5 billion. The increase in the volume of Canadian life insurance ownership has brought about a corresponding increase in benefits paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries, and the total amount for 1956 will approximate $360 million, compared with the 1955 figure of $337 million. Of this 1956 amount, $135 million, or 37.5%, was paid in death claims. Matured endowments accounted for $35 million, and further payments were made for disability benefits ($4 million), annuity payments ($37 million), surrender values ($72 million) and policyholders' dividends ($77 million).

In addition to being a major source of personal and family security, life insurance contributes to a higher standard of living by protecting against loss of income through death, old age, accident or sickness. In this capacity life insurance companies strive to promote the nation's health, safety and longevity. Many companies offer their policyholders free periodic medical examinations and are particularly active in helping to meet the challenge of heart disease. A substantial research fund is maintained to support a group of keenly-trained workers in this field.

Much of the credit for the consistent growth in life insurance in force and the high regard in which the industry is held by the public belongs to the Canadian life insurance agents. It is evident that they continue to enjoy the full confidence of the public. Each underwriter is carefully selected by his company on the basis of ability, integrity and character, and then undergoes a period of training by highly qualified personnel. Over the past decade or two, the scope of his knowledge and duties has been much enlarged. He is expected to have an understanding of income taxes and succession duties, and estate administration. He is a man who must inspire trust and confidence, and offer wise counsel for future years. He is invited to attend business conferences, industrial relations discussions, mortgage negotiations and many other meetings where his specialized knowledge is of importance. He is a man, in short, to whom Canadians can entrust plans for their future security, and the security of their families, with confidence.

Business activity during 1956 was at record levels. The value of all goods and services produced will total at least $29½ billion, a gain of 10% in value and almost 7% in physical terms over 1955. Sparking the advance has been a surprisingly trong upsurge in the rate of spending for capital construction and equipment. Including housing, capital expenditures for the year are estimated at $7½ billion, a gain of 21% over 1955, itself a record year. Another buoyant factor has been a 13% increase in the value of exports, the principal gains occuring in wheat, newsprint, petroleum, copper, iron ore and uranium.

Peak demands in these two major areas of activity have strained Canadian labour resources to the limit. Unemployment in October was less than 2% of a total labour force of 5.7 million, and labour income was running 11% ahead of last year. Strongly rising trends in consumer incomes and increased use of credit permitted consumers to increase their expenditures by almost 8% above the level of a year ago.

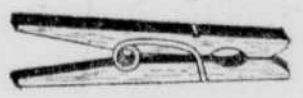
Overall, total demands on the Canadian economy have been larger than available labour, material and financial resources. This has been true in spite of a record level of imports and a larger inflow of investment capital. As a consequence, there has been an upward pressure on the prices of these resources and a mildly inflationary situation has prevailed. Since the beginning of 1955, prices have increased as follows: retail 2.3%; wholesale 5.2%; industrial 10.4%; metals and products 15.7%. Excessive demands on our economy have been reflected more dramatically in a rapid rise in the cost of borrowed money. In general, interest rates rose during the year by at least 1% and financing, particularly for marginal projects, has become increasingly difficult to arrange. During the year the Bank of Canada followed a policy of monetary restraint and exerted its influence to limit the availability of credit outside the banking system. Factors other than monetary policy that have operated to snub inflationary pressures are: a significant increase in productivity; a sharp increase in commodity imports; the recent introduction of new capacity in a number of industries, which has increased competition and delayed price increases; a Governmental budgetary surplus estimated at $400-$500 million; finally, an encouraging increase in savings, particularly by individuals. The stimulation of personal savings holds out the most promising long-range prospect of holding inflationary pressures in check. To practise thrift in times of plenty requires a strong measure of self-denial, because the average citizen with a full pocket-book is naturally anxious to provide himself and his family with the luxuries of life, especially since many of the luxuries of just a few years ago have become standard items in today's homes. It is difficult for anyone to realize any danger in such action. Yet, in th long run, Canada's economic growth can be achieved under conditions of maximum stability only if our rate of saving keeps pace with this growth. A systematic programme of saving is therefore essential. Life insurance is a necessary part of any such programme. It provides not only one of the strongest incentives for individual saving but also ensures that the savings accumulated will be invested promptly and wisely to the benefit not only of the policyholder but the country as a whole. While the insurance companies have played, and will continue to play, a key role in holding inflationary pressures in check, the roots of the problem penetrate more widely and deeply than any one institution can hope to eradicate. Co-operation is essential from all major levels of economic activity — labour, business and government. Labour must recognize that wage demands that consistently exceed gains in productivity are inflationary. Business must continue to plan for future expansion only after careful and exhaustive research to ensure that financial and material resources are not wastefully misapplied, and must

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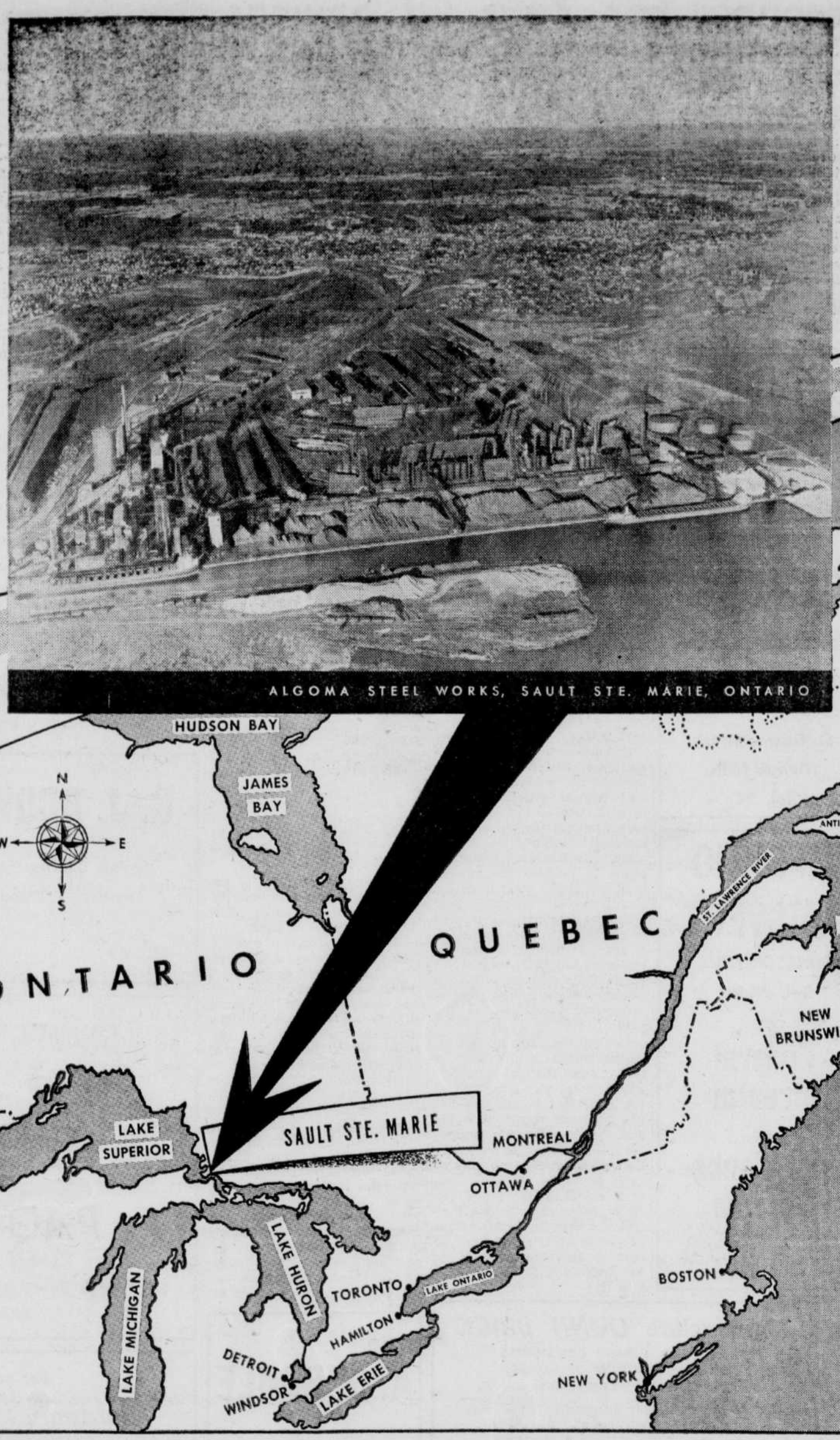
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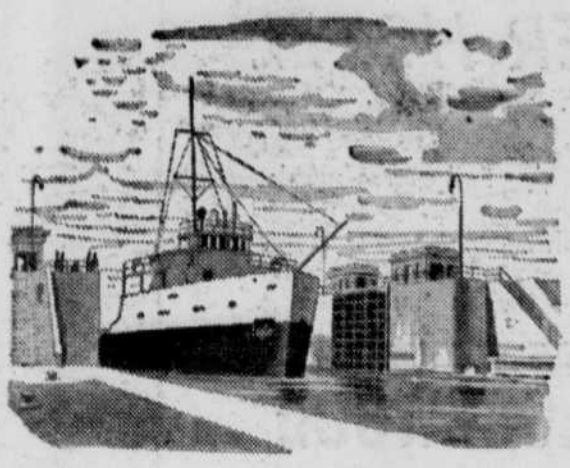
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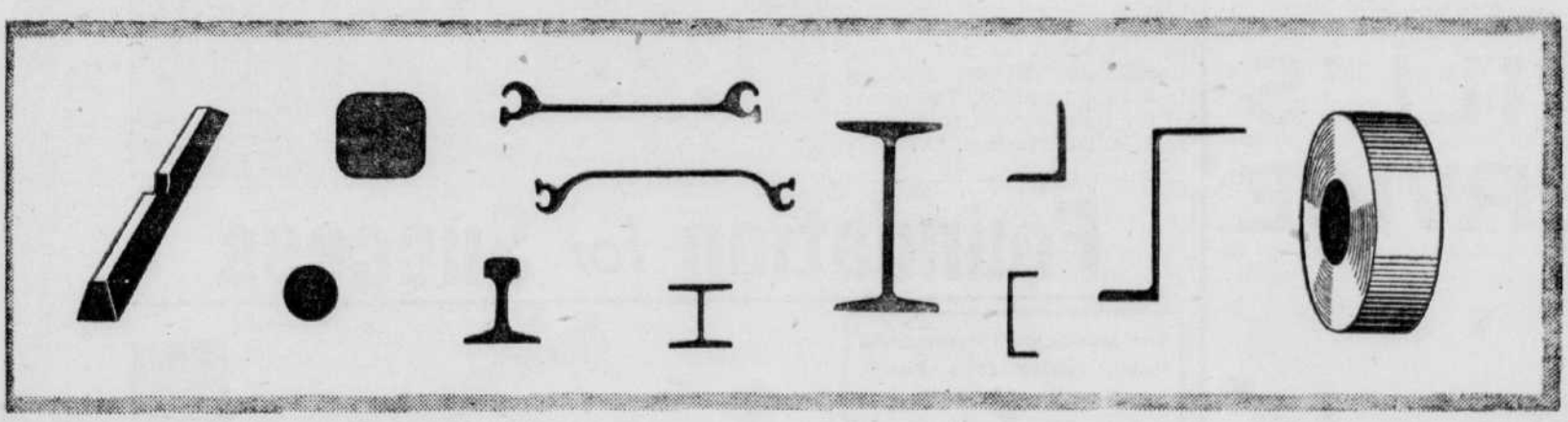
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New Danville School — Shown above is the new Roman Catholic school in Danville, the Academie Mgr. Thibault, which was completed last June. This school is only for boys, totalling 300 and in grades from one to nine. (Record photo by Wm. H. Lunan)

Danville Experiences A Quiet Year; New School Is Built

By NICK POWELL

With regard to expansion and increased construction, the year 1956 has been comparatively quiet for the village of Danville. With the exception of the new Msgr. Thibault School no improvements have been accomplished.

This new school was constructed for grades one to nine and will accommodate about 300 pupils. The building itself was completed in June of the past year. Another school, the Academie Masson, was formerly used for both boys and girls, but now that the Msgr. Thibault school has been finished the former is to be used exclusively for about 300 girls in grades one to eight.

INDUSTRY POOR

In regard to industries situated in Danville, the situation presents rather a bleak picture. The Leopold Martel business failed during the year, and most of the others are feeling the employment problem rather acutely. The Morin Textile Ltd., which burnt down for the second time in its history in 1955, gave way to Morin and Fils, Ltee,. a furniture business located on the site of the old Morin Factory, and built at an estimated cost of $50,000.

Danville village secretary-treasurer, Gilles Geoffroy, announced that 15 building permits had been issued, totalling $97,300; this was a considerable drop from the previous year's total of 23 buildings amounting to $160,000.

There were no further extensions to schools aside from the erection of Msgr. Thibault School, and no road construction was included in the present budget.

However, the Municipal Council has offered lots for outside business without charge. These lots are very large and will accommodate a fairly large industry. Other industries which are maintaining a prosperous business are: Belisle and Thibault, C. J. Brown and Co. Ltd., Lotbiniere Pulp and Paper Co., situated at Nicolet Falls, Plante Maching Shop, Wellie Vaillancourt and Vermette and Fils Ltd.

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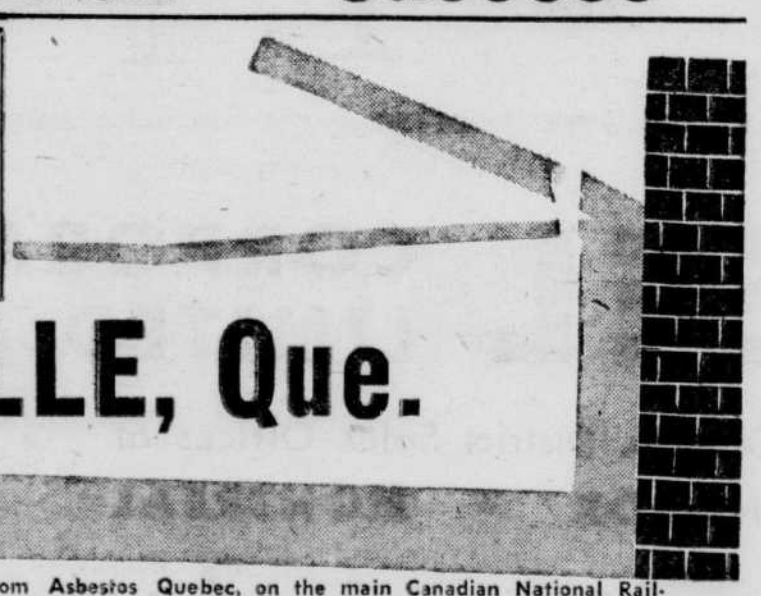
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2 BUSINESS—Toronto among great business, finance centres of the world—Southern Ontario hub of Canada's wholesale and retailing system.

3 CAPITAL INVESTMENT — Absorbs yearly 22-23% of total provincial product—$2.24 billion in 1955, or 37.7% of national investment.

4 CONSERVATION — 19 conservation authorities established, with membership of 287 municipalities—10 projects completed involving $9.5 million.

5 EDUCATION—Attendance in elementary and secondary schools over 1,050,000—70,000 pupils added yearly—education costs for 1956-57 at $117 million.

6 FORESTRY—Pulp and paper industry one of Province's 3 most important—forests yield annually more than $300 million worth of products.

7 HEALTH—1956-57 health budget $65.9 million—Hospital Services Commission established to lay foundation for universal hospital services insurance.

8 HIGHWAYS—1956-57 appropriation $183 million for maintaining and adding to the 74,000 miles of existing road system.

9 HOUSING—52,000 housing units completed in 1955—26 Housing Authorities established—$8 million provided for land assembly and renting schemes in 1956-57.

10 LABOUR—Labour force now over 2 million—manufacturing is largest employer—labour legislation among finest in democratic countries.

11 LAW ENFORCEMENT — Law enforcement and administration of justice closely supervised—Provincial Police provided with the best and latest equipment—force totals over 1,200.

12 MANUFACTURING — Ontario accounts for half of Canada's output—$8.3 billion 1954 production well exceeded in 1955—heavy concentration of industries manufacturing for national market.

13 MINING—Record $577.9 million in 1955 — Canada's largest uranium field at Blind River—record 57,367 claims staked—big developments in nickel, copper, iron.

14 MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE—1956-57 Provincial assistance to municipalities $185 million—yearly grants represent 50% of aggregate municipal tax levy, absorb 40% of Province's revenue.

15 POPULATION—About 5.3 million—rate of increase 12,000 a month—all-time high 141,000 birth registrations in 1955—1¼ million or 30% gain since 1939.

16 POWER DEVELOPMENTS — 5,154,000 h.p. generating capacity in 1955—St. Lawrence Power Development proceeding rapidly—atomic-generated power expected by 1962—pipeline to bring natural gas from Prairie Provinces.

17 PUBLIC WELFARE—$31.3 million assigned for services to the needy in 1956-57—allowances to needy mothers, disabled, old, blind people—child welfare assistance.

18 STANDARD OF LIVING — Has risen 35% since 1942 and 53% since 1939—More diversified and better food — more automobiles, household conveniences, telephones, refrigerators, televisions, radios.

19 VISITOR INDUSTRY—Most flourishing in Canada—Record year in 1955—Upwards of 18 million vacationers spend $250 million yearly in Province.

20 WATER SUPPLY and SEWERAGE Water Resources Commission set up to administer planned $2½ billion water distribution and sewage disposal program over next 20 years.

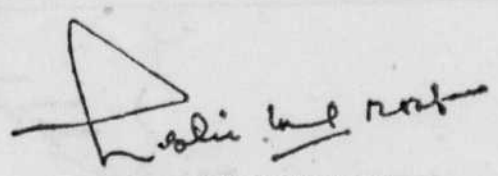
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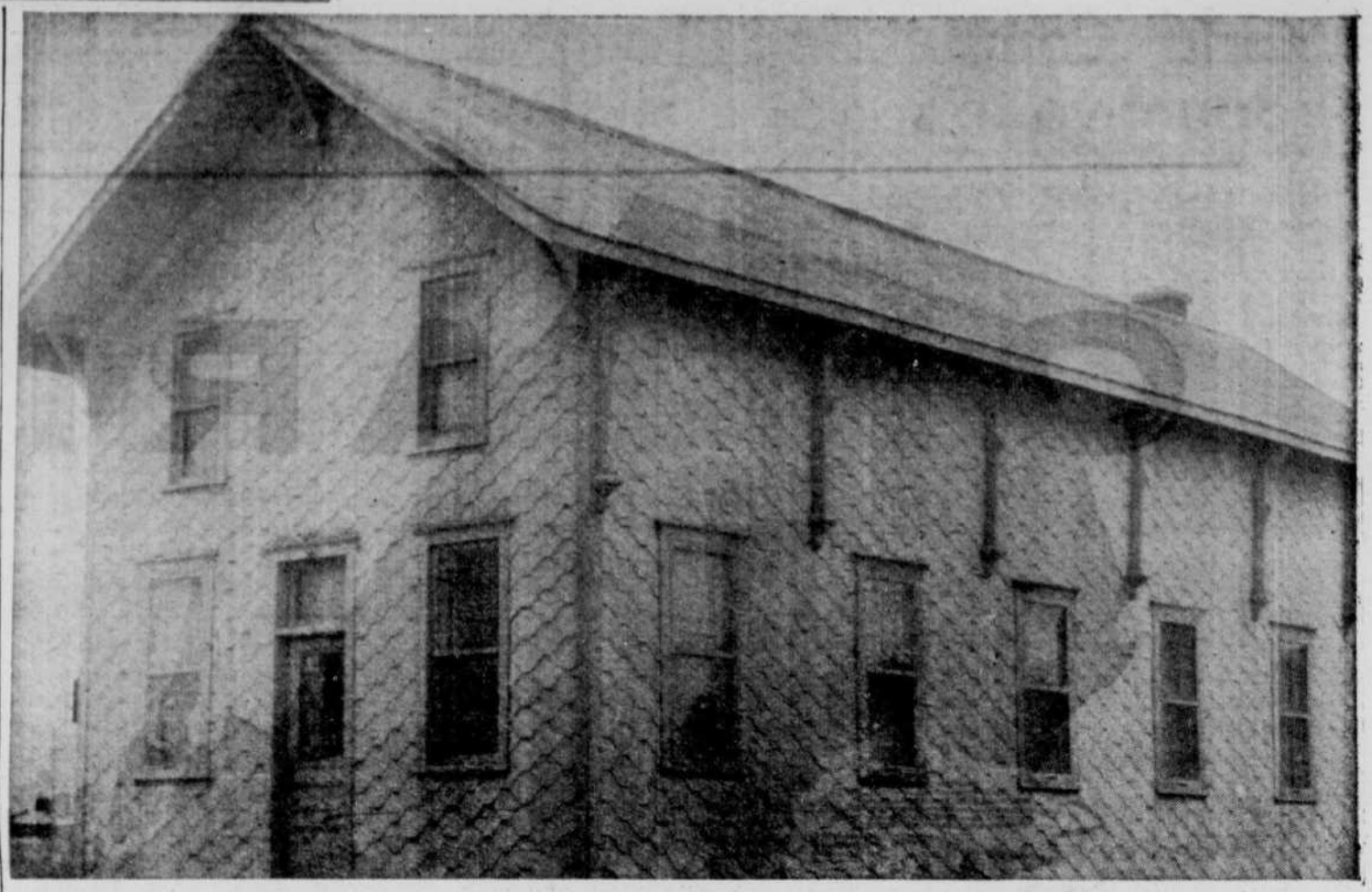
altar for only the trucking charges to move them.

In 1952, Rev. C. West presented the church with two communion trays as a gift from his church in Montreal. About this same time a large wall clock was also secured, a gift from the Johnson High School when that institution was equipped with new ones. It was also in 1952 that the Church was again redecorated, this time on a much more extensive scale. In addition to re-doing floors, walls, ceiling etc., new altar drapes, a new rug; new cover for communion table and pulpit, and venetian blinds for all the windows were purchased. This redecorating at an expense of $700 plus generous help from the Johnson and Bell Asbestos Companies and the Shawinigan Water and Power Company, was done by the United Church W.A.-W.M.S., which two groups had been affiliated in that year, chiefly for the purpose of doing the work.

WOMEN'S GROUP

As has been mentioned, prior to 1939, there was no organized women's group in the Thetford Mines United Church.

In 1939, Clifford Stewart a student minister whose father was well known in Eastern Townships ministerial circles, asked Mrs. E. C. James to come to Thetford Mines to organize a Women's Missionary Society. This group began with seven members, the executive being, president, Mrs. C. Cruickshank; secretary, Phyllis McElravey (now Mrs. Harold Worster, Lennoxville); supply secretary, Miss L. M. V. Seymour, (Sherbrooke); and treasurer, Mrs. Finley Morrison who has held this post ever since. Meetings were to be held in the church and no refreshments provided. Possibly because of this, the membership soon dropped to the four officers



Thetford United Church — **This is the old Quebec Central Railway station which has been used as a United Church in Thetford since 1908, when it was moved to its present site. William Smith, and the Hon. G. R. Smith of Bell Asbestos Company were instrumental in providing it for the use of the church, and the Odd Fellows. Services are held in the lower floor, while the Odd Fellows use the upper floor. It is situated on a bare deserted spot, with railway tracks in front, mine buildings at the side, and asbestos tailing dumps behind it. This landmark is destined to disappear when the present campaign to build a new church reaches its objective.**

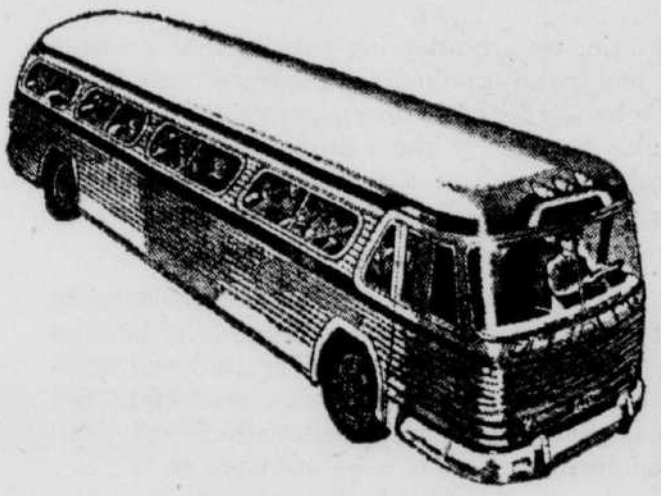
About that time it came Mrs. Morrison's turn to arrange a meeting and she decided, "I'm going to have it at home and I won't let them leave without tea and a bite of food, regardless of rules." That apparently was the turning point in the W.M.S. By 1946 they had a membership of 18 and president Mrs. H. McHarg reported that they had reached their allocation of $60. The next reference to the W.M.S. was in 1952 when a balance of $85.41 was reported which was to be turned over to the Women's Association as a prelude to their two groups joining.

The membership of the W.A.-W.M.S. has continued to grow since then and is now in the neighborhood of 40. Mrs. C. V Hacker was first president of the combined group and did a momentous job of reorganization as well as redecorating the church. Number one item on the future agenda of the W.A.-W.M.S., with Mrs. H. Hoogendyk as president, is the building and furnishing of a manse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

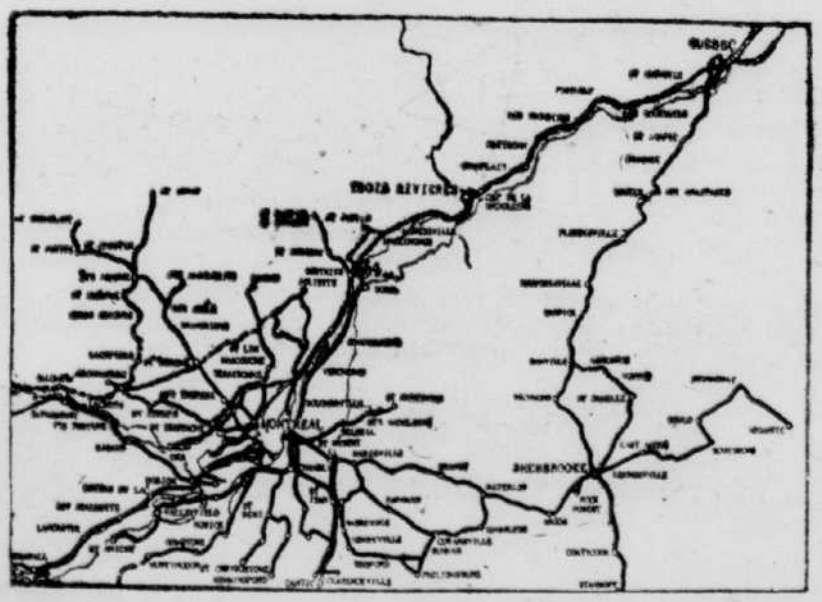
Though there must have been some Sunday School activity in the early years of the church, the first actual record we have of it occurs in 1931. The Rev. Dr. Stevenson, principal of Lennoxville High School, organized one which functioned for about 12 years. Superintendents during that time were Pearl McClin-

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Asbestos Shipments Down

World Competition Tougher; Productive Capacity Higher

By A. L. PENHALE
President, Asbestos Corp. Ltd.

While 1956 can be considered a good year for the Canadian asbestos mining industry, on the strength of figures presently available, it is not expected that shipments will quite reach the record established last year when over a million tons were sold for almost one hundred million dollars. Preliminary estimates for the past year put total shipments in the neighborhood of 975,000 tons, valued at slightly under one hundred million dollars — a very creditable figure and well above that of 1954.

Productive capacity for the industry was at a new high as the result of the expansion which has been underway for the past few years and with the minor decline in shipments there has probably been some temporary accumulation of inventory in certain grades. The fall off from last year's high can be attributed to several factors. Prime amongst these was the increased competition felt in world markets, particularly in Western Europe, from fibre of Russian origin. Asbestos from the U.S.S.R. is not only cheaper in terms of delivered cost, as might be expected, but payment is usually accepted in local currencies. A good deal of the fibre involved enters the country in question under barter or other trade agreements negotiated by the governments of the countries concerned and the ultimate consumer probably has no alternative but to accept it regardless of any preference he may have. Such competition is difficult if not impossible to counter effectively.

A moderate decline in the level of activity in the construction industry and in automobile production in the United States during 1956 had some effect on shipments to that country which normally constitute some 60 per cent of Canadian asbestos sales volume. Shipments to the United Kingdom were somewhat adversely affected by the prevalent credit restrictions in that country and an improvement in this situation cannot be immediately expected.

On the other hand, shipments to Japan during the past year have been at a level comparable to that which prevailed prior to the Second World War when that country ranked as one of the most important consumers of Canadian asbestos fibre. Elsewhere, sales were approximately the same as in the previous year. The countries of South America continued to be restricted in their purchases of asbestos by what might almost be described as a chronic shortage of hard currency.

So far as 1956 was concerned, there was a fall-off in the demand for spinning grades as compared with the previous year but in the relatively more important market for the medium grades there was a definite increase in requirements, reflecting the world wide expansion in the asbestos-cement products industry. Short fibres continued to move well though not quite at the high level of 1955.

With expanded production ensuring adequate supplies of most grades and with asbestos consumers demanding higher quality fibre, competition within the industry was keen. Asbestos products, generally speaking, have to face vigorous competition from substitute products particularly in the field of building materials and this is not unnaturally a strong incentive for asbestos manufacturers to insist on better quality fibre which will lower production costs.

A slight reduction in the overall employment in the industry is likely to be revealed when official figures for 1956 are published later on. In 1955 total employment in the industry stood at 6,729. At the same time this situation can probably be considered as temporary in view of the fact that there are at least two new mines which will be reaching the production stage within a year or two, the operations of which will doubtless bring total employment back above the 1955 level.

The long term outlook for asbestos continued to encourage the industry, as well as the mining fraternity in general, to seek new deposits in other than the established producing areas and at least two promising discoveries were made in the past year, one in Newfoundland and the other in northern British Columbia. Meanwhile the two new companies in the Thetford-Black Lake area continued their development work and started the construction of their plants. It is expected that these two producers will commence full scale mining operations in 1958.

The position of asbestos as the most valuable mineral in terms of total annual production in the Province of Quebec would appear to be unchallenged and in the Eastern Townships where 95 per cent of Canadian asbestos is mined, our industry remains the most important economic factor with an annual payroll, of close to 30 million dollars.

So far as 1957 is concerned, the troubled international scene prohibits any accurate estimate of what can be expected for the Canadian asbestos mining industry, dependent as it is on overseas markets for a large percentage of its sales.

In summary it can be said that, although no new records have been established, 1956 was, even by postwar standards, an exceptionally good year. Competition in world markets was keen and the producers were active in improving the quality of their fibres.

THE "FEW"

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tock, L. M. V. Seymour and Ella Scott and teachers included Mrs. James Lipsey, Polly McCallum, Mrs. R. Miles, Alice Scott and and Anita Houle.

There was apparently no religious instruction for the children from then on until. 1946 when Rev. Wheeler proposed a Religious Educational Committee be appointed "to look after any children not going to the Anglican Sunday School." Members of the Committee were Rev. Wheeler, Mr. Webster and Mr. Connery.

Regular Sunday School classes were reorganized in 1951 by Rev. C. West and since 1952 Mrs. Henry Robinson has been superintendent of the Sunday School which now reports an enrolment of 25 pupils with 3 teachers, Cradle Roll was also started in 1952. Sunday School classes have always been held upstairs in the Odd Fellow's Hall.

ONLY FAITH

For over fifty years Thetford Mines United Church has survived on little except faith. And there were times when even that was almost depleted.

For instance in 1939, this brief not occurs in the minute book, "There was a long discussion about closing the church . . . it was decided to carry on. . . James Dickinson (who for 12 years carried the load of financial worries on his shoulders) moved that we try again. . ."

In 1941, Presbytery wrote this letter to Thetford Mines, "We have been much concerned about the work of our church in Thetford Mines this summer. We understand that you have been without any pastoral supply since last spring and that you have been maintaining services among yourselves, which is a very fine thing on your part."

And finally in the minute book in 1954, this one poignant sentence, "Rev. Tyson preached his last service here. Presbytery has promised us. . ."

In September 1955, Rev. F. R. Matthews of Sherbrooke, once again came to the rescue, as he had so many times in the past, and travelling the long distance from Sherbrooke to Thetford Mines each Sunday during the winter and spring, managed to keep the little congregation together. He, with the late Dr. Ellery Read of Plymouth United Church in Sherbrooke, are two of the many to whom Thetford Mines United Church owes a great debt of gratitude. An unnamed minister once came from as far away as Rock Island, leaving that place at 3 in the morning and arriving back there at midinght, in order to bring a service to the hard pressed mission.

MANY FRIENDS

There is little doubt that Thetford Mines United Church had in the past, and still has, many friends. Early in 1956, St. John's Anglican congregation offered them the gift of their old church if they could move it to a new site. Unfortunately they couldn't but the offer was deeply appreciated. Since the building campaign first started,

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Ontario Position Strong

Impressive Expansion During The Past Year

By HON. BRYAN L. CATHCART
Minister of Travel and Publicity,
Province of Ontario

During the past decade, Ontario has experienced a period of economic growth and expansion unequalled in the ninety years since Confederation. In face of somewhat disturbed conditions in various parts of the world, Ontario's position in the nation's progress continues strong as her people continue toward a better way of life under our democratic and free enterprise system, and I believe we can well look forward with much confidence to continued and in some instances even wider prosperity in the present new year of 1957.

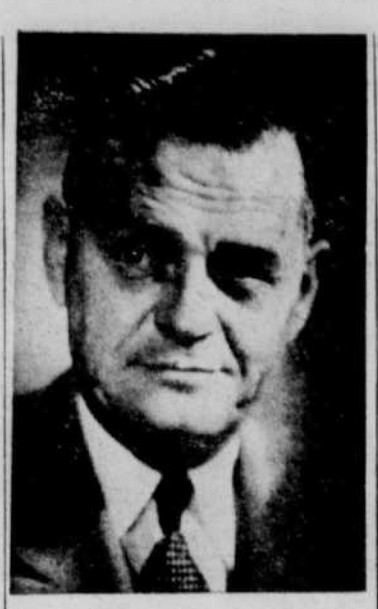
Growth and expansion have been impressive, inspiring an authority on economics to refer to Ontario as "the nation's business colossus." In paraphrasing, of course, stress is placed upon the area from Oshawa on the east, the home of General Motors of Canada, and other large industries, through Toronto, Oakville, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Thorold and Niagara Falls. This area has been referred to as "the $7 billion horseshoe — Canada's industrial heartland," and we too refer to Ontario as "the heartland of Canada."

Examining this great industrial area — though industry is also spread throughout other areas — there are 6,000 factories or about one-third of the total industrial manufacturing in Ontario. In fact, Ontario produces about one-half of the industrial production of the nation. The importance of this area can be readily seen, the area including the great metropolitan Toronto zone with its population of 1,350,000.

Agriculture contines to be, however, the backbone of our economy. We pay tribute to our farmers for their continued production which in 1956 is expected to be slightly better than $1 billion; in cash farm income the farmer received in 1955 about $704,544,000 arising from various activities on the 150,000 farms that are located in various parts of the province. As an example of growth in agriculture production, the increase over the period 1945-54 was $340,000,000 or an increase of nearly 50 per cent. In 1947, there were about 350,000 people engaged in farming; today there are about 700,000 depedent directly upon agriculture for a livelihood. Our farmers, too enjoy a high degree of self-sufficiency; rural electrification is advancing to bring them power, and the Ontario Hydro Commission serves now over 400,000 rural customers.

Ontario accounts for 38 per cent of all retail sales made in Canada, and within the metropolitan Toronto area is considered the largest retail market in Canada. In all other phases of our economy, progress and growth continues. Our mines in 1956 are expected to reach a record production of over $550 million; lumbering and the timber industry will account for about a similar total production, now nears the 6,000,000 mark and is expected to cross this figure early this year. Growth of population is about 150,000 a year. Motor vehicle registrations have nearly tripled since 1945 and now exceed 1,500,000.

Not only is the Province of Ontario a key factor in the nation's economy but as a travel and visitor resort vacationland, we take pride in the variety and facilities available to not only our own people but to our some 15,000,000 visitors who come here annually. We particularly include many of our good friends and neighbors from our sister Provinces, particularly the people of Quebec who are coming here each year in increasing numbers. The travel industry is of prime importance to our economy not only to me as Minister of Travel and Publicity, but to every citizen of Ontario because its benefits are wide and felt by us all. In looking to the future, I believe we can safely say that the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power project will bring further inestimable advantages to many parts of Ontario. The seaway will bring ocean traffic to many cities and towns along the Great Lakes; the power project will provide us with additional power supplies to meet mounting demands from new industry and growth generally.



HON. BRYAN L. CATHCART

Refugee Claims Artistic Skill Saved His Life

REGINA — A Hungarian refugee who believes his artistic talents saved him from death in a Soviet labor camp is establishing himself as a portrait painter in his newly-adopted homeland.

Sandor Der, 43 fought for his life by painting three portraits a day for his Russian captors in the Caucasian "death camp" of Yerevan, to which he was deported by the Russians in 1944.

Since his arrival in Saskatchewan he has been in steady production. During a brief stay at a reception centre at nearby Fort Qu'Appelle he did three oil paintings and three drawings, and while still without regular employment he has since completed four portraits in Regina.

In 1944 he was deported by the Russains to Yerevan in the Caucasus mountains near the Turkish border. But after a few months, the Russians discovered he was an artist, gave him paper and pencils and issued him a daily quota of three portraits.

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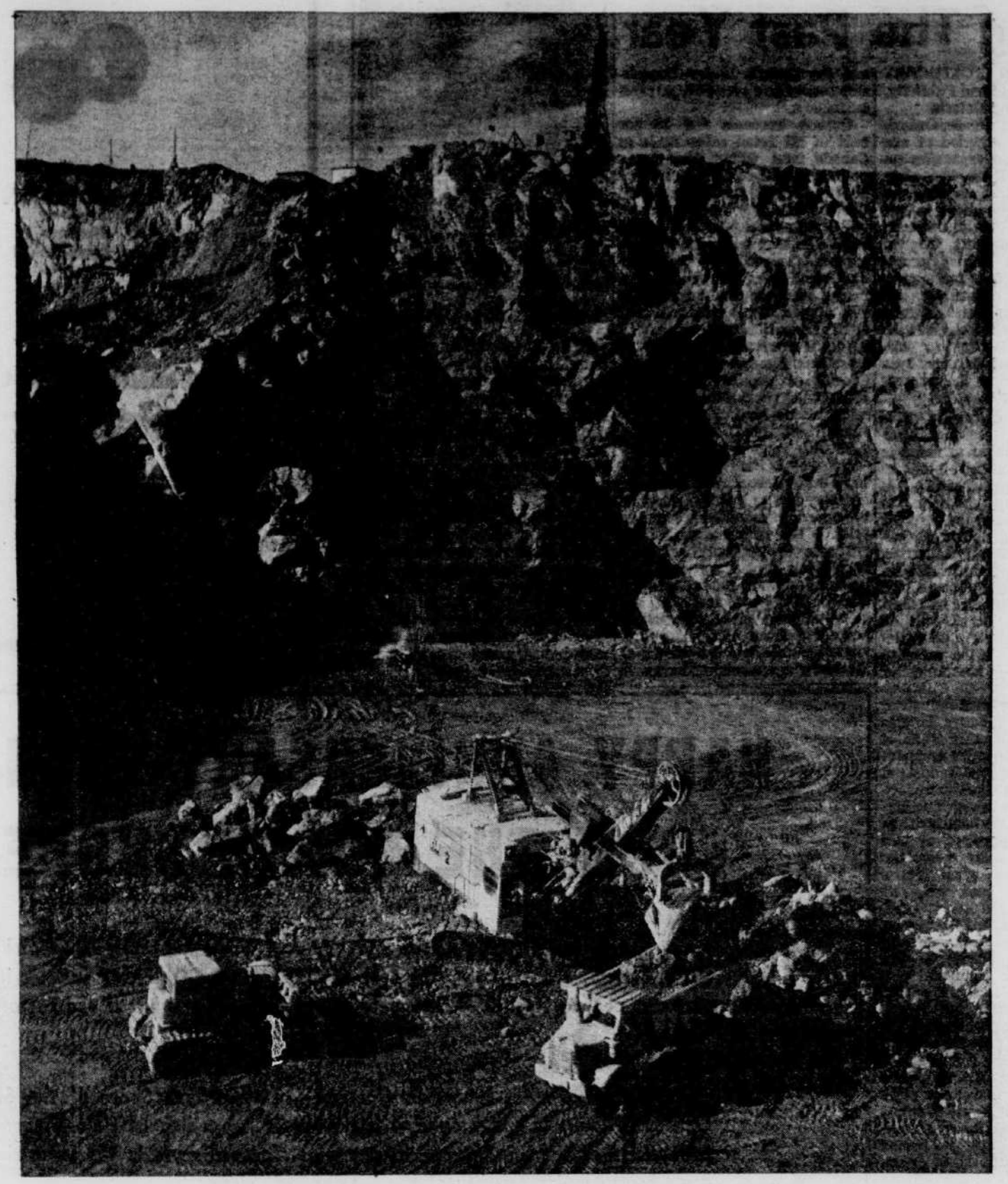
It is 400 miles from Baie Comeau (on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence River) to Sherbrooke -- but what is happening at Baie Comeau today touches Sherbrooke, as does any great forward move in the industrial good health and prosperity of the province of Quebec.

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Jacques Cartier called this "The Land that God gave to Cain" -- but truly his words no longer apply to this North Shore of the St. Lawrence River. It is now one of Quebec's great vital areas, and it is in a surge of vitality!

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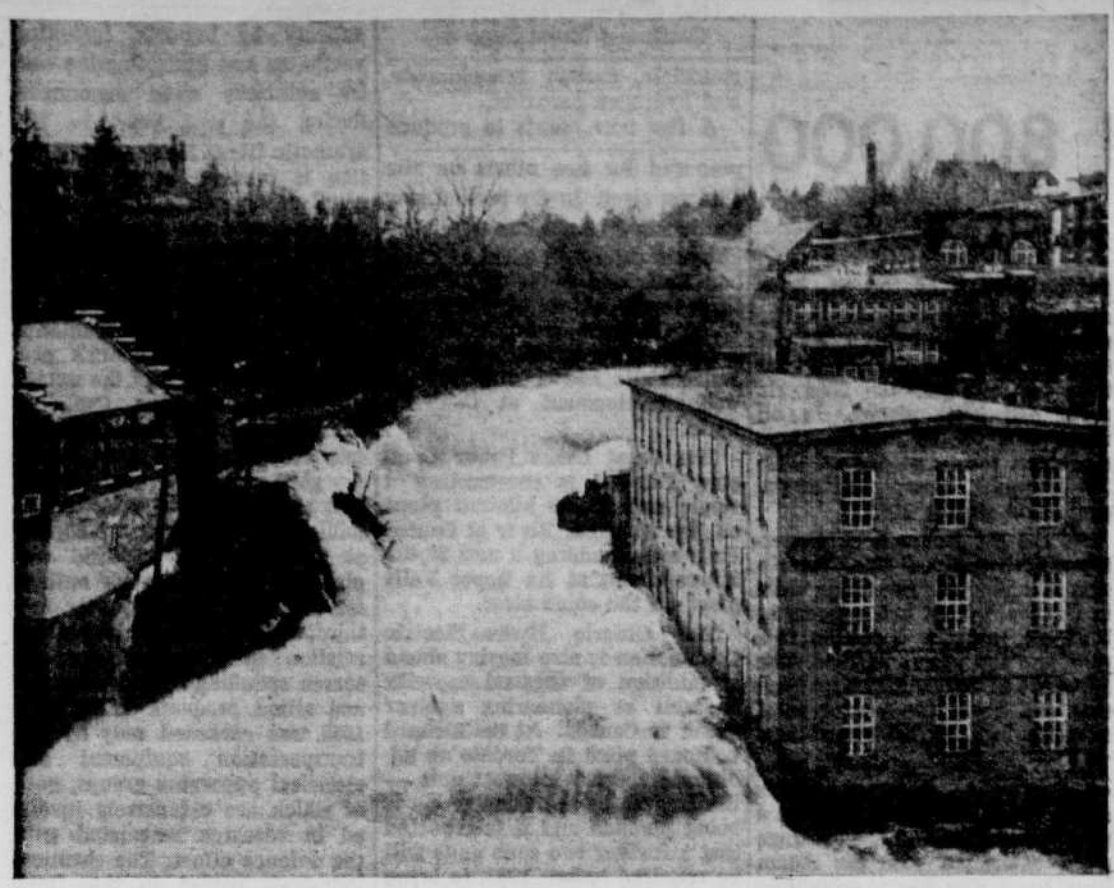
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No Prosperity For CPR

Railway Financial Return Low Although Traffic Volume High

By N. R. CRUMP, M.E., D. Eng., LL.D.
President, Canadian Pacific Railway Company

The national economy in 1956 was stimulated by unprecedented capital outlays for plant and equipment by domestic business and industry as well as foreign investors, who thereby reaffirmed in spectacular fashion their faith in Canada's future.

This unparalleled level of investment, together with a continued rise in consumer expenditure throughout 1956, have combined to transform the inflationary potential already apparent late in 1955 into a disquieting reality. The conclusion that this is so is inescapable in view of the fact that a third or more of the anticipated 10 per cent advance in Gross National Product for 1956 may be expected to represent higher costs of production in contrast with last year when the advance in GNP reflected almost exclusively an increase in the physical volume of production. Part of the rise in production costs is attributable to higher material prices. An even more significant factor in rising production costs, however, has been labor income, a substantial proportion of the increase in which reflects the initial cost of wage settlements concluded during the year.

The restraining influence of monetary policy has been a stabilizing factor of great importance in the Canadian economy in 1956. Also making for stability has been the increase in savings. Technological advance, making possible greater productivity without a corresponding increase in costs, has also been a factor in limiting the effect of inflationary pressure. The record-breaking inflow of imports from abroad has also served to offset to some extent inflationary pressures evident during the year, although the magnitude of Canada's trade deficit, particularly with the United States, remains a matter of justifiable concern.

The high level of business and industrial activity throughout 1956 has maintained prosperity in almost all segments of the economy. In contrast with 1955, when mining and residential construction were the pace-setters, manufacturing industries, both primary and secondary, with a few notable exceptions, have been in the vanguard of economic advance in 1956. Agriculture, too, has shared in the gains recorded, and farm income promises to reach the highest level since 1951.

The railways, however, have not been sharing in this general prosperity of the Canadian economy. Traffic volume has been high, but the net financial returns have been low. The return to Canadian Pacific on net railway investment in 1956 will be only about 3.2%. This is substantially less than earnings in other industries, and even less than the current return available to the investor in many issues of Dominion of Canada bonds — a completely risk free security.

So inadequate a return on rail investment, despite the substantial increase in the demand for essential rail transport which has occurred in 1956, is compelling evidence of the need for relaxation of outmoded regulation so necessary if the railway industry is to meet increasing competition and provide the transportation services required of it in a rapidly expanding economy. It also lends a sense of urgency to the efforts of Canadian Pacific to avail itself without hindrance of the advantages of technological change, in a manner consistent with its obligations to the public and to its own employees.

Confident that these objectives will be accorded public recognition, Canadian Pacific, which marked its 75th birthday in 1956, continued its program of modernization and expansion in the realms of transportation on land, at sea and in the air. This program was highlighted by the entry into service of the 25,500-ton Empress of Britain, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet; the commencement of construction of a $10 million addition to the Royal York Hotel; the signing of a contract for a new office building at Vancouver which will serve as the center for Canadian Pacific Air Lines' $20 million Bristol Britannia expansion program and by the addition of new diesel locomotive units and rail diesel cars.

Continuing the Company's dieselization program begun in 1943, 115 new diesel units were put into service during the year. This brings to 670 the number of diesel units in service, a considerable stride in the Company's plan to attain complete dieselization by 1961.

Additional "Dayliners" — high speed, self-propelled rail diesel cars — were also introduced. Those popular units went into operation in Nova Scotia on the Dominion Atlantic Railway, a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific. They also made their appearance on the Montreal-Boston run, marking their first entry into the Canadian Pacific's international service. Similarly, diesel cars have been placed on the Montreal-Sutton, Moose Jaw-Calgary, Sudbury-Fort William and Toronto-Owen Sound runs. A total of 31 of these units is now in service and an additional 11 for delivery in 1957 are on order. They have proven extremely popular on passenger runs in eight provinces and are expected to play a continuing role in Canadian Pacific operations from coast to coast.

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Electrical Development High

Power Producers Add 800,000 Kilowatts Generating Capacity

By J. A. FULLER
President, The Shawinigan Water and Power Company

The year 1956 in Canada marked another milestone in industrial expansion and to serve the nation's electrical needs power producers, both hydro-electric and thermal, across the country moved ahead with an addition of almost 800,000 kilowatts of generating capacity.

And, still more impressive, to supply requirements anticipated for the coming five or six years, a further 6,000,000 kilowatts of capacity is expected to be made available in new developments or additions which are now either under construction or in the planning stage. About 5,500,000 kilowatts of this will be hydro-electric capacity.

Of the additional capacity brought into service last year, 628,000 kilowatts was hydro-electric power, slightly more than the previous year. This brought total installed hydro capacity in Canada to more than 13,750,000 kilowatts, still less than 30 per cent of the country's recorded water power resources.

The province of Quebec remained in top spot among the provinces, adding 383,600 kilowatts of new capacity during the past year, most of this at the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission's big new development on the Bersimis River. At the same time there are in Quebec developments or additions under construction which will add some 3,000,000 kilowatts of new capacity by 1962.

At its Bersimis river plant, Hydro-Quebec brought into service near the end of last year the first three of eight 111,900 kilowatt units; three more units are expected to go into operation this year and the remaining two next year. The Commission is transmitting Bersimis power to Montreal and to The Shawinigan Water and Power Company system near Quebec City.

Downstream on the same river preliminary construction is moving ahead on Hydro-Quebec's Bersimis No. 2 plant with a planned total installation of 622,900 kilowatts in five units.

At Beauharnois, just west of Montreal on the St. Lawrence river, the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission is continuing preliminary work on the third section of its development. This section will have eleven 48,400 kilowatt units and is expected to start operation late next year. With the third section in operation total capacity of the whole Beauharnois project will be 1,603,900 kilowatts.

At Hydro's Rapide 2 plant on the Ottawa River a third 11,900 kilowatt unit was connected to the system late in the year. The Commission also has under investigation the Lachine Rapids section of the St. Lawrence.

The Shawinigan Water and Power Company started construction in the spring on a new 246,200-kilowatt semi-outdoor development at Rapide Beaumont, 10 miles above La Tuque on the St. Maurice River. First of the six units is scheduled to come into operation late in 1958 with the remainder early the following year.

At Paugan Falls on the Gatineau River, the Gatineau Power Company brought into service a new 35,000 kilowatt unit to increase total installed capacity there to 212,600 kilowatts.

In the fall, the Aluminum Company started work on a huge new hydro plant at Chute des Passes on the Peribonka River. To have five 149,200 kilowatt units using the largest turbines in Canada, the plant is scheduled to start operating in 1959.

On the Shipshaw River, Price Brothers Company Limited has started work on a single unit plant of 58,200 kilowatts to be completed later this year.

At First Falls on the Manicouagan River, the Manicouagan Power Company is adding three 44,750 kilowatt units in an extension to its powerhouse, with operation of the first new unit scheduled for late this year. The addition will bring total capacity at First Falls to 218,100 kilowatts.

On the Chicoutimi river at Chicoutimi, the Eastern Smelting and Refining Company is expected to complete work this summer on a single unit plant of 31,300 kilowatts.

In Ontario work is under way on a number of large-scale projects, although additions to plant capacity in 1956 totalled only about 56,600 kilowatts.

The major increase in 1956 was at the Manitou Falls plant of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission where a four-unit development started in 1954 was brought into service. The units are of 13,800 kilowatt capacity each and provision has been made for addition of a fifth in 1958.

The Commission pushed ahead with work on the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence Power project for initial service scheduled in 1958. By the end of 1956 foundations and draft tube concrete for the first six units had been placed. In all there will be 16 units with a combined total capacity of 900,000 kilowatts. Completion of the project is set for 1960.

At the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station No. 2 the Commission is adding the final four units in the main plant and expects to have one unit in operation this year and the others in 1958. The units are of 78,330 kilowatts each and will bring the plants' total capacity to 1,253,300 kilowatts.

Six reversible pump-turbines — capacity 35,000 kilowatts each — are being installed at a semi-outdoor type pumped-storage plant associated with Sir Adam Beck No. 2. The first is scheduled to come into service early this year with the others at short intervals later.

Preliminary work is being carried out by the Commission on two projects in the Winnipeg river area and plans are being prepared for two others on the Nipigon river. In the preliminary construction stage are a 76,100 kilowatt three-unit plant at Caribou Falls and a 60,400 kilowatt three-unit plant at Whitedog Falls. On the planning board are a 14,200-kilowatt station at Alexander Falls and an 18,650 kilowatt development at Cameron Falls.

The Great Lakes Power Company Limited is constructing a single unit 20,900 kilowatt plant on the Montreal River at Centre Falls and is adding a new 22,400 kilowatt unit at its Upper Falls plant on the same river.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission is also moving ahead in addition of thermal capacity as well as pioneering nuclear power in Canada. At the Richard L. Hearn plant in Toronto an additional 150,000 kilowatt unit — the largest in the country — is being planned and it is expected that a further two such units will be required before 1961, to bring total plant capacity to 750,000 kilowatts.

The Commission, as well, is co-operating with Atomic Energy of Canada and Canadian General Electric Company in construction

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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

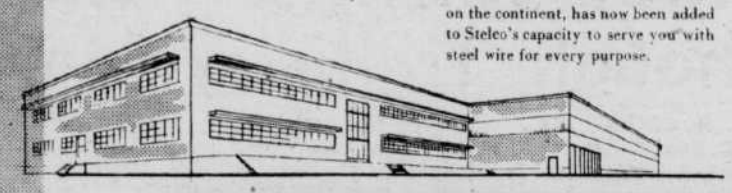
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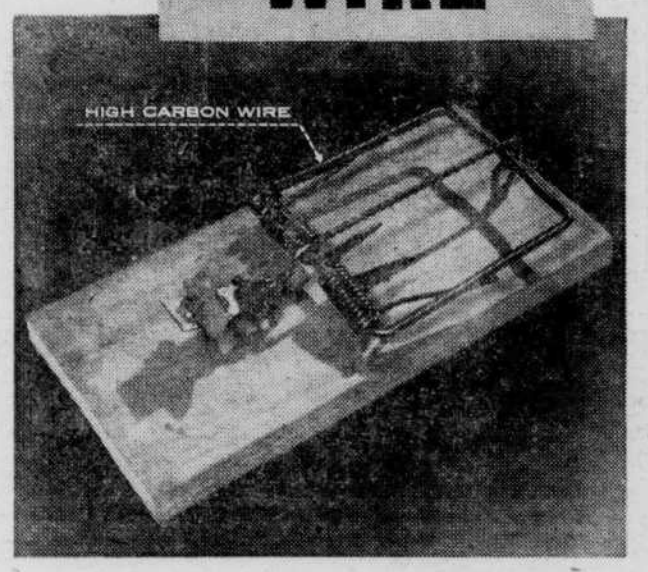
A few new plants to produce chemicals previously supplied entirely by imports, including xanthates and hydrofluoride and its solutions were announced during the past year. In the synthetic fibres field, the production is planned of acrylic and cellulose tri-acetate fibres, which have hitherto not been made in Canada. No important projects in the plastics field were announced during 1956.

Perhaps the chief determinant of the chemical industry's progress in research, and the extent of research in the Canadian chemical industry was recently measured for the first time. A government survey shows that the industry spent some $8 million on research in 1955, and at the beginning of 1956 was planning to expand its outlays for this purpose by nearly one third. In absolute terms and in relation to value of sales, research spending by the chemical and allied products industry in 1955 was exceeded only by the transportation equipment and electrical apparatus groups, both of which are extensively involved in research associated with the defence effort. The chemical industry's record in this field, combined with its access to the research findings of other countries, is a favourable portent of its ability to expand and to adjust to the changing circumstances of Canada's growth and development.

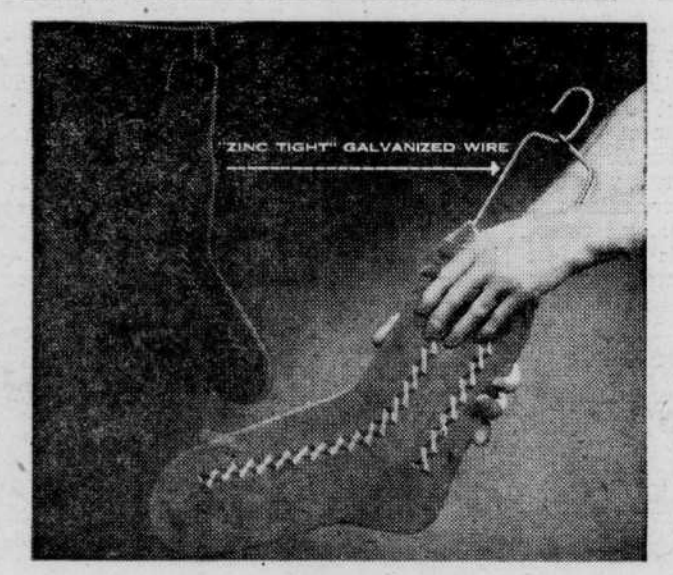
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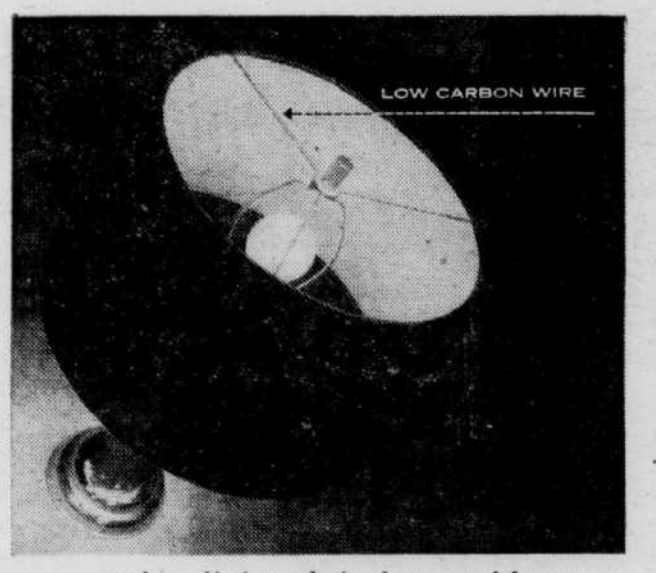
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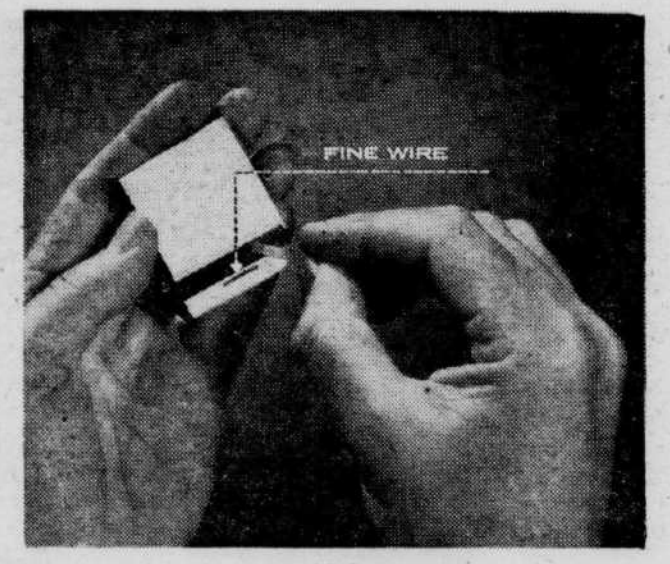
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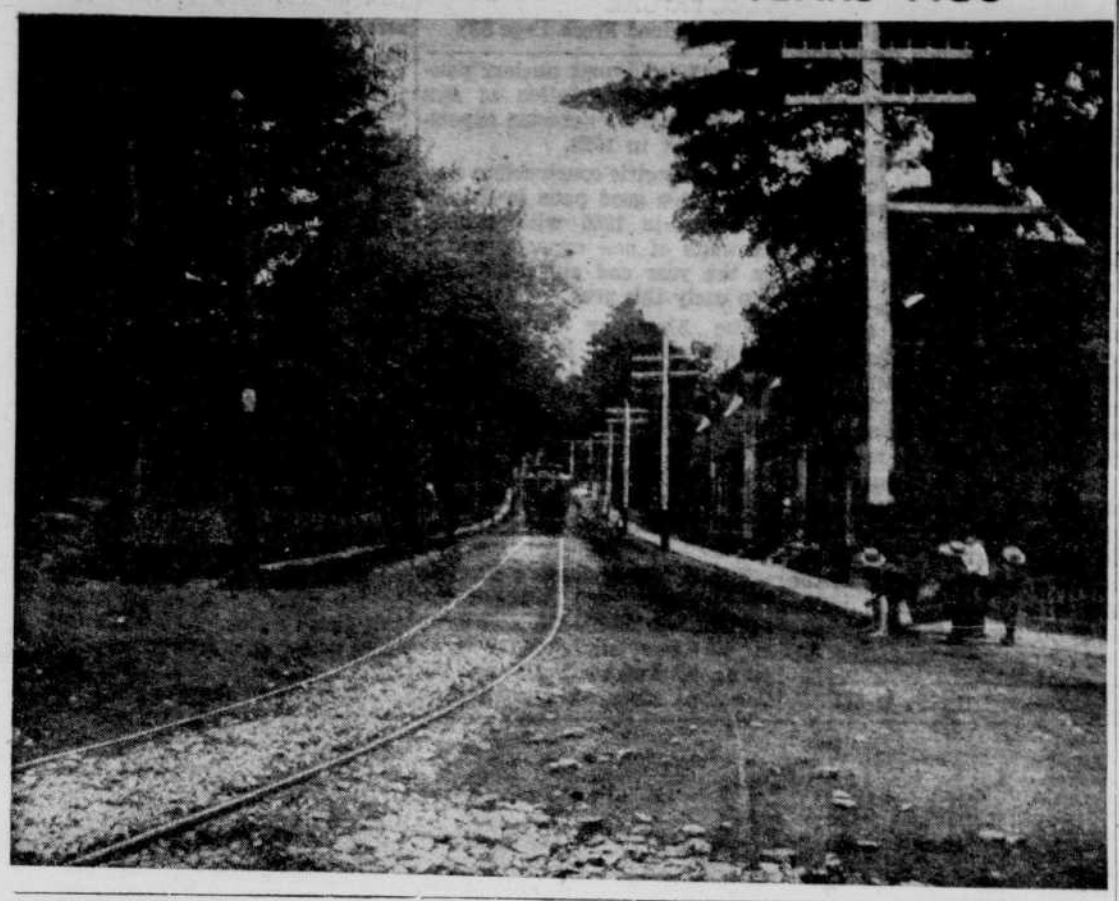
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OUTSTANDING

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The airline's fleet at the end of the year also included 21 North Stars, four of them converted to freighter aircraft, and 24 DC-3s.

Some 33 per cent of the service offered on TCA routes during 1956 was tourist class, thus extending the market for air travel both on the North American continent and overseas. Family fare plan rates, which were extended to the North Atlantic the previous year, were continued giving family parties the lowest fares in the history of scheduled trans-Atlantic flight.

TCA, together with other overseas carriers, also introduced trans-Atlantic excursion fares — for low-cost European vacations — and an extra-cities plan for European travellers. Additionally, reduced immigrant fares were started on November 1.

Jointly with other airlines, TCA co-operated in the carriage of refugees to Canada following the Hungarian tragedy and also flew large quantities of relief supplies from agencies in Canada.

In 1956 TCA continued its study of an electronics system for handling its reservations transactions which now total some 12,000 daily. Other research projects were advanced in the engineering, operations and administrative fields.

A total of 31 new pilots were assigned to line duties and 185 stewardesses were graduated in addition to the training program in other company departments.

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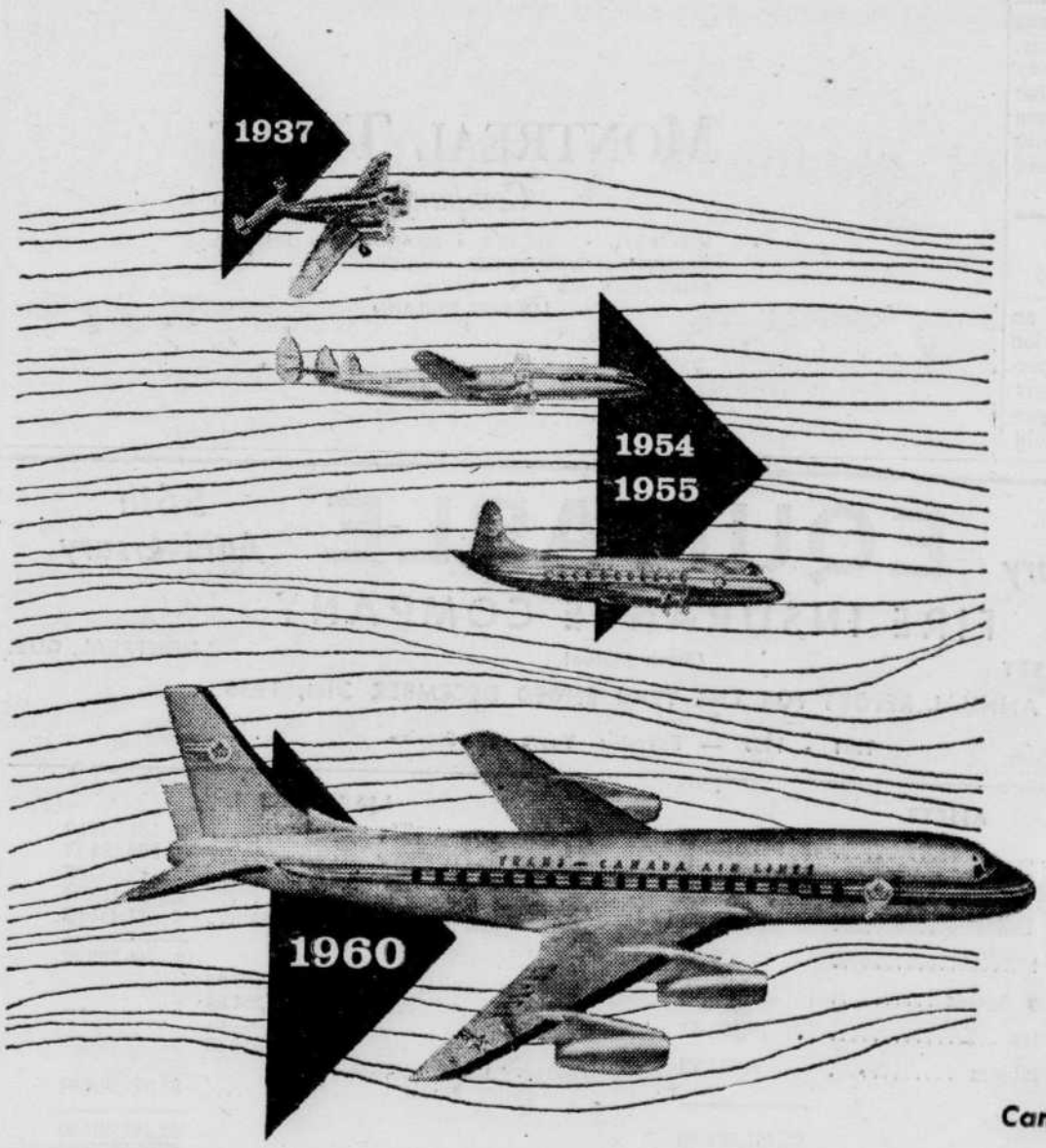


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which was begun in 1955, is going forward and rapid conversion for traditional procedures, affecting nearly all departments, is taking place. The physical installation at headquarters of the large electronic computer, equipped with memory core, is now in progress. Operation on an expanding scale will be effected early in 1957.

The first deliveries of new yard office and freight office equipment for the automatic recording of source data, which were designed to Canadian Pacific specifications and are the first of their kind in use anywhere, have been received and are being put into operation under the new procedures, office by office, as deliveries are made. The extensive communication network, which links the I.D.P. system together, is nearing completion.

The 25,500-ton Empress of Britain entered service in April of 1956 and completed 12 trans-Atlantic crossings during the year. The ship accommodates 150 first class passengers and 896 tourist and can carry 5,000 tons of general and refrigerated cargo.

Newest addition to the Canadian Pacific fleet, the Empress of England, was launched on May 9th by Lady Eden at Newcastle-on-Tyne. This sister ship of the Empress of Britain will sail from Liverpool in April, 1957, on her maiden voyage and will provide the fleet with an increase of approximately 12,000 berths each way for the St. Lawrence route 1957 season.

There still remains to be replaced the well known Empress of Scotland, which is presently in North Atlantic and cruise service and which will reach retirement age in about five years. Active consideration is being given to construction for this purpose of a third new ship, which will probably be of greater tonnage than either the "Britain" or the "England", and the design and appointments suited to cruise requirements as well as North Atlantic service.

The extension to the Royal York Hotel in Toronto costing some $10 million has been started. This extension will bring the capacity of the Royal York to approximately 1,600 rooms, making it still the largest hotel in the British Commonwealth. Completion of the new wing is expected by December, 1958. In addition, arrangements have been made for the construction by the Company of a reinforced concrete, 400-car space, seven-floor (open deck) parking building immediately adjacent to, and for use primarily in connection with, the Royal York Hotel.

Canadian Pacific Air Lines, now with the seventh largest route pattern in the world, undertook a $20 million expansion program during 1956 designed to bring a fleet of long-range Bristol Britannia turbo-prop aircraft into service. The C.P.A.L. expansion program began with signing of a $375,000 contract for a new office building at Vancouver International Airport. The new center for C.P.A.L.'s five-continent flying operation will be completed early in 1957.

Extension of the Latin American services from Lima, Peru, to Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital, was a highlight of the air line's operations. Frequency has since been increased to twice weekly on this run.

During the past year, Canadian Pacific Air Lines placed orders for 12 more DC-6B Empress airliners. Four of these were delivered in 1956, four are scheduled for 1957 delivery, and the remaining four will be in operation during the summer of 1958.

When the first of five Britannias is delivered in 1957, the Company will own the largest and fastest commercial passenger aircraft in the world. Meanwhile, traffic on the trans-Polar route between Vancouver and Amsterdam showed such increases in 1956 that a second weekly flight was added in April, and a third flight was operated for the summer traffic peak. These flights from Vancouver are linked directly with the South Pacific service, one terminating in Sydney, Australia, and the other in Auckland, N.Z. Flights between Vancouver and Honolulu have been boosted from two to five flights weekly for this winter's tourist season, and service between Toronto and Mexico City, inaugurated in November, 1955, had grown from one to three flights weekly by November, 1956, and likely will be increased in light of favorable traffic potential.

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THE "FEW"

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offers of help have been widespread and often much more generous than even hoped for. These facts have all played a large part in the final big moment of decision which was reached on August 1st of last year when it was finally decided to build a new church.

Only once before has this congregation dared to think new church and that was in the 1920's. That church was to have been built in Black Lake. But as so often happens in mining towns, many of the Blake Lake members moved away and the idea had to be abandoned. However, they had succeeded in collecting $800 and this plus the money from the sale of the parsonage formed the basis of the nest egg to which the small and determined group has clung ever since. They've guarded that money, $1,500 in bonds, fiercely. And when Leonard Montgomery was asked what it would be used for in the new church he answered, "I don't know. I think it will be pretty hard to spend it, we've hung on to it for so long."

It is doubtful if there has ever been so many as 100 people at one time associated with the church. Sometimes the membership fell as low as 10. And of these ten, only seven still remain on the Thetford Mines United Church membership roll, the Peterys, Morrisons, Daigneaus and Leonard Montgomery. They, along with the others already mentioned, plus a faith that could actually change a dream to a reality, are the "few" with the "little" who accomplished the "much".

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gear their financial demands on the economy in rough proportion to the rate of corporate and personal saving. All levels of government should attempt to operate inflationary pressures in check, the roots of the problem are under conditions of balanced budgets from which have been pared expenditures of a non-essential character.

The outlook for 1957 is an encouraging one. Capital expenditures will likely be as large as in 1956 in spite of an estimated 15, 20% decline in expenditures for housing. While the dampening effect of the tight money situation cannot be ignored, the fact that a large part of the estimated 1957 programme represents continuation of work on projects now in progress by companies with ample financial resources or deadly access to domestic or foreign capital markets, suggests that the money squeeze unlikely reduce expenditures importantly. It is significant that many of the larger projects currently under way, such as the Trans Canada (Gas) Pipe Line and the St.

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of a 20,000 kilowatt nuclear power experimental station at Des Joachims with generation expected to start in 1959.

Hydro-electric construction continued at a good pace in British Columbia in 1956 with 181,650 kilowatts of new capacity added by the year end and additional due early this year.

The Aluminum Company of Canada completed installation of a fourth 111,900-kilowatt unit at its Kemano plant and a fifth similar unit is scheduled to start operation around the middle of this year. A sixth unit is under construction for late 1958 to bring total capacity to some 671,500 kilowatts.

The British Columbia Electric Power Commission installed the first of two 26,100-kilowatt units at its new semi-outdoor type plant at Ladore Falls on the Campbell river. A second such unit is scheduled to come into service this spring and provision has been made for a third later.

Below the outlet of Upper Campbell Lake, the Commission is at work on a project which will have an initial installation of 31,300 kilowatts in a single unit, and, under study, is a 26,100-kilowatt development near Alberni on the Ash river. Scheduled to go into service this month is a third unit of 12,300 kilowatts at the Commission's Whatshan development at Needles.

The third addition to B.C. generating capacity in 1956 was at the new Seton plant of the British Columbia Electric Company where a single 43,650 kilowatt unit joined the Company's system. During the year, also, the Company started work on the last stage of its Bridge River development which will have four 60,000-kilowatt units with initial generation sche-

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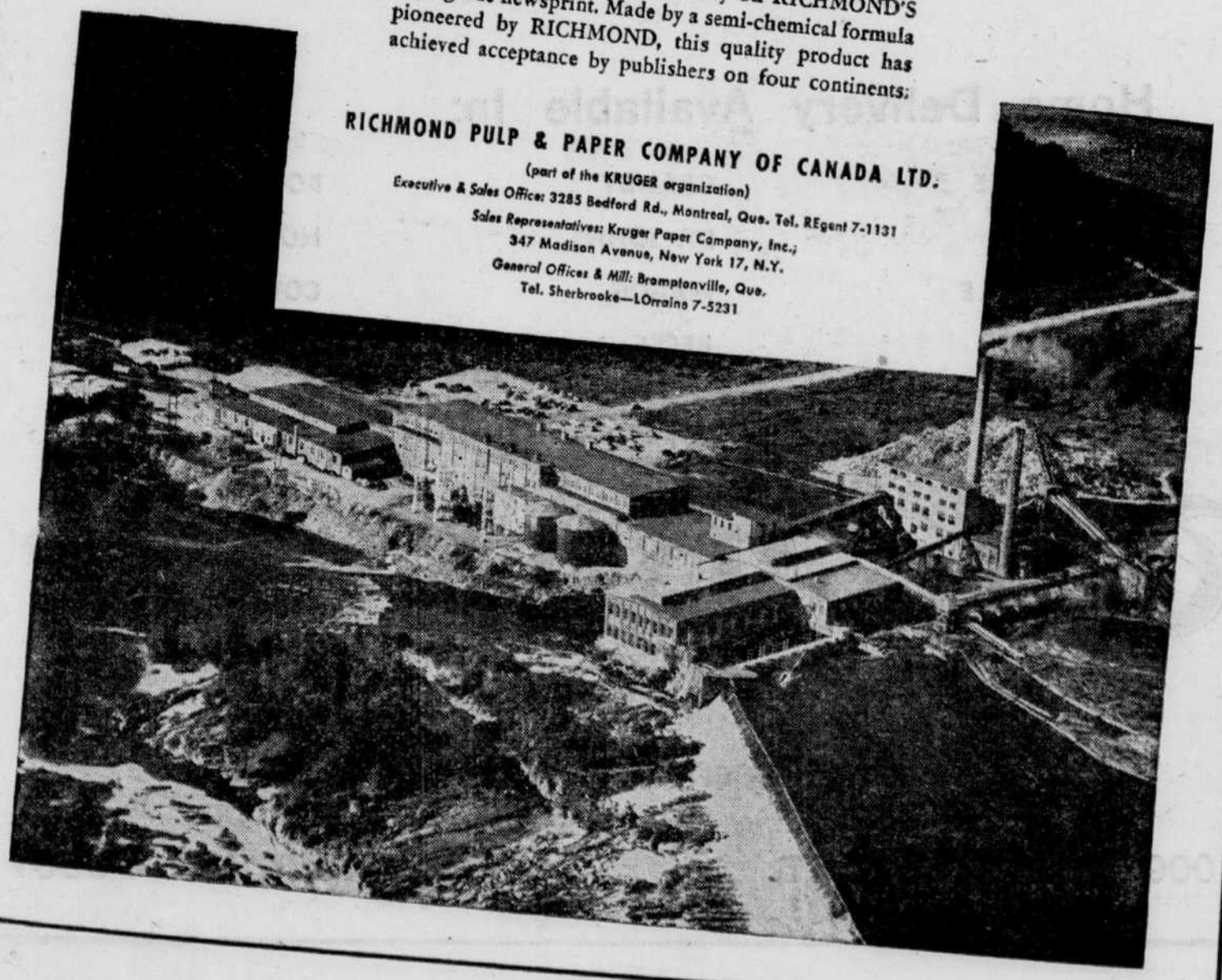
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New Town-Fire Hall — Shown is a view of the new Town Hall and Fire Station which was completed in Bromptonville during the past year for an estimated cost of $50,000. The town council is also expected to purchase a new fire truck to augment the present fire-fighting facilities.
(Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Bromptonville Construction, Revenue Soar In Past Year

By NICK POWELL

BROMPTONVILLE — A sharp increase in gross and net revenue coupled with an extensive building boom highlight a report from the Bromptonville Town Council. A new water service project which is at present underway, is expected to be completed some time in the early summer at a cost of $225,000. At the moment only $160,000 has been used for the project.

A new Town Hall and Fire Station have been built and it expected that the Council will purchase a new fire truck and equipment some time in the near future.

Although a great deal of time and money had been spent on improving the streets during the previous year, 1956 was even more markedly industrious, marking the completion and resurfacing of seven streets.

A report issued by Town Secretary-Treasurer Aime Benoit revealed that 18 permits had been issued during the year for the construction and extension of the buildings in the municipality, the total of which amounted to $562,000.

A new Bell Telephone central has just been finished and it is expected to be fully equipped and operational on June 2. This will put Brompton on a Victor exchange.

Further improvements take the form of an additional power line which is brought in on the north side of the town by the Shawinigan Power Company. However, this station is not expected to be finished for several more months.

FRANK'S PIPING

The newest addition to the industrial scene in Bromptonville is Frank's Piping Co. Ltd., owned by Mr. Frank Benoit. The new company, located on a 360,000 sq. foot lot just across the bridge from the town, specializes in the installation of plumbing, piping, pulp machinery, and heating and cooling systems. Begun in December of 1956, the building was offically opened on Feb. 8 of this year.

Built at a cost of $12,000, Mr. Benoit did much of the construction work himself. Most of the buildng, especially the rear section which houses the major portion of the heavy equipment, is made up of cement blocks, while the facade is artificial stone. A report from Mr. Benoit places the finished estimate at about $62,000.

Frank's Piping Co., will probably employ up to 200 men after an expected expansion.

Bromptonville Town Council

Mayor Silvio Blais heads the Bromptonville Town Council this year.

Councillors are: Ulric Allard, Emile Bourgault, Anatole Roy, Cyrias Cote, Raymond Bergeron, and Edgar Boucher.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER
1903

Liverpool Post: The suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier give up politics and come to this country is absurd. We have seen a letter from the Canadian statesman which states that he intends to end his life in the Dominion among his own people. He has, he says, no more idea of giving up politics than he does of taking a house in Nova Zembla.

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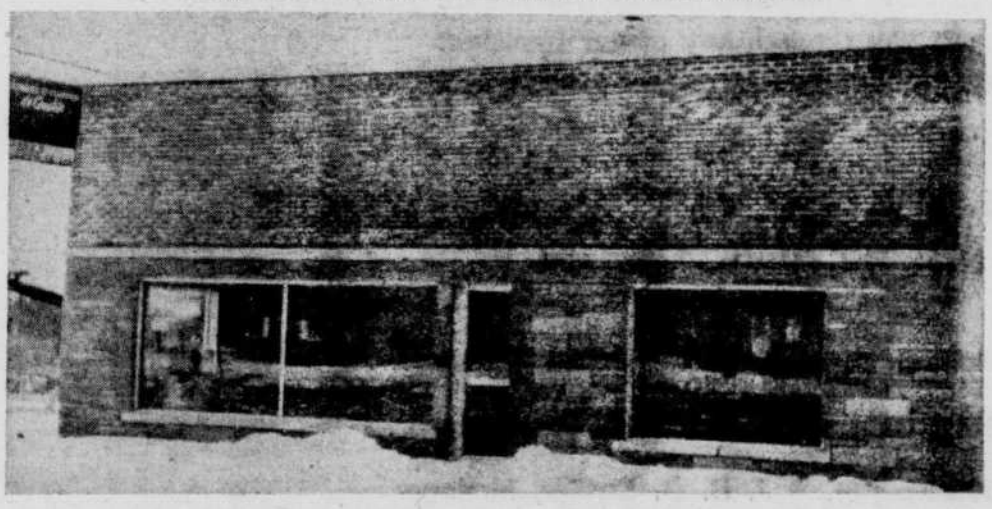
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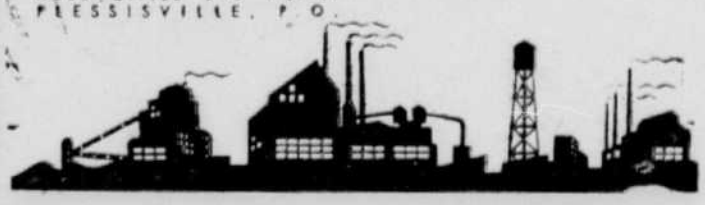
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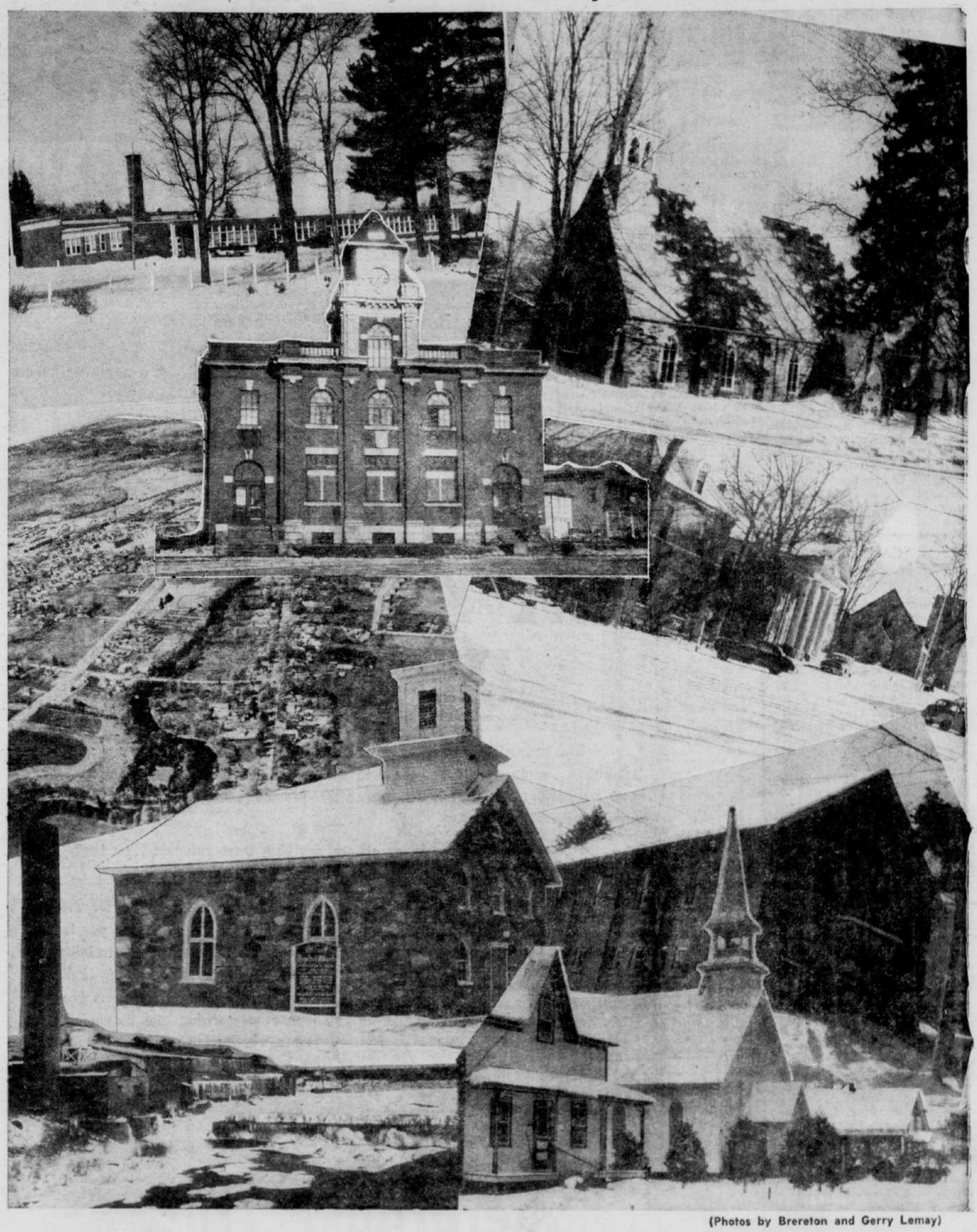
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Third Section

Compton, Brome-Missisquoi Counties



(Photos by Brereton and Gerry Lemay)

Well-known landmarks in Compton, and Brome-Missisquoi Counties. In the middle is the East Angus Post Office. Bottom left, reading up, are: Guelph Plywood Co. mill, Scotstown; Olivet Baptist Church, Sutton; aerial view of Cowansville; Bury High School. .Top right, reading down, are: St. Peter's Church, Cookshire; Knowlton from the square; Jubilee Hall, Waterville; Baptist Church, Sawyerville.

LIFE INSURANCE

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Lawrence Seaway are of a fundamental nature that broaden Canada's economic base for future expansion. Briefs presented to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Projects have outlined goals toward which Canada's potential for future growth will carry us over the next twenty-five years. Population by 1980 has been estimated to increase by approximately 60% and the gross product by over 100%. In line with these projections, insurance in force is estimated to increase over 23% by 1980. If these potentials for growth are to be achieved, an economic and political environment that recognizes the freedom, and rewards the initiative, of the individual must be preserved. Above all, if the exciting growth in project is to result in an equal real improvement in living standards, continuous effort must be made by labour, business and government to avoid policies that are inflationary and that impair confidence in the stability and value of the dollar.

The troubled world situation serves to remind us that we live in a period of uneasy peace in which our way of life is constantly challenged in both the minds and actions of millions of people in the non-Western world. It is of vital importance that we keep ourselves strong not only. or even mainly, in a military sense, but primarily economically. In this way we best assure the realization of our potentials for future growth wherein lies our true strength. In this way also we provide an example to the millions of people not yet committed in the choice between freedom and totalitarianism. Stability is not only compatible with a full measure of growth but is a vital ingredient of it. The life insurance industry has, and will continue to be, a major stabilizing force in our economy.

ELECTRICAL

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duled in 1959.

Work continued in 1956 on the Cheakamus plant — capacity 141,700 kilowatts in two units — and at La Joie dam where a 22,400 kilowatt unit is planned. Both these projects are expected to be completed this fall.

During 1956 the Company bought the B.C. Power Commission's Schelt peninsula system and is replacing the 3,000 kilowatt Clowhorn Falls plant with a single-unit of 29,900 kilowatts.

Gas turbine plants are in the picture this year in B.C. with the B.C. Power Commission building a four unit plant at Chemainus — two units of 19,750 kilowatts each for 1957 and two of 18,000 kilowatts for a later date — and the B.C. Electric Company planning a station with four 25,000-kilowatt units.

In the Yukon no additions were made to capacity during the year but work was started by the Northern Canada Power Commission at Whitehorse Rapids on the Yukon River on a two-unit 11,200-kilowatt plant with provision for a third unit.

Most additions to generating capacity in the Prairie provinces in 1956 were in thermal stations, with the only new hydro installation completed being an additional 750-kilowatt unit in the Astoria river plant of Northland Utilities Limited near Jasper, Alta. However, additional hydro installation were either under construction or in the planning stage.

The Manitoba Electric Board is drawing up plans for a big new hydro development at Grand Rapid on the Nelson river to supply a mining development proposed by International Nickel Co. The generating plant is expected to cost some $30,000,000 and tentative plans call for four or five 28,000-kilowatt units.

Calgary Power Limited is adding a second 17,150-kilowatt unit at its Cascade plant; studying extensions to its Spray and Rundle plants to double their capacity; and investigating possible hydro development of the Northern Saskatchewan river. In Manitoba, Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited is constructing a second development on the Laurie river to increase capacity to 10,400 kilowatts.

Non-hydro additions were: a new 66,000 kilowatt Calgary Power plant at Wabamun, Alta., fueled by natural gas; a 30,000-kilowatt steam-turbine plant of Canada Utilities Limited at Forestburg, Alta., installation by Saskatchewan Power Corporation of a 33,000 kilowatt unit in its Saskatchewan plant, a 6,000 unit in the Swift Current plant and 3,000 kilowatt unit in its Kindersley plant.

In the Atlantic provinces the only two hydro additions were: a new 4,170-kilowatt plant of United Towns Electric Company at New Chelsea, Nfld., and a second 1,500-kilowatt unit in the Trinity river plant of Union Electric Light and Power Company, Nfld.

Chief development under construction in the Maritimes is the Beechwood plant of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission on the Saint John river where two units of 33,550 kilowatts each are scheduled to be in service in December this year. A third unit is being provided for.

Other Maritime hydro stations under construction are a 9,000-kilowatt plant of Bowater Power Company at Corner Brook, Nfld., and a 3,950-kilowatt plant of the Nova Scotia Power Commission at Bear River.

As for thermal additions, the N.B. Electric Power Commission added 22,500 kilowatts to its Chatham plant, and the Newfoundland Light and Power Company added 10,000 kilowatts at St. John's.

MINERAL ISLAND

The Isle of Man in the Irish Sea is rich in minerals such as lead and iron.

1899 - SHERBROOKE EXAMINER

Manila, Aug. 9 — General MacArthur's force, consisting of 4,000 men advanced five miles beyond San Fernando today and encountered and defeated a Philippino force of 6,000 men.

Stocks were depressed in London yesterday in consequence of the tone Mr. Chamberlain used in his speech on the Transvaal difficulty.

Austrian newspapers report that there was a rebellion occurring in Bessarabia in Southern Russia.

The Emperor William will visit Queen Victoria next November.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER OCT., 1899

Sherbrooke was defeated by the Nationals in Montreal last Saturday by five goals to one. The game was not by any means one-sided and but for the strong defence of the Nationals, would have more than made it hot for the Nationals.

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Cowansville Founds Art Centre

Local Group Shows Initiative, Spirit And Perseverance

COWANSVILLE — A little initiative, a lot of spirit and a good deal of perseverance paid off for a group of district residents last summer with the official opening of the Cowansville Art Centre.

One of the first rural establishments of its sort, it met with outstanding success from the very beginning and promises to become an important cultural centre of this part of the Townships.

Initial plans for the centre were the work of Mrs. L. S. Lee of Sweetsburg and Gerald Bruck president of the Bruck Silk Mills. But it was not long before encouragement and help were received from interested citizens of Cowansville and Sweetsburg, as well as the surrounding communities including Sutton, Farnham, Dunham, Knowlton, Bedford and Waterloo.

The idea of the Art centre was born almost a year before the final realization and it was not until a great deal of effort had been put forth by many people that the centre was formed, with Mrs. Lee as its president.

The Art Centre had little difficulty in finding permanent quarters, for soon after the idea was broached, the Bruck Silk Mills offered its Main Street clubhouse free of charge. In addition to providing the building, the Bruck Mills also supply the heating and lighting.

The group was fortunate in having Mrs. Lee as its first president. Having been interested in art for several years, she had travelled extensively in Europe, Australia and Canada where she visited numerous galleries and gained considerable information about the formation of such centres.

Under her supervision the clubhouse was completely redecorated. Walls were painted in neutral shades to provide an excellent backdrop for any type of painting, while special lighting was installed and all furniture re-upholstered in leather.

Before undertaking further plans for the centre, Mrs. Lee consulted organizers of several art centres. Of particular help to her were Mrs. Picard of the Granby centre, and John Steegman, director of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts who journeyed to Cowansville to lecture to the group and help establish the project.

On July 21st of last year the Centre was officially opened by Dr. Wilder Penfield of Montreal and as an indication of the interest shown by district residents, over 300 people attended the ceremony.



COWANSVILLE ART CENTRE — July 21, 1956 marked the official opening of the New Cowansville Art Centre. Headquarters for the centre were provided by Bruck Silk Mills who donated their clubhouse pictured above. It is situated at 225 Main Street, Cowansville. (Photo by Gerry Lemay)

The new establishment is an art centre in every sense of the word for not only it is the scene of painting exhibitions, but it is also the headquarters for regular art classes.

Miss Amy Stone, who has acted as a local art teacher for four years, has a studio on the top floor of the three-storey building where she holds separate art classes for children and adults. Miss Stone, who also helped form the new centre, is assisted by Mrs. Annette Davis of Knowlton. Their advanced pupils exhibited their work in the second exhibition, held last fall.

In addition to the art classes there is a regular art group which meets in the building to paint for its own enjoyment. This year's president of the group is Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Future plans are underway for many more cultural activities to take place in the Art Centre. It is hoped that a carriage house at the rear of the building will be converted next year to erect a summer school which would attract visiting artists and teachers for special seminars.

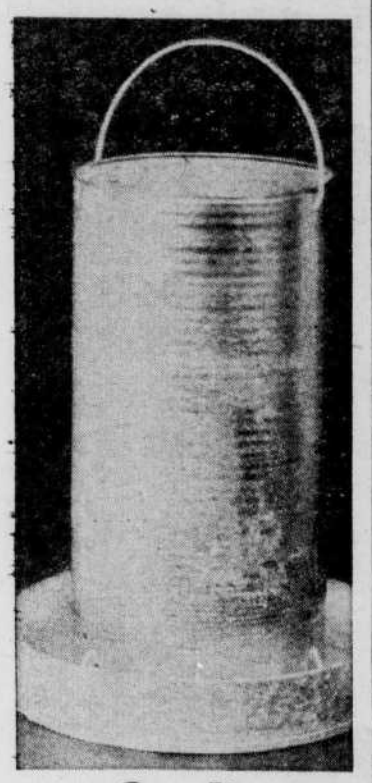
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In addition it is expected to hold sculpture, hobby and private collection displays shortly and members are already working toward the possibility of starting an art library, when there will be at least 100 books at the disposal of art followers.

And with membership growing all the time the centre will soon be in a position to offer scholarships to deserving art students who show diligence and promise in the field.

Other activities of the centre include the occasional lecture or demonstration by those in the art field. In addition some sort of social function marks the formal opening of each exhibition. The Centre is planning shortly to hold a concert by William Stevens to raise money for their cause.

Through its first year's experience the centre has discovered that its main activities will be during the summer when it proved exceptionally popular with nearby resorts. However it will continue to hold exhibitions during the winter months. The building will be open every day year round from two to five and from seven to nine on Friday night.

While the group desires to give preference to artists of the Eastern Townships, to date they have held exhibitions of the work of many famous Canadian artists.

The opening exhibit, which lasted from July 21st to Labor Day comprised the work of many Montreal artists as well as two from the Eastern Townships.

It included the paintings of Miss Kathleen Morris, CGP, ARCA, Miss Norah Collyer, Mrs. Robert Hampson, Miss Mable Lockerby, Miss Ethel Seath, Miss Ann Savage, all of Montreal, and Miss Norah L. Smythe, of Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Plonteux of Dunham.

The second showing was of the work of the local art students while the year was rounded out with an outstanding exhibition of the painting of Gordon Pfeiffer of Montreal.

Future plans will schedule exhibitions by the Gallerie Actuale of Montreal, and the Independent Art Group, of which Thirston Topham is president. It will include work of Mrs. Lawrence Fuller, Mrs. Dorothy Mc-

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ART CENTRE PRESIDENT Mrs. S. L. Lee, of Sweetsburg, is shown at work in the Cowansville Art Centre. Mrs. Lee was one of the main instigators of the centre. Behind her is Mrs. G. A. McGerrigle, past president of the Art Group which meets regularly in the building. (Photo by Gerry Lemay)



ART CLASSES are taught regularly in the Cowansville Art Centre. Miss Amy Stone who has been teaching art in Cowansville for four years, conducts two classes for children and one for adults. Their studio is on the top floor of the Art Centre. (Photo by Gerry Lemay)

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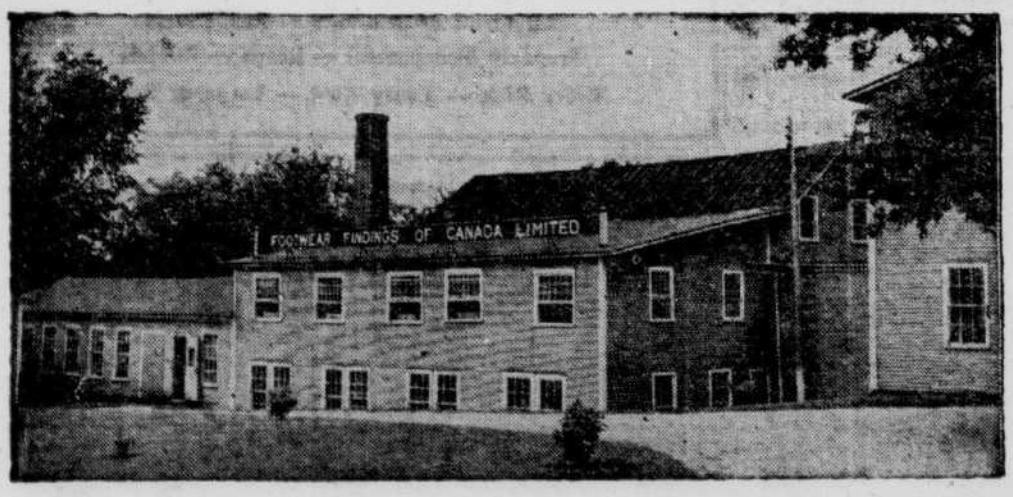
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Cowansville's Town Planning Project Is Near Completion; Construction Pace Maintained

By WARREN SPAFFORD

COWANSVILLE — The extensive town planning project instituted by the Cowansville town council last year s nearing completion according to the secretary J. R. Ouellette. Preliminary plans have been submitted but the council is now waiting for a few minor changes which might have to be made should a new highway, which would circle the town, come into existence. The Town engaged a new town planning expert, Robert Caron, who replaced Roger Gagnon in July. Mr. Gagnon was forced to resign his post due to the pressure of other business. Mr. Ouellette estimated it would take another five months to complete the plan.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction of taxable buildings was maintained at nearly the same figure as the previous year. The value of construction permits authorized in 1956 was $317,185 divided as follows: residences, $227,000 for 32 units; commercial, $31,500; industrial, $28,500 and improvements or additions to existing buildings, $30,175. The total of taxable buildings constructed in 1955 was $320,000 but added to this sum was $307,000 which went for school and church buildings. These are non-taxable for municipal purposes.

Cowansville spent $60,000 last year for new paving of streets and Mr. Ouellette pointed out that the council was grateful to J. J. Bertrand, MPP for Missisquoi, who was fortunate in obtaining a provincial grant of $25,000 to realize these projects.

The streets paved last year were: Dieppe Blvd., north side, 2,200 feet; Bonnette Ave., 500 feet; Bernard St., 300 feet; Desordy Blvd., 450 feet; Germain St., 400 feet; Davignon Blvd., 325 feet; Oxford St. south of the railway tracks, 500 feet; St. Antoine Blvd., 450 feet; Jacques Cartier St., 600 feet; Jean Baptiste street, 350 feet; Veterans Blvd., both lanes, 800 feet; Bruce St., 600 feet; Royal St., 600 and the parking ground in front of city hall. In addition, Laurier, Bruce, South, MacLure, Royal, Elizabeth and Larocque streets were installed with sidewalks.

Town Council also plans to spend some $25,000 for the completion of a swimming pool in the park. This would include the necessary water purification equipment for the pool.

During 1956 the population of Cowansville increased some 200 to 5,350 souls. The budget administered by the Town Council is of $200,000.

Elections were held in February and Mayor Roland Desordy was re-elected by acclamation as were two councillors in Wards five and six. However, incumbent J. A. Bessette was defeated in Ward 2 by local jeweller, Lionel Belanger.

COUNCIL BANQUET

During 1956 the present town council did not forget the services rendered to the community by citizens who served as former mayors and councillors for on Nov. 28 the council honored these people as well as two former employees who served the Town a total of 43 years.

Three ex-mayors were present at the banquet and these each received a gavel and an honor certificate, presented to them by the council. The former councillors also received certificates.

The former superintedent of public works, E. B. L. McCrum, was presented with a watch, appropriately inscribed. He had served the town for 25 years. Also honored was A. C. Tanner who was secretary-treasurer of Cowansville for 18 years.

The three former mayors attending the function were: Dr. S. Perron, E. H. Johnson and Carl H. Brock. Former councillors were: E. A. Bonnette, J. B. H. Larocque, L. S. Lee, Ernest Dion Dr. J. G. Page, J. H. Lefebvre, C. E. Buchanan, J. W. Draper, Dr. J. A. Beaudry, Gilles Bissaillon, Andre Viens, Allan Watt and William Perry. In addition the superintendent of public works, Georges Bessette, police director, A. J. Doucette and secretary-treasurer J. R. Ouellette also attended.

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Claren, Mrs. Vivian Walker and many other well-known artists.

Those on the executive of the Cowansville Art Centre are president, Mrs. Lee; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Gibson, Cowansville, Mrs. L. B. Fuller, Montreal, Mrs. Paul E. Roy, Cowansville, Miss Annette Fleury, Knowlton; recording secretary, Mrs. Dale Morrison, Cowansville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Katherine Winsor, and treasurer, Mrs. Sherman Rodger.

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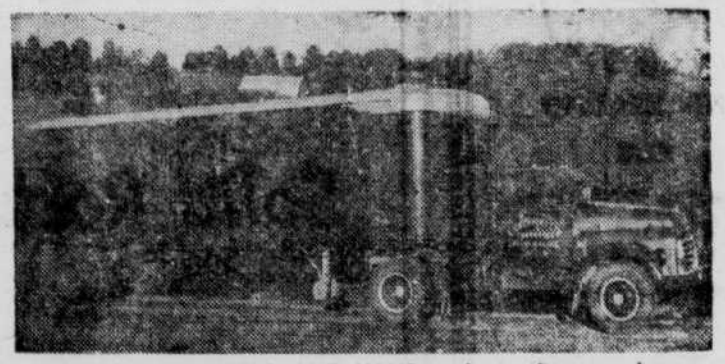


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Steel Industry Grows

Canadian Production Achieves New High; Tariffs Sore Point

By H. G. HILTON
President, The Steel Company of Canada, Limited

During 1956 the Canadian steel industry continued to make substantial progress. The figures available when this review was written indicated that Canadian steel ingot production in 1956 will be in excess of stated basic open hearth and electric furnace capacity of 5,192,000 tons. Thus 1956 was the second successive year in which the Canadian steel industry produced beyond its stated capacity and established new production records.

In 1955, the Canadian ingot production totalled 4,442,00 tons, so that the year 1956 saw an increase of about 750,000 tons, or some 16 per cent. On the other hand, the volume of production in all Canadian manufacturing, as measured by index, appears to have increased by less than 10 per cent last year as compared with 1955. Our steel industry is, of course, the foundation upon which much of Canadian industry has been built. Its 1956 performance in the matter of ingot production would seem to indicate that it fulfilled its function as a basic industry in full measure. In recent years, it has expanded more rapidly than the steel industry of any other major nation. Since 1946, the increase in capacity has been 58 per cent or some 1,735,000 tons.

But, while our industry has shown phenomenal growth in the past decade and the percentage increase in Canadian steel production last year substantially outran the percentage increase in all Canadian manufacturing industry, our industry still remains very small by world standards. As of the end of 1956, our ingot capacity was only about 2 per cent of the world's capacitly. As a consequence of this unique situation, the Canadian steel industry is very sensitive to world influences and to competitive conditions.

We must compete with producers in the United States where the steel industry is twenty-five times larger than our own. Our Canadian steel prices must also be competitive with those of European mills. The latter, this side of the iron curtain, have a combined ingot capacity sixteen times as large as that of the Canadian steel industry and pay wages which average only about one-third those received by Canadian steel workers.

The Canadian steel industry is 83 per cent Canadian owned. Its policy has been to produce the highest quality of steel, to distribute it equitably and to price it as moderately as conditions permit. Expansion, improvements and technical advances have enabled us to narrow, and in some cases to close, the gap between our mill prices and those of the greatest steel producer — the United States of America. Indeed, Canadian steel consumers in 1956 have consistently purchased some forms of steel in short supply from foreign sources at prices considerably in excess of those charged by Canadian mills.

There was a disproportionate increase in the dollar value of iron and steel imports as compared with all imports in 1956 due in part to the unavoidably high import content of Canadian resource development expenditures. But it was also due in considerable part to the new availability from foreign sources of certain classes of steel mill products. Nails, for instance, achieved such an import volume in 1956 as to force the curtailment of domestic production. As has so often happened in the past, when domestic demand for nails fell off with a decline in housing starts, the competition from in-and-out overseas producers increased. It is against competition of this character that the four basic steel producers are seeking relief through the Canadian Tariff Board.

Since the import duties collected on all rolling mill products imported in 1954 (latest year for which figures are available) amounted to 7.8 per cent of the value of total imports, the Canadian steel industry cannot be said to enjoy high tariff protection. Furthermore, it does not take full advantage of existing tariff provisions in establishing its prices. It does, however, seek a better degree of protection against imports from low-wage countries which historically hit the Canadian market in quantities at times when domestic producers are already feeling the effects of decreased domestic demand.

Canadian steel producers pay wages closer to the United States level than do any other steel producers in the world. They have been able to do this only because of the very large capital expenditures made by them during the past decade. To state that, without profits adequate to encourage continuing heavy investments, the Canadian steel industry would be unable to keep pace with the rapid development of the Canadian economy is an over-simplification of a very serious problem, namely that of providing the capital which will be necessary. Without a vigorous and efficient domestic steel producing industry, the future growth of the Canadian economy would be much less certain, especially in the face of such a world-wide demand for steel as has characterized most of the post-war period.

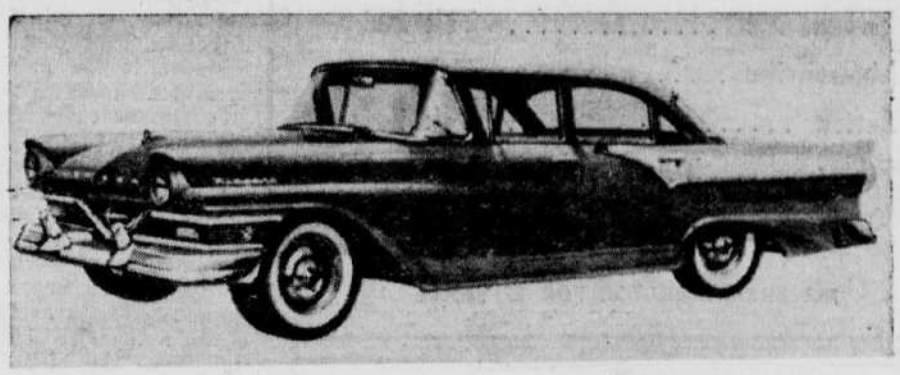
Because they themselves pay high wages and because they have to buy so many essential materials and services from the high-wage United States, costs and prices practically limit the sales of Canadian steelmakers to the domestic market. That market is not only very small when compared with markets available to United States, European and Asian steel producers, but it is very widely scattered, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

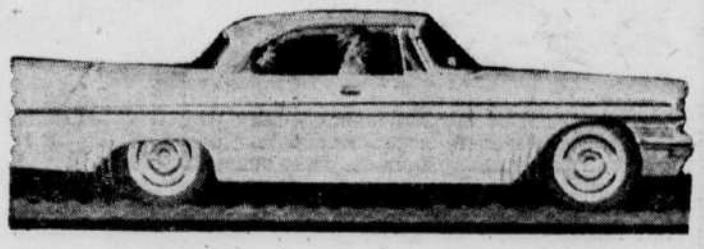
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Credit Squeeze

Tighter Monetary Policies Highlight 1956 Banking Year

By F. W. NICKS
President, The Canadian Bankers' Association

A number of major developments and changes occurred in the sphere of Canadian banking during the past year. New record levels were established in most phases of the operations of the chartered banks, which increased their branch facilities and the number of their employees to meet the banking needs of an expanding economy.

The chartered banks conducted their operations in 1956 under conditions arising from the Bank of Canada's attempt to keep total expenditures within the limits of the country's physical capacity to produce. Monetary restraint was necessitated by the state of prosperity and high employment prevailing through the year. In these circumstances, total bank assets increased only $400 millions in 1956, compared to $1,250 millions in 1955. Total bank deposits increased $300 millions in 1956, compared to $1,100 millions in the previous year.

With a statutory responsibility to "regulate credit and currency in the best interests of the economic life of the nation," the Bank of Canada had already begun to tighten up on credit expansion in the latter part of 1955. This was done largely through the traditional technique of "open market operations," which is the central bank's method of influencing the size of the chartered banks' cash reserves through the purchase or sale of securities.

To reinforce its credit-tightening program, the central bank also utilized changes in its official discount rate on temporary advancers to the banks and to selected dealers in Government securities. The Bank of Canada also made several requests of the chartered banks in November, 1955. One was to suspend the making of new commitments for direct purchase of corporate securities and for granting term loans. This was designed to check the expansion of long-term financing through the banking system, on which there was increasing dependence as an alternative to the public sale of securities. Ready agreement was given by the chartered banks to the proposal, and such new commitments ceased almost immediately

The chartered banks also agreed, to the request of the central bank, to work to achieve by the end of May a minimum liquid-asset ratio of 15 per cent of their Canadian dollar deposit liabilities. The 15 per cent was to consist in part of the prevailing statutory cash ratio of eight per cent, plus Treasury Bills and day-to-day loans to securities dealers against short-term Government of Canada securities. Previously the ratio of Treasury Bills and day-to-day loans to deposits had varied with changing conditions. The liquid asset ratio now stands at around 16 per cent for all banks.

The great pressure of demand from banking customers with normal and imperative credit needs was reflected in a continued increase in bank loans in the first few months of 1956, despite the various stringent measures taken. In the six months ending May 31, 1956, there was an increase of about $500 millions in total bank loans, and holdings of Government of Canada securities were reduced more or less in proportion. During this period, total sales of bonds approached $1 billion, including those liquidated to build up the "secondary reserve" of Treasury Bills, and the banks' ratio of Government securities (excluding Treasury Bills) to total deposits fell to a relatively low level.

The policy of credit restraint has gradually taken effect, as the record of loans figures testifies. The monthly rate of increase in general Canadian loans rose from $65 millions to over $100 million between the third and final quarters of 1955, but fell back to $75 millions in the first quarter of 1956, and still further in the second quarter. Since then, there has been no significant change in the level of loans, beyond small increases traceable to seasonal factors.

In spite of the curb on total credit latest figures show that the chartered banks have been able to serve a reasonable proportion of the increased credit needs of the country. At the end of October, the close of the fiscal year for most banks, the total of current and call loans in Canada (excluding residential mortgage loans) was reported at $5,450 millions, an increase of $775 millions over the same date in 1955. Apart from some decline in call loans, increases were registered in almost every

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Cowansville Town Council

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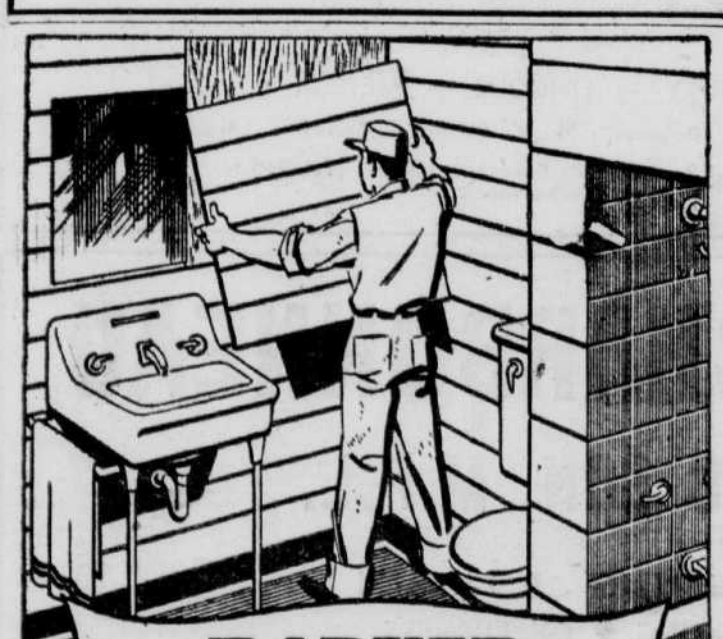
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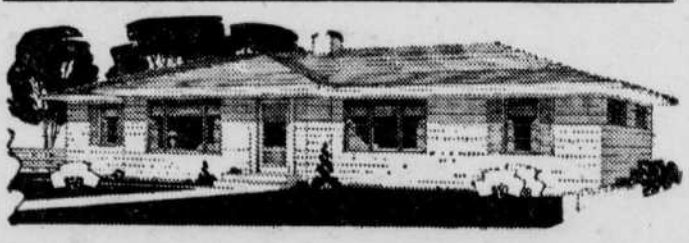
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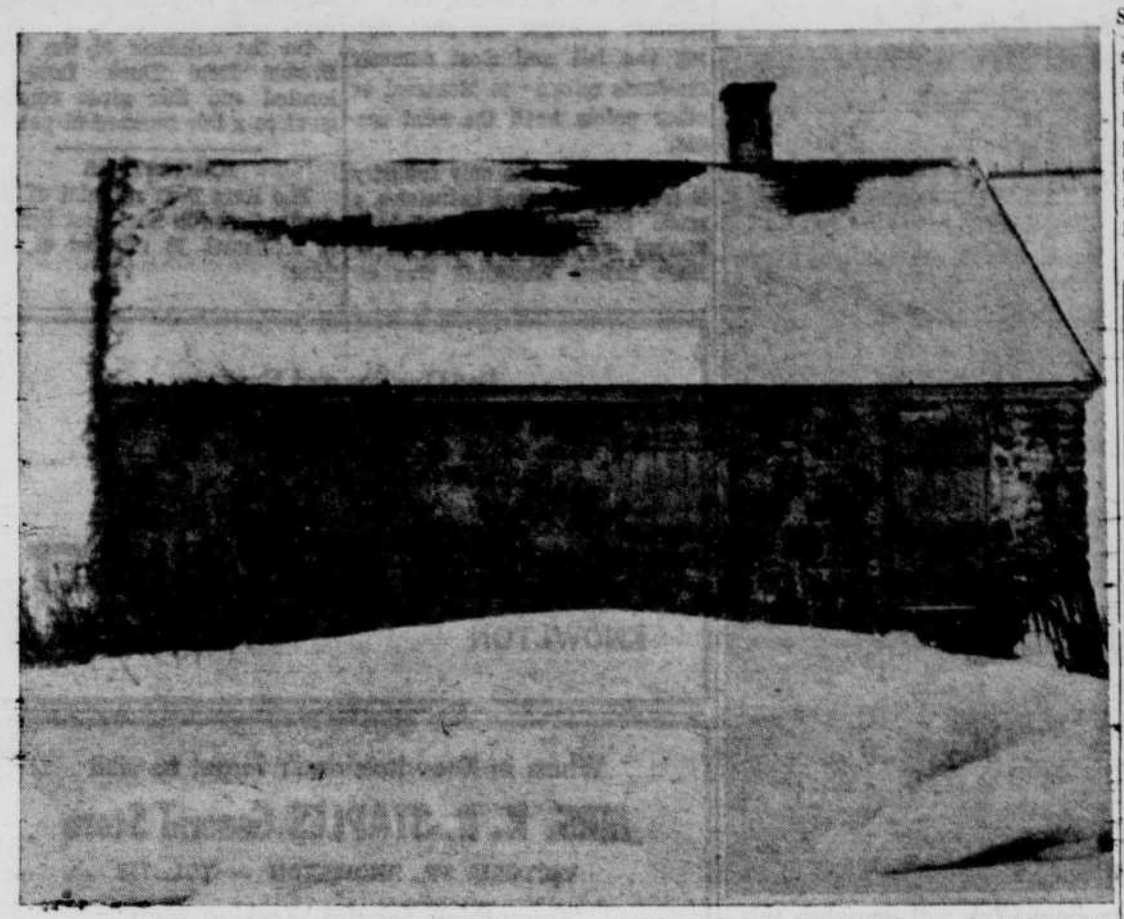
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Agricultural Trend Optimistic

Crops Generally Good During Last Year; Canadian Farmers' Position In '57 Seen Better

By RT. HON. J. G. GARDINER
Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa

For the Canadian economy 1956 was another year of substantial growth. The rise in the physical national product was close to the record increase of nine per cent achieved in 1955. The creation of new capital facilities proceeded on a broader scale than ever before and also increased more rapidly than in any previous postwar year.

Generally buoyant activity, more employment, higher wages, large dividend disbursements, and better returns to farmers brought a steady increase in personal income levels. Continuing strength is expected for 1957 in the financial position of the Canadian farmer.

Economic conditions in Canada and the rest of the world in 1957 should be favorable to Canadian agriculture, and farm cash income will probably be maintained at the 1956 level.

Cash income from the sale of livestock is expected to remain at the 1956 level. The output of eggs may be greater but prices are likely to be lower. Cash income from dairy products is expected to increase. Total farm operating expenses and depreciation charges may not differ very significantly from the 1956 estimates.

Generally, good crops were harvested throughout Canada in 1956, although excessive rain and early frosts lowered the quality in many areas. In Western Canada the almost unbroken series of bumper yields again resulted in a shortage of space in country and terminal elevators. Supplies of grain for livestock feeding are considerably larger than expected requirements, but roughages, although adequate for a normal feeding season, are somewhat below the quality of a year earlier.

Total supplies of Canadian wheat for 1956-57 are estimated at 1,075 million bushels, consisting of the July 31, 1956, carryover of 537 million and the new crop of 538 million. Although the average protein content of the new crop is somewhat lower than a year earlier the quality of the protein is improved.

Total supplies of Canadian feed grains in 1955-56 are up about 17 per cent over last year's level, or about 39 per cent above the ten-year average. The increase in this year's supplies results mainly from a larger carryover and substantially greater outturns of oats and barley. The mixed grains crop is the largest on record and the corn crop, although below last year's, greatly exceeds the ten-year average.

Total meat production in inspected or approved establishments in Canada in 1956 seems likely to reach the record 1.9 billion pounds set in 1944. In 1957 production will probably differ only slightly from 1956 levels, an expected reduction in pork production being probably offset by increased beef production.

A continued strong domestic demand for meat, and a probable improved United States market should prevent any significant decline in cattle prices, while all the indicators — consumer demand, export possibilities, and the supply position — point to strong hog and pork prices. The relative price position will likely cause some switching by consumers from pork to beef, thus causing an additional increase in the already high level of domestic disappearance of beef.

Milk production in 1957 is estimated at 17.5 billion pounds, about the same as in the previous two years. The fluid milk market expanded by increased

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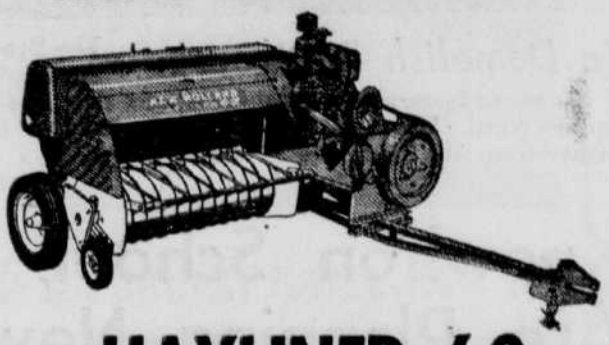
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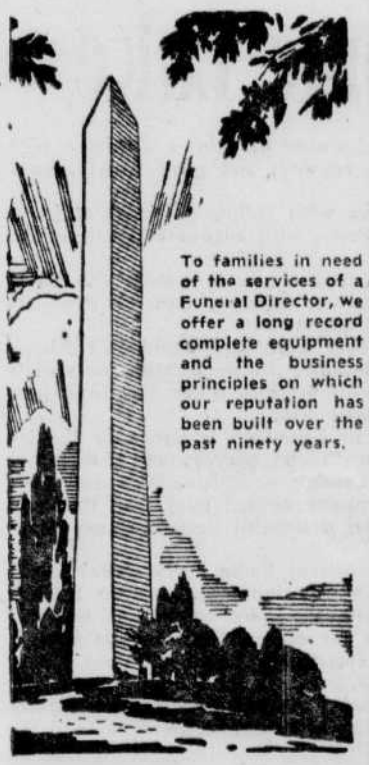


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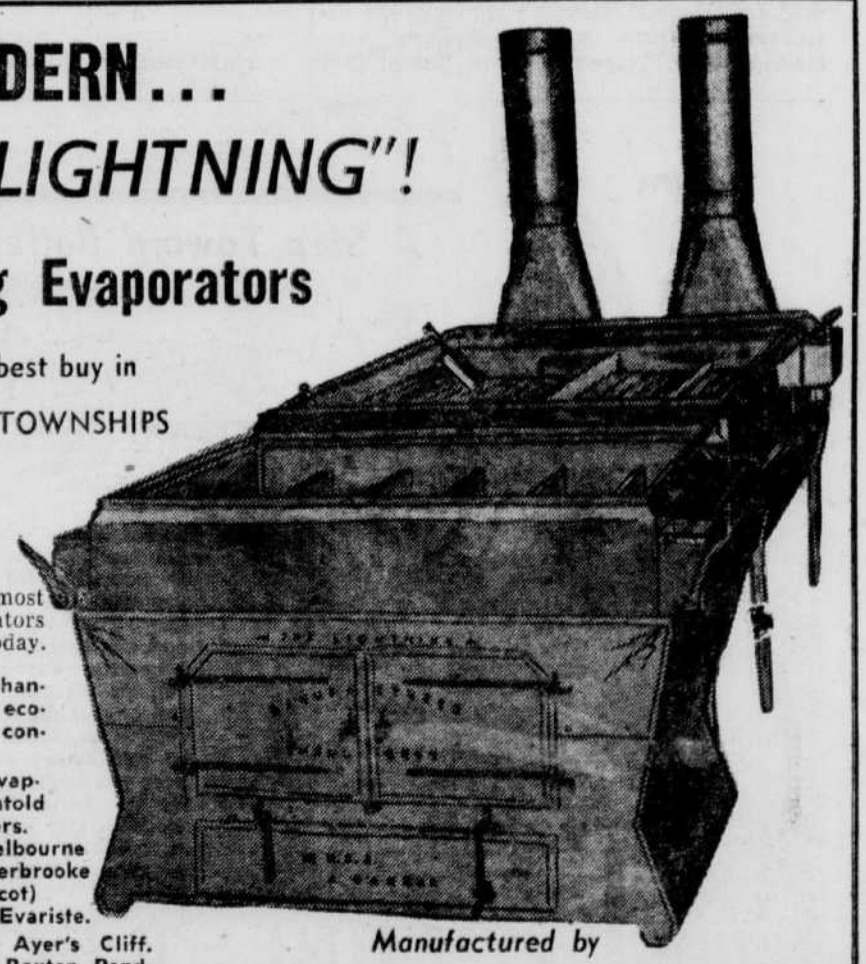
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To Demolish Boathouse — The Brome Lake Boat Club will demolish this landmark, situated in Knowlton on the shores of Brome Lake to make room for a new structure construction of which scheduled to start in April. Foundations for the new building have been laid and it will be erected further from the lakeshore in order to permit a greater beach space.
(Record photo by Mrs. H. Brereton)

Knowlton School, Boat Club Are Planning New Facilities

By WARREN SPAFFORD

KNOWLTON — Slight growing pains are being experienced by the Town of Knowlton and this has led at least two separate bodies to plan new buildings for the forthcoming year. The Knowlton High School hoped to start on a $180,000 extension come the spring and the Boating Club have already laid the foundation for a new clubhouse, which also will be started in the spring.

As for the Town proper, Town secretary Don Taylor reports another very quiet year in the town affairs with the normal increase of population and construction of new residences. The present population of Knowlton is 1,300, a slight increase over the previous year. Mr. Taylor said the Town had purchased a new bulldozer which is being used for sidewalk cleaning. The villages of Brome and Foster through their respective town secretaries, H. Belcher and L. J. Allan also reported a quiet year.

SCHOOL EXTENSION

The Knowlton High School principal, J. E. Perry, told the Record that the school now houses 700 pupils and about 600 of these stay on the school premises for lunch. He said this creates certain problem and a school extension had been planned for some time.

"We would like to give the children who live in the less well-to-do homes, a chance to enjoy the benefits which they would not otherwise get at home," explained Mr. Perry, "such things as showers and other modern home conveniences". It was originally intended to build a 12 classroom extension, according to the principal, but owing to financial difficulties, the planned extension has been cut to 8 classrooms with an approximate cost of $180,000 instead of the original $300,000.

It is hoped to have the new extension completed in time for school opening next fall and construction is scheduled to start as soon as the weather will permit.

PLAN NEW BOAT CLUB

Officials of the Knowlton Boating Club are intending to go ahead with plans for the construction of a new boat club building in early April. The cement post foundations were laid last fall and the old boat club is scheduled to be demolished by April. An official of the Club explained the new building would be constructed further from the lakeshore than the present building in order to allow children and adults alike to take advantage of a beach front.

TOURIST TRADE

Last summer's tourist influx was reported as average by various citizens. Since Knowlton is primarily a summer vacation spot, the population swells during the warm months, then the summer cottages are shut during the fall and most summer residents return to Montreal or other points until the next season.

At Knowlton the only industry is the Amalgamated Industries, a small concern which has been carried on in a six-room house since before Knowlton was established. It manufactures hair dyes.

On the outskirts of the town Brome Lake Duck farm is located and this gives employment to a fair number of people.

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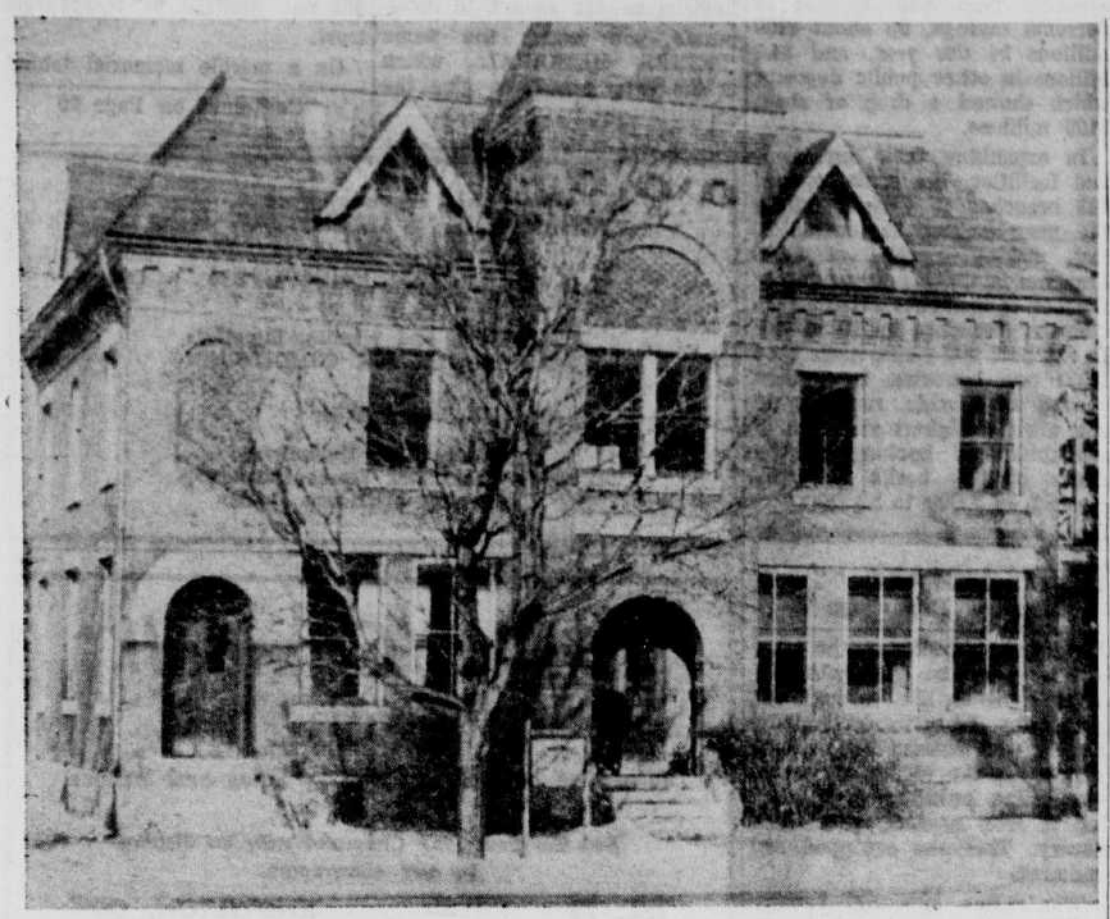
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Pettes Memorial Library — Knowlton's town library, which is situated on the Main Street there, was opened on March 7, 1863, after the founding of the Library Association in 1858. The library was built by Mrs. Nathanial Pettes, in memory of her late husband, and her daughter, Mary Louise. (Record photo by Mrs. Brereton)

Knowlton Landmark

Pettes Library — Journeys To The Land Of Imagination

By MRS. ELTON BOCKUS
Knowlton Correspondent

KNOWLTON — Situated on busy Main Street in this Brome County village stands the Pettes Memorial Library, which, to most local citizens, is probably just another building, but which to us, who have grown up in Knowlton, means far more.

This is where we have spent many happy and pleasant hours in the land of imagination—a land which fewer and fewer people visit in this modern, streamlined age.

The library has a long and active history behind it.

In the year 1858, through the influence of Mr. J. W. Marsh, M.A. Principal of Knowlton Academy, the organization of a Library Association took place in Knowlton. It was called the Brome Library Association, with annual meetings always being held each November.

The first President was Luke M. Knowlton and the first Secretary was J. W. Marsh.

The following year, the Hon. P. H. Knowlton was elected patron; Captain James Ball, president; John MacFarlane, secretary; Joseph Lefebvre, assistant secretary; L. M. Knowlton, treasurer, and Rev. R. Lindsay, Israel England, and L. M. Knowlton the committee.

It was then arranged to have lectures given under the auspices of the association, which was continued. The meetings were generally held in the County House.

In the year 1860, we find Joseph Marsh the president of the Association and also one of the lecturers that year. This association was active for five years and the last president was John MacFarlane; secretary Wm. N. Peters; treasurer, Wm. Lynch, and librarian, Rev. John Smith.

The following is a list of the members in 1861—J. W. Marsh, H. S. Foster, H. C. Knowlton, R. Lindsay, A. T. Foster, S. W. Foster, V. Chamberlain, W. W. Lynch, Wm. Moses, Joseph Lefebvre, Richard Steele, T. E. Foster, and Frederick England.

The last entry in the records was made on Dec. 29th, 1863.

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In line with curbing of credit expansion and the general increase in interest rates, the banks in the past year made upward adjustments in interest rates on bank loans and in the rates they play on savings deposits.

The increase in loans was paralleled in 1956 by a further increase in the number and dollar total of bank deposits. At the end of October, the number of deposit accounts was close to 10.5 millions (an increase of nearly half a million in the past year), with nearly nine million representing personal savings accounts, up nearly 400,000. These accounts held $6.1 billions in personal savings, up about $300 millions in the year, and $4.3 billions in other public deposits, which showed a drop of about $100 millions.

In expanidng their operations and facilities, the banks opened 167 branches in Canada during the year ending September 30 last, making a total of 4,373 branches in the country; and the number of branches outside Canada was increased by 10 to 132. In the past ten years, more than 1,200 new branches have been opened in Canada, resulting in the world's highest standard of availability of banking service. Staffs of the banks were increased by 3,500 to 58,523.

PETTES LIBRARY

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After years of silence, the ideas drawn up by the Library Association, came to life, through the generosity of Mrs. Nathaniel Pettes, who caused to be constructed in the village of Knowlton a fine building as a place for a free reading room and library. This she equipped and endowed.

The Pettes Memorial Library was formally opened on March 7th, 1894. In the fall of 1893, the trustees of this property were Messrs. J. C. Pettes, A. H. Chandler, Justice Lynch, The Hon. S. A. Fisher, A. W. Pettes, H. Sewell Foster and R. N. England.

These men were informed in writing by Mrs. Pettes the purposes for which the building was given: "Desiring as I do to perpetuate the memory of my late husband, who I knew was a particular friend of you all, I have concluded that I cannot better do so, than by devoting a portion of the means which it pleased God to give us, to the establishment of a free Public Library and Reading Room to be open to all honest and respectable persons, whomsoever, of every rank in life, without distinction, and also of a lecture hall in connection therewith—the whole for the diffusion of useful knowledge. I desire you gentlemen, to be the first trustees of the institution, and application should be made to the approaching session of the Legislature for an act to incorporate you under the name 'PETTES MEMORIAL', which is the title I wish to give the establishment."

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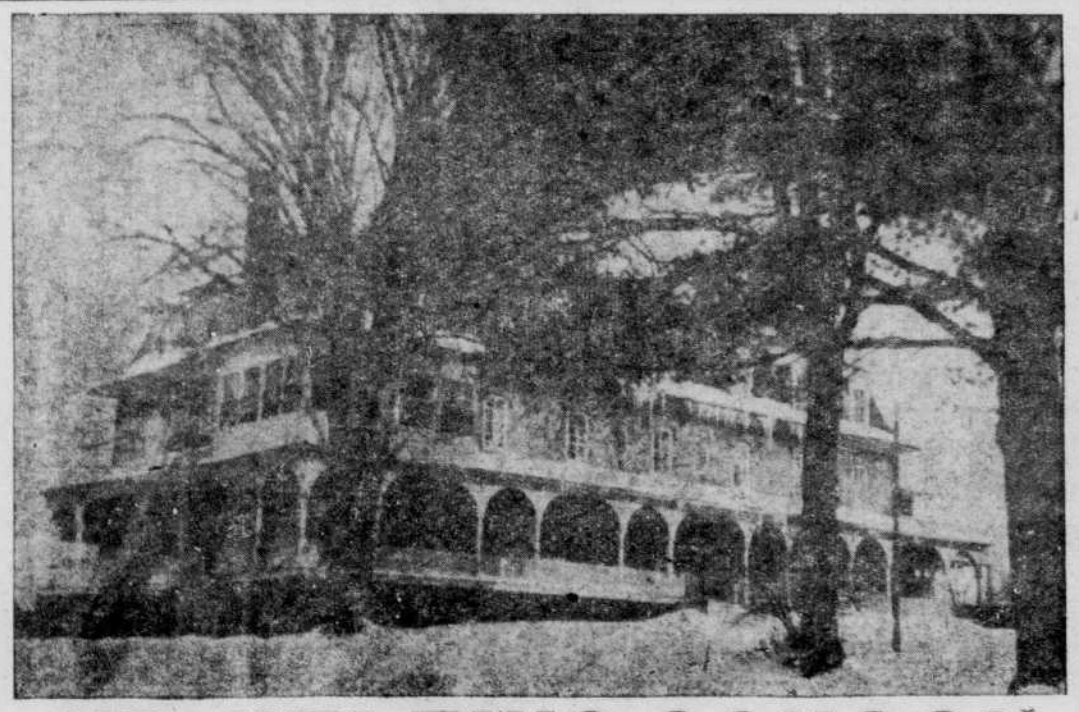
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Bedford Settles Down After Heavy Expansion Of Last Year

By WARREN SPAFFORD

BEDFORD — Following very heavy industrial expansion in 1955 the Town of Bedford settled down to normal ways and average expansion last year.

The town council made much needed purchases for the fire department and re-organized the department in general. An expenditure of some $1,000 was made to buy new hoses and various other equipment was replaced.

Residential and commercial construction reached the $200,000 mark for 25 units. The previous year, according to town secretary Emile Demers, saw a boom year with completion of $600,000 in construction. This latter figure was largely due to industrial expansion and the arrival of three new industries in Bedford that year.

One important project which was completed in 1956 was the paving of Dutch Road, which brings tourists from the border at Morse's Line through Bedford. The paving of this road, it is hoped, will increase Bedford's attraction to the tourists, who formerly passed through neighboring towns from another entry port to Canada.

An important project planned for the coming year is the widening of the Bedford Pike River road which will connect Bedford and Route 52 with Route 7 and Montreal.

The citizens of Bedford seemed fully satisfied with their municipal administration last year because in January four council members including the Mayor were re-elected by acclamation on nomination day, January 25. Those honored were: Mayor J. O. Levesque, Councillor John L. Cook, in seat number 1, Councillor Romeo Boules in seat number 3 and Bernard Dion in seat number 6. The three members of Town Council are Edmund Delude, Malcolm McCaw and Eric Kemp, who was named pro-mayor for the first quarter of 1957.

In the commercial domain, G Marziali built a modern bicycle shop in the town and a new French language school, College St. Damien, was officially opened. The School accommodates 200 pupils and has eight classrooms.

Town secretary Demers points out there is still room for industry in the town with a small building, owned by Methe and Brothers, being available for rent.

Automobiles Set History

Industry Makes New Records In '56; More Are Anticipated

By W. A. WECKER, O.B.E.
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In restrospect, 1956 has been a year of new records and achievement in Canada's automotive industry. A domestic retail sales volume of 405,000 passenger cars and 91,000 trucks now appears assured. Total production can be expected to reach 476,000 units as compared to 454,000 in 1955 and 350,000 in 1954.

Most of this increase can be attributed to the strong come back of our truck market. There is a good chance that 100,000 trucks will have been produced in 1956 as compared to 79,000 the preceding year. Factory shipments of Canadian vehicles built for export likewise showed a gratifying increase from about 35,000 units in 1955 to an estimated 38,000 by the end of 1956.

We feel sure that 1957 can be another year of achievement for the Canadian automotive industry. Sales of 425,000 passenger cars and 100,000 trucks in 1957 appear possible and could be achieved without straining the industry's present capacity.

However, the measure of our success in realizing a greater year for sales and production in 1957 depends on several governing elements.

The first consideration is the purchasing power generated by the economy during the year. We are quite confident that consumer incomes and consumer expenditures will continue to stay on the high level set in 1956. As a matter of fact, we even expect a slight increase in both of these brackets.

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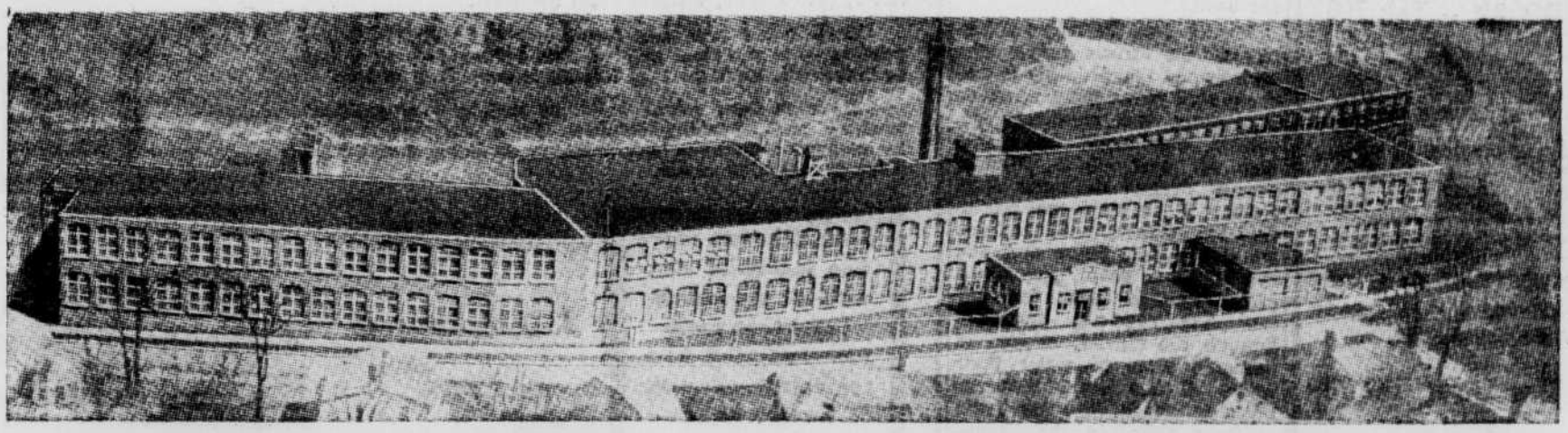
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A Vanished House — In this house, located on what was once Tibbitts Hill in the Brome Lake district. lived Moses Gilman, one of the earliest settlers of the area, and certainly its most colourful. The house was torn down 49 years ago, and replaced by the one in which the present owner of the property, George McClay of Bondville, now lives.

Bit Of Brome History Traced In Sale Deed

In the fine, artistic handwriting of the early 19th century, born on a deed of sale, can be found some of the history and tradition of the Brome Lake district. The deed in question is in the possession of George McClay, one of Bondville's elder and most respected citizens. It concerns the property which has been in the McClay family since 1874 but whose history can be traced by reason of the deed, back to 1797.

Interviewed in his office in Knowlton, Mr. McClay recalled the land, which he presently owns, was formerly part of Tibbitts' Hill, after a number of families of that name who resided in the area in the pioneer days.

Tracing the ownership of his property Mr. McClay declared that on the north side of the hill, the then lot 15 became the property of Daniel Eames by letters patent on August 18th, 1797 and three years later it was sold by the original owner to Gardner Eldridge, a blacksmith from St. Armand, for the sum of 50 pounds, on the condition he asquit all crown rights and dues assessed at His Majesty's pleasure. On January 3rd, 1803, Gardner Eldridge deeded the north half of the 100 acre lot to his son Joe Eldridge for 100 Spanish dollars. In 1811 the land once again changed hands, this time to Moses Gilman for 87 pounds, 10 shillings.

The neighboring lot, number 16, was then Clergy Reserve and in 1837, Moses Gilman also acquired this 100 acres for 35 pounds to be paid in installments. They were finally paid off in 1840 and Gilman came into possession of the deed. Some time later, in 1861, the land was given to Gilman's son-in-law, Lester Ball, who on Sept. 23rd, 1874, sold the entire 200 acres to William McClay for $4,000 cash. The property then came into the hands of the present owner.

Written into the pages of history of the various people who once owned this property is one concerning Moses Gilman, whose appearance was somewhat deceiving, considering he was a man of great means. Gilman usually dressed in home spun clothes which were not considered too fashionable at the time. He also wore a patch over one eye, which no doubt gave him a rather roughish look. One day two Americans, travelling through the district, stopped at Gilman's place to water their horses. Gilman was also at the watering trough with his cattle and was attired in the manner described above.

After the Americans had watered their horses one asked Gilman if he worked there." I just stay here," he replied. So the gentleman gave him $1.00, a lot of money in those days, and Gilman immediately pocketed the handout which brought him many a chuckle, as he was very wealthy and did not require anyone's charity.

The old house, in which Gilman resided was strongly constructed and contained a huge fireplace. The fireplace also served to fry all meat used by Gilman, which was done in a long-handled frying pan. However, on the exterior of the house was an iron ladder called a lightning conductor. This led to the roof where copper points went up each side of the chimney for protection against lightning. Using this ladder for another purpose, Gilman frequently went to the roof and fried his meat on the chimney top. The frying pan, a portion of the lightning rod and a long-handled shovel are now the property of the Brome County Historial Society and may be seen on display at the museum in Knowlton.

Gilman's next door neighbour was General Olcut, who also kept a general store and had a few slaves, one of which died and was buried on the property located opposite Gilman's and owned by the Cummings Family. The exact location of the grave, however, was never known.

The old Gilman house above, was demolished 49 years ago and replaced with a two-storey structure by the McClay's.

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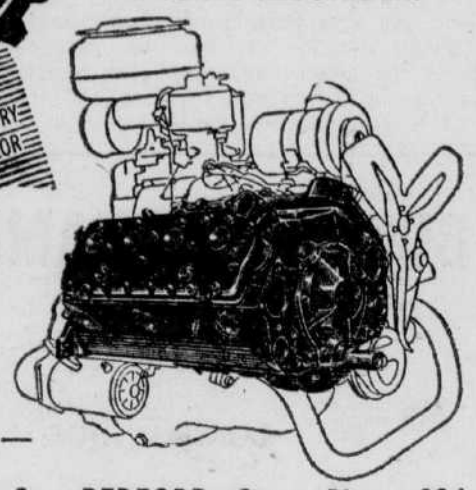
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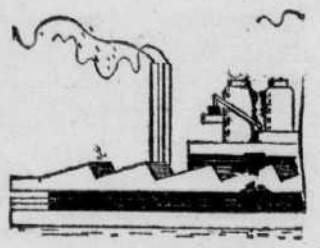
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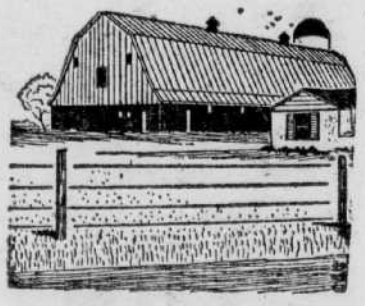
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Sutton Municipal Area Almost Doubled In Size During 1956

SUTTON — 1956 was the year in which a Proclamation of the Quebec legislature almost doubled the municipal area of this Brome County centre.

The Proclamation, issued on Dec. 14, 1956, increased by 1327 acres the old town limits of 750 acres. This increase did not go into effect until the beginning of this year, but now the town has a total area of 2,075 acres.

Miss H. E. R. Bates said that the new area has increased town population by 220, representing some 50 families. That brings the total population to 1660.

Only one new industry was brought in by the increase in area — a sawmill.

Miss Bates said that town officials anticipate a sudden increase in demands for town services to the new area. She said that some adjustment of municipal taxation would be forthcoming during this year. At the present time, the town tax rate is 15 mills, and the old tax rate on the outlying area is 15 mills. Miss Bates said that the adjustment would probably be made in evaluation standards.

In addition to tax adjustments, Miss Bates anticipated the possibility of increased taxation in 1957. She said that the town had operated at a deficit in 1956.

Miss Bates reported that the 1956 evaluation roll on taxables was $1,152,700, an increase of $67,200 over the last evaluation roll of 1953.

Two industries went out of business in Sutton during the last year. They were Sutton Creative Arts, specialists in hand woven casual wear, and Rocker Rest, a company which made specially designed foot rests on rockers for medical purposes.

Other industries, however, report good years.

SUTTON MILK PRODUCTS

Sutton Milk Products, Ltd., have boosted production over the past twelve months in nearly all lines. A spokesman for the company said that butter production had increased by half a million pounds and powdered milk by a quarter of a million pounds. The spokesman said that production of cottage cheese had also increased slightly.

The company, which employes 25 men, showed a payroll increase over 1955, and last August, opened a new RCA Victor, General Electric appliance store on Main St.

In the field of education, Sutton High School, operating in a new building completed in 1955, added a part-time music teacher to its staff, and reports a slight increase in school enrolment over the last academic year.

The Roman Catholic school last year purchased the former Sutton High School building, and plan to remodel some time this year.

Other industries in Sutton reported yearly progress ranging from "average" to "good". These include Lines Brothers, Woodworking department, a branch of a large toymaking firm which started operations in Sutton in 1955; G. N. Thompson and Sons, dealers in building supplies, Dyer's Woodworking Plant, manufacturers of windows, doors, etc.; Robert C. Wilkins Co. Ltd., manufacturers of cotton uniforms and work clothes; and American Chamois and Leather Co., processers of chamois skins for commercial use.

The first grist mill in Sutton was built by Thomas Shepard, who settled in Sutton in 1798.

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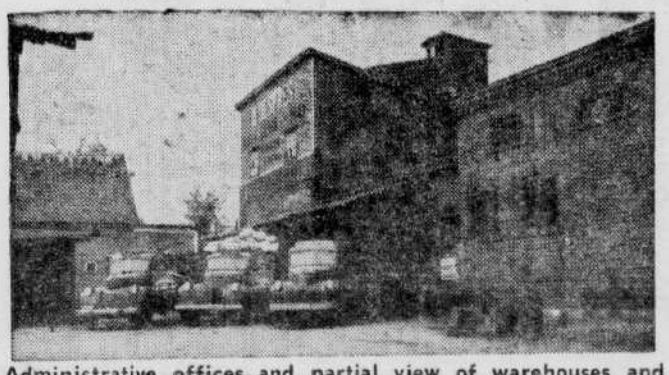
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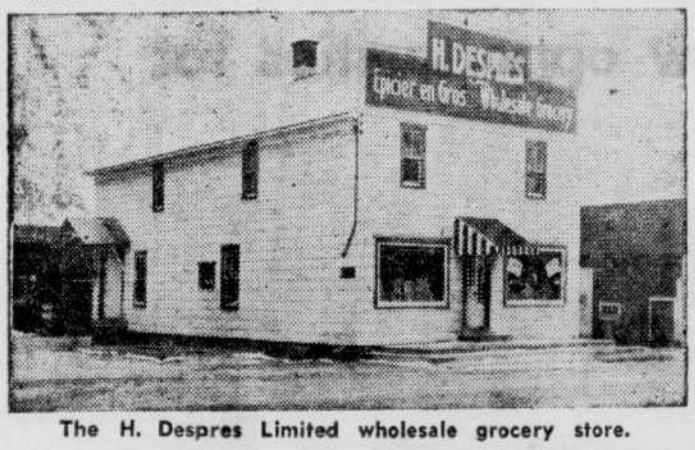
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Mink Ranching In Sutton

It's No Easy Switch From The Animal's Back To The Shoulders Of A Movie Queen

By HUGH DOHERTY

SUTTON — Raising minks is just like raising turkeys — if you know what you're doing.

With as much as $1000 riding on each furry little back, you have to know what you're doing.

And if you have 3,000 of the valuable creatures, representing an investment of $51,000 and a possible return of $100,000, the more you know about it, the better.

Murray O'Reagan should know. He's been buying, breeding, feeding and studying minks for the last 25 years, and selling their pelts for figures that are high, wide and handsome. His 6-acre mink ranch in this Brome county town is rated among the best in a region where mink-ranching is a major industry.

The secret of raising high-quality minks, says lanky, 45-year-old Murray, is to try and simulate as much as possible the natural conditions under which mink live. At the same time, each much be kept under rigid supervision, and separated from his or her neighbor, so that they won't tear each other (and each other's priceless fur) to pieces.

Combining strict control with simulation of natural conditions is a painstaking and expensive task. That's one of the big reasons why milady's mink stole hits the pocket book so hard — and why its so breathtakingly worth every penny.

"Minks," Murray stresses, "are touchy critters." They won't for example eat just any old food. It has to be fresh meat, because unlike its more uncouth neighbor, the fox, a mink will not touch carrion. So big meat freezers are an essential part of a mink-raiser's equipment. It is ground up, along with other ingredients (each breeder has his own pet recipe) and must be completely pure.

Minks don't like the sunlight, either. That's why Murray's 30 low mink sheds are completely covered over. "A mink won't last half an hour in direct sunlight," explains the breeder," because they haven't any sweat glands. If left in the sun, a mink will just curl up and die. Heat exhaustion, I guess."

But in return for all this loving care the lithe little mink will do wonderful things for the breeder. His progeny will burst out into wonderful shades of blue or brown that may set the whole fashion world on fire.

This year, the rage is dark gun metal, a very dark, shimmering blue. "Dark gun metal" is what the mink breeders call it — to the fashion world it's known as "Lutetia." A coat made from this shade of pelt would cost $10,000 today, and Murray has enough "Lutetia" minks on his ranch at the present time to make about seventeen of these millionaire's mantles.

There are hundreds and hundreds of other shades, too, of either brown or blue, and the breeder can control them all. He doesn't call them fancy names — such labels as "Autumn Haze" and "Desert Gold" are straight from the Mink Breeders' Association advertising blurbs.

Not all of the minks, of course, pay off in quality pelts. The average yield of quality skins in the whole field of mink breeding is about twenty per cent of the total raised, but Murray admits his percentage is "a bit higher than that.' An excellent pelt may bring as much as $95; others are "just thrown in the fire."

The crochety mink only produces appropriate fur at certain times of the year. In summer, his fur is light and comparatively colorless, but in winter, it becomes thick and lustrous.

Then, muses Murray, "fur is just like a flower. For a very short time, generally in November, it has a beautiful bloom to it, and that's when the pelts are taken." From backs of kits, or young minks, born in the spring.

The very best minks never get onto the shoulders of a movie queen. They are kept by the breeder purely for breeding purposes, because "it's a never-ending struggle" to keep the standard of the whole herd high, and to do this requires the best breeders.

Mink breeding is something that Murray took on more or less by accident. Although born in Sutton, he has moved all over the province, doing such odd jobs as technical radio work, house-painting, contracting, and even playing the drums in a local dance band.

But he remembers that as a boy, he always did a lot of hunting, and so came to understand wild animals and their ways. Once he got the idea of breeding fur animals, he first thought of foxes, but got sidetracked by Mrs. Frank Safford of this town, whose mink ranch he used to visit.

So Murray bought three good mink — at $100 apiece (a lot of money in those days," he smiles) and has never looked back.

Today, he and his wife, and their three young boys live in a comfortable white house atop a hill beside their ranch. He has three assistants, Larry Sturgeon, Cecil Mandigo, and Ross Mandigo.

And has Mrs. O'Reagan a mink coat?

"Well," laughs Murray, "she has a mink jacket."

Then ruefully, "but it's not 'Lutetia' — we can't afford that!"



Mink Rancher — **Sutton mink raiser, Murray O'Reagan, above, leans against the cage of one of his several thousands minks which he has been raising for the past 25 years on his 6-acre ranch. Mr. O'Reagan is recognized as one of the most expert of mink breeders in an industry where quality is the only criterion.** (Record photo by Mrs. Brereton)

SUTTON SQUATTERS

During the early settlement of Sutton, in the 1790's, there were no official grants issued for possession or settlement of land. So until the setting up of the Township in 1802, all settlers were in reality squatters.

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Scotstown Builds Prosperity On 1955 Construction Boom

SCOTSTOWN — The sudden flurry of construction activity that hit this town of 1600 in 1955 did not continue into 1956. However, said Town Clerk Paul Beaudoin, "1956 was a good year for us. Wages were higher than they have ever been, and farmers in the districts report that they have put a good twelve months behind them."

Mr. Beaudoin, an insurance salesman himself, noted that his own business was more properous in 1956 than it had been in any of the other five years he had been selling insurance. "This is surely an indication of good times," he said.

In 1955 three large commercial establishments were constructed in Scotstown. In 1956, only one was added — a garage owned and operated by Romeo Denault. In addition, the town constructed 200 feet of new sidewalk during the past year, at a cost of about $1000.

Mr. Beaudoin said that the town had fewer employees in 1956 than in 1955 but this was due to the jact that town building had tapered off. He added that there had been no trouble in placing the men dropped from the town working force.

In Scotstown's three Roman Catholic Schools, there has been an increase of about 50 pupils over the past year.

GUELPH PLYWOOD CO. LTD.

Scotstown's major industry, Guelph Plywood Co. Ltd, is standing pat from 1955—which saw a tremendous upsurge in business and employment, and the construction of a $15,000 laboratory.

However, in the field of research, A.F. Frankland, company research chemist, reported that great strides had been taken during 1956 in glass fibre Polyster constructions. Advances have been made in the manufacture of plastic natural finishes and colour processes for hardwood ply.

It is expected, he added, that the company will shortly come out with revolutionary products in these fields, as a result of research done during 1956.

Scotstown Woodcraft

Louis Laprise, owner and manager of Scotlown Woodcraft, wholesale furniture manufacturers, was jubilant over 1956. "We are in a better position now than we have ever been in before," Mr. Laprise enthused, "and we are looking eagerly forward to 1957.

Scotstown Woodcraft moved into a new building in 1955, which enabled the company to increase production. During last year, Mr. Laprise said that he had more orders than he could fill, and there is no sign of a tapering-off. Plans for large-scale expansion in 1957 are already on the drawing boards.

The general prosperity of Scotstown's two lumber-using concerns reflects the well-being of the community, many of whose residents depend upon either lumber, or the concerns themselves for their livelihood.

Several smaller firms in Scotstown also had a solid 1956. These include Dores Poirier, manufacturer of sashes and doors, a saw mill operated by A. Beauchesne, and a grain and building material business carried on by Lizotte and sons.

Horizons For Electronics

New Canadian Industry Boasts Sales Of Over Half Billion

By P. J. CASELLA
President, RCA Victor Company

Canada's electronics business has become a half billion dollar industry. In 1956, sales of television and radio receivers, radar and other electronic equipment for defence purposes, closed circuit TV, electronic computers and other commercial and industrial electronic devices totalled far more than $500,000,000. And to this total must be added the very considerable sales of the phonograph and records industry which is also based on electronics.

In a comparatively short space of time electronics has become one of the nation's major industries. And its growth is only beginning. There are many more new things on the electronics horizons than there are in its past. Hundreds of things which are today operated mechanically or electrically will be operated electronically in the very near future. We are no longer living in a dream world of possible developments; electronics has become the accepted and practical way of doing things. Its gradual introduction in a number of new fields is changing our whole way of life.

To the general public, of course, the most obvious development in the electronics world is television. And in this field, Canada has been quicker than any other country in the world to attain maximum use. Almost every Canadian is a television viewer. The percentage of home ownership of TV receiving sets climbed much quicker in Canada than in the United States. And the percentage will continue to increase as more remote areas are brought within telecast range and as more Canadians follow the trend established in radio and purchase second and even third sets for the home. This is a development which the industry anticipates is not far distant. Lower priced models today make it easier for families to have a family set and a second lower priced set for the kitchen or bedroom. And the introduction of popular, low-priced portable sets in 1956 opened up a wider market particularly in Summer homes and Winter ski cabins.

Television today has become as dominant in Canadian home entertainment as radio was five years ago. With the advent of color which has now been perfected in the United States and available for Canadian introduction only after adequate programing has been developed here, home entertainment will have reached a new standard undreamed of even a decade ago.

Accompanying the increased use of television in the home has been a continuing demand for radio and an amazing increase in the demand for high fidelity phonographs and recordings both of which are electronic products. This is a trend which it is expected will continue for many years, as more and more Canadians are introduced to the faithful reproduction of sound by electronic means. Interestingly, in Canada the trend towards higher fidelity play, great convenience and lower cost through the purchase of the small 45 records has been much slower than in the United States. There is still a demand for 78's in Canada, although it is a declining one, and it is likely to been few years before production of the older, larger sized record will cease. In the meantime, the volume of long plays and 45's is increasing.

The electronics industry continues to serve Canada's defence needs on many fronts. Equipment for Canada's fighter aircraft, radar lines stretching across the north country and various communication systems for all services is provided by Canadian electronics companies and is designed and manufactured in Canada plants. This provides constant employment for Canadian electronics engineers and also opportunities for research and original development. Working closely with government defence departments, the electronics industry has contributed efficiently and economically to the vita' protection not only of Canada but of North America. While little can be said of these northern installations, Canada has frequently been able to state with pride that it is in the forefront among world nations making use of electronic weapons and defences.

The future of the electronics industry, however, is, we all hope, along different lines. The importance of electronics in defence may indeed have been allowed to overshadow its importance in other fields. Many industries today are becoming aware of the utility of electronics equipment and many more will discover new uses for electronics tomorrow. In Quebec Province, for instance, within the past few weeks one of the longest industrial microwave communication systems in the world was put into operation between Montreal and Bersimis, Quebec, site of the vast new Quebec-Hydro development. This is "push button" operation in practice, the button being pushed in Montreal, the operation taking place down on the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Similar systems, shorter in length but similar in purpose have been installed or are being installed in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. No country in the world makes such extensive use of electronic communications as does Canada. Here, in this land of great distances and scattered population, we have successfully adopted science to overcome those handicaps.

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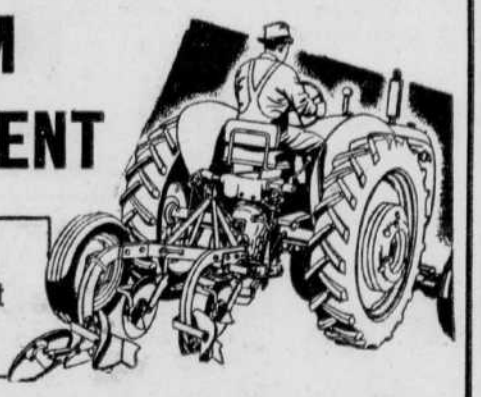
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Plywood Lab Develops Local Material Use

SCOTSTOWN — The year-old laboratory of the Guelph plywood Company here has contributed much to local prosperity.

Although initially built for work on fiberglass polyester laminates, it was decided, in view of the geographical position of Scotstown to drop this project, and concentrate on the use of local raw materials.

Mr. A. E. Frankland, research director of the plant, said that this recent work has been directed to the use of birch and maple veneers modified to appeal to a wider public.

He reported that a number of projects — many of them of a pioneering nature — have now been completed in the development stage, and market research is being conducted to ascertain customer reaction.

Few woods, he explained, have the strength and hardness of birch for furniture, flush doors, kitchen cabinets, and similar products, but the present raw materials give only a percentage of white even-grained material.

By reducing the color contrast and still maintaining the grain pattern, much more of the raw material can be used. The uniforming must be light, stable, and preferably through the veneer thickness, so that if sanding is done, the color will remain even. This is a project being actively pursued, and pilot plant quantities of the material are available.

Mr. Frankland said that finishes for birch plywood are also being investigated so that more durability and resistance than the normal cellulose lacquers will be available.

Various core materials for sandwich panels have been tunnelled, and "Strip Core" is now being produced at the Mattawa Mill.

In general, Mr. Frankland said, the functions of the laboratory have been:

Testing of plywood manufactured both at the Scotstown and Mattawa, Ontario mill. This is in addition to the routine testing already carried out in the mills, such as moisture content of veneers, thickness of veneers, adhesive temperatures, etc;

Development of new products, and modification of existing products to increase the sales potential:

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The laboratory is equipped with a press capable of giving 800 p.s.i. and can be used at controlled temperatures from room temperature to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Ball mills are available for pigment grinding, and a fadeometer for color stability in sunlight. Spray equipment, saws, planers and other equipment make the laboratory self-contained in respect to small panel work.

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The first mayor of Scotstown was J. Scott, and the next three were Aenas McMater, John Scott, and C. H. Parker.

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The postal revenue in the town of Scotstown in 1895 was $866.23.

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The first hotel in Scotstown was built by Horace H. French.

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In 1895, the Town of Scotstown had an area of 2,705 acres, and a total valuation of $100,000.

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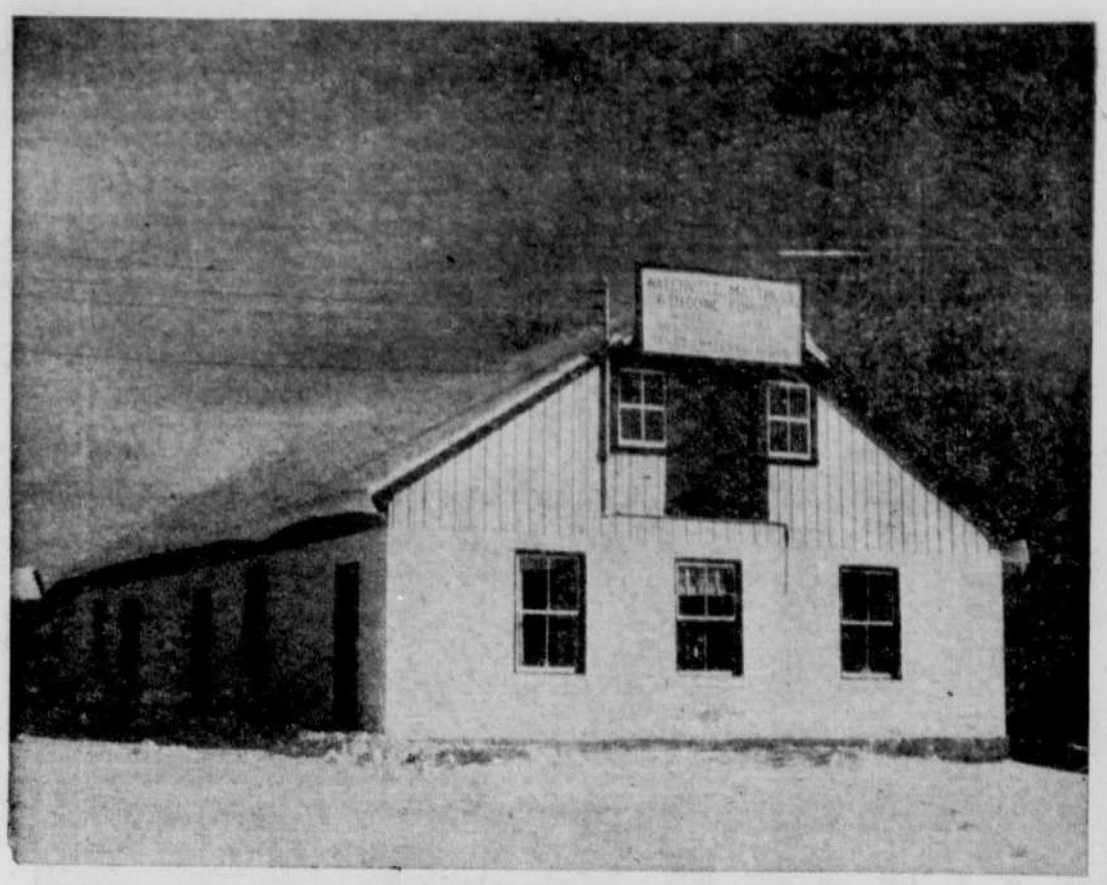


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New Building — This new addition to the plant of the Waterville Mattress Company was the only major bit of construction carried on in Waterville over the past year. The new extension has enabled the company to increase production considerably. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

A Year Of Steady Progress With Few Major Developments In Waterville Municipality

WATERVILLE — Few major developments, but general progress along established lines — that's the story of Waterville for 1956.

The town's expropriation of the municipal waterworks system at a cost of $70,000 in 1955 put an end in 1956 to the water shortage problems that had been plaguing town officials prior to the step.

In conjuction with this, the town expropriated a further 7,500 square feet of land on the south side of the community where it is planned to build a large municipal reservoir.

A well, dug on this piece of land last spring, insured a steady water supply during the summer.

Town Clerk Jules Gervais said too, that the town had opened up one new street during the past year, upon which two new houses have been constructed. He added that more residential buildings will be constructed on this street in a short time.

In addition, extensive road improvement has been carried out.

GOODRICH SPONGE PRODUCTS

Goodrich Sponge Products of Canada Ltd., formerly the Canadian Sponge Rubber Products, Ltd., and the community's major industrial concern, enjoyed a year in which production, sales and employment all increased.

Mr. F. Fitzgerald, vice-president and general manager of the company said that his Waterville plant is now one of the main suppliers for the automotive industry in Canada, and in addition, produces a wide range of consumers products. "We have one of the most modern sponge and foam products plants in Canada," he added.

In the field of employee benefits, Mr. Fitzgerald noted that in 1956, the firm had increased fringe benefits for all employees. These now include a hospitalization plan, pension plan, life insurance, and other amenities. The working force has increased by 85 since last year, he said.

As for the future, Mr. Fitzgerald predicted: "the future business prospects are good for continued expansion and fuller production."

WATERVILLE MATTRESS AND BEDDING

Waterville Mattress and Bedding Co. expanded into a new building during 1956, and report a good year.

Other industries in the town have also seen a successful year. Jersey Gold Dairy, Dominion Glove Company and Dominion Snath all report a good solid year of achievement.

Waterville Town Council

Mayor R. A. Raymond, who was elected this year to his first term, heads the Waterville Town Council. He replaces former Mayor S. A. Hopper.

Councillors are:

Seat no. 1, Jean-Marie Petit; seat no. 2, Harold Loomis; seat no. 3, Eric Swanson; seat no. 4, Stuart Blier; seat no. 5, Joe Poulin; seat no. 6, Jean-Paul Rouillard.

Compton was erected into a township August 31, 1802, and was granted to Jesse Pennoyer, Nathaniel Coffin, Joseph Kilborne, and their several associates.

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Jesse Pennoyer was the first settler of Compton County, establishing himself just below Waterville, in 1796.

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Waterville was originally called Pennoyer's Falls and then Hollister's Mills, Ball's Mills, and Smith's Mills before assuming its present name.

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The first postmaster in Waterville was F. Webster, appointed in 1852.

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L. W. Wyman was the first mayor of Waterville in 1876.

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The valuation roll of Waterville in 1895 represented $161,735.

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In 1895, the most flourishing secret society in Waterville was The Royal Templars of Temperance, organized in 1883.

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1891 CENSUS

The Census of 1891 gives the following statistics for Waterville: population, 516; families, 101; 254; females, 262; French Canadians, 86; others, 430; religions — Roman Catholic, 100; Church of England, 152; Presbyterians, 21; Methodists, 62; Lutherans, 43; Freewill Baptists, 14; Congregationalists, 99; Adventists, 18; Universalists, 1; Jews, 3.

VITAL ARTERY

American imports of Middle East oil via the Suez Caal were more than 11,000,000 tons in 1955.

CEYLONESE PEAK

Highest point in Ceylon is Adam's Peak, reaching 7,420 feet.

NORTHERN RIVER

The George River flows 363 miles in northern Quebec into Ungava Bay on the Hudson Strait.

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AUTOMOBILES SET

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glass, rubber, copper, iron for castings, frames, and electrical parts are all readily available. From a supply point of view, therefore, our industry is well equipped to handle the suggested sales volume.

New body designs and new mechanical innovations enhance both the efficiency and safety of operation of our industry's products. They have found enthusiastic reception by dealers and public alike. Our problem up to a few weeks ago has been not selling the cars, but in manufacturing them and getting them out to the buying public as quickly as both dealer and customer would have liked.

We believe the economic health of the nation is robust. With our gross national product breaking records for the second straight year, at an estimated rate of $29.5 billion as compared with $26,770,000,000 the previous year, the national economy is strong and buoyant.

Our population is continuing its growth. We passed the 16,000,000 mark this summer. With sustained immigraiton, likely to be stepped up as unrest in Europe stimulates progressive young family groups to seek greater opportuinty on this side of the Atlantic, and with the natural growth of our own population overcoming the setbacks caused by the depression years, we can look forward to a continued growth of Canadian consumers.

Canadian capital investment is showing substantial increases. In 1955, this investment amounted to $6,200,000,000. A survey at the beginning of 1956, reaffirmed during the summer, indicates that despite the tight money policy, scarcity of labor and with some scarcity of supplies including key materials in the construction trades, the estimated capital investment in 1956 totalled $7,500,000,000.

And Canadians are not spending all the money they receive for their production. A forecast of personal savings indicates that individual Canadians will have added a record total of at least $1.7 billion to their assets by the year ending 1956. Such savings do not indicate the need for severe credit restrictions down on the purchase of consumer goods, with a long-term result of national unemployment as production is curtailed.

Most of the factors influencing consumer demand are favorable. When you combine new product appeal with rising consumer incomes and continued high levels of national production, capital investment, personal savings and greater population—all indicative of a healthy national economy—plus a strong automobile dealer position and a buoyant used car market, you have a powerful argument in favor of a vigorous automobile and truck market during 1957.

But a potentially adverse circumstance exists that could seriously affect the sales of motor vehicles in Canada, and thereby touch off a chain-reaction of production cutbacks that would have a detrimental effect on almost every phase of Canada's economy and continued growth.

This is the attempt by the Bank of Canada to restrain the flow of consumer instalment credit—the lifeblood of the automobile industry—by limiting the finance companies' credit with the chartered banks and by other more subtle persuasions which could have serious consequence for our industry.

There is a large and growing body of opinion among responsible economists, both in business as well as in government, which feels that the current policy of monetary restraint is beginning to outlive its usefulness. Interest rates and price indexes, taken by themselves, are inadequate criteria of monetary policy, particularly at a time when a growing number of other economic indicators point to the likelihood that Canada's economy in 1957 may stand in greater need of the support which an untrammeled automotive market can provide.

On the assumption that the Government of Canada will not permit one of its agencies to obstruct the developmnt of the economy by selective, arbitrary checks and curbs, the automobile industry anticipates record production in 1957.

Canada is surging ahead. In company with accelerated development in the mining, refining and chemical industries; the increasing output of iron ore; with vast increases in fuel and power as Western wells pipe their oil and gas to the industrial East and new sources of electric power are developed, plus the impetus from the completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Canadian manufacturers of motor vehicles can continue to lead the expansion of our economy by virtue of their great employment, their nationwide, purchase of parts and services and by the overall stimulus their production facilities have on the economy.

Mink Ranching Proves Valuable Extra-Mural Mart

EDMONTON — The mink ranching indutsry in Alberta, thriving on the waste of livestock packing plants, is bringing nearly $3,000,000 a year into the province from markets of the United States and eastern Canada.

Last winter the 460 mink farmers in the province pelted about 150,000 animals. Over a period of spring months, these furs were auctioned to buyers who paid an average $15 each for standard pelts and $21 for pastel-colored mutations.

Thus for a good but not exceptional season, it meant an average gross income of nearly $6,000 for all the ranches, varying in size from part-time operations with a dozen or so breeding females to the big farms with thousands.

Operating costs are generally low, making mink-breeding one of the most profitable branches of fur farming. Most of the Alberta ranchers obtain their feed from packing houses, though a few deal with fish companies on the west coast.

Among other expenses is a provincial licence which runs as high as $25, depending on the ranch's size. All ranchers contribute to a Canadian advertising fund and for one big-scale operation here the fee exceeded $300 last season.



Waterville School — **Shown above is the old Waterville "model" school building, built in 1885. Used also as a council room and public hall when it was first constructed, it had as its first principal Miss Mary Armitage. The picture was taken in 1895, when the average attendance was 120.**



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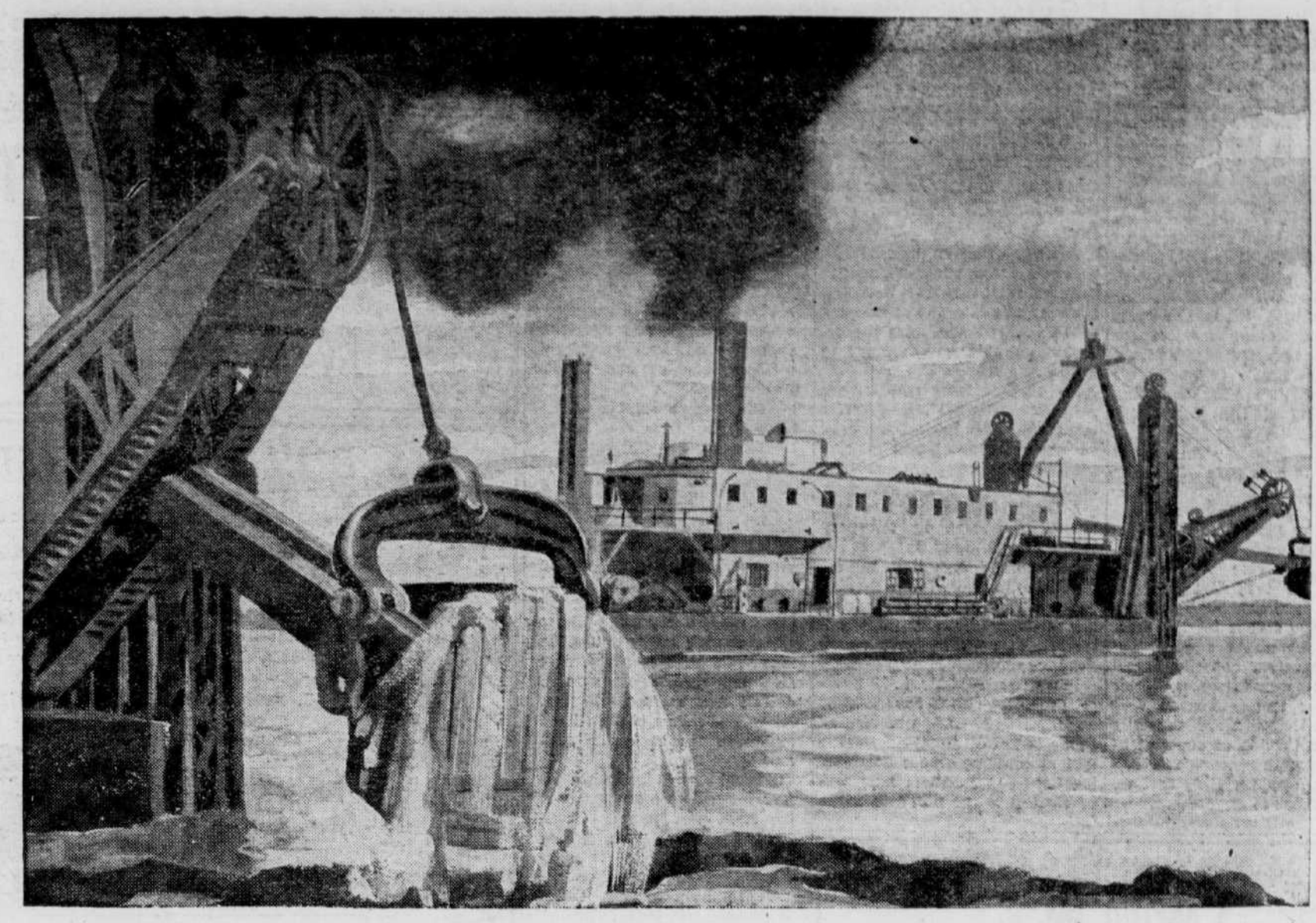
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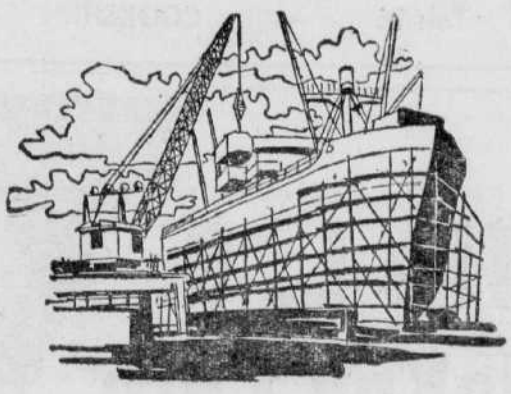
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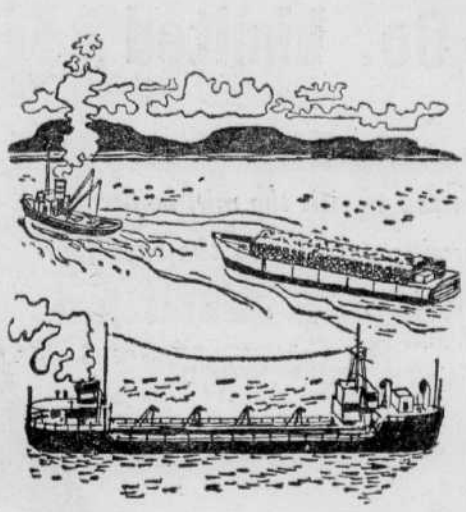
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Wallace Silversmiths 1956 Report

COOKSHIRE — Plant Manager L. J. Lane of the Wallace Silversmiths (Canada) Limited plant here reports that the year 1956 was "clouded by curtailed production in the last quarter, particularly in the lower priced line of cutlery and tableware."

He said that the more expensive lines of Sterling tableware have also suffered some set-backs due principally, it is felt, to the fierce competition for the consumer's dollar by automobiles and television sets. While the cycle is an unpleasant one to go through company is optimistic that it has nearly completed its round and it looks for increasing production as the year 1957 progresses.

Japanese stainless steel imports continue to be a sore point with Canadian manufacturers of stainless steel spoons, forks and knives. During 1955 Canada imported 555,000 dozens of Japanese cutlery. At the rate of Japanese imports for the first half of 1956 the total amount would run to 1,000,000 dozens for the year. As this represents one-half the total production capacity of all Canadian manufacturers, their position is undermined in that Japanese imports are normally landed in Canada at one half of the Canadian manufacturer's cost. While appreciating that we must continue to import Japanese products, the three largest Canadian manufacturers, Wallace, International Silver Co., and Oneida Ltd. are making determined representations to Ottawa to have the imports placed on a quota basis, so that Canadian labour will not suffer further loss of employment.

The use of silver plated tableware by large premium houses has been relatively light in recent months due to the confusion which has resulted from the introduction of trading stamps in Canada.

No major improvements are anticipated for 1957. However, a minimum of $15,000 will be spent on new equipment and general improvement of plant working conditions.

Labour relations remained at a satisfactory level. In February 1956 the Union Independent "Silversmiths" agreed to an extension of one year to the current Labour Contract, fully realizing that further benefits were not reasonable until business conditions improved.

In October 1956 Mr. L. M. Savage, president of the Savage Shoe Co. Ltd., Galt, Ont., was elected to the board of directors. During 1957 at least two more outstanding Canadian business men will be elected to the board to make it predominantly Canadian in thinking and action.

In January 1957 another sales representative was added, to give British Columbia more intense coverage. This new member of the Sales force will reside permanently in Vancouver. Further, the advertising budget has been increased and a great part of it diverted to rotogravure publications such as the Toronto Star Weekly and Week-end which have the greatest circulation.

Mr. Lane concluded that "everything possible is being done to restore full activity to the Wallace plant in Cookshire."

Elmer — Storied

COOKSHIRE — Once upon a time, many years ago, the Cookshire Fair was graced by the presence of one Elmer Waldron.

And he always came to the fairgrounds a month before the fair started, with his tools, a few blankets, and his one set of working clothes.

For a solid month, from dawn to daybreak, Elmer busied himself around the grounds, fixing boards, putting up signs, making booths and tables — generally getting the place ready for the big fair.

He worked so hard that he never had time to shave. And he didn't bring pyjamas or an extra suit of clothes with him. He just worked and slept for a month in the same old work clothes.

Legend has it that when Elmer showed up opening day at the front gate to sell tickets, he had a hard time getting near enough to folks to make a sale.

There aren't many Elmer Waldron's left today?

Cookshire Town Council

Mayor E. S. Heatherington heads the Cookshire Town Council again this year. Councillors are:

Seat no. 1, L. G. McKay; seat no. 2, Gerald Beaudoin; seat no. 3, E. Rouleau, seat no. 4, Brun Turcotte, seat no. 5, Patrick Cassidy; seat no. 6, Thomas Mignault.

Cookshire Protestant School Board

E. Waldron, chairman
J. L. Wootten
D. H. Learned,
D. J. MacMillan,
S. Taylor.

The township of Eaton, containing 64,685 acres, was legally constituted Dec. 4, 1800.

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The first Bridge in Cookshire was erected by the British American Land Company in 1834.

In the early 1800's potatoes were the chief crop in Eaton Township, and a very popular drink in those days was potato whiskey, which was nearly as free as water, and was looked upon as a nourishing drink.

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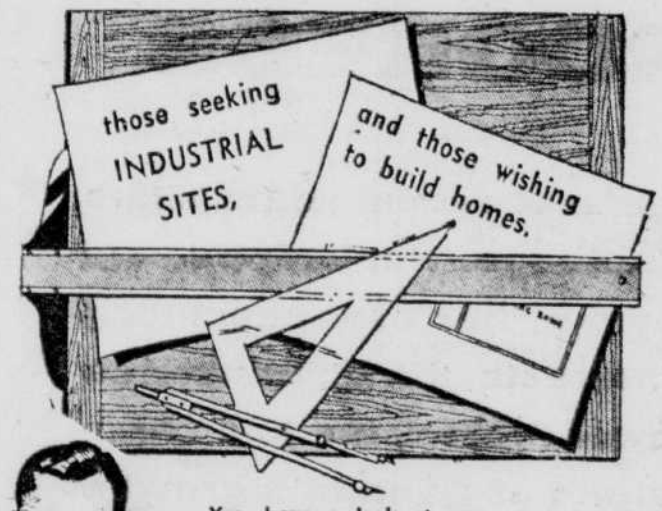
The present Cookshire Fair is in a second series. The first series ran from 1896 to 1901.

Up until the time of the building of the Grand Trunk railroad, all marketing was done either by boat or team from Cookshire to Three Rivers, or Montreal.

RECORD EXPORTS

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Protestant School Extention, Reservoir Highlight 1956 Activities In Cookshire

COOKSHIRE—Construction of a badly-needed reservoir, and the building of a large, modern extension to the Protestant school highlighted activities during 1956 in this town.

Town Secretary Colin Standish said that the new reservoir, completed last year over some opposition on the part of tax-payers and councillors, will supplement the two existing water supplies.

The $30,000 development will hold 5 million gallons of water, fed into the tank by springs. The town has re-forested the 100 acres of land upon which the reservoir is built with 25,000 white spruce in order to conserve moisture in the ground.

Cookshire Protestant School Board's new extension to the school was opened in November, 1956. Designed to accommodate 225 pupils, the $75,000 brick wing contains eight classrooms, a science room, and a combination lunch room and gymnasium. At the present time, there are about 175 pupils occupying the wing, but School Board officials say they anticipate a large increase in the roll in the following school year.

Mr. Standish noted that the Southern Sanada Power Co. had completely renovated the town street lighting system.

He said, too, that the town had carried out extensive sidewalk repairs during 1956, and that half a dozen more houses had been built in 1956 than in 1955.

"Generally," said Mr. Standish, "1956 has been a better year than 1955."

WALLACE SILVERSMITHS

Cookshire's largest industrial concern, Wallace Silversmiths (Canada) Limited, however, did not make the same report, although officials are optimistic about the coming year.

Plant manager L. J. Lane said that production had been curtailed somewhat in the last quarter of 1956, particularly in the lower-priced lines of cutlery and tableware.

He again criticized the importation into Canada of Japanese stainless steel products in large quantities during the past year. This has constituted a problem for his plant, and for other Canadian tableware manufacturers for some years. Japanese products are normally landed in Canada at one half of the Canadian manufacturer's cost, something which Canadian companies find almost impossible to compete with.

Mr. Lane said that no major improvements are anticipated for 1957, but that a minimum of $1500 will be spent on new equipment and general improvement of plant working conditions.

COOKSHIRE WOOLLEN

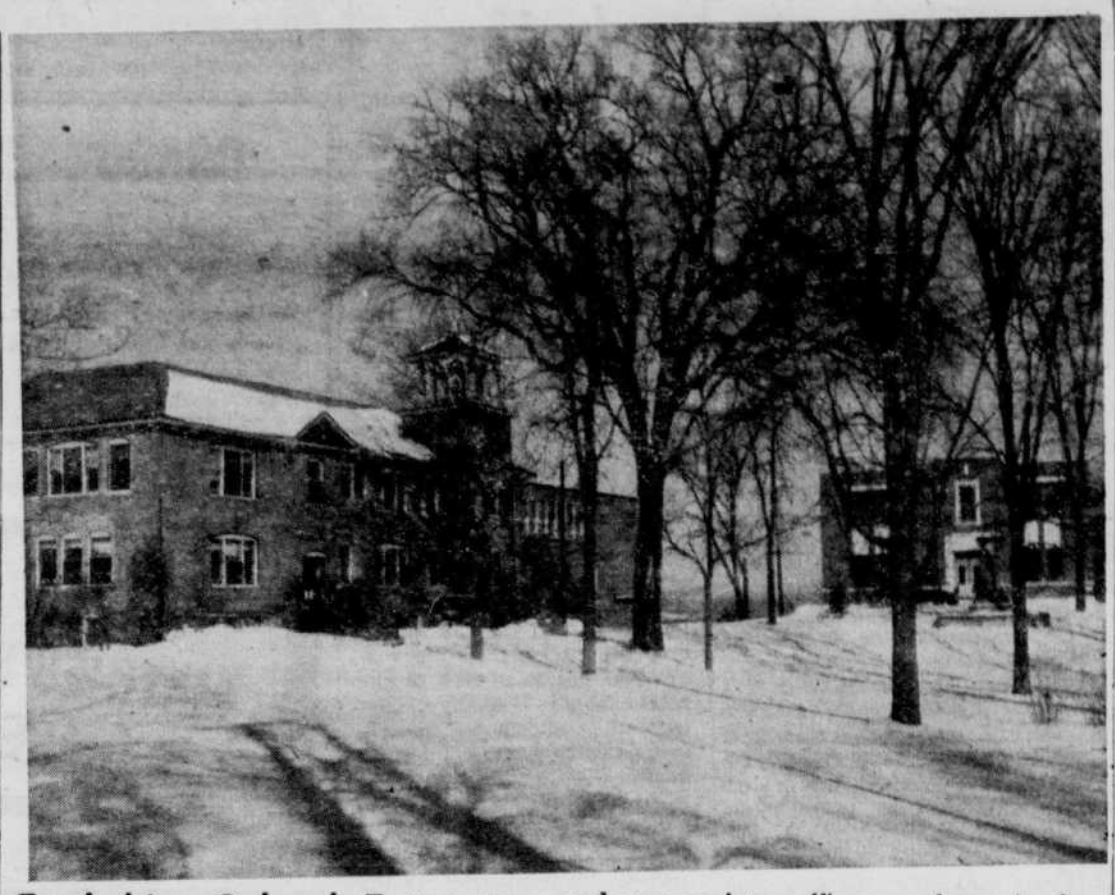
Secretary of the Cookshire Woollen Mills, M. Rousseau, reported that his company last year enjoyed its best year since the establishment of the mill in 1945.

A new '60 by 80' extension was built to the mill during the past year, in which have been housed 4 new machines. These are the biggest pieces of machinery to be employed by the company. With them, the mill will be able to turn out a much higher quality product.

Mr. Rousseau also said the mill had gone into the production of reversible blankets with new pastel colors during the past year.

With an increase of six men employed since last year, Mr. Rousseau said that the company is looking forward to an even better year in 1957.

Frasier-Thornton and Company, drug manufacturers, also reported a good year in 1956.

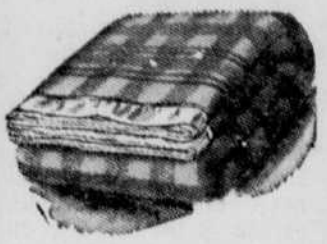


Cookshire School Extension, **and new registry office are shown in the above picture. The registry office, on the right, was completed in 1955. The new school extension to the Protestant high school, was completed last year at a cost of $75,000. Designed to accommodate 225 pupils, the brick wing contains eight classrooms, a science room, and a combination lunch room and gymnasium.** (Record photo by Mrs. Brereton)

Cookshire is named after John Cook, an early settler who came to Eaton Township between 1797 and 1800.

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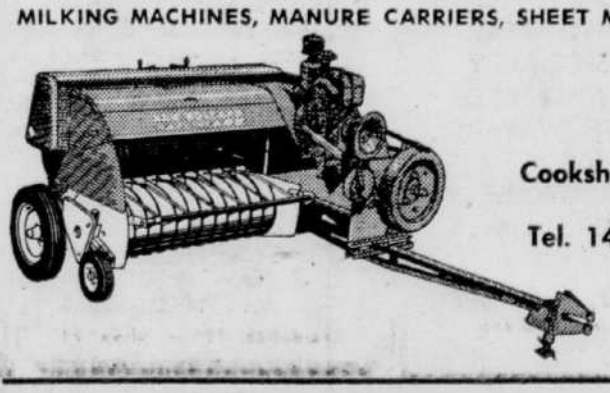
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Tobacco Crop Worth $75,000,000

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By EDWARD C. WOOD
President, Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada Limited

No review covering the year 1956 could fail to record the growing prosperity and economic well-being of Canada, and it is fair to say that the tobacco industry, which is such an important part of the economy, has contributed to and shared in this achievement.

The total 1956 leaf-tobacco crop harvested amounted to just over 167 million pounds and it sold for about $75,000,000. It was grown under very adverse weather conditions, including too much rain and not enough hot weather. The fine-cured portion of the crop was 25 million pounds short of the quality envisaged in the spring when the program was determined. Harvest labor was in short supply and wages paid for this labor were considerably higher than for the past few years. The price paid for the 1956 crop was also greater than that paid during the preceding few years, because of these circumstances; cut Canadian tobacco remained competitive with that grown in other parts of the world and all overseas orders for 1956 crop leaf tobacco were filled.

In 1956 there has been a gain of about 5 per cent in total volume of manufactured tobacco products. This is not as great as the overall-industry volume increase in 1955, and we are continually aware that high levels of taxation place a great restriction on the use of tobacco products in the competition for consumer dollars by all merchandise and services. Despite this handicap, however, it is gratifying to note that the 5 per cent increase is definitely greater than the increase in adult population; in other words, Canadian people are supporting the best efforts of the tobacco industry to manufacture products of high quality which appeal to and satisfy the varying tastes of the consuming public.

There are interesting differences shown in the results of the year's operation for various types of tobacco products. In cigarettes there has been a 10 per cent increase in volume, adding 2½ billion and bringing the annual total to slightly over 27 billion. A portion of this, however, is accounted for by increased inventories arising from new brands introduced. There has been continued growth in popularity of filter tipped cigarettes. Cigars have shown a 3 per cent increase, or about the same as the gain in 1955. Pipe tobacco, plug tobacco and fine-cut tobacco for the hand-rolling of cigarettes appear to be down about 10 per cent which is nearly thrice the dip shown last year, and this has been a major factor in limiting the overall increase to only 5 per cent.

It might be opportune in this year of tragedy for Hungary, to record the staunch contribution which Canadians of Hungarian origin have made to the growth and well-being of the tobacco-growing industry in Canada. For this reason, the industry welcomes the action taken by our Government in facilitating the entry into Canada, without formality or delay, of many of the Hungarians rendered homeless through the tragic events which have occurred in that country.

Cookshire Fair

COOKSHIRE — Secretary of the Compton County Agricultural Society Walter Hodgman reports that the 1956 Cookshire Fair showed a deficit of $.205.51.

He said that it was likely this amount would be even greater by the end of the year, since it was based on an optimistic estimation of forthcoming government grants.

FAMED MUSEUM

The British Museum in London started with a parliamentary grant of £20,000 in 1753.

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Laths Still Laths

COOKSHIRE — In a world of rapid change, the sturdy, humble lath remains the same.

It's still needed for plastering, and for a certain amount of packing and crating, and for little boys to play at duelling with.

L. G. McKay has built up a prosperous business on the strength of these little, unchanging strips of wood. He's president, and founder of the L. G. McKay Lath Co. Ltd., and has been turning them out of his mill every summer for the past twenty years.

In a sense, his business is a seasonal one. The mill itself only operates during the summer months, turning out the astounding total of 4 million laths a year. In the winter time his m.n take to the forest about Cookshire, and cut the timber — largely cedar, which has good lasting qualities — to supply the mill when it returns to operation.

Lath-making is an unusual business. There are only a very few lath mills left in the whole of Canada.

Mr. McKay, who has been a town councillor for the past seven years, founded the business twenty years ago "in a small way."

He recalls that he started in a Cookshire machine shop with a 10 horsepower machine, and three men. In 1938, he expanded — into a 30 horsepower set-up and three more men.

The year 1947 was a big one in the progress of the lath mill. In that year, a new building was constructed, and more machinery was added. It was at this time that Mr. McKay moved the mill to its present site.

By 1950, the mill, with a greae deal more machinery added to it, was producing 25 to 30 thousand laths a day. It was two years later that Mr. McKay hit his present production rate of 4 million laths a year.

In 1955, the company was made into an incorporated company with shareholders, and Mr. McKay's son, William McKay assumed the office of secretary.

Mr. McKay says that most of his markets are in the United States, although he has some local markets, too. He hasn't seen any reduction of demand in the past few years, and doesn't anticipate any.

Unless, of course, someone finds a substitute for laths in plastering — and duelling.

AGRICULTURAL TREND

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population, will probably absorb any small increase in total milk production and perhaps divert some milk from other products to fluid use.

During 1957 consumption of creamery butter is expected to exceed production with the difference made up out of existing stocks. Cheddar cheese production and consumption are likely to be about all the same as in 1956 with slightly less cheese available for export in 1957. Output of evaporated whole milk and dry skimmed milk will probably be in balance with consumption, with any increases reflecting the growth in population and fairly stable per capita consumption.

During the first half of 1957 egg prices on the average will not be as favorable to producers as during the corresponding period a year earlier. During the summer months of the coming year it is expected that production and prices will be similar to those in the corresponding period of 1956.

The poultry meat situation in 1957 will be dominated even more by developments in the chicken broiler and turkey industries than in 1956. Both of these branches of the poultry industry are rapidly developing new and more efficient methods of production and marketing with the result that they are now the two major sources of poultry meat in this country. In view of this situation it is expected that price levels for poultry meat in 1957 will be

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Quiet Boom Enjoyed By Bury; Lumber, Wood Products Solid

BURY — This town's 1400 residents enjoyed a year of quiet boom in 1956.

Town clerk W.R. Batley, summing up the past twelve months activity said that the town's chief industries — lumbering and wood products — both had shown a healthy growth, and increased production. Mr. Batley, who himself has been prominent as a lumber man and farmer in the community for many years, added that this in turn had helped Bury's farmers, most of whom cut "a little timber" each year.

The town's $12,000 project to extend the community's water system, begun in 1955, was completed last year, and is running smoothly. The enlarged system, 50 per cent of the cost of which was born by a government grant, brings plumbing for the first time to some 15 families on the outskirts of the town.

The extensions include 3,200 feet of four inch pipe, plus the installation of five new fire hydrants.

Mr. Batley said that there had been no unemployment in the town last year, marking the second year in a row that such a favourable situation has prevailed in Bury. In 1954, and years previous to that, unemployment was one of the town's main problems.

ANDERSON'S SAWMILL

Bury's oldest industry, and still the community's mainstay — timber-milling — hit new records in 1956.

Clifford Anderson, owner and manager of the largest and oldest of Bury's three sawmills, reported that his production in 1956 was the largest he had ever enjoyed, surpassing even last year's record figures. In 1956, Anderson's mill produced two and one-half million board-feet of milled timber products, largely made up of railroad ties and other rail wood products.

"Softwood lumber was a bit weak," said Mr. Anderson, "but really, there are no complaints." He said that employment had remained steady at the mill. Between 30 and 40 men are employed at the peak season.

The Anderson mill is at least a century old, and was originally owned and operated by the Pope family, who sold it to the present owner in 1949.

CANADA REELS, LTD.

Bury's only plant industry, Canada Reels, Ltd., also enjoyed a production peak in 1956.

General manager K. H. Hodgins described last year as "the best year that we've had since we became established here four years ago." He said that several new accounts had been obtained, while none of the previous ones were lost. Increased production demands added five persons to the plant's working force, representing an increase of $8,000 in the annual payroll.

However, he said, because of the fact that the plant's present mechanization is capable of doubling Reel production with no new additions, there are no immediate plans for plant expansion. He added that long term plans do include expansion, probably on to the acre and half of land purchased from the CPR in 1955 for that purpose.

Experiments in the production of a non-returnable hard wood reel, which were begun in 1955 at the home office in North Anson, Maine, are still being carried out, Mr. Hodgins said, and there appears to be little possibility that production in this line will be effected in the immediate future.

A $250,000 addition to Bury's Roman Catholic school, the College Alenzon, is presently under construction. The school, established in 1955 in the old Protestant school building, provides a classical education for boys interested in becoming priests. A new orphanage in connection with the teaching order has also been founded.

page of one issue is a report of Mayor Dougherty's letter under the caption "Bury, in the land of Maple Trees."

BURY, LANCS.

Perusing the pages of their official hand book, we find the history of this town dates back for centuries.

The name "Bury" meaning "a stronghold" is of Saxon origin, and the place is referred to in the "Doomsday Book." The manor of Bury in 1193 was held by one Adam de Bury, and either by sale or intermarriage the manor and church patronage eventually came into the possession of Lord Stanley who was created Earl of Derby, so that the Stanley family have been Lords of the Manor of Bury since 1485.

During this period the old manor house had many additions made to it and by Tudor times was one of the twelve baronial castles of Lancashire. The town grew up around the castle and church, the Market Place being the principal street. The Market Cross stood near the center of the old Market Place and was erected in 1559. It stood on three steps said to be emblematical of the Christian Graces, Faith Hope and Charity. The arms of the de Bury family were cut upon it. For three centuries fairs were held three times a year around the Cross, and annual feast days, sports, bonfires and other rejoicings were held there. When improvements were carried out in 1818 the Cross was finally removed. Regiments from this town have gained battle honours in every major campaign for over 200 years.

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Commonwealth Namesake Greetings

Bury, Quebec; Bury Lancashire Establish A Friendly Exchange

Last July, Mayor Osborne Dougherty of Bury received a cablegram from Mayor William Elliott of Bury, Lancashire, England, extending good wishes to this village under the recent "Commonwealth Namesake Greetings" scheme. Somewhat mystified Mr. Dougherty promptly cabled acknowledgement of the courtesy, following up with a letter in which he gave a brief description of this little Eastern Townships village, its location, area, population industries, etc., and enclosing a copy of our annual Confederation Day program.

Replying to this letter Mayor Elliott writes: "Thank you very much for your letter, and for the very interesting information in regard to your town.

"I will endeavour in return to give you a short description of our town. Bury is a County Borough in the County of Lancashire, being granted its charter of incorporation in 1876. It covers an area of approximately 11½ square miles which compared to the area of Bury, Quebec, is very small, but the population is over 58,000. This figure will give you an indication of the density of population per square mile as compared with your town. The town is situated to the north of the confluence of the rivers Irwell and Roch and lies partly on the banks of both streams. It is about 200 miles northwest of London and nine miles north of Manchester. It lies in the heart of industrial Lancashire, and Bolton (six miles to the west) and Rochdale (6 miles to the east) are its nearest towns.

"The climate of Bury is humid and the average rainfall of 43 inches is heavier than the general average for the country. The main elevation is 300 feet above sea level but the highest point in the borough is 767 feet above see level.

"The Coat of Arms of the Borough gives an indication of four of the main industries of the town; the anvil represents the iron industry; the fleece, the woollen industry, the crossed shuttles the spinning and weaving industry; and the three culms of the papyrus represent the paper making industry.

"I was very pleased to receive the notice giving details of your Confederation Day celebration. You certainly endeavour to make the day an enjoyable one and I trust the weather was kind to you on July 2nd. Basketball and softball are comparatively unknown in Bury.

"One item that caused some amusement was the "Rolling pin Throw" Ladies open. Do they practice on their husbands and boy friends?

"We do not have a comparable event in Bury, but we have a Charity Carnival on a Saturday in June when decorated lorries and Morris dancers, bands etc., parade through the town. The parade is followed by competitions, displays etc., on one of the town's playing fields. There is also a one day agricultural show held on a Saturday in August, and this is claimed to be the largest one day show in the north of England.

"May I take this opportunity of sending further greetings and best wishes to you and the townspeople of Bury, Quebec, from the townspeople of Bury, Lancashire. We shall always be pleased to receive a message from your town."

Accompaniyng the above letter were several enclosures including a copy of the Bury Official Hand Book, a brochure of the official opening of their new Town Hall which took place on October 2, 1942, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth officiating at the opening ceremonies, and two issues of their local paper, the Bury Times which is published twice weekly, on the front

Bury Town Council

Mayor Osborne Dougherty, who was elected this year to his second term, heads the Bury Town Council.

Councillors are:

Seat No. 1, Adolphe Lariviere; seat no. 2, Gordon Dougherty; seat no. 3, Ronald Stokes; seat no. 4, Raymond Morrison seat no. 5, James D. Harrison; seat no. 6, Clayton Grey.

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A Reel Activity

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BURY — Millions and millions of feet of wire are produced each year by Canada's leading electrical firms — and it all has to be wound on wooden reels before it can be used.

That's where K. H. Hodgson and the Canada Reel, Ltd. plant (of which he is manager here) come in. They manufacture the reels — more than 150 of them every day.

Reels for wire come into the class of everyday, nondescript articles. They are used for a while and then thrown away. They don't look particularly interesting, they embody one of the oldest and most well-known principles in the world, and their operation is easy to see and understand. Roll one way, and the wire comes off; roll the other way, and wire is reeled in.

But these reels are vital, if rather humble foundation stones of our modern, electrically-operated way of life, and their manufacture is not nearly as simple as their use.

Mr. Hodgson, who is a veteran of five years in the RCAF, and got his start in wood manufacture in an Ontario sash and door factory before the war, explains that each set of reels made at his plant has to be tailored to special specifications set by the company who order the reels.

"The governing factor is the weight of wire to be wound on the reel," he says, "because all wire is sold by the pound, and not by the foot or yard."

Once Mr. Hodgson, and his staff of 25 get the specifications, they start to work. At the present time, there are two regular production lines at the fully-mechanized plant — one for reels 16 inches in diameter and up, and another for reels 40" and up. "Up" can mean bigger than 84 inches in diameter, but these grand-daddies are not common.

One of the most common production line models is the 36 inch reel. It demonstrates how much work goes into a single reel. Each head, or end, of the reel is of two or three ply, with 10 to 12 separate, tailored pieces of soft-wood (usually blue fir or pine in each ply. The drum of the reel upon which the wire is wound, contains 15 hand-picked pieces of wood.

Except for the making of the various plies, no glue is employed in the manufacture of conventional reels. The drum is molded to two heads, and then securely bolted from end to end. The life of a big 68 incher made in this manner is about 6 trips or rewinds.

"Sometimes customers' specifications cause headaches," Mr. Hodgson laughs. "We haven't received one yet that was impossible to build, but we have received several orders calling for a weight of 14,000 pounds of wire, built it, and then received it back a little while later completely shattered."

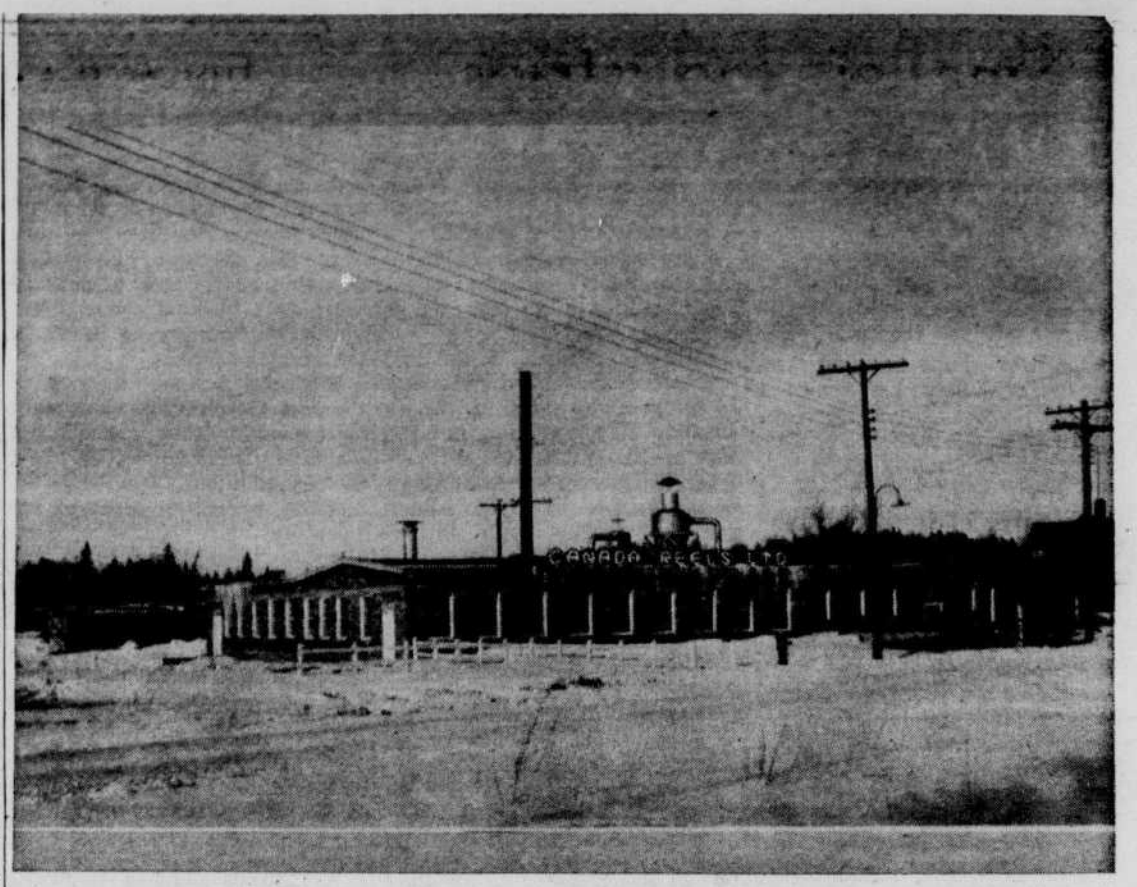
Investigation revealed that "the customer had been loading over 18,000 pounds of wire on the reel — no wonder it broke down!"

Bury's reel plant has been growing more and more prosperous ever since it started operations four years ago. Today, the Northern Electric in Lachine, Shawinigan Aluminum Co. of Canada, General Electric in Peterborough, Ont., and also to 7 or 8 smaller concerns in Toronto.

Not all of the reels are used for wire — a few are used for rope, but the general design is the same in each case.

The Bury plant is owned by the North Anson Reel Company in Maine, and is the only one of its kind in the Eastern Townships. It is one of only two in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Hodgson said that the decision to situate in Bury was made because the location was good for both markets and supplies. The plant stands midway between Montreal and Toronto markets, and the company's soft-wood forests in Maine, which supply the bulk of the plant's raw material. A portion of the lumber, however, is now being bought locally, and Mr. Hodgson indicated that this portion may increase in the future.



Where Reels Come From — Shown above is the Bury plant of the Canada Reel, Limited, manufacturers of a wide variety of wooden reels upon which is wound the electric wire — millions and millions of feet each year — that binds our way of life together. Founded in Bury four years ago, the plant is the only one of its kind in the Eastern Townships, and currently turns out reels at the rate of 150 a day. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Mill Origin A Mystery

BURY — The origin of Clifford Anderson's century-old mill is shrouded in mystery, as far as he is concerned.

"It's at last 100 years old," he ventures, "and always belonged to the Pope family before I bought it in 1949." Of this last fact, there seems to be little doubt.

Mrs. George Parsons, a lifelong resident of Bury, can add little to this, except to say that it was originally situated across the road from its present site. "I remember when I was very small watching the great cloud of sawdust coming out near the stream."

The founder of Bury's oldest existing industry was Lemuel Pope, and the mill was handed down from father to son until six years ago.

But even if the origins are uncertain, products have certainly changed. Today, Anderson's chief products are railroad ties, and railroad "shimmies."

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Smaller Industries Report Banner Year On East Angus Scene

EAST ANGUS — Small industries here report a banner year for 1956.

Angus Paper Products, which completed a large scale expansion program in facilities and manpower in 1955 reports that 1956 was the best year in the history of the plant. Angus Paper Products have been established since 1948.

Paul Marcoux, manager of the firm, said that employment had gone up 15% during the past year, and that production had also jumped well ahead. He added that the prospects for 1957 were extremely good.

James Stewart, General plant superintendent of the Thomas Boner Company, manufacturers of multiwall bags, said that for his firm, too, 1956 had been a good year — better than 1955.

The firm completed a $100,000 expansion program in 1955, which upped production to one and one half million bags a month.

Mr. Stewart said that the prospects were bright for 1957, and anticipates a production rate of 2 million bags a month during the coming year.

Major developments in the town of East Angus during 1956 included the construction of a $75,000 Roman Catholic School, and a $200,000 addition to the East Angus Convent, as well as extensive residential expansion.

The new Ecole St. Joseph, built to serve the northern section of town, is designed to accommodate 20 students in 6 modern classrooms.

The new wing of the East Angus Convent includes a recreation hall and new residence, as well as classrooms, and a chapel.

Town Clerk Anselme Tourigny said that during 1956, the town had completed $75,000 worth of new sewer and waterworks construction to extend these services to one of several housing developments spreading out on the fringes of the town.

He said that one new street had been opened at one of these developments on the north-east side of the town, and that 5,000 feet of sidewalk had been laid.

BIG TERRITORY

The federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, covering 486,000 square miles in Africa, was inaugurated in 1953.

East Angus Town Council

Mayor D. J. Willard heads the East Angus town council this year. Councillors are:

Seat no. 1, Arthur Thivierge, seat no. 2, Albert Morin, seat no. 3, Paul Marcoux; seat no. 4, Adelard Corriveau; seat no. 5, M. Labonte; seat no. 6, W. S. Clifford.

SCULPTOR-PRESIDENT

Charles Wheeler, elected in 1956, is the first sculptor to become president of Britain's Royal Academy, founded in 1768.

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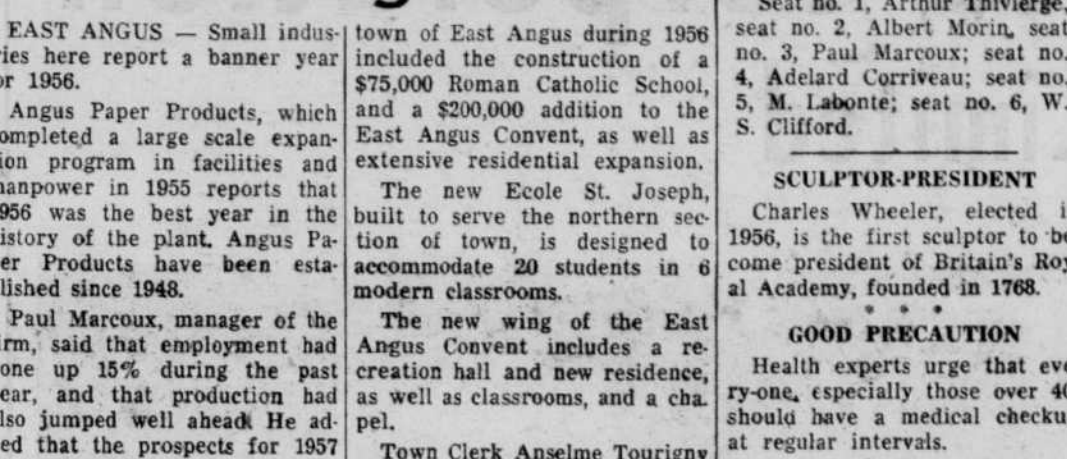
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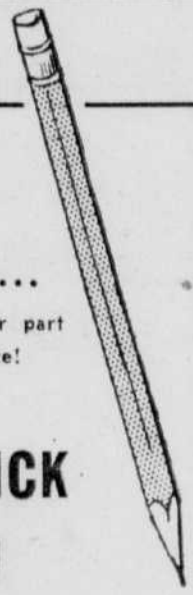
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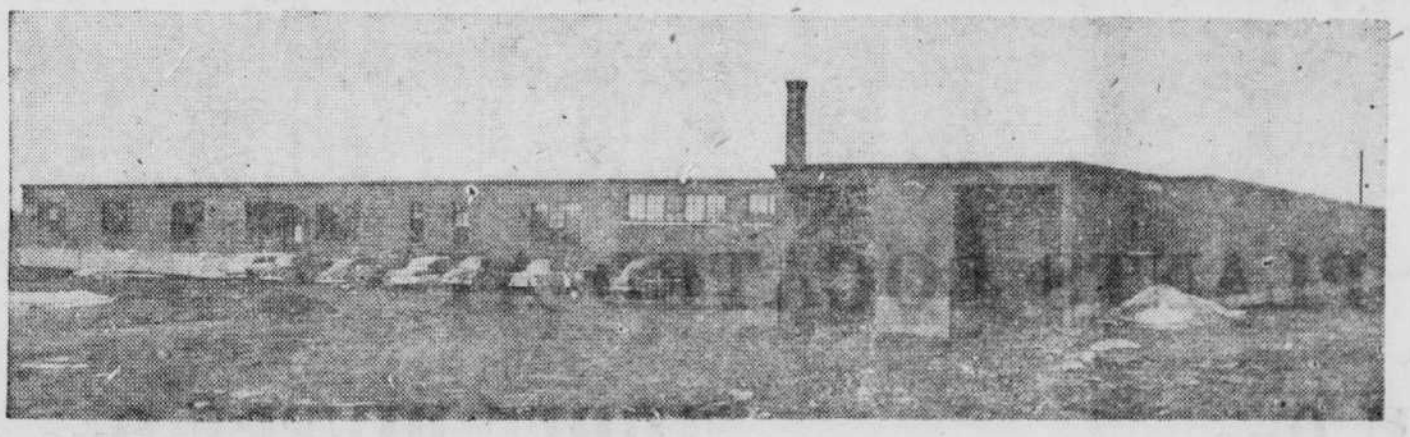
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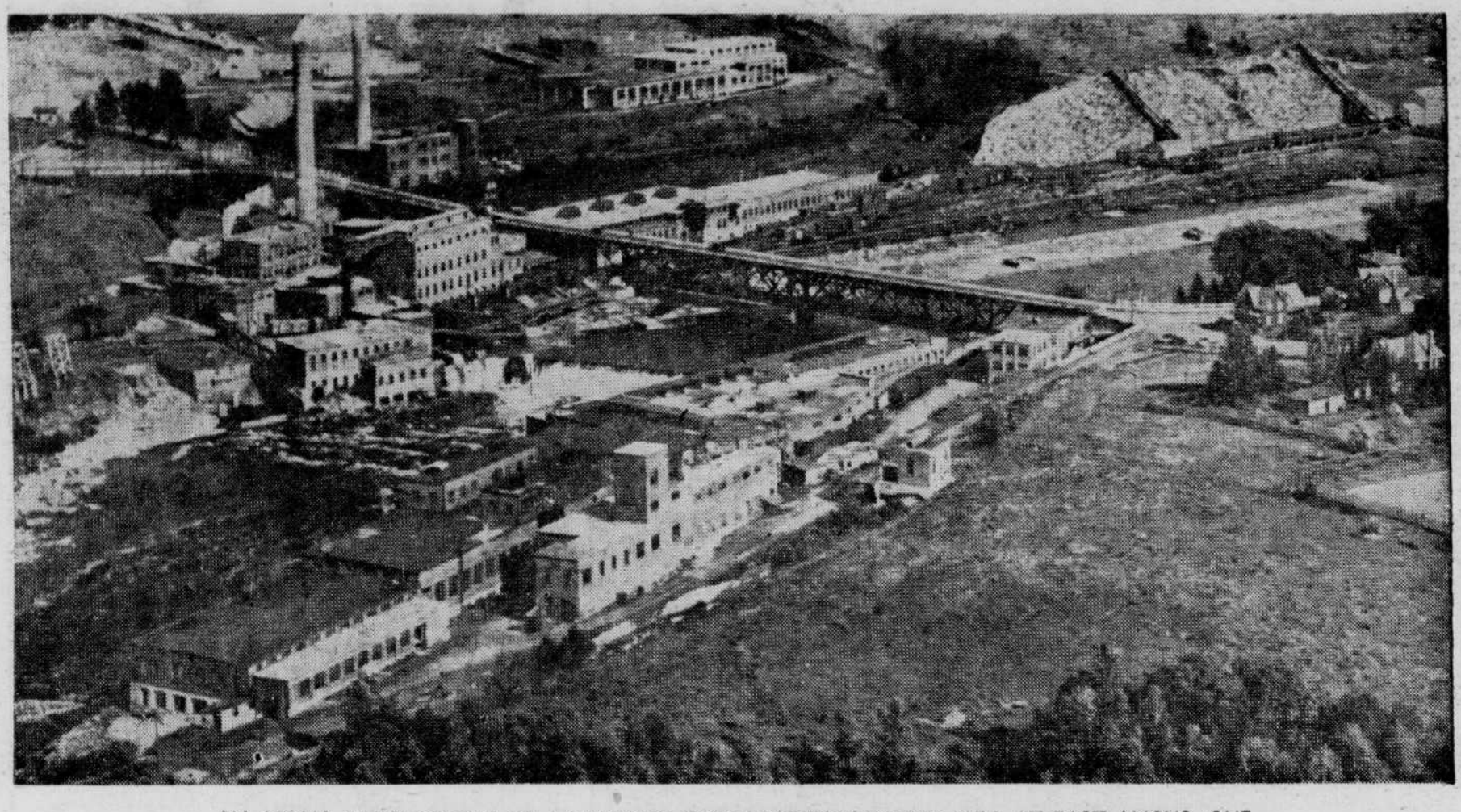
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Business Still Slow

Sawyerville Continues Attempts To Attract Industrial Concerns

SAWYERVILLE — This tiny town of 879 has precious few words of praise for the year 1956 — nor do they anticipate having any more good words for 1957.

The trouble is simple to analyze. As Town Clerk George Hurd observed wryly: "Until a new industry comes, it's going to be a pretty dull town."

Mr. Hurd should know. He's the owner of Sawyerville's sole claim to industry — The Sawyerville Manufacturing Co. Ltd. The state of his business is representative of the economic state of the town.

"Business is down 40 per cent from last year," says Mr. Hurd. "Although in 1955, in my peak season I employed only 13 men, this year I have never employed more than four."

Apart from Mr. Hurd's plant, the only activities which might be termed "industries" are a creamery, operated by Georges Belhumeur, and H. A. Locke's grain mill. These are successful, but very small operations. Sawyerville has never recovered from the loss of its only large industry, International Cooperage, which went out of business two years ago, putting some 150 men out of work.

The buildings now stand empty and bleak, on a 8 acres of land, owned by the town. The tracks of the nearby railroad siding are rusty and overgrown.

"If only another industry would establish itself here," says Mayor L. H. Hunt. "They could have the buildings, and we would lease them the land gladly for $1 a year." He and his councillors are anxious to attract new industry. Besides the old cooperage property, there are four or five other good industrial sites in the town.

They wax enthusiastic about the concessions they would grant to a new industry. "Water would be free," they say. "We're sure that the Southern Canada Power would help in the matter of electricity," they add.

There seem to be many advantages to locating in Sawyerville.

Zeph Rousseau, chairman of a special industrial committee formed in 1949, says that evaluation rates in Sawyerville are probably the lowest in the Eastern Townships. This, coupled with the only bright spot in Sawyerville's year — a lowering of the town tax rate from 20 to 18 mills on the dollar — and camparatively low living costs, is an attraction.

These facts probably explain why the 75 per cent of Sawyerville's labour force who work out of town still continue to live in the town, even though it means travelling the 19 miles to Sherbrooke four times a day.

"For example," says Mr. Rousseau, pointing to a big, three story building housing a supermarket across the main street from his combination barbershop-office. "That place is valued at only $5,000. But its real value is nearer $20,000."

He continued: "You can rent a four or five room flat in Sawyerville for only $25 a month. Food is cheap — eggs cost only 50 cents a dozen, milk is 20 cents a quart, and it's all fresh."

As for a pleasant setting, none could be pleasanter than Sawyerville. Hunting, fishing, shooting — all are close by.

And still no one comes — yet.

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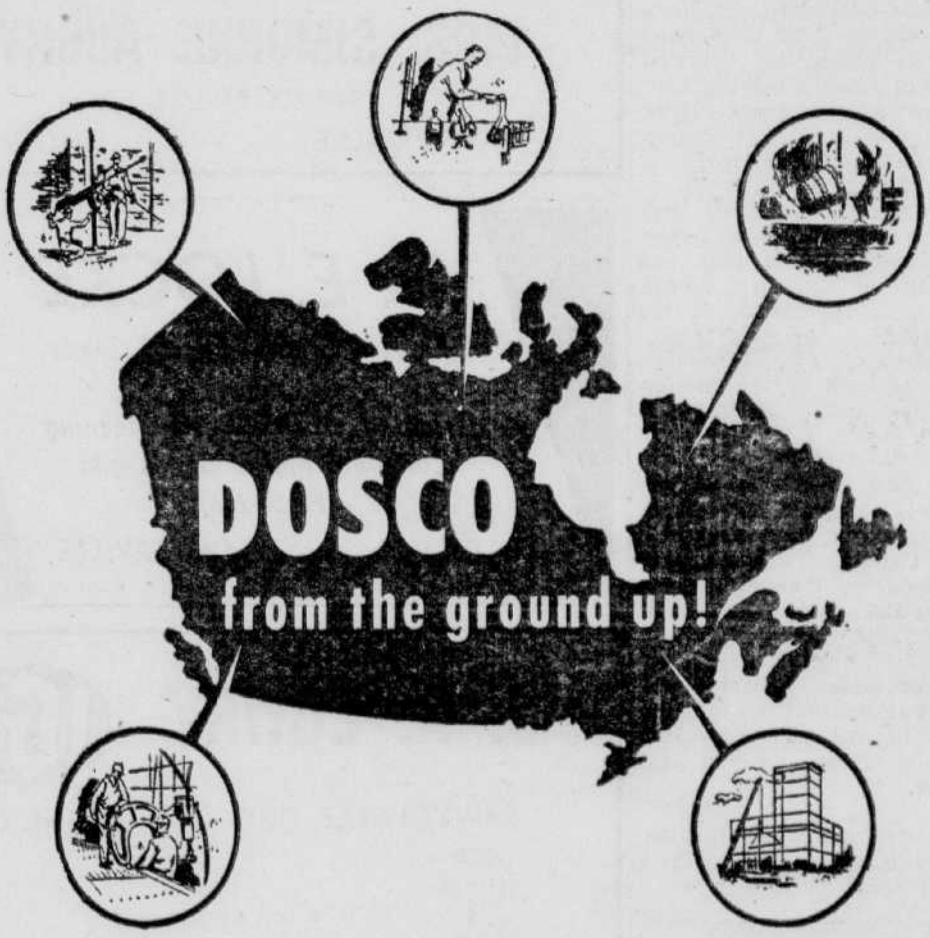
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Sawyerville Town Council

Mayor N. H. Hunt, who was acclaimed this year to his eighth term, heads the Sawyerville Town Council.

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Remembers Better Days

85-Year-Old Sawyerville Plumber And Tinsmith Still Going Strong

Sawyerville — There's no plumber like an old plumber. That's what Joseph F. Williams says, and he should know. At 85, he's probably the oldest active plumber and tinsmith in the whole Eastern Townships, if not in the province.

He's also one of the oldest residents of this community —he's been fixing pipes and fitting fixtures here for more than half a century, and still going strong.

Mr. Williams likes Sawyerville, but, he says, "I can remember when it was a thriving little community." These were the days when he was working a 10-hour day, and charging 50 cents an hour for his trouble. It was also the days when plumbing required a good knowledge of lead — because that's what the early pipes were made of.

The wrinkled, bent little plumber, his gnarled hands still strong and sure with a pair of tin shears or a threader, remembers better days.

"Fifty-five years ago, when I first came to Sawyerville, there were five churches, full every Sunday. Today, there are only four, far from full. We had five blacksmith's shops, a big sawmill, a grist mill, a sash and door factory (the only remaining industry). We had five stores then; today only three."

He shakes his gray head. "Sawyerville will never thrive again as it did then," he surmises.

"All the young men go to Sherbrooke to work, where the wages are higher. The people coming in here now haven't got the old pioneer instinct."

"Years ago, it was a few of us who built this town, put in a water system, laid out electricity, and planned the finances. People today have it all, and so they're less inclined to work for things.

"Life's too easy," he sniffs.

But not for Mr. Williams. He still works a good eight-hour day, aided in his business only by his son, Francis J. Williams.

Of his other two sons and five daughters, two girls are dead, and the others are scattered about Canada, chiefly the West.

His wife died in 1951.

For thirty years, "off and on," the plumber sat on Sawyerville's town council. He was never mayor ("Never wanted to be," he laughs).

Mr. Williams was born in Montreal in 1872. His parents were immigrants from England. When he was nine years old, the Williams' moved to Bury, where they lived for six years. It was there that Joseph, at the age of 15, became an apprentice in the plumbing trade. In 1901, he came to Sawyerville, and has been here ever since.

"I like Sawyerville," he repeats, bending to his pipes. Then he mumbles to himself as he works: "But if I didn't keep at my plumbing, there wouldn't be anything here for me to do."

Captain Josiah Sawyer, from whom the town of Sawyerville takes its name, was the first settler in Eaton Township, moving from New England in 1794, to the present site of Sawyerville.

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Sawyerville was set off from the township of Eaton as a seperate municipality in 1892, and the date of the first council meeting is October 5, of the same year.

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The revenue of the Sawyerville Post Office in 1895 was $715.50.

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The first council in Sawyerville was composed of John W. Rogers, mayor, and councillor Peter Coombs, Hollis Williams, Dr. McCurdy, William Hodgen, Charles Harvey, and Herbert H. Hunt.

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Perron Baker, former Minister of Education during the 1930's in Alberta's "Farmers' Government" was born in Sawyerville.

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The area of Sawyerville is exactly two square miles, in a perfect square.



Active Plumber — Sawyerville's oldest tradesman, and probably one of the oldest in the Townships, Joseph Francis Williams, looks up a moment from his work. Mr. Williams has been living in Sawyerville for more than half a century, and still works full time at his plumbing and tinsmith business.
(Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Mental Research Much Assisted By "Tranquillizers"

VANCOUVER—A major "revolution" has occurred at the provincial mental hospital at Essondale due to two tiny pills. They are tranquillizing or "peace pills" containing the drugs chlorpromazine and reserpine.

Now released patients outnumber those admitted and the "snake pit"—cells in which the most violent cases were confined —has disappeared.

"In recent months only one of 200 patients had to be transferred to the mental hospital proper for extended treatment. The rest recovered, some as quickly as one month after admission," said Dr. I. S. Kenning, its director.

Relative peace has come to the 84-year-old institution, 14 miles east of Vancouver. The yelling, pounding and moaning are no more. In their place is the quiet hum of a busy hospital.

Open wards are replacing cell-like side rooms where some patients have spent 15, 20 or even 30 years. Men and women patients stroll freely about the grounds, feed the birds, or road or chat on the benches.

Patients are being reunited in many cases with families they have not seen for years and lives of certain violent patients who might have died of exhaustion have been saved by prompt use of the pills.

GROWING COMPETITION

Twenty expeditions from six nations are engaged in the 1956 Antarctic whaling season.

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AGRICULTURAL TREND
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about the same as in 1956.

Total production of oil seeds in 1956 was sharply higher than output in 1955, but all the increase was in the industrial oil seed class rather than in the edible oil seed group. The domestic and export markets are expected to readily absorb the 1956 production of soybean and sunflower seed at prices near last year's level. Flaxseed is expected to encounter stronger competition in export markets as supplies from other sources will be considerably higher than last year. Prices are likely to be moderately to considerably lower and carryover stocks will probably be substantially higher than a year ago. The export market is again to be the most important outlet for 1956 crop rapeseed marketing, but whether or not the bulk of the crop will be absorbed appears uncertain.

An increase in net imports of grain corn is likely, as the 1956 crop is substantially lower than the 1956 crop. Dry field bean production is practically equal to the 1955 output and may be slightly below domestic requirements. Dry field pea production is one third higher than in 1955 and an export surplus of one quarter million bushels is probable.

Sugar beet production was nine per cent lower than in 1955 and will likely provide about 15 per cent of domestic sugar requirements in 1957.

PETTES LIBRARY
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in the entrance hall all of the Pettes Memorial Library are these words:

1895
This building is erected
In loving memory of my husband
Nathaniel Pettes
And of our daughter
Mary Louise Pettes
Narcissa (Farrand) Pettes

At the present time Miss Hazel Stone is the librarian. Some of the librarians in the past have been, Miss N. Agnes Robb, Mrs. A. M. Kenworthy, Miss Ellinor Brown.

It would be difficult for the present generation to realize, just how much this Library has meant to the people of this locality down through the years. I doubt very much if two thirds of the young people of Knowlton know it's there. The local High School has a fine library within it's walls and pupils are encouraged to use it's facilities. With television and all other forms of entertainment, journeys to the land of imagination are becoming rarer and rarer.

COMMONWEALTH
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Their motto is "Omnia audax." As the years passed the town progressed and today is a clean, prosperous and well planned town with all modern facilities and many thriving industries.

Among these are woollen, cotton and felt manufacturing, textile machinery, iron and steel works, brick works, a rubber plant where balloons are made to carry instruments for the determination of conditions in the upper atmosphere, the paper making industry where they specialize in high grade thin tissue paper and in one field make special industrial tissues which are made no place else in the world except Japan and U.S.A. This company also makes India paper for use in high grade Bibles, prayer books and classical editions.

There are also firms which manufacture fibre goods, footwear and candies.

Educational facilities are equal to those of the best served industrial towns. An art gallery, museum and public library are further educational privileges.

Bury is well provided with recreation grounds and playgrounds, maintained and administered by the Cooperation. In addition to these, there are those held by the Churches and Sunday Schools for the town. Public health services are extensive covering such fields as Maternity and Child Welfare, Clinics for School Health, Day Nurseries, Ambulance Service, Home Nursing, Midwifery Service and Home help Service, Health Visiting and Mental Health Services.

The Bury General Hospital, on the outskirts of the town dates back to 1829. Public baths opened in 1864. These comprise three swimming pools, slipper and Turkish baths. The Bury Savings Bank appropriately situated on Silver Street is an encouragement to thrift and is under Government control.

Fire protection, street lighting and public cleansing are carried out on up-to-date principles. All refuse is processed and the resulting product sold as fertilizer. Among the notable persons native to Bury, is Sir Robert Peel, 1788-1850, Prime Minister of England 1834-1835.

As citizens of Bury Quebec, we are proud to be associated as "namesake" of this thriving English town, and sincerely hope that the friendly relatives now established will strengthen and develop as the years go by.

HORIZONS FOR
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cessful future of atomic power development lies in the discovery, not yet made, o fa suitable "direct" means of converting high level radio activity directly into electricity instead of using the present "blunder-buss" method of utilizing the heat from such radiation to make steam to drive turbines. So great is the demand for power all over the world that present sources of coal, oil and gas will have to be supplemented by atomic power and also by the tremendous amounts of energy from the sun which radiate to our earth.

Electronics nave now shown the possibility of harnessing the sun's energy directly into the form of electricity which can be stored for sunless periods. This has already been done by the Radio Corporation of America and other scientists on a small scale and it is imperative that this must be developed and improved for large scale operations.

The impact of electronics on society is now so extensive that practically every factory and business institution has recently added something new to assist their activities. The precise measurement of liquid flow and pressure can be measured and indicated, the measurement of contamination in solids, liquids and gases, the precise measurement of thickness, length and weight has long been an accomplished fact. In the rolling of steel, aluminium, tin and paper, electronics not only measure the precise thickness of the substances, but automatically adjusts the rollers to keep the required thickness of the material to very minute tolerances, in some cases to an accuracy of 1/10,000 of an inch.

Closed circuit television is just now beginning to have industrial uses in Canada. The possibilities and the practical uses here are endless. They will increase as automation of our industries goes on. And electronics will soon spread in the home far beyond the radio, television set and phonograph. Electronic stoves, refrigerators and air conditioners are products of the very near future. They will make work simpler and less costly. Modern appliances, electronically operated, will require less space, will have no moving parts, will be much more convenient and much less expensive to run. The Canadian housewife, well served as she is today with her great variety of electrical appliances will be even better served when electronics moves into the kitchen.

The electronics industry is flourishing, but it also has its problems. In Canada, it looks to wider markets and t will find

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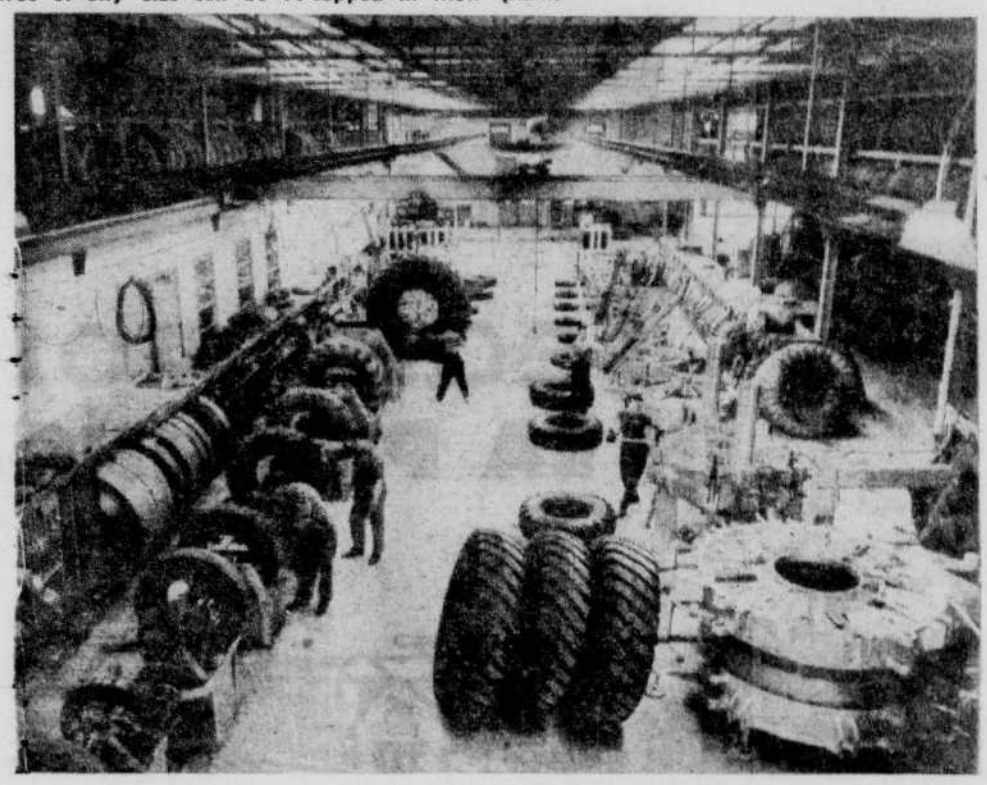
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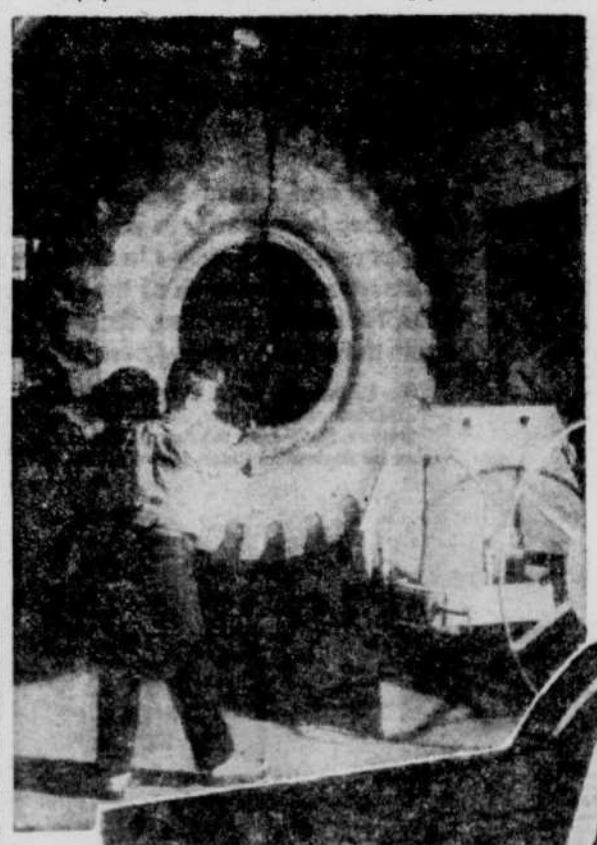
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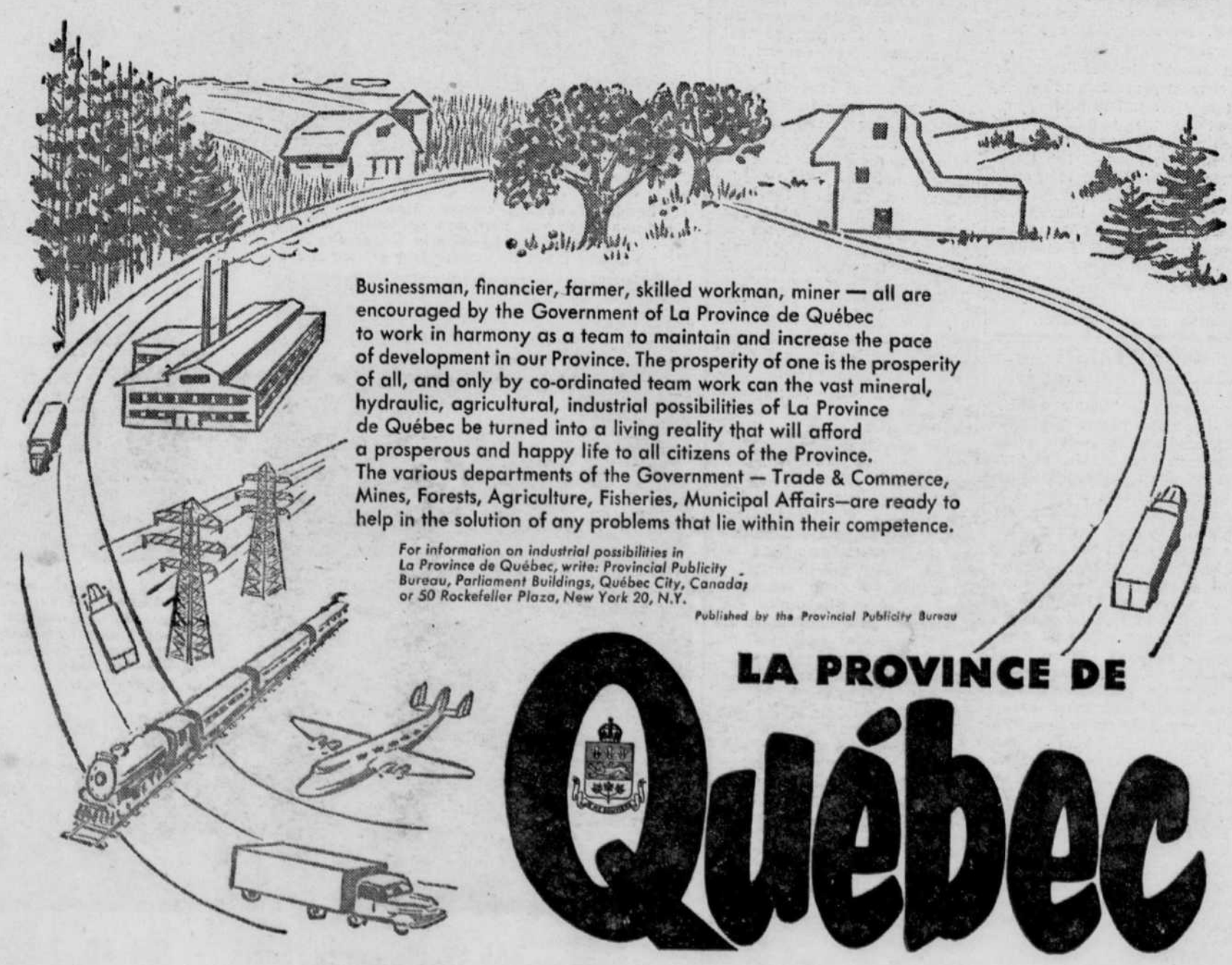
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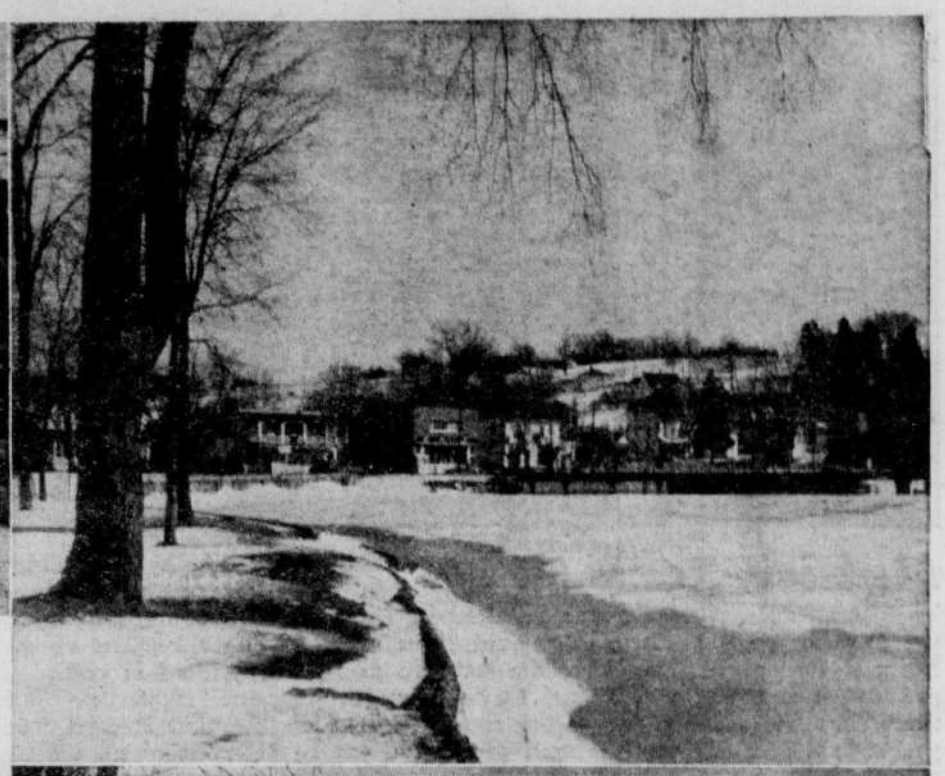
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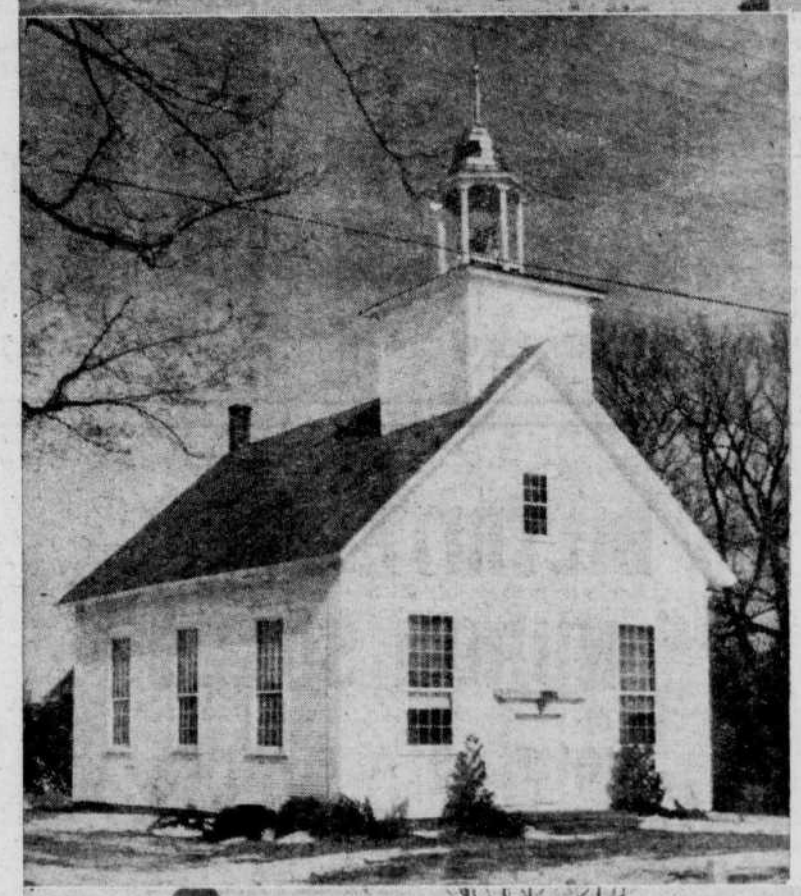
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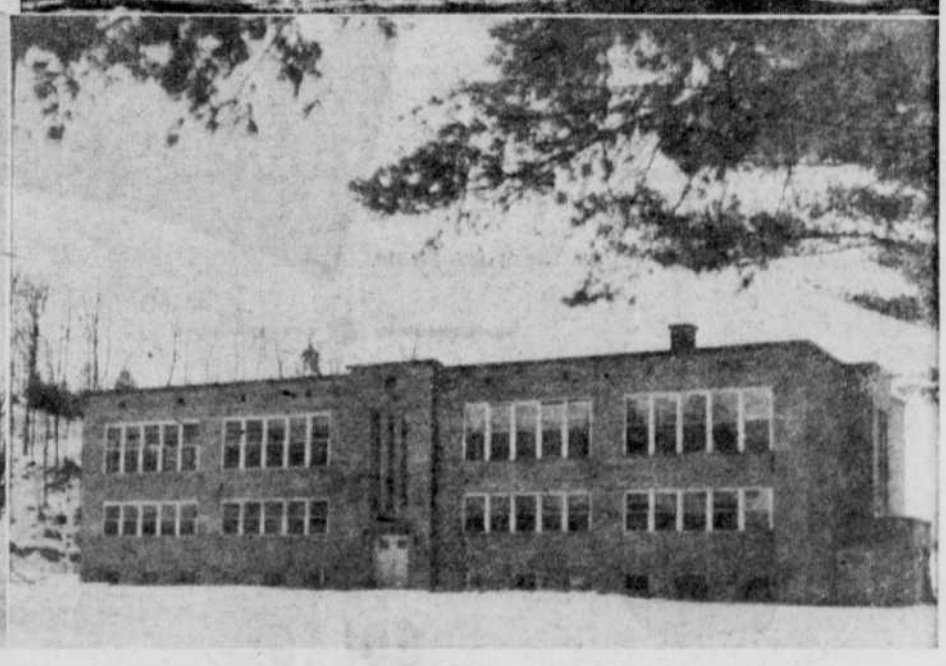












(Photos by Pepin and Gerry Lemay)

Views around Stanstead County. Bottom left, reading up, are: Post Office and Customs House, Rock Island; Massawippi Union Church, Massawippi; Ursuline Convent, Stanstead. Top right, reading down, are: North Hatley from Dreamland Park; Bandstand, Coaticook town Park; new Ayer's Cliff High School.



Sherbrooke Record Press — Shown above is the press which is presently in operation at the Sherbrooke Record. This Duplex Rotary press was installed in 1911, replacing the old Duplex flat bed press shown on page 2. The present press turns out 10,000 copies of the Sherbrooke Daily Record an hour, and for the last two years, has printed in color. This last improvement is the innovation of David Lessard, extreme right, the Record's press foreman. It is a far cry from the method by which the first Record was printed 60 year ago — on a primitive hand press. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

To Equip Rocky Peaks With Lifts

Ottawa — (CP) — Two Rocky Mountain peaks, one each in Alberta's Jasper and Banff National Parks, are to be equipped with European-type gondola lifts this year.

The national parks service said Tuesday tenders will be called May 31 for construction of lifts at Whiteler's Mountain in Jasper and at Sulphur Mountain in Banff.

The bubble - shaped gondolas, suspended from cables, would carry up to 12 persons to the mountain tops. They would be the first such lifts in Canada. Each mountain rises 8,000 feet. Highest peak in either of the parks is Jasper's Valley Head Mountain, which is 18,553 feet.

The lift on Sulphur Mountain, near the CPR's Banff Springs Hotel, would operate only in summer.

STUDY AUTOMATION

Scandinavia's first automation study group was formed under industrialist Jorgan Lien at Bergen, Norway, in 1956.

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NEW VICTORIA LODGE TEMPLE — Shown is a view of the New Masonic Temple erected on Prospect St., Sherbrooke for the Victoria Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 16, for which the cornerstone was laid on Sept. 22, 1956 and which was completed last November.

New Victoria Lodge Masonic Temple Is Built In Sherbrooke

By NICK POWELL

The year 1956 heralded the opening of the long-awaited new Masonic Temple, Victoria Lodge, A.F.&A.M. No. 16. Construction on the Prospect St. building began last June; the cornerstone was laid on Sept. 22 and it was finished in November.

The 35 by 75 foot building cost an estimated $30,000 but this price does not include the cost of the lot upon which it presently rests. The old Temple on Montreal St. is now occupied by the Grace Chapel congregation.

Only last year did the Victoria Lodge celebrate its centennial as it was in the year 1856 that dispensation was granted to seven petitioners, J. S. Walton, A. Lindsay, J. J. Boyd, S. Mann, A. McLaughlin, H. Smith and R. Smith, to form a Lodge in the Town of Sherbrooke (population 3,400) and on June 4, 1856, Victoria Lodge was instituted in a large room in the Magog House.

By 1906 there were four bodies occupying the Lodge room: the Victoria Lodge, The Golden Rule, R.A.M., The Prince of Wales No. 63, and the Sussex Preceptory, K.T. However, in that year they decided to move the Lodge to a room in the Record building on Wellington St. The first meeting in the new room took place on Nov. 13 of the same year.

On May 10, 1921, it was decided to commence work on a new Temple and on July 19, 1923, the cornerstone of the new building on Montreal St. was laid. The Temple was dedicated on Oct. 6, 1923.

Finally, the cornerstone of the Prospect St. Temple was laid on Sept. 22, 1956 by G. M. Most Wor. Bro. W. R. Bradford, assisted by members of the Grand Lodge. However, the official opening and dedication of the Temple will not take place until this spring or summer, due to the illness of the Grand Master.

In the basement of the building is a kitchen, forming facilities for both a banquet hall and recreation room.

Although there is plenty of available space for extension to the new edifice, it is not expected to be expanded for a considerable time to come.

Bodies now occupying the Temple are: the Victoria Lodge; Prince of Wales No. 63 AF&AM, Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., The Sussex Preceptory No. 9, K.T., Queen Mary Chapter No. 5, O.E.S., and the Sherbrooke Chapter No. 22, O.E.S.

Principal officers for 1957 are: Wor. Bro. T. Hughes, W.M.; Wor. Bro. Geo. B. Smith, I.P.M.; Bro. D. C. Bloomfield, S.W.; Bro. L. M. Elger, J.W.; Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry Barlow, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. M. E. Merrill, Treasurer; Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Byham, Secretary.

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TAPATCO RECONSTRUCTION — In the top photo can be seen all that was left of the two-storey building occupied by Ayer's Cliff's only major industry after a levelling fire last May. In the bottom is the new factory of the Tapatco Co. Ltd., makers of cotton and jersey work clothes, completed on the same site in November.
(Record photos by Lafond and Gerry Lemay)

Tapatco Co. Rebuilt Fast At Ayer's Cliff

Ayer's Cliff — The sudden loss by fire of this Stanstead County town's only major industry, and its quick reconstruction highlighted events here during the past year.

The two-storey factory of Tapatco Co. Ltd., manufacturers of cotton and jersey work clothes now, was levelled to the ground early last May by a conflagration attributed to a short circuit in the motor of an exhaust fan ventilating the plastics work section of the plant.

The blaze burnt the wooden structure to the ground in less than an hour, causing damages estimated then at $150,000. Loss of the industry posed a major employment problem in this com-

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Ayer's Cliff Town Council

Mayor J. A. Mosher heads the Ayer's Cliff Town Council this year. Councillors are:

N. Whitcomb, N. H. Viens, M. L. Gilbert, W. W. Crook, T. W. Dustin, L. H. Gale.

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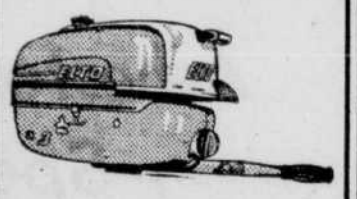
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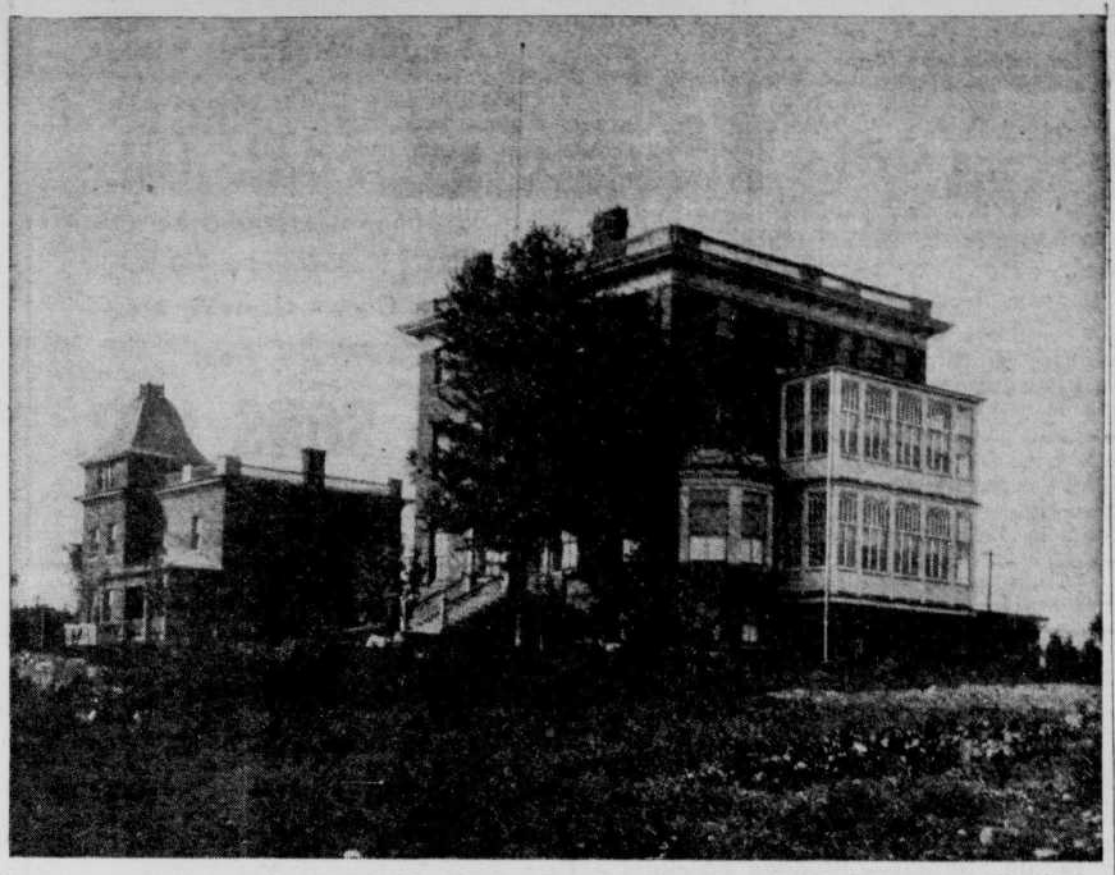


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Protestant Hospital — Shown above is the Sherbrooke Protestant Hospital, and the Nurses' Residence, as they appeared when the first Sherbrooke Record came out in 1897. The two buildings, on the East Sherbrooke site, were built the year previously.

Molding Of The Land

A History Of Sherbrooke Area Underlines Growth In Stature

By NICK POWELL

The Eastern Townships have grown steadily in stature and in strength since their first settlement during the days of the American War of Independence, and intertwined with that growth has been the development of the Sherbrooke county, and surrounding area.

Disaster, successes, and innovation have all played their part in the molding of the land we live in.

PAST 60 YEARS

The Sherbrooke Record has lived to see 60 years of history, and a chronology of development in the area since 1897 is also a chronology of the growth of the newspaper.

In 1897 there was a fire in Windsor Mills in which an estimated $50,000 was lost; the Sherbrooke Golf Club was founded comprising 18 charter members; Nov. 1 the Sherbrooke Street Railway was officially opened and some 200 people rode for the first time from Sherbrooke to Lennoxville and then "round the Belt", a round-about trip through the city of Sherbrooke.

1899 saw the decision of the Provincial Government to build a $60,000 courthouse for the city.

1901 brought another disastrous fire to Windsor Mills causing damage amounting to about $250,000.

The following two years witnessed the worst drought in the Townships for over 50 years and, in 1908 came the Megantic fires and the razing of Spaulding Township.

In 1914 the Provincial Government purchased the property on which the experimental farm was located.

Disaster struck again the following year when 50 houses burnt down in Stanstead incurring losses of $200,000 dollars.

The modern aviation age finally reached the Townships in 1919 when the first 'plane was landed at North Hatley by Lieuts. McCrea and McKay. Later on that year Sherbrooke welcomed the Prince of Wales.

At the present, Sherbrooke is the smallest of the counties in actual size, but it is the biggest with regard to population. Oddly enough, an early authority on the Townships wrote, "Little can be said for this township, and the little not favourable . . . unfit for tillage . . . few parts occupied."

LENNOXVILLE

Of Lennoxville it may be said that it has one of the older histories in the Townships. Settlement began there shortly before the turn of the 19th Century as a stage stop on the New York - Montreal stage coach run. It was then known as Upper Forks.

In view of the location on the junction of the streams, Sherbrooke was known as Lower Forks — a rather unbecoming name for what was to become the "Queen City of the Eastern Townships". However, those names represent the tendency of the settlers to stick to simple appellations.

Lennoxville did not acquire its present name until much later when the Village was renamed in honour of Gordon Lennox, the fourth Duke of Richmond and former Governor-General of Canada from 1818-1819.

SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke, besides being called Lower Forks, also suffered under the title of Hyatt's Mills. The mill originally belonged to a Mr. Gilbert Hyatt (1812) ".. and was situated at the foot of a waterfall". However, in 1817, Sir John Sherbrooke visited Lower Forks and it was thereafter named Sherbrooke. At that time the village comprised only 50 houses built on both sides of the Magog river, connected by an old wooden bridge and with the courthouse and jail on the Ascot side.

Still, for the first part of the century there was little progress made, either industrially or municipally; in fact there were only two stores opposite the taverns in 1834.

Where St. Michael's Cathedral now stands there was nothing but a flag staff; the streets were nothing but footpaths and the bridge that connected the two sides of the town was of wood construction. There were only two trails which led to the border and another which went all the way to the St. Lawrence river just opposite Trois-Rivieres.

1834 marked the inception of industrial development in Sherbrooke with the advent of the British-American Company which had a policy of developing industry wherever water power was available. This company was the prime moving force behind the growth of industry here. In spite of the benefits of the Company though, it had to be turned over to the government after financial difficulties.

The years between 1840-1850 saw Sherbrooke grow and, in 1852, after the Paton Co. and the Grand Trunk came to town, Sherbrooke elected her first Mayor, George F. Brown.

Finally in 1875, Sherbrooke received her charter as a city, by which time the Paton Factory and the Quebec Central Railway were fully operative.

HUB OF E. T.

By that time Sherbrooke had become the "Hub of the Eastern Townships" with five different Church denominations, 12 schools, 6 hotels and 30 stores. She had become the seat of the district courts and the seat of the Bishop of Sherbrooke, not to mention the head offices of the contemporary financial controllers, the Eastern Townships Bank.

To say the least, the population growth has been spectacular: in 1875 it was 6,500; 1901, 11,765; 1912, 18,000 (an increase of some 48%) and in 1956, 70,568.

This increase in the populace has been attributed to many things, but most significant of all,

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Lennoxville's Building Boom Accelerates During Past Year

By NICK POWELL

A building boom starting in 1955 increased considerably during 1956 in the municipality of Lennoxville. This boom featured a new Catholic School, St. Dominique de Savio, and considerable public and private works expansion.

While work on roads and sidewalks did not reach the high of 1955, there was still a considerable amount of surfacing and sidewalk extension accomplished. Thirty permits were issued during the year amounting to $369,725. The figure included the St. Dominique school which,though not yet completed, is expected to cost $101,000 and accommodate about 130 boys. The work was expected to be finished in time for an official opening last September. Also a new Masonic temple was erected, the Ascot Lodge, and an opening meeting was held shortly before Christmas. Built at a cost of $18,000, it is located just behind the Lennoxville Post Office.

Space for further home builders is expected to be available shortly with the new lot program now under development by M. Castonguay and F. Vaudry. They are planning to put a street through at the south end of the town, but the lots will not be ready until the public utilities and services are installed.

Scenes of renovation completed over the Christmas period was the Canadian Bank of Commerce on Queen St., and G. Delisle completed his new showroom for farm implements on the Sherbrooke side of the Town. 400 feet have been added to Academy St., and the Moulton Hill road has been extended as far as the town limit.

The University has undergone a certain amount of interior renovation with the addition of a new combination Common Room-Snack Bar and the creation of the Bishop Williams Hall. The Bishop Williams Hall was formerly the Convocation Hall and now has an auditorium seating arrangement with the seats arranged in steps, rising from front to back.

On a different scale, Bishop's College School has augmented its accommodation for masters comprising two new bungalow-style homes on the Moulton Hill Road.

However, even with all this home building going on, there has been one notable loss — the old Baker home on Queen Street. The old house dated back approximately 100 years and was one of the few remaining homes which escaped the ravages of the great fire which levelled the Town in 1874. Torn down to

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Police Helicopter Keeps Los Angeles Autos On The Move

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A police helicopter, hovering in the afternoon sun over this sprawling city's congested freeways, is the automobile's best friend.

Its crew radios directions to ground patrols from a vantage point over the eight-lane expressways that shoot from the heart of downtown Los Angeles like spokes of a wheel as the police department uses air-age tactics to solve the mounting traffic problem in the 4,000-square-mile metropolitan area.

In Los Angeles County there are more than 2,500,000 registered vehicles compared with only 4,000,000 in the whole of Canada. There's one car for every 2.5 persons (5.3 in Canada) and many families have two or more cars.

Unlike Toronto, London or New York, where public transportaiton syseem are highly developed, here a car is a necessity. Except on busy routes — such as between downtown L.A. and Hollywood — bus services are infrequent while antiquated streetcars clang and rattle their way to Long Beach and the port of San Pedro.

On the Hollywood freeway, probably the best known of the 200 completed miles of a projected 565-mile network, traffic volume now reaches 190,000 cars a day with nearly 9,000 vehicles an hour passing a single point in one direction during peak periods.

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The car now competes with the home and the office as the place where most Los Angeles paople spend most time each day. The trip to the corner drug store, the local drive-in restaurant, shopping centre or movie is a comparatively simple affair but because of the city's immense size, a drive to work or to a "neighbor" often is a 25-mile trip.

LENNOXVILLE FIRE

The fire of 1874, which razed the greater part of Lennoxville, was allegedly caused when a cow kicked over a lamp, much like the Chicago fire origin.



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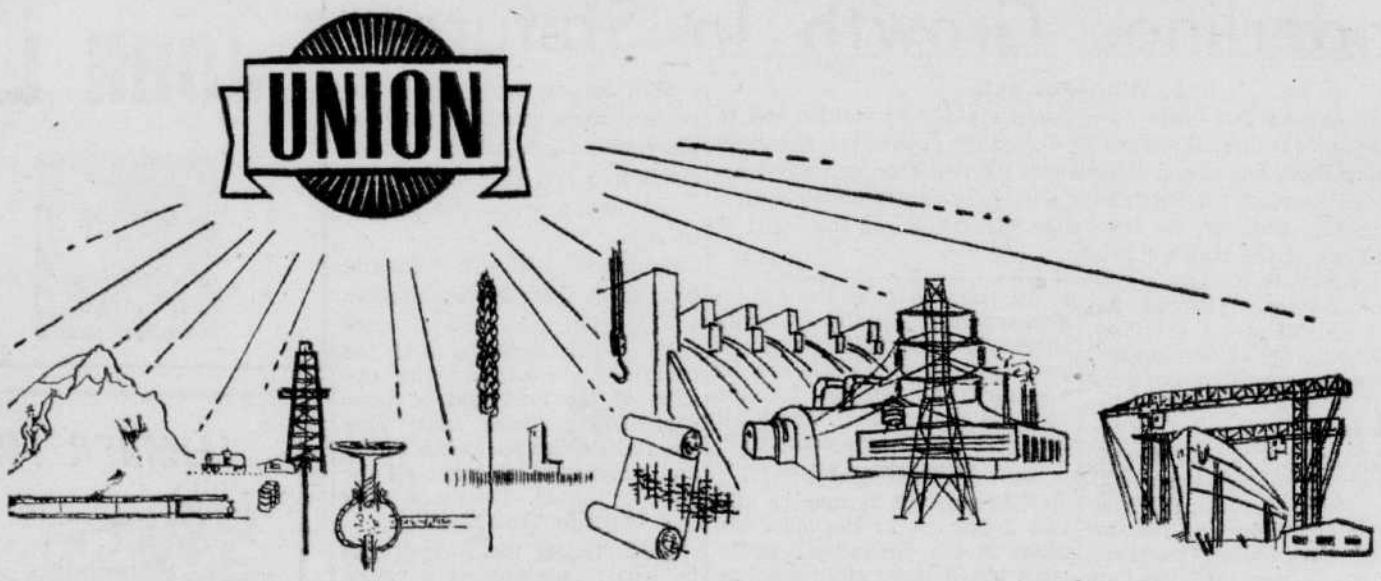
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Lennoxville Armoury

Old Gun Collection Dates Back 500 Years

By NICK POWELL

A certain aura of romance has always surrounded the words "battle, war, conflict, fight". For all these words may be associated in the minds of wishful thinkers, as well as men of action, with deeds of derring-do and valour. However, since the advent of the firearm, a more gruesome aspect has been added to the picture — the possibility, as fairly recent events have proved, of wholesale carnage.

GUN SHOP

A very accurate picture of the progress of the firearm from the time of the first "hand cannon" in 1350 to the modern automatic is to be found in Nelson Andrews' Gun Shop on College St. in Lennoxville, where guns, both antique and new, are bought, sold and exchanged.

The early hand cannon, of which type few remain, was little more than a length of metal tubing about two or three feet long. Invented in China, it was first used by the French in Egypt against the British in the Battle of the Nile during the 100 Years War. However, for more than a century the British continued to use the longbow which in their hands was far superior to the then-new-fangled weapon.

The metal tube was closed at one end and tightly bound to a wooden handle or stick. Crude

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ANCIENT ARMOURY — Valuable antique weapons belonging to Nelson Andrews of Lennoxville are shown from top to bottom: Stagecoach Blunderbuss (1682); German target rifle (lever action); the Brown Bess flintlock (1690); the oldest gun in the collection an old Matchlock (1435-5½ feet long). Left and right at bottom: a six-barrelled Derringer; a powder horn; and an Army muzzle-loading, percussion-fired Colt with the engraved address: "Col. Sam Colt, New York, U.S. of America."
(Photo by Gerry Lemay)

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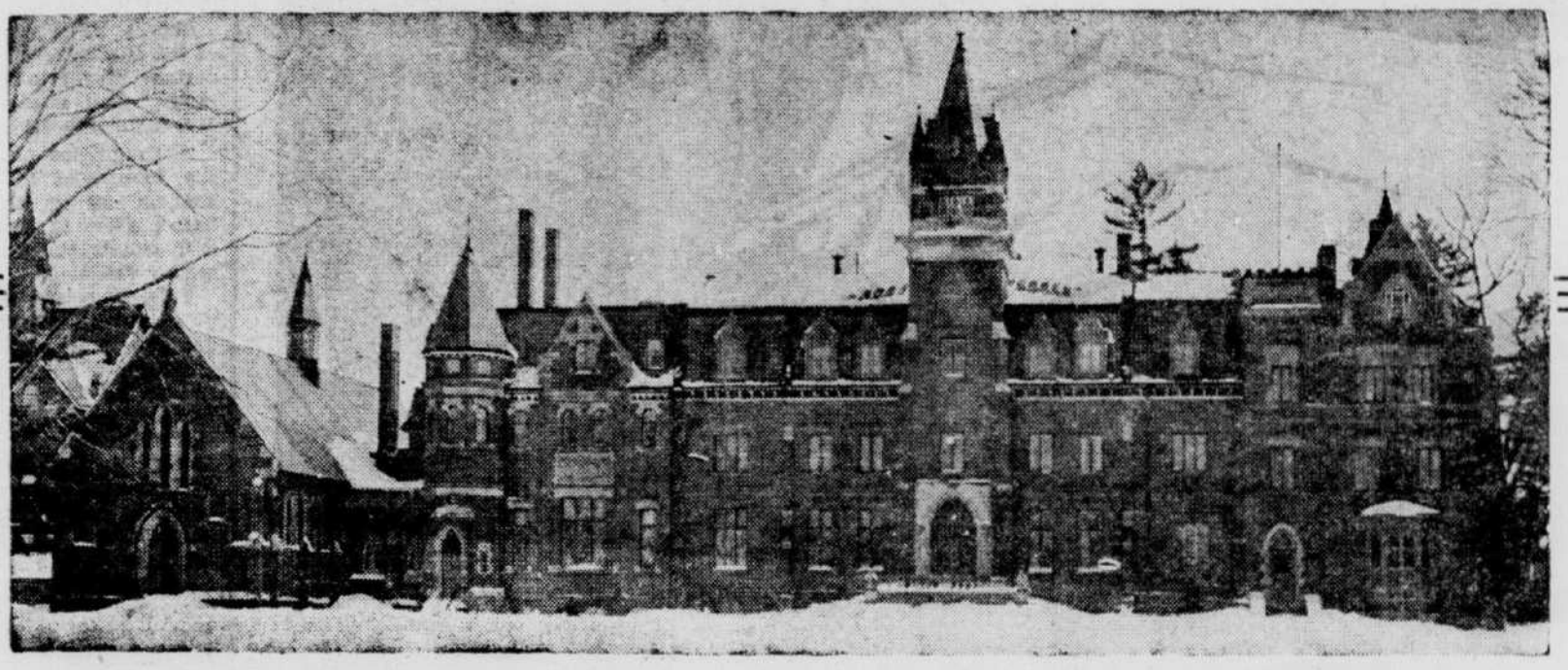
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ANTIQUE GUNS — Nelson Andrews, owner of Andrews' Gun Shop in Lennoxville shows some of his old pistols; top to bottom: Navy Colt, percussion; and a Derringer; Colt 45; French Cap and Ball pistol (percussion); A horse pistol; European flintlock; and priming horns and powder flasks. In his left hand Mr. Andrews holds a "Peacemaker," the history-making revolver of the old American West.
(Photo by Gerry Lemay)

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gunpowder was dropped into the open end followed by stones or pieces of metal. While one man held the handle firmly the other ignited the powder by touching it with a burning stick through a small hole drilled in the top of the tube. It went off with a tremendous roar, a burst of flames and a cloud of smoke. If the enemy were more than 100 feet away only a few might be wounded, but usually they got off with a bad scare. In fact it was more dangerous for the men firing the gun, because it was just as liable to blow up and kill them.

The oldest gun in Mr. Andrews' shop is an early matchlock rifle dating back to 1435. It worked on the same principle as the hand cannon — ignition using a wick "match." The wick replacing the burning stick as a piece of rope or cord which had been dipped in a solution of saltpetre and then dried. It would always remain alight and burned at the rate of 18 inches every four hours. Fastened to an "S" shaped piece of metal hinged to the stock, the gun could be operated by one man by the simple expedient of pushing the wick down onto the flash pan thus igniting the charge. The operator also carried a forked stick to prop up the gun when being fired. This is an extremely rare piece.

Another interesting piece in the shop is the old "Brown Bess" musket, named after Queen Elizabeth I in whose reign guns were first issued to an English regiment. However this gun was not actually developed until 1690. The antique belonging to Mr. Andrews dates back to the storming of Quebec by Wolfe. The same model was used at Blenheim under the Duke of Marlborough in 1704 and was instrumental in the defeat of Napoleon at the hands of the Duke of Wellington in 1815.

Balistically speaking the Brown Bess was not too accurate, especially beyond 100 yards due to the fact that the musket imparted a spin to the ball causing it to curve like a pitched baseball.

The Brown Bess was actually a flintlock which was the final step in the true Flintlock Period. This type was used for the next 200 years. Even now it is possible to find people in the more remote corners of the country still hunting with one of these venerable weapons.

Shortly after the introduction of the flintlock, the famed Blunderbuss was created. It was a heavy, bell-mouthed flintlock and came into use about 1682.

Although now obsolete, it was the forerunner of the modern shotgun as its short, tapered barrel (12" to 17" long) and bell mouth had a tendency to scatter the shot.

This firearm became very popular with the Pilgrim Fathers due to its ability to scatter a large load of shot and small bullets. Perhaps one of the more common uses to which it was subjected was that of defending stagecoaches and homes against marauders and highway brigands. Often used aboard ships, it was given a longer barrel (about 26") and made of brass to counteract the effect of sea water. This larger model was capable of discharging a full pound of shot and proved an excellent weapon for repelling boarders and attack by smaller boats.

Other interesting pieces belonging to Mr. Andrews include an old German target rifle with lever action and a very elaborate stock; some pepper boxes — small hand guns with revolving barrels and chambers; and an old army muzzle-loading, percussion-fired Colt bearing the engraving: "Address — Col. Sam Colt, New York, U.S. of America."

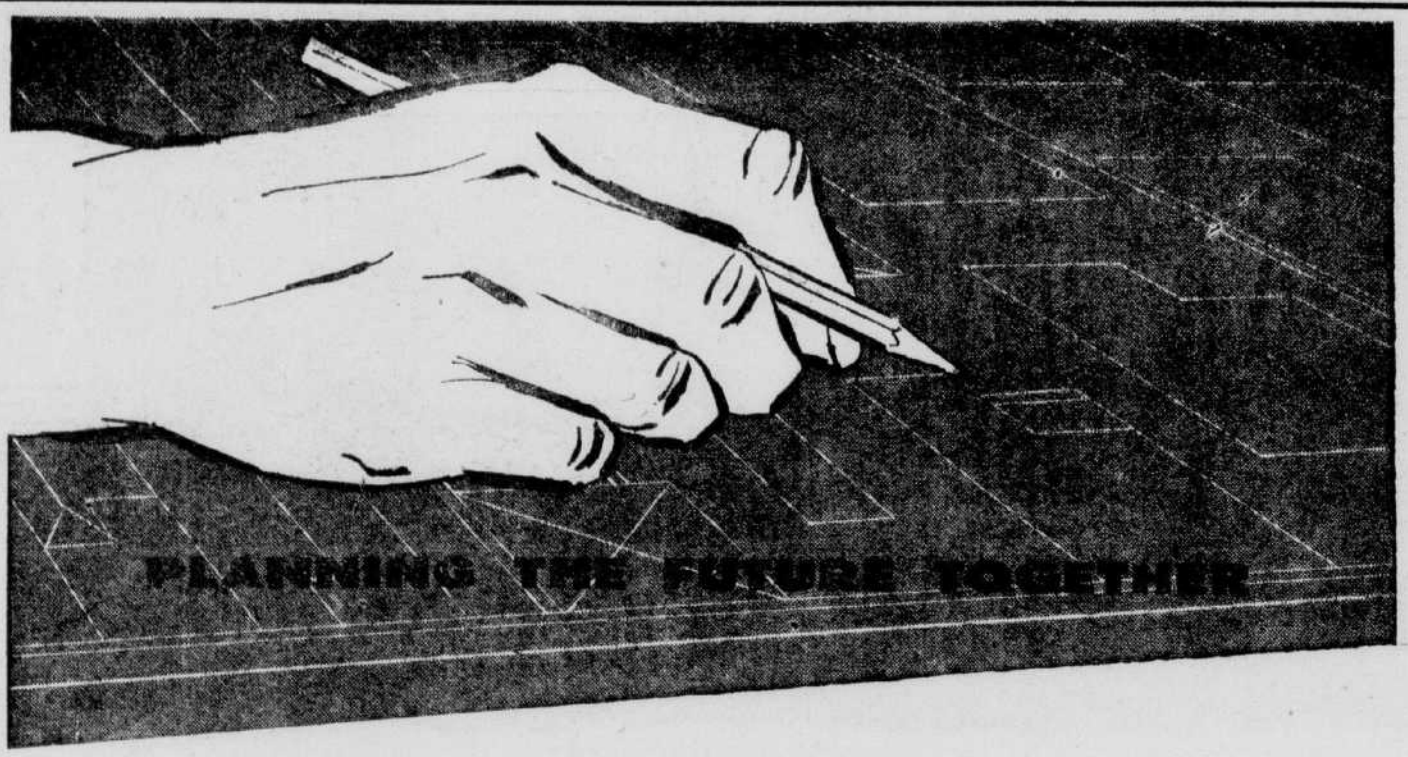
Also on display is one of the old Colt "Frontiers" or "Peacemakers," the single action pistol which figured so prominently in the history of Western American development.

Coupled with all that has been mentioned thus far, there are such antiques in the shop as muzzle-loading cannons, cased duelling pistols, Derringers, Pepperboxes, Civil War Carbines, Kentucky rifles, caneguns, swords, daggers, brass powder flasks and horns and even Indian arrowheads among the 200-odd piece collection.

The smallest weapon is a tiny Remington Derringer, a ladies' muff pistol about 3½" long, .22 cal., and only 3 oz. in weight. The largest one is a long "matchlock," five and a half feet from the end of the barrel to the base of the crudely carved stock and weighing nine pounds. However, the heaviest rifle is an immense twelve pound target shooter, dating back some 200 years. The

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make way for a new service station, the old landmark was a veritable monument to the past of the Eastern Townships.

Coupled with the building which took place in 1956, are the Town Council plans for the augmentation of municipal utilities for the coming year. The proposed addition of a 48,000 kv line to be brought in from Waterville, will make a grand total of three stations for Lennoxville adding to the functional ability of the utility under difficult circumstances or emergency.

The reservoir project which was planned for this year has, to this date, been little more than a plan on paper due to governmental finance difficulties. Still, the project is on the books and work will commence as soon as possible. Further improvements are planned for the waterworks, in particular, the pump station on the south side of Lennoxville.

Though more money was spent during the past year than in 1955, there were fewer homes and buildings constructed. In 1955 there were 34 homes built compared with 30 last year, but there was nearly $50,000 less spent in 1955.

The year 1956 saw the decision of Col. Lee M. Watson who has been a council member for some 20 years not to seek another term as Mayor. Mr. E. W. Gilbey was nominated and duly elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy. Two new aldermen also joined the Council, Mr. D. Duval and Mr. Norman Welsh. Returning for a further term as aldermen were: E. A. Lunderville, A. Raycraft, J. A. Ste. Marie and C. W. Dougherty. Town Secretary-Treasurer is Mr. Darrell Bellam.

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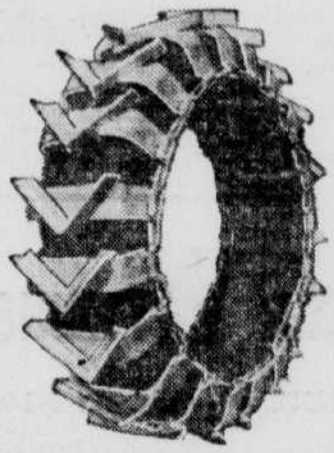


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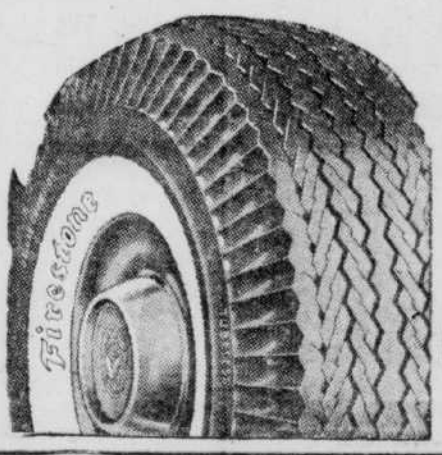
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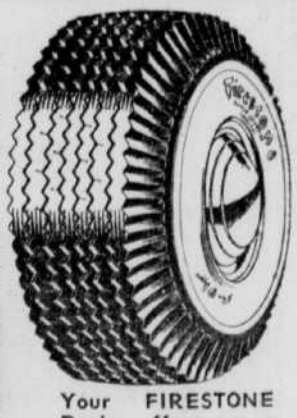
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Boundary A Dense Forest

History Of The Stanstead Region Goes Back For Over 160 Years

By IVY HATCH

Although the Village of Stanstead Plain was incorporated 100 years ago, the history, one of considerable interest goes back 161 years at which time the Boundary was a dense forest, its hills growing hardwoods and the lower lands soft woods.

According to historic records, in 1796 John Taplin was the first settler here. Prior to this some two or three families from the Southern States had found their way to Northern Vermont, which was also a wilderness, and had located near the pond of water at Derby Centre. Among these was the family of Hon. Timothy Hinman whose log cabin was afterwards used as a stopping place for the Eastern Township pioneers.

JOHN TAPLIN

It was in February of 1796 that Taplin and his family travelled for fifteen days from Newbury, Vermont and arrived on March 5, at Hon. Hinman's refuge, weary after the journey made by foot. A good night's rest and good food and the following day, Taplin, leaving his family at the cabin struck out on snow shoes to explore and decide where to make his home. Travelling through the forest for some four or five miles, he found a suitable site, marked the place and returned to Hinman's, where the family eagerly awaited news of his find.

The next two days, improvements were made to their shelter and the remainder of their belongings and a supply of food brought in from Derby. As the March thaw melted the snow, the ice in the river broke up and winter burst into spring and new growth, the Taplins built a log cabin.

That spring and summer they cleared some three acres of land, planted and harvested their crops, most of which was stored for the coming winter. In the acres cleared was the only opening in the Eastern Townships.

Later the Taplins erected a small frame house which became a resort for immigrants from the Southern States. Mr. Taplin increased business gradually by opening a business in English goods and New England rum which he sold at fabulous prices to his guests.

Stephen Boroughs lodged his first night in Canada at Taplins and made the purchase of a English gilt buttons which were wrapped in tissue paper. Later, Boroughs returned the buttons to Taplin but kept the wrappers and on these he made his first counterfeit bills of $3.00 denominations on the Bank of Haverhill, New Hampshire.

In 1798, Selah and Samuel Pomeroy, brothers, came from the State of Massachusetts. Selah settled on No. 4, 11th range in Stanstead, (which is now Rock Island,) on the bank of the Tomifobia river. The other brother settled in Derby Line.

By this time the State of Vermont had been surveyed but lines were so imperfect that pioneers were hard put to tell which side of the frontier they were on.

FIRST TREE

Selah Pomeroy cleared an acre of land in the forest and built himself a log house. The first tree felled in Stanstead (Rock Island) was a towering pine and for many years the stump was preserved as a relic. The tree stood on the Northern Bank of the wide and deep river and from it supplied shingles to cover the roof of Mr. Pomeroy's house and the roof of Taplins frame house.

In 1800, Township number 21, Stanstead, located on the Eastern side of Lake Memphremagog in the County of Richelieu, stretching along the Province line until it was bounded by Barnston on the East and Hatley on the North. It was felt that this territory was far superior for its advantages of locality, its excellence of soil and the quality of timber land, over other townships of the Eastern section of the Province of Quebec.

The large swells of land, some of considerable elevation, were cloaked with the hardy oaks, and maples, pine and other hardwoods, all virgin timber, while the lower lands held an abundance of common timber. Lake Memphemagog and Lake Scaswinepus (Massawippi) was watered by the numerous and healthy flowing streams of the forest going into the large rivers and continuing on their course to the lakes.

On September 27, 1800 the Southern half of the Township including Stanstead and Stanstead Plain was granted to Isaac Ogden, Esq., by Sir. R. S. Milnes, Bart., being a portion of 48,000 acres, granted to him by the Crown as a special mark of his Majesty's appreciation and Royal favor for the important services rendered by him to the Province during the period of his being its Lieutenant-Governor.

The remainder of Sir Milnes grant was in the township of Barnston and Compton.

By the autumn of 1800, Stanstead Township was becoming well settled and in an excellent state of cultivation, producing every species of grain peculiar to this Province, the wheat proving to be of a superior quality. Hemp and flax also were harvested in large crops.

VILLAGES

Stanstead and Stanstead Plain were slower in being settled and in 1807 there were only three families in Stanstead Plain. But

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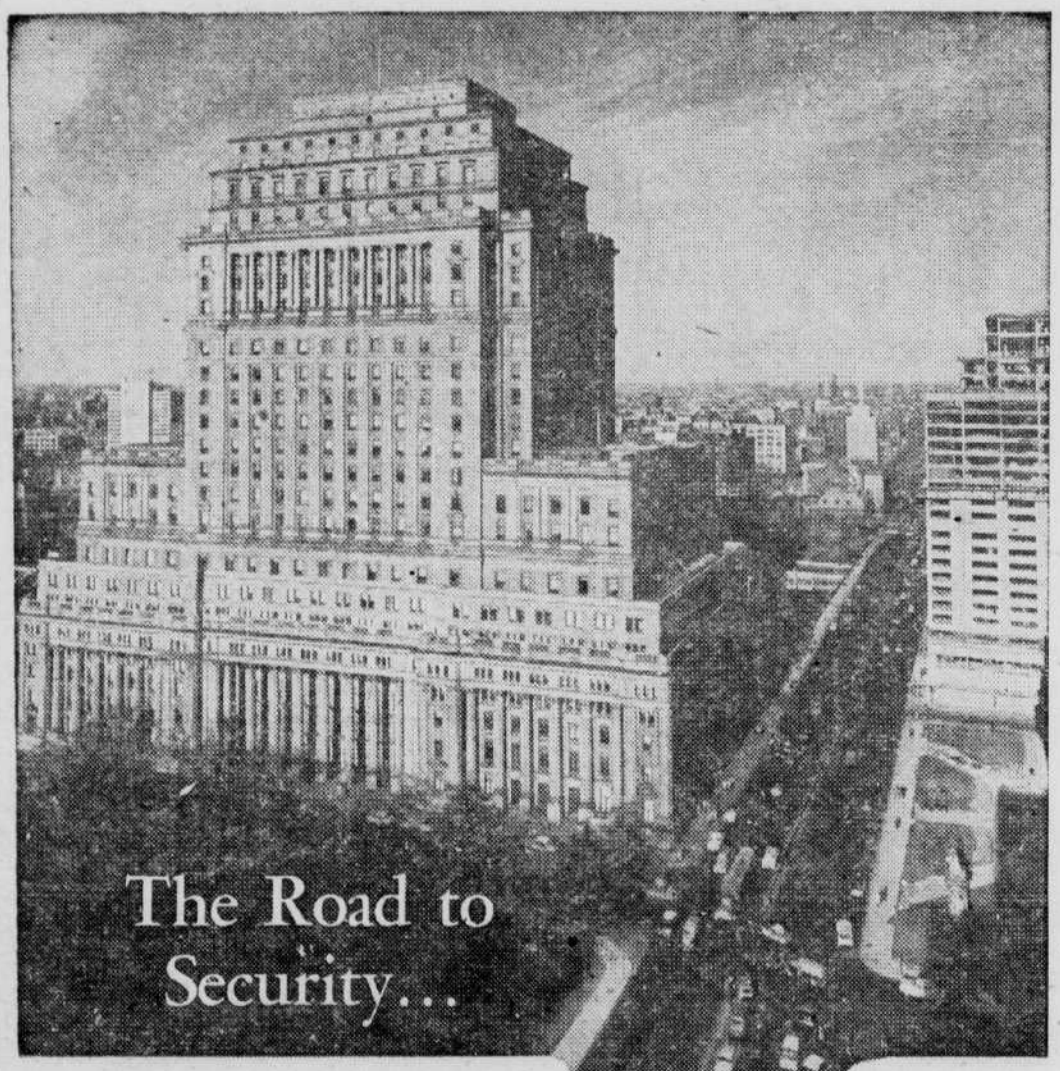
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The Stanstead Plain Council Observing 100th Anniversary

By IVY HATCH
Boundary Correspondent

This year Stanstead Plain Village council will observe its 100th anniversary, for on January 9, 1857 the Village was incorporated.

The first Mayor was Silas Dickerson, a leading citizen of the Village. The first secretary treasurer was Benjamin Hubbard.

John McConnell, Warden of the County of Stanstead and S. R. Benton, Senior Magistrate and presiding officer were at a meeting held and attended by inhabitants of the Village in 1856. The names of Francis Judd, Osro Morrill and Wilder Pierce appear on historic records as a committee to nominate seven eligible persons to serve as the Village Councillers.

This committee recommended John Meigs, Silas Dickerson, Mathew Dixon, Timothy Winn, Joseph Martin, James T. Moulton and Andrew T. B. Patton. These men were duly elected in 1856 as councillers of the newly created Municipality. The presiding officer served a notice to each councillor elect that the first session of the Council of the Village of Stanstead Plain would be held at the hotel Timothy Winn on the 9th of January, 1857, for the purpose of organizing.

According the first minutes recorded, the meeting was called to order by the Presiding officer, S. R. Benton, J. P., and each elected men took the required oath of office. Two applications were received for the office of secretary — treasurer, that of Benjamin Hubbard and Amos Fox. Hubbard was elected.

It was moved by Counciller Meigs and seconded by Councillor Dixon that Silas Dickerson be appointed as the Mayor.

The presiding officer then declared the Council duly organized and the introduced the Mayor elect to his seat.

During the first year, thirteen business meetings were held. Hubbard, as secretary — treasurer presented his bond of security executed by himself and Ichabod Smith and Wilder Pierce for the sum of two hundred pounds (currency) at the February session.

At this same meeting Squire W. Taylor was appointed as roads inspector. Then in April the first by-law was recorded for the prevention of fires in the Village. This by-law, among other things, said that no more than 50 pounds of gunpowder was to be kept in any one house and no gunpowder sold or delivered after sunset. Also that a fire inspector was to be paid 10 shillings per day when on duty. Squire Taylor was made fire inspector. At the same April meeting the first valuation roll was passed. Applications were also received for keeping the following "houses of public entertainment" from Timothy Winn, Oliver DuRocher, Cornelius P. Carr and Nelson W. Nichols.

At the July 6th meeting a motion was made "That S. H. Dickerson, M. Dixon, and John Meigs be appointed a committee for preparing a by-law for raising funds for procuring a site for a County Court House, and to confer with individuals, in relation to terms for said site, and to report to the next Council meeting".

The Council met again on July 13 and a further motion was made "That the Municipal Council of the Village of Stanstead Plain will undertake to furnish and provide within their own limits and without expense to the County of Stanstead, a good and sufficient and suitable site and building free of all incumbrance for the uses of the County of Stanstead as a Court house for the circuit court in the said County, a Registry office and also for the use of the County Councils, as well as the Township and Village Councils of Stanstead".

The November records refer to the death of Mayor Silas Dickerson and Councillor Mathew Dixon was elected as chairman of the session. Mr. Shipley W. Snow was appointed to fill Councillor Dixon's chair.

At the November meeting an account was submitted by S. R. Benton, sec-treas., of the Municipal Council of the County of Stanstead of three cents on each one hundred dollars of valuation and also that provision should be made for the payment of a claim of Henry J. Martin for services in surveying and drawing a map to plan the Village of Stanstead

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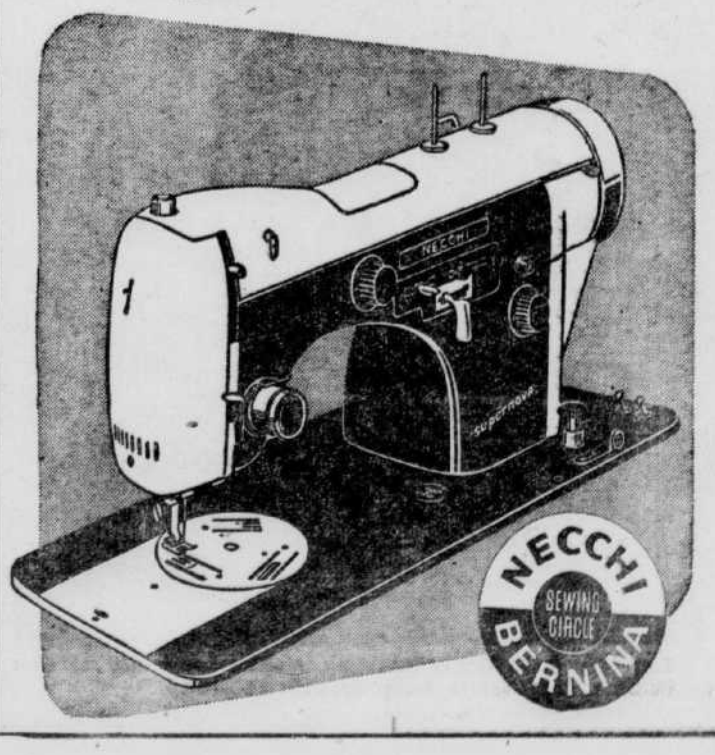

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Plain, said claim to be $105.00 and interest thereon from September 1856 as allowed by the Council of the County".

It was also noted that Squire Taylor, as fire inspector was paid the sum of $19.35 for services rendered from April to December.

A meeting was held on December 7 and this motion was passed "That the communication as received from the sec-treas., of the Municipal Council of the County of Stanstead, bearing date of October last and brought before the Council at the November session, be now set aside inasmuch as the proceedings fo the said County Council in relation to the matter set forth in the said communication was manifestly illegal, the said Council having failed to comply with the requirements of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road act of 1885, in the premises".

In January, 1858, one year after the Council was organized, Dixon, Meigs, Snow with these new names Samual M. Herbert and Chester W. Cowles were acclaimed to the Council and in February of the same year, Dixon was-elected as the Mayor.

By-law, number 2 was made regulating theatricial performances, circuses, caravans, or menageries, panoramic views, was figures and pictures of different kinds.

By-law number 3 was made September of 1858, for marking and repairing of roads and bridges by assessment and labor.

January, 1858, a ten foot road snow roller was bought for two horses and a second, one horse roller for use on either roads or sidewalks. A finance committee was set up and all accounts were to be paid only on order signed by the Mayor. The secretary was authorized to buy a money order At the April meeting the widening and straightening of the Worth road, was recommended to be moved 19 links further north at one point and 19 feet and two inches at another point.

The "court house" came up for discussion and the Council pledged themselves to furnish a suitable site and building for the court within this municipality and subject to the approval of the commissioner of public works and in accordance with the terms of the law.

At the November meeting a resolution was passed "That this council offer to the General Government as a suitable site for the building of the Circuit court in and for the County of Stanstead, subject to the approval of public works, that certain parcel of land, with a front of six rods and to extend Easterly twenty rods, or to a distance sufficient to make an area of three fourth of an acre".

At the Decmber meeting this amendment to the resolution was made, "That one acre in the south west corner of Mrs. Squire's land be offered as a site for the court house in addition to the site already proposed and that the choice of the decision be left with the commissioner of public works."

In 1859 meetings were held in the nine months of cool weather, but none in June, July and August.

The assessment of I mill upon the dollar general and ½ cent on the dollar for highways was made.

In 1860, a council was elected for a two term composed of Shipley Snow for Mayor, J. W. Martin, J. Meigs, Sam Herbert, A. Knight, Thomas Daly and S. W. Taylor as councillors and A. F. B. Patton was made sec-treas . Meetings were held frequently with four in January, one in Feb., two each in March and April, one in each June, July, September and December. These appeared to be little business transacted and at many meetings the records refer only to who was present and the motion of adjourment.

In Ja..uary 1860, John S. Heath was made road overseer for one part of the municipality and James Young the order part.

In the early days of 1900, Agriculture fairs were held. There are many mentions of the Court house and Registry office, one of January 6, 1865, of a by-law raising $5,000 current money at 6%. Citizens offered the money as donations.

An attempt was made during World War II to remove the Registry office from Stanstead Village with even a bill brought up in the Legislative Assembly, but this was dropped.

The first court house was burned in the great fire of 1915 and according to the November 1915 municipal records "The Municipality of Stanstead Plain gave a donation deed of the site Village of Stanstead Plain whereon the Registry office and town hall recently destroyed by fire stood, together with all the bricks, granite stone foundation, walls and vault now on said site and the sum of $2,400 in cash towards the erection of a suitable building for the purpose and to replace the one destroyed." This donation of site, materials, and money is made on condition that "the municipality of the Village of Stanstead Plain be allowed the perpetual use of the upstairs story or hall, or other suitable rooms in the building for Municipal and public purposes free of charge and further that if said building should ever cease to be used for the purpose above mentioned or the Registry and Court house be removed from the Village of

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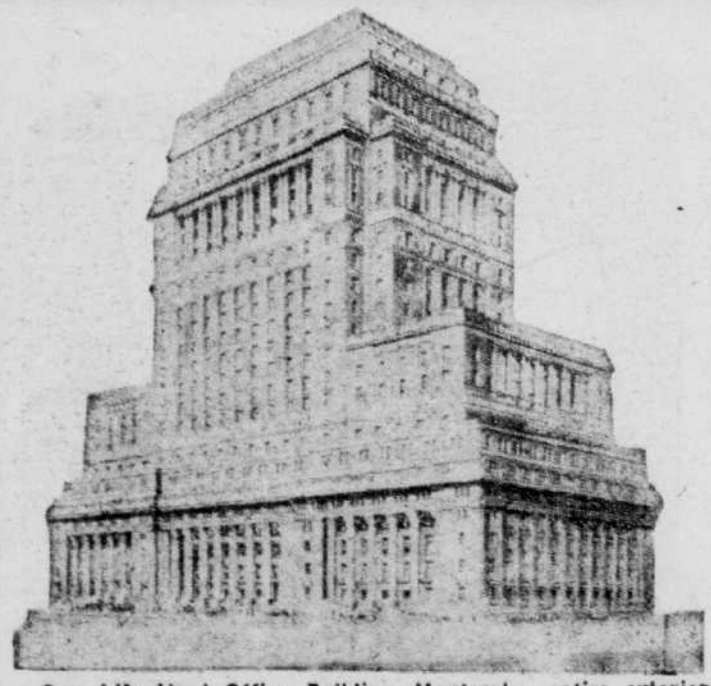
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STANSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT TODAY — Shown above is the equipment and present personnel of the Stanstead Fire Department. Bottom, left to right, are: Fire Chief Warren Soutiere, Charles Merriman, Donald Webb, Ed Curtis, Clyde Curtis, Lawrence Winter, Councillor in charge of the fire department. Back, same order, are Ernest Batchelor, Ronaldo Quirion, W. McClure, Albert Caron, F. Distefano, Homer Smith and George Batchelor.
(Record photo by Andre Pepin)

Stanstead Fire Department Is More Than 85 Years Old; Developed With Community

By IVY HATCH

The Stanstead Plain Municipality, it is believed first became fire-protection-conscious about 1857, for records show that in February of that year, Squire W. Taylor was made Fire Inspector and a by-law was passed that no more than 50 pounds of gun powder could be kept in one house at a time. Squire Taylor was paid the sum of $19.35 for ten months' service.

Although no records were kept until 1903, research reveals that a fire department was organized about 1870. The equipment, modern for its day, was a hand engine with a sort of rack around the outside, and the firemen and volunteers, usually ten to each of two sides, would "pump", thus raising water into the hose from the cistern in the sidewalk. There was never a lack of volunteers, for everyone, even the kids delighted in "pumping" the fire engine. The engine was drawn by the firemen to the scene of the fire.

This was burned in the great fire of 1915 and according to the records, nothing was done until the early months of 1916, when a committee approached the council to purchase new equipment replacing that lost in the fire.

The request was granted and a new engine came to Stanstead. This was more modern than the first, of a two wheel gig affair with a reel and hose between the wheels. Attached to this was a long handle or pole with four handles. When "Fire" was shouted, four of the best runners of the department grabbed a handle and ran as fast as possible to the scene of the fire.

$100 TRUCK

This was used until about 1938 at which time Rock Island purchased a new fire truck. Their old truck was sold to Stanstead for the sum of $100.00. This truck had a Model T motor and when carrying equipment and firemen did not have enough power to carry all up any of the numerous hills of Rock Island, so the firemen would hop off and push the vehicle over the grade. The first thing Stanstead did was to have Fireman Harrison Ticehurst replace the Model T engine with a Model A which did away with the pushing up hills. Stanstead also added to the truck equipment the old reel and hose of the previous engine. The truck was also equipped with two tanks filled with sulphuric acid and soda which provided the necessary pressure for the water. This truck was sold in 1956 for the sum of $65.00.

It was in 1953 that the Village Council felt there was need for a new truck and equipment. This was in charge of Councillor Lawrence Winter. The old truck could not be insured and it was felt to be a liability to the town should an accident occur. Another drawback was that property outside the limits of hydrants were not adequately protected.

Some of the ratepayers felt new equipment should not be purchased and the village comes under the protection of the Rock Island department. To settle this, the Council called a vote and on October 1, 1955, ratepayers went to the polls. The result was a 58 majority in favor of buying the new truck. Feelings were hurt about where the truck should be purchased, resulting in the question arising as to the legality of Veterans paying for their homes under the V.L.A. to sit on the Council. This went to the courts and the decision to date gives them this right.

NEW TRUCK

Finally all hurdles were overcome and on a beautiful day in July of 1956, the latest model, finest truck for its size, a bright shiny red arrived in Stanstead in the early evening. Awaiting its arrival were several of the Council and ratepayers. Certainly it was the pride of the village with a 140 horsepower motor, 1956 Chevrolet model with push button controls. The King Seagraves model is equipped with a 200 foot, one inch booster hose, a 14 foot roof ladder, two fire extinguishers of the new water pressure type holding 2½ and 5 gallons each, a 350 gallon booster tank, a 500 gallon pump at 120 pounds pressure, a 35 foot sectional ladder, and all the hoses are equipped with fog nozzles. To date the truck has been called out to fight only the one house fire, but the

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new equipment is bringing insurance rates down.

The next problem before the Fire Councillor and department was a suitable fire station. This was solved early in 1956 by the purchase of the George Channell store building. This has the advantage of being centrally located, it has fine cement basement and good furnace. The department has since then installed an oil heating system so that the hall is at all times heated to 50 degrees. New steel beams were installed in the basement under where the truck stands. An automatic sliding door has been built into the front side, thus allowing several feet of space in the building for the men to take care of their equipment and not be crowded.

The building cost $9,000 and the truck and equipment about $15,000. However a sizeable grant from the Government was made for both expenses. The latest purchase of the department is a hose dryer, and to date is the only one in the Eastern Townships. This is controlled by electricity. The hoses are placed on the racks inside and dried with forced hot air. The quick drying process does away with wet rotting of the hoses.

LOCAL PEOPLE

There are several names of local interest mentioned in the records, that of Joseph Papineau, a veteran fireman who in 1903 was honored with an oyster supper and presented with a gold watch-chain and charm. Mr. Papineau was the grandfather of the present Fire Councillor Lawrence Winter and the present Municipal secretary and treasurer, George Winter and the uncle of Mayor C. J. Labonte.

Another old family was that of Joseph Mayheux who in the 1860's settled in Stanstead, coming from Three Rivers. Mr. Maheux served on the fire department, as well as his brothers, Oliver and Lewis, a nephew Lewis, a cousin John, a son Frank, and a grandson Joseph. The grandson Joseph in January of this year commenced serving his 27th consecutive year as a Councillor. Frank Mayheux, father of Joseph, Junior, served the fire department as Chief for several years.

At one time there were five Batchelor brothers, George, William, Ernest, Fred and James, serving at the same time. George is at present Sub-Chief, Ernest is still with the Company and he too served as Chief for several months. Ernest Channell joined the department in 1905; John Boucher was made fire chief in 1928. Edward Curtis and Homer Smith both joined the department in 1930 and Charles Merriman a few years previous to this — the last three mentioned are still with the company. The present Chief is Warren Soutiere who took over this duty in 1947.

It would appear that in the early day laws were very strict. It was considered an honor to be a fireman and there was always a waiting list. If a member, for no good reason missed a meeting, usually held once a month, he was fined 50 cents. If he was late for the meeting he was fined 25 cents and if he missed three consecutive meetings he was expelled. So anxious were men to be on the department that often times they gave their time voluntarily.

The rates of pay seemed to be 25 cents for practice, later this was raised to 50 cents and in 1928 the Chief's pay was doubled, but records do not show what his vote of pay was.

On July 1st, 1903, the Stanstead department came to assist Rock Island with the Jondro fire, and in 1904 assisted Derby Line at the Foster and Davis fires. From each fire the department received a cheque of $25.00. This was divided among the firemen who were at the fire.

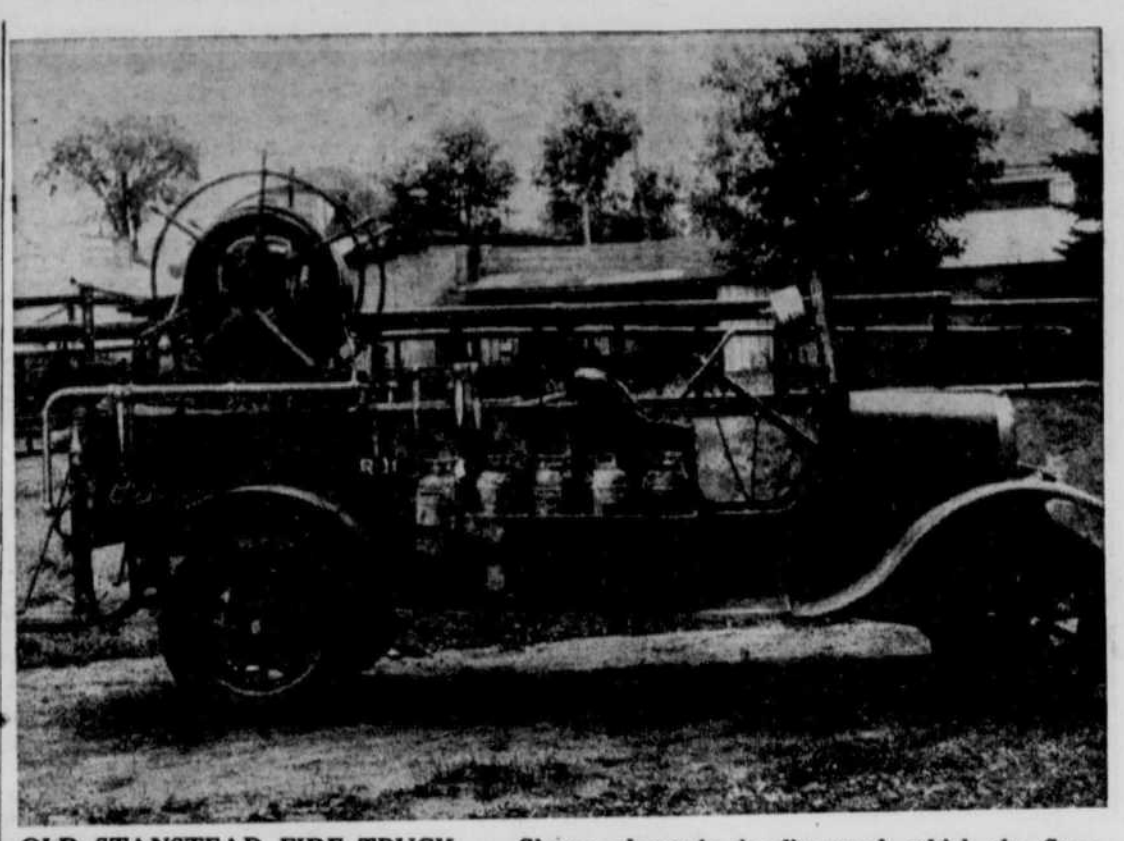
In May of 1907, new raincoats were bought at a cost of $2.70 each. In 1956 the coats cost $21.00 each.

Records show that from time to time, the fire committee would request the Council for equipment which seemed to be granted each time. In June of 1905, a committee requested the Council to purchase and install a fire alarm. This was done and the alarm sounded by an arrangement with the Telephone operator. It was not until November of 1928 that a system was worked out of signals given by the alarm blasts.

HARD YEAR

In 1915, Joseph Papineau re-

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OLD STANSTEAD FIRE TRUCK — Shown above is the fire truck which the Stanstead Fire Department purchased from Rock Island in 1938, and sold last year. On the back can be seen the reel and hose belonging to the "wheel gig" engine.
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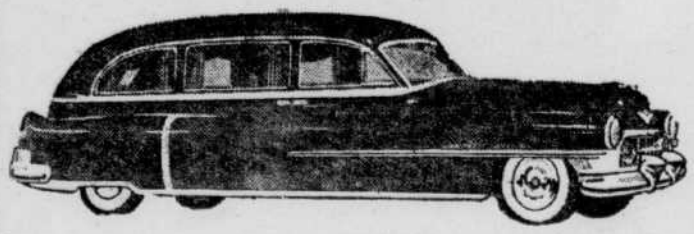
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Council Observes Centenary — Shown above are the members of the Stanstead Plain Village Council, which this year, is observing its 100th anniversary. The village was incorporated on Jan. 9, 1857. In the picture, left to right, are: Lawrence Winter, pro-mayor; Howard Wells; George Winters, secretary-treasurer; Mayor C. J. Labonte; Miss C. I. Mackenzie, the Townships first woman councillor; Roland Major, and Joseph Maheux.

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tired from the department. This was a hard year for both Rock Island and Stanstead. In February a fire started in Rock Island, center of the village; it was the worst experienced before this date and since then. Destroyed was the Rock Island Hotel, Duval Block, Caldwell Block, Gilmore Barn, Burnette Barn, P. A. Gobeil house and barn. Gobeil, a baker, had in his basement several large barrels of lard and this made a hot fire lasting for days to follow. Two tenement houses were destroyed and the J. Gilmore house badly gutted. The loss of those years was estimated at about $100,000.

The summer of 1915 was hot and dry. Stanstead water supply came from springs and by autumn was so low the supply was shut off at night to build up a supply for the day time use. Such was the case when in the night of late October the fire alarm announced a fire. This started in the bakery in the village store. There being no water and a wind, the fire rapidly spread. Practically all the northern end of the village from the centre up was destroyed. It was finally brought under control by firemen up on the flat top roof of a private home keeping woollen blankets soaked with water. The fire and smoke could be seen for miles from the village. Destroyed was the bakery, hotel, Registry office and Court house, Catholic church, shops, and numerous fine and valuable dwellings.

The 1915 fire department was composed of Robert Meckren as Captain, G. Channell, A. Boucher, G. Taylor, F. Belanger, Frank Young, Lewis Young, Ernest Channell, C. Labonte, Fred Merriman, Frank Maheux, W. Audet, James Dewey, Joe Boucher, A. Lafond, F. Taylor, M. Davis, G. Muir, and W. Hall.

In the early days of the department there seemed to be many social gatherings. At one time an oyster supper and ball was held in the Stanstead Town Hall. Oysters were $1.00 per gallon and milk was 5 cents a gallon. The price charged for the supper and dance was $1.25 a couple. In those days they danced from "after supper" till dawn.

The records show that in August 1932 lightning fired buildings in Stanstead. The electric power being off, no alarm could be sounded, but as in the early days people shouted "Fire". Several of the firemen heard and responded, with enough volunteers on hand to man the equipment and put out the fire.

Stanstead assisted Rock Island department in the fire of January 1932 that destroyed the Rock Island hotel. They fought side by side when the main building at Stanstead College burned in May of 1938 at which time there were 70 residential students and 25 teachers in the building. No one was injured.

Another bad fire was in the dead of winter a few years ago when Ames' garage and tenement house burned, and before this when the garage gas tanks exploded.

COOPERATION

Now in 1956, Stanstead, Rock Island, Beebe and Derby Line are each equipped with fine engines and equipment and a fine group of firemen. There is great cooperation between the four departments and when one has a fire the other departments are always alerted to stand by in case of need.

In February of 1956 a meeting of the Stanstead department was called for the purpose of combining the department and a social club. By-laws were drawn up and F. Distefano made president, Donald Webb, vice-president. Each year the four fire departments together give the youngsters and the adults a field day. So side by side in true international spirit the four departments work together for our protection.

THE STANSTEAD

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Stanstead Plain, then in that case the property shall revert to the Village be reimbursed the value of the donation."

Through the years the building has been the scene of many a civic and social events. The Registry is in charge of James Downing and a room on the ground floor is where the present council meetings of the Village take place on the first Monday of each and every month.

During the one hundred years, there have been twenty five Mayors, Carroll Labonte having been re-elected to this office in January of this year. There have been thirteen different secretary-treasurers with George Winter, appointed in 1945 still serving. The present Councillors are Lawrence Winter, Pro-Mayor, Roland Major, Joseph Maheux, Miss C. I. Mackenzie, Jean Beasse and Howard Wells.

In 1955 history was again made when Miss Mackenzie elected the first woman to serve as a Councillor in the County. This year Joseph Maheux begins his 27th consecutive year as Councillor.

BOUNDARY

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a year later, 1808, a road was cut through the forest, where previously was only a crooked path, this did much for Stanstead and Stanstead Plain.

In 1809, Wright Chamberlain opened a store at the Plain, and four years later, Ichabod Smith and Wilder Pierce built and operated a store. Later they separated and each built a store of bricks. In years to come, Smith's store was torn down and Pierce's utilized for a customs house and Eastern Townships bank.

Along about 1814, "The Plain"

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had grown to such an extent that it became a General market, for trade was then profitable. In many cases large fortunes were made which was invested in Western speculations and the amount of money furnished by Stanstead Plain capitalists was incredible.

In 1802, a temporary bridge was built in Stanstead (Rock Island) over the Tomifobia river. Previous crossing was made in spring and summer and early autumn by a ford some 40 or 50 rods above the Falls.

In 1803 Col. Charles Kilborn cleared two acres of land and built a grist mill and saw mill, his power being derived from the river by building a dam across the main stream at the head of the falls and cutting a canal across the curve of the river. This furnished a most valuable water supply and is used to some extent today by the Three Villages Buildings Assoc., and the J. B. Goodhue company.

ROCK ISLAND

The territory cut off by the curve of the river received the name of "Rock Island". In years to come this became the name of the Village and Stanstead was dropped.

For a few years. Col. Kilborn and his family were the only occupants of the "island." In the meantime they extended their clearing to some 50 acres.

In 1809, Hon. Timothy Hinman of Derby built the "Old Yellow" store it was occupied by Nehemiah Colby, in 1810, Jedediah Lee built a large house, which was rather advanced for the times, on the east side of the river. In 1815, Otis Warren built a large shop and carried on an extensive wool carding business and the manufacture of various kinds of machinery required in the settlement, power being taken from the river via the canal.

By 1820, Rock Island had grown and consisted of eight stores, boot and shoe factory, two cabinet shops, two planing mills, sash and door factory, iron foundry, grist and saw mill, machine shop, a last and shoe peg factory, blacksmith shop, tailor shop, harness shop, hatters shop, drug store, jewellery shop, a book store, post office, hotel, printing house, school and about fifty dwellings. It was incorporated as a Village in 1892. In the early days transportation of goods was difficult and expensive owing to the state of the roads and the long distance. English goods and the heavier articles were brought from Montreal on horseback, likewise from the South and merchandise commanded high prices. Calico sold at .84 to $1.00 a yard. It was coarse and of a homely weave but was considered a luxury and was highly prized, especially among the young ladies. Cotton goods sold for 50 to 75 cents a yard, nails for 25 cents a pound and etc.

Early traders were accustomed to doing a wholesale and retail business in rum, brandy, gin, whisky and other distilled beverages. In those days "temperate drinking" was indulged by almost everyone regardless of their station in life, consequently the merchants accounts frequently carried long columns of charged liquors, many times against the leading citizens of the Villages.

In addition to large quantities of foreign liquors sold, there were no less than twenty-six distilleries for the making of potato whisky in the villages and these distilleries turned out at least 3000 gallons of whisky, each annually.

AMERICAN WAR

During the American war of 1812-15, the habitants along the Frontier maintained a strict neutrality and continued with friendly relations. Smuggling was carried on from both sides of the Border, but this did in no way disturb the quiet, peace and harmony of the Border towns. from Quebec into the States of Vermont and New Hampshire and other points to the South passed through Stanstead Plain, bringing with it a continual influx of strangers carried by the Stage. In 1817, the first post office in the Eastern Townships was opened in Stanstead Plain with a commencement of a weekly exchange of letters. The same year, the Canadian Government opened a customs house at Stanstead Plain, but in later years this was brought down to Rock Island where it is still situated.

In 1823, the first Eastern Townships newspaper "The British Colonist" was established in Stanstead Plain by Silas Dickerson, who later became first Mayor of the Village.

In 1829 the Counties of Stanstead and Sherbrooke were set off from the County of Richelieu, which latter had been proclaimed on May 7, 1792 as one of the twenty-one Counties of Lower Canada.

In 1833 Walton and Gaylord of Stanstead Plain printed the first Arithmetic book to be printed in the English language. The same year Rev. Jason Lee, the youngest son of Daniel Lee who united with the Wesleyan Church in Stanstead Plain in 1826, left for the State of Oregon where he became one of the founders of said state. Jason Lee, a member of one of Stanstead Townships first families, memory is reversed by many today.

STANSTEAD PLAIN

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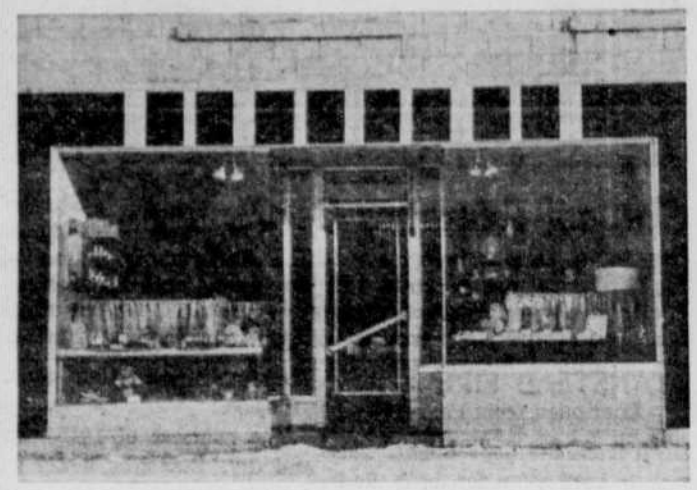


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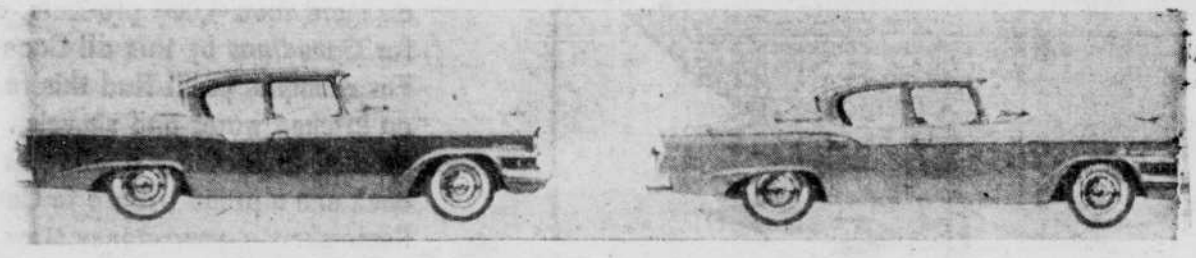
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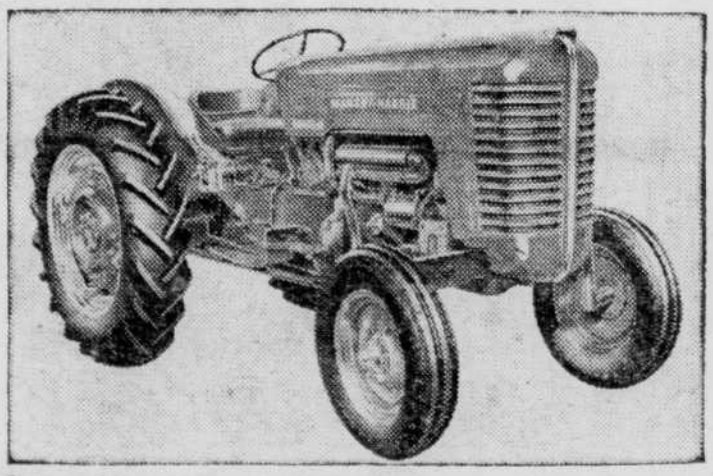
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tled, the Village of Stanstead Plain was set off by the Provincial Legislature as a separate corporation comprising several lot numbers in the 9th and 10th range of the Township of Stanstead, the whole being supposed to contain three square miles. At that time the population was about 800 persons, and there was four churches, town hall, academy, district school house, two hotels, four stores, two groceries, drug store, silversmith's shop, tailor shop, three blacksmith shops, bank agency, registry office, post office, telegraph office, customs house, Masonic hall and a tin shop. There were four practising physicians, six advocates, and seven clergymen, about one hundred dwellings, several described as "elegant."

In 1856, the Municipality of Stanstead Plain was surveyed and set off from the Township of Stanstead, the same year one of the first commercial banks located East of Montreal organized and issued its own currency in Stanstead Plain.

It was about this same year a railroad was built to Rock Island and Stanstead Plain connecting the cities of Montreal and Boston, Mass.

RELIGION

The religious denominations of the Church of England or Episcopal came to the Plain in 1807, and the present church "Christ Church" will observe its 100th anniversary in the coming year.

Congregationalist religion was first preached in 1796 in the log barn of Captain Israel Wood. A church of this denomination was organized in 1816. The Methodist religion was first preached in 1806 and in 1820 the Stanstead Circuit was set off to the British Conference.

In 1913, the International water company was organized for the Three Villages. The Eastern Townships Telephone company was purchased by the Bell Company in 1953 and a year later the crank phones were done away with and replaced by the dial system.

CHANGES

Many have been the changes in the 161 years, since this was a forest, to the present. Tallow candles were replaced by oil lamps, gas lights and now the modern electric lights. Most of the forest has been cut down and used to build homes and provide fuel for the fires. To day a great many homes are heated with coal and oil. The dirt roads have all been widened and a great many are black topped or cement covered. From the horse back days of travel to the modern motor car. The oxen are seldom seen now in this part of the country, they and horses are being rapidly replaced on the farms with motorized machinery. Without doubt changes will continue to come as the world advances.

Great men and women have visited the Villages. In 1878, the Earl of Dufferin then Gov. Gen. of Canada visited at Sunnyside Castle in Stanstead and named Dufferin Heights.

Other visits of Governor Generals were Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis, in September of 1947, and Right Hon. Vincent Massey in May of 1955.

Boundary Masons Organized Early 153 Years Ago

BY IVY HATCH

Golden Rule Lodge No. 19, of Stanstead, was started in 1803 as Lively Stone Masonic Lodge No. 22, organized at the Boundary, where leading citizens of Derby, Stanstead and Stanstead Plain met in fraternal friendship.

During the American War of 1812-1815, these Free Masons had much to do with keeping friendly relations along the frontier.

A charter was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Free Masonry in England and Golden Rule Lodge No. 19 was installed on February 23, 1814 in Stanstead Plain, with Phineas Hubbard, the first Worshipful Master.

In 1821, a Royal Arch Chapter was opened at Stanstead Plain, and in 1860, a masonic hall was built.

Last year, "Golden Star" Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was instituted in Stanstead Plain, with meetings in the Masonic Hall.

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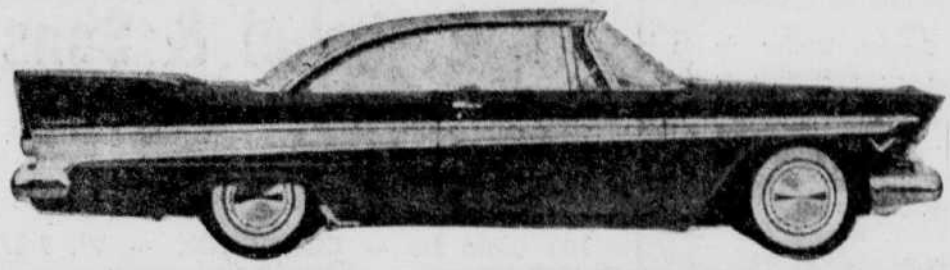
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Coaticook Year Quiet But Building Active

By NICK POWELL

Coaticook — A report from Town secretary Romuald Dumont, shows that the year 1956 was a comparatively quiet year in comparison with last year's post-slump gain.

Prior to 1955, there had been a considerable length of time which might be labelled economically poor. Thus it was that the following year was spent in readjustment, leaving it to 1956 to permit things to get underway once again with comparative ease.

In spite of this, there have been few changes in the municipality itself, though there are considerable numbers of housing developments in progress at the moment. This past year there have been 128 building permits issued totalling $170,394 whereas in 1955 there were 113 totalling $187,271 — a slight decrease in expenses but a slight rise in number.

There were two changes in ownership: the Canadian Textiles firm sold their interests to the Canadian Celanese Company while Asbesco, a brake-lining firm, bought out Idealbestos.

Another report has it that the population has increased slightly during the past 12 months and now stands at 6,800. However, if one is to include the surrounding district in the complete census, the total is 19,300.

The taxable evaluation reports show an increase of nearly $1,100,000 while the non-taxable evaluation has gone up $500,000.

The population of the Town and surrounding districts is 90% French-speaking. Of this number, 70% are able to read English and 60% are conversant.

Rental rates vary from $20 to $60 per month, depending upon furnishing or such other additions as heating, lighting, etc. However, satisfactory lodging is to be found for $35 to $40 per month.

Construction costs vary considerably but the price of the average residence is estimated by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation at $1,500.

Coaticook Town Council

Mayor Dr. Roland Frechette heads the Coaticook Town Council this year. Councillors are:

E. Carrier, Hector de la Bruere, A. Robitaille, J. E. Cloutier, Leonard Akhurst, C. E. Audet, and Gerard Couillard.

TOUGH CUSTOMER

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — One Great Horned Owl here seems to be aware of the law protecting his species. It has fought battles in town against squirrels, pigeons and even a cat. Police said they can do nothing because it has not been reported as a nuisance to them as yet.

Coaticook Esker Area

COATICOOK — Villagers here may not realize it, but they are living in an area made up in great part by "eskers."

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"Eskers" are geological formations—long low mounds of sand and gravel which were left behind by glaciers during the Ice Age eons ago.

According to the general science textbook now is use by most Grade Ten pupils, Coaticook is one of the most noted areas in the world for the occurrence of "eskers."

The huge gravel pit to the west of the town is a good example of a large "esker."

OBJECTIONAL GROUNDS?

One of our leading hotel keepers objects to paying any further licence fee than is claimable under the Quebec law as it now stands, on the ground that the establishment of the St. Georges' Club here has curtailed his bar business one half. Is this owing to the numerical strength of the club, or the ardent spirits which compose it?

(A brieflet in "The Land We Live In," published in Sherbrooke in 1891).



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Amateur Historian Truly A Pro

Coaticook Resident A Mine Of E.T. Lore

By NICK POWELL

History in itself is one of the more interesting studies which may be pursued by a student or teacher, yet by itself it presents a bleak future for one to choose as a profession unless it is one's lot to be a teacher or educator. Amateur historians, it would therefore appear, simply do not exist any longer.

Yet there is such a man. Mr. Bernard Robinson of Coaticook. Among other things, he has compiled accurate and detailed histories of every county in the Eastern Townships — or the "Garden of the Province of Quebec" as he prefers to call it — a history of every Maritime province and a carefully written account of happenings in the Eastern Townships themselves.

PART-TIME HISTORIAN

These histories which have been compiled are not the work of a full-time historian, but rather they are the remarkable product of a devouring interest in local and regional events. For as Mr. Robinson says, "I can't see how anyone can possibly not be interested in the events which preceded his own knowledge, especially in his own particular locale."

Such sentiments are not expressed idly or without a good deal of experience and thought Mr. Robinson has had 86 years to think it over. Born in Vermont in 1874, he came to Coaticook with his family when he was four years old. His father, a doctor, had seen service in the American Civil War and in his own words, "saw a good deal of butchering."



BERNARD ROBINSON

While at school Mr. Robinson met his future wife who was in the same class as he. As a matter of fact he still has a small red chair that was made for him, for as he says, "I was always rather small and could move it about easily in class."

MEDICINE

During school he was always good at history, but coming from a medical family felt that his natural bent lay in the direction of medicine; "I always wanted to be a surgeon but never really got around to it." However, at the age of 19, he left Coaticook and went to Boston to take up pharmacy.

Five years later he returned to Coaticook for his childhood sweetheart, married her and returned to the States.

It was not until several years had passed that he returned to Coaticook and set up Robinson's Pharmacy.

During the early 20's and 30's Mr. Robinson played an important part in the settlement of the Eastern Townships as President of an Immigration group interested in bringing young men from England to help populate the district. On one occasion he went so far as to make a special trip to the old country to try to enlist such immigrants who would be willing to start anew in a great new country. Needless to say, he was very successful. Part of the same work involved travelling about the country visiting such farmers who were employing these young men and checking to see how they were making out. Unfortunately some times it was necessary to repatriate some of the boys.

INCIDENT

With regard to this work, Mr. Robinson recalled an amusing incident. One of his friends (a fellow we shall call Hugh) was a complete Sherbrooke-phile — Sherbrooke had the best, was the best, and would be the best of everything. No other city, town or village was worth naming in the same breath — especially Coaticook.

"I called on Hugh one day," Mr. Robinson recalled, "and told him I was going over to England. Hugh immediately launched into a derogatory comparison of British cities with his pet, Sherbrooke. It was obvious that he believed I was going to be disappointed."

"When I returned I thought it would be a good prank to pull Hugh's leg. Quite naturally nobody in Britain knew a thing about Coaticook, or even if a place with such a name existed. Hugh asked how I enjoyed my trip and did I see any place that could compare with Sherbrooke, and what did Englishmen think of Sherbrooke? I told him that Englishmen didn't know of such a place, but they were well acquainted with a cozy little town by the name of Coaticook!"

ACTIVE

Later on, travelling with Lippincott's Mr. Robinson began compiling his fabulous histories, annotated with anecdotes and colourful descriptions woven intricately in and about the historical minutiae visualized by his perceptive mind.

He has also had the distinction of having served for seventeen years as President of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Province of Quebec.

Approaching their Diamond Wedding Anniversary next year, the Robinson's have led a full and happy life. Mrs. Robinson has made many trips with her husband through the various Maritime and Central Canadian provinces. Her husband's last trip for Lippincott was made at the age of 81, a three and a half month tour of Ontario!

Although his sight has begun to fail him, Mr. Robinson's mind is still amazingly acute; aware of all about him and startlingly perceptive, sharp of wit and is himself, above all, content. There is only one complaint from this amazing person. "I have so much time on my hands now that I could really do something on my histories, but unfortunately my eyes aren't as good as they once were—rather frustrating really! Still it's nice to sit back and remember."

However, a hobby's results stand as a concrete tribute to Coaticook's historian-salesman-pharmacist-ambassador-trade expert-octagenarian.

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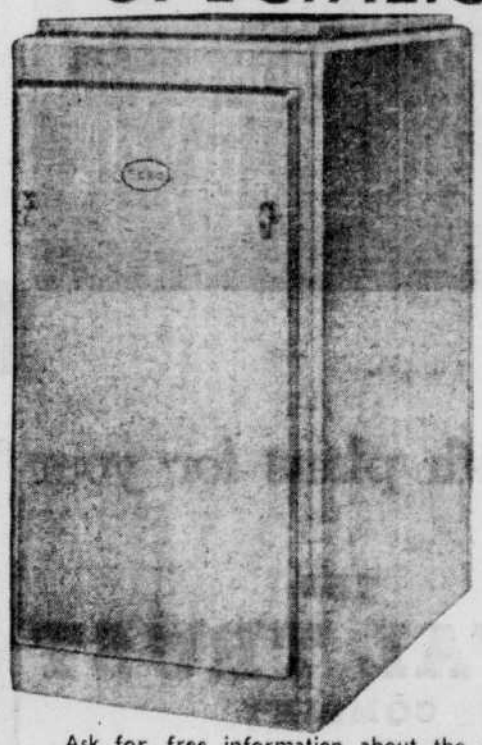
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Today, Tapatco Co. Limited has almost regained peak production, and employs approximately the same number it did prior to the fire — about 70 persons.

Town secretary C. L. Tyler said the new one-story concrete construction building presently occupied by the industry was built by town authorities at a cost of $42,000, and that the building is still the town's property.

President of the company, H. Hall, said that full production has almost been reached, but that the company did not anticipate immediate future expansion.

He said that the company took occupation of the new building at the beginning of November in 1956.

TOURIST INDUSTRY

Although the tourist boom anticipated last year by Ayer's Cliff restaurant and hotel owners did not quite materialize as expected because of generally bad weather, there was no let down in 1956 from the successes of 1955.

Archie Stafford, owner of the Ripple Cove Inn, bordering Lake Massawippi, said that although week-end trade suffered somewhat during the summer because of the comparatively cold weather, the overall summer trade was good.

The New Cliff House, in the village, changed hands during the past year. Formerly owned by Mr. Stafford, it is now under the proprietorship of Clement Coulombe, who took over last August.

AYER'S CLIFF INDUSTRIES

One new industry opened in this town during the past year. It is the Ayer's Cliff Industries, under the partnership of Ross Hoffman and Royce Martin. The concern specializes in machine shop work. In addition, the partners carry on a wooden toy-making business during the Christmas season. This has been in operation since 1950.

TOWN

Town secretary Tyler said that there had been very little in the way of public works carried out in Ayer's Cliff during the past year. He said that generally, it had been a "comfortable year."

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He discussed what he and three other men discovered in their four-week tour of Canada. Their tour is a return on a trip made to Scotland by William Kennedy of Sudbury, Ont., a vice-president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

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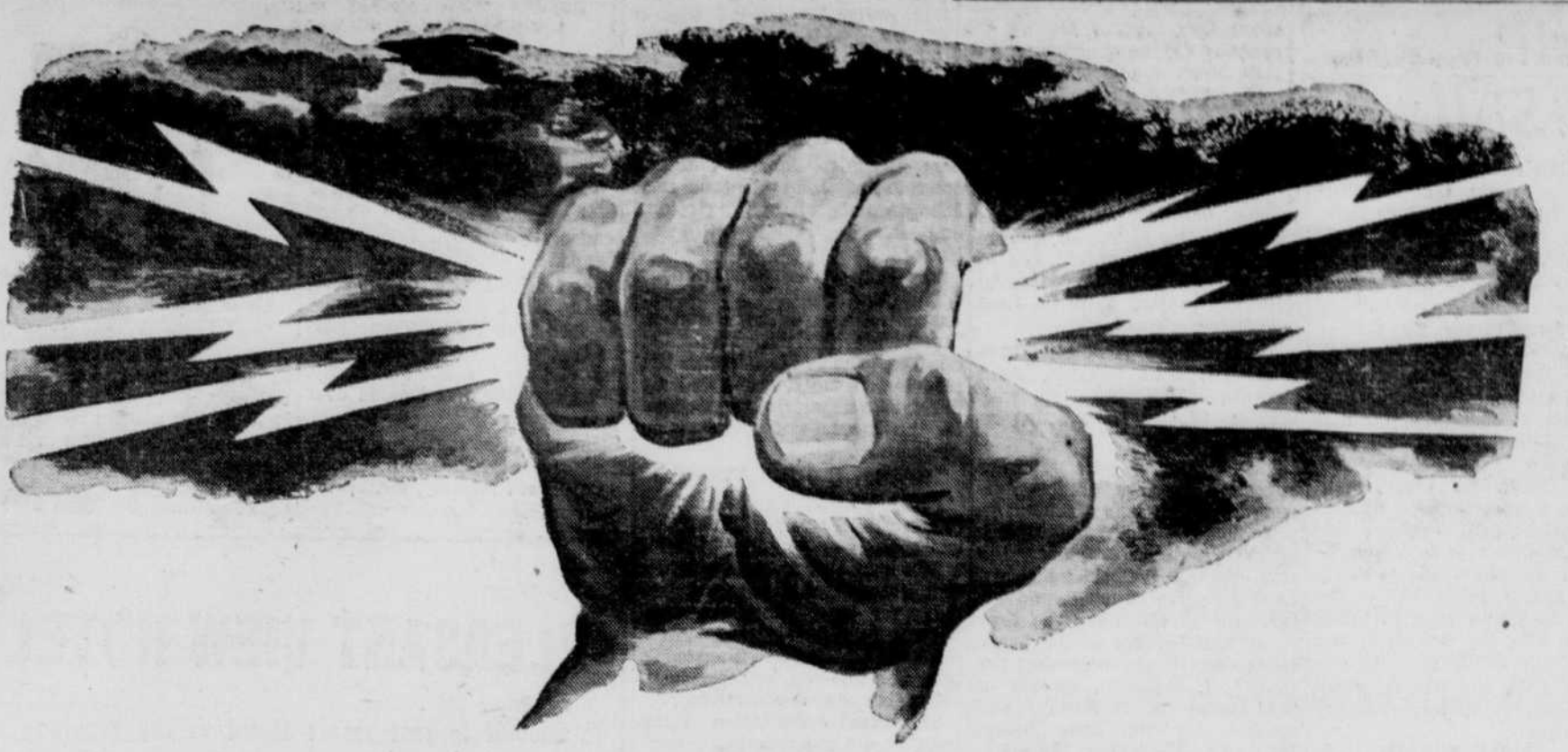
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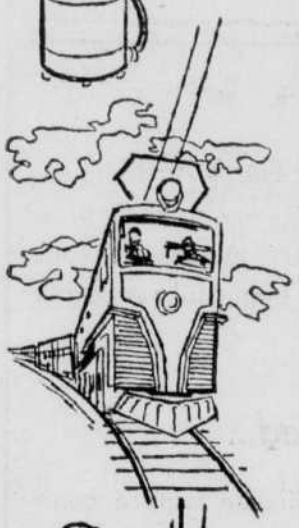
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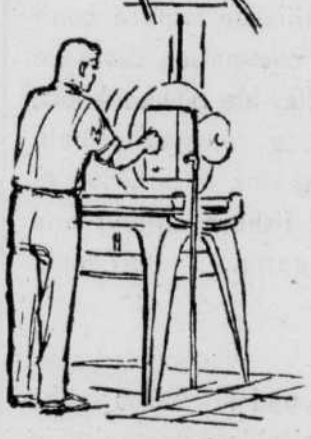
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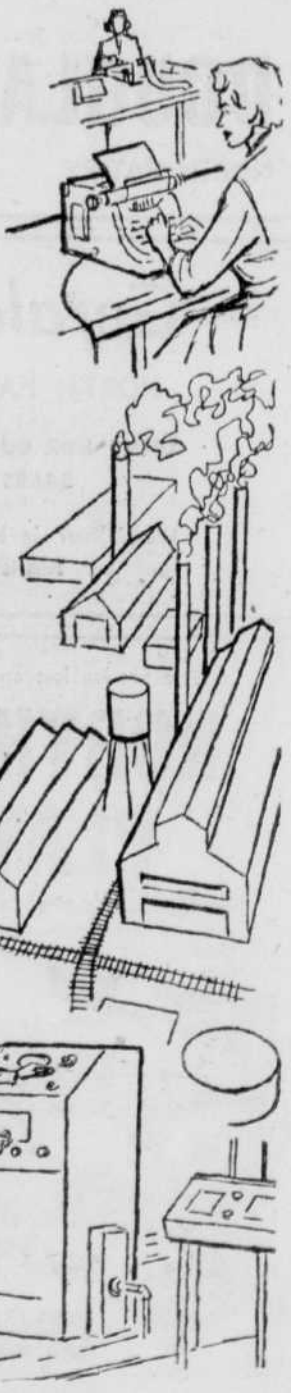
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Hatley's 125-Year-Old School Is Still Educating Youngsters

(Editor's Note: The material in this article was largely taken from Maude Gage Pellerin's book, "The Story of Hatley", published in 1949).

Hatley Village — Last year, a two storey white frame building at the back of the Common in this tiny Stanstead County village entered its 125th year.

The Hatley Intermediate School has been in operation just that long. Called the Charleston Academy when it was first constructed in 1830, the clean, well-preserved schoolhouse — said to be the oldest still used this side of the St. Lawrence in Quebec — now houses grades one to seven. There are 27 pupils left in the school, taught by Mrs. D. Gibbs, who is also the principal, and Mrs. Ronald McClary.

Until 1952, the Hatley school also served the children of nearby Massawippi.

FIRST PLANS

Plans for the building of this school were actually first laid in 1829, on November 4th, when several prominent citizens met at the home of William Grannis to set up a committee.

This committee was to circulate a subscription paper to raise funds for the proposed school, to superintend the erection of a suitable building, to furnish his Lordship, The Bishop of Quebec with a copy of the plans, and to transact all business connected with the project until its final completion.

Those on the first committee were: Dr. John Weston, John Grannis, and Luther Hall, with William Richie, N.P., acting as secretary-treasurer.

The following persons were appointed trustees of the Academy: The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other administrator of the Province of Quebec, the Hon. Right Rev. Charles Stewart, Lord Bishop of Quebec, and his successor in office for the time being; the Speaker of the Legislative Council and successor; the Hon. L. I. Papineau, speaker of the House of Assembly, and speaker for the time being; George Jehosophat Mountain, Veneral Archdeacon of Quebec; Samuel Gale of the City of Sherbrooke; Ebenezer Peck of Sherbrooke; Samuel Brooks of Lennoxville; Wright Chamberlain of Stanstead; Francis Judd of Barnston; Benjamin Sleeper of Compton; David Wood, Shefford; William Grannis, Robert Vincent, John Jones, John Weston, and John Grannis, all of Charleston, and Deacon Taylor Little of Hatley.

The School was not started as a Church of England School, but its control was to be vested in the hands of the nominated trustees. The land on which the school was built was given by Wright Chamberlain, and deeded to the trustees of Charleston Academy.

STANSTEAD RELATIONS

Numerous letters passed between Hatley and Stanstead, which was also planning to build a school at this time, suggesting that Hatley should have an Academy for boys, while Stanstead have a school for girls. After much consideration, Stanstead's offer was rejected, and each institution became co-educational.

The actual construction of the building did not take place until 1830, when the contract was let to Joel Shurtliff. In the treasurer's account in the old minute book of this time, it says that Mr. Shurtliff received $950 for labour and lumber used in building the Academy.

GRANTS

The building was paid for by donations from people all over the province. It was learned from a letter written by Ebenezer Peck the Member of Parliament for Stanstead County at that time, that he secured from the government a grant of $800 for the schools of both Hatley and Stanstead. It is understood that Bishop Stewart also gave generously to the project. A number of people donated land in various parts of the Eastern Townships; one lot was in Shipton, another tract near Melbourne, and another in the Township of Newport. For some years, these tracts of land were more of a liability than an asset. In a country covered with forests, the timber was of little value, and the land was unsalable, but taxes had to be paid by the trustees to the municipalities in which the lands were situated.

Among a number of documents which recently came to light were many letters and tax bills regarding these lands. One or two law suits also arose out of the situation.

The Academy opened its doors to receive pupils in 1832, with Mr. Balfour as head of the male department and Miss E. D. Fields as principal of the female department. While both boys and girls were taught in this school, the two departments were entirely separate, beginning and closing at different hours.

A regular college course was given, with instruction in higher mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, chemistry, all the regular English subjects, as well as French, German, Greek, Latin, with music, painting and drawing.

It was the custom to hire the teachers for only three months at a time, or six months at the most, therefore two or three teachers might be employed for the same class in one year.

CHANGES

While the shape and outside of the structure have not altered through the years, certain other small details have changed. Originally, the stairs to the second storey went up on the outside of the south wall. The second storey was divided into rooms in which certain lady teachers and some of the older girls lived. We find in 1838 Miss Williams paid $2.25 a month for the use of the Academy, doubtless meaning the rooms; although the Academy was rented to the principal on two or three different occasions. He was to receive the government grant and the pupils' fees, the amount of which he had the privilege of setting. He was to hire whatever teachers were necessary.

Some years later, the partitions were removed from the second storey, and the room was used as a community hall.

In the beginning, tuition in the English studies and languages was set at seven shillings and sixpence per quarter (at the present rate of exchange, about $1). Those taking painting, music, philosophy and chemistry paid 10 shillings.

It was voted by the board that all the trustees might attend the Academy gratis and bring their friends.

The teachers were required not only to teach, but also to collect the fees from the children. Half the fees were kept by the teacher and deducted from his salary. The other half was handed over to the trustees.

The salary at that time varied from $10 to $44 a month. It was not paid out monthly, but by the quarter.

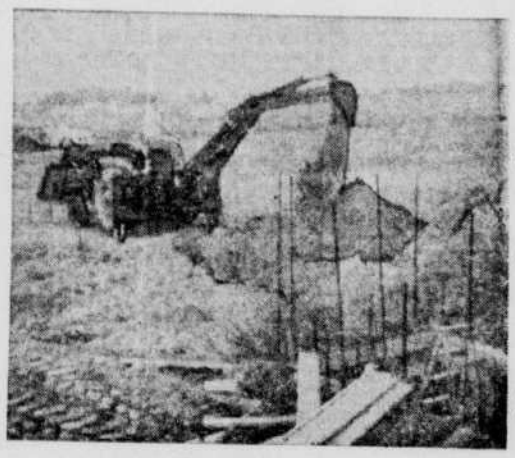
MONEY SHORTAGE

It would seem in the early days of the Academy, they expected that the fees collected from the pupils would pay the teachers and other necessary expenses of the institution. This did not work out as planned. Many times the funds were so short that they were only able to keep teachers for three months out of the year. In 1854, a petition was sent into the Provincial Government, asking for a grant which they received shortly after.

These grants, ranging from $150 to $300 continued down through the years, excepting for a few occasions when the trustees neglected to send in their report and application, until all the money voted by the government

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HATLEY SCHOOLHOUSE — Above is the 125-year-old Hatley Village Schoolhouse, located at the back of the village common. Completed in 1831, the school — originally called the Charleston Academy, now teaches grades one to seven, and has a total of 27 pupils, and two teachers. It is believed to be the oldest school this side of the St. Lawrence River still in operation. (Record photo by Marvel Smith)

HATLEY'S 125-YEAR

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had been allotted elsewhere.

It was customary to give the money granted to the schools to the Member of Parliament for the county in which the school was situated. Among the records are many letters from various Stanstead County M.P.'s regarding these grants.

A distressed letter from the provincial secretary to the trustees stated that he had sent the grant by a Member, and then had forgotten all about it, and had sent another by mail. He asked them if they would kindly return the money, otherwise he would be obliged to refund it from his own pocket. A letter of profuse thanks from the gentleman proved that the money was returned.

CATALOGUE

A catalogue of the Academy, which would now be called a prospectus, was printed in 1847 by Mr. Robinson of Rock Island, and shows that at one time there was a total of 113 pupils on the roll — fifty-one ladies, and sixty-two gentlemen, all under the charge of three teachers.

This catalogue is an interesting old document, giving the names and addresses of the pupils, and where they boarded in the town. It also gives the course of study, which would be a full college course at the present time.

GRANT LOST

In 1884, the Academy lost its grant, because of late application. To relieve their financial difficulties, they invited the primary grades which up to that time, were housed in the Corner School House (built in 1816) and had a grant of their own, to rent a room in the Academy, which they did. For some years, the two schools, housed in the same building, continued to be two separate institutions. The primary had its own set of commissioners, too.

In 1888, the Commissioners evidently took over the whole school. A lease has recently been found of that date, signed on behalf of the trustees by the Bishop of Quebec, and for the commissioners, Mr. Ives and Mrs. Howe.

This has given rise to a difference of opinion as to whether the Bishop was representing the church, or was acting as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It would appear that the Academy has continued under the management of the commissioners since that date.

As other high schools were opened in the surrounding towns, the attendance decreased, until the institution lost its status as an academy. For many years the school was carried on in the two lower rooms, with only two teachers. In 1910, there were over seventy pupils, and three teachers were hired, a third classroom was finished off in the second storey. There is still place for a fourth room if it's required.

North Hatley Town Council

Mayor Clifford J. Reed heads the North Hatley Town Council this year. Councillors are: Aubrey Greer, Milton Sharman, Ronald Reed, Henry Parsons, Gordon Bean, Camille Ladoucer.

MOLDING OF

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there was a great deal of low grade labour available and there are many manufacturing concerns in the city and surrounding districts. Still, it has been during the last 30 years that development has followed the 'modern' line.

A comparison of contemporary prosperity with that of former years may be illustrated by the simple expedient of comparing real estate values since 1897 with that of the present time: in 1897 they were $4,000,000; in 1926 it was $24,853,800; and at this time it is a fabulous $91,500,000! What more proof need we that Sherbrooke is truly the "Queen City of the Eastern Townships?"

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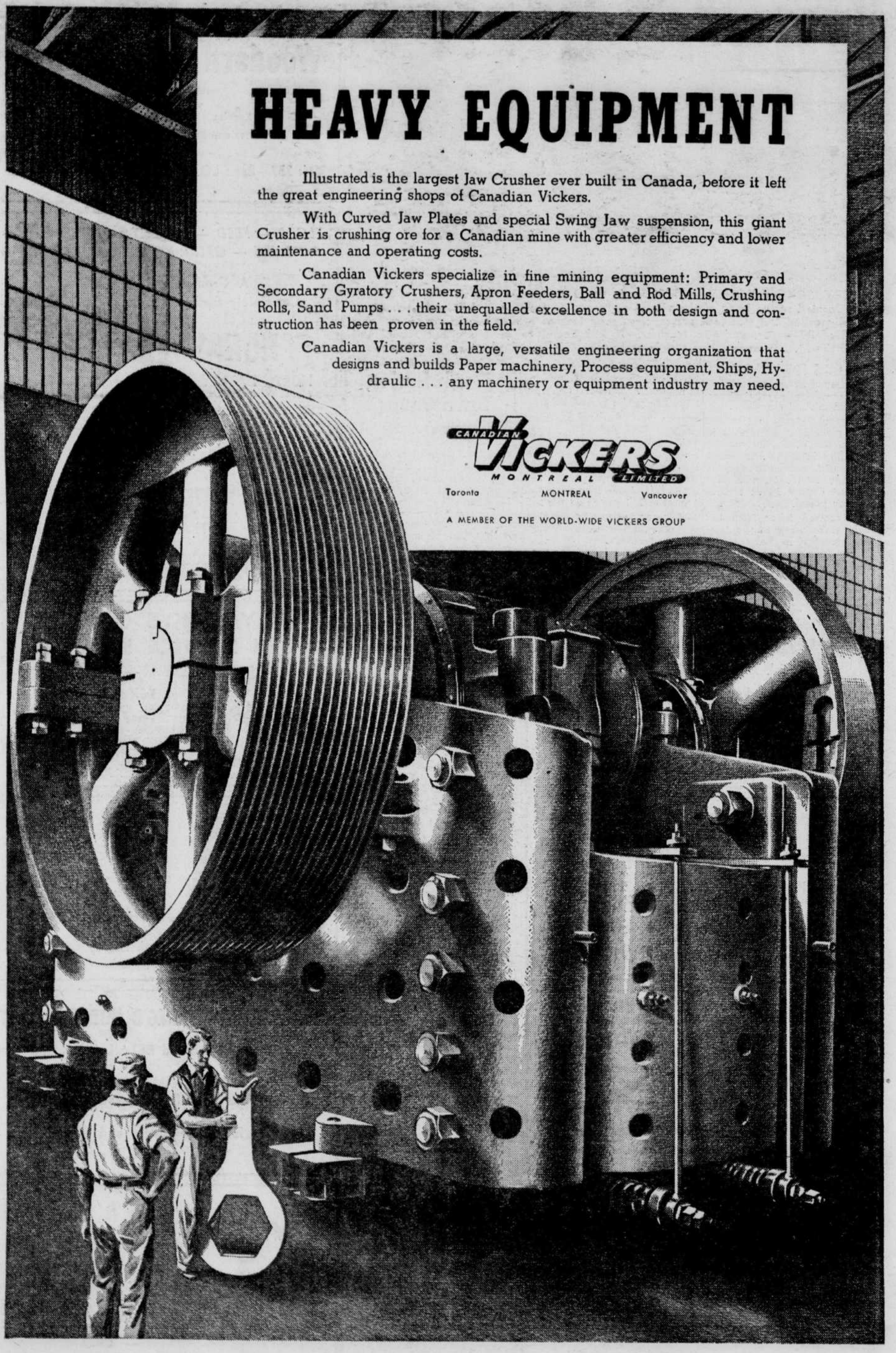
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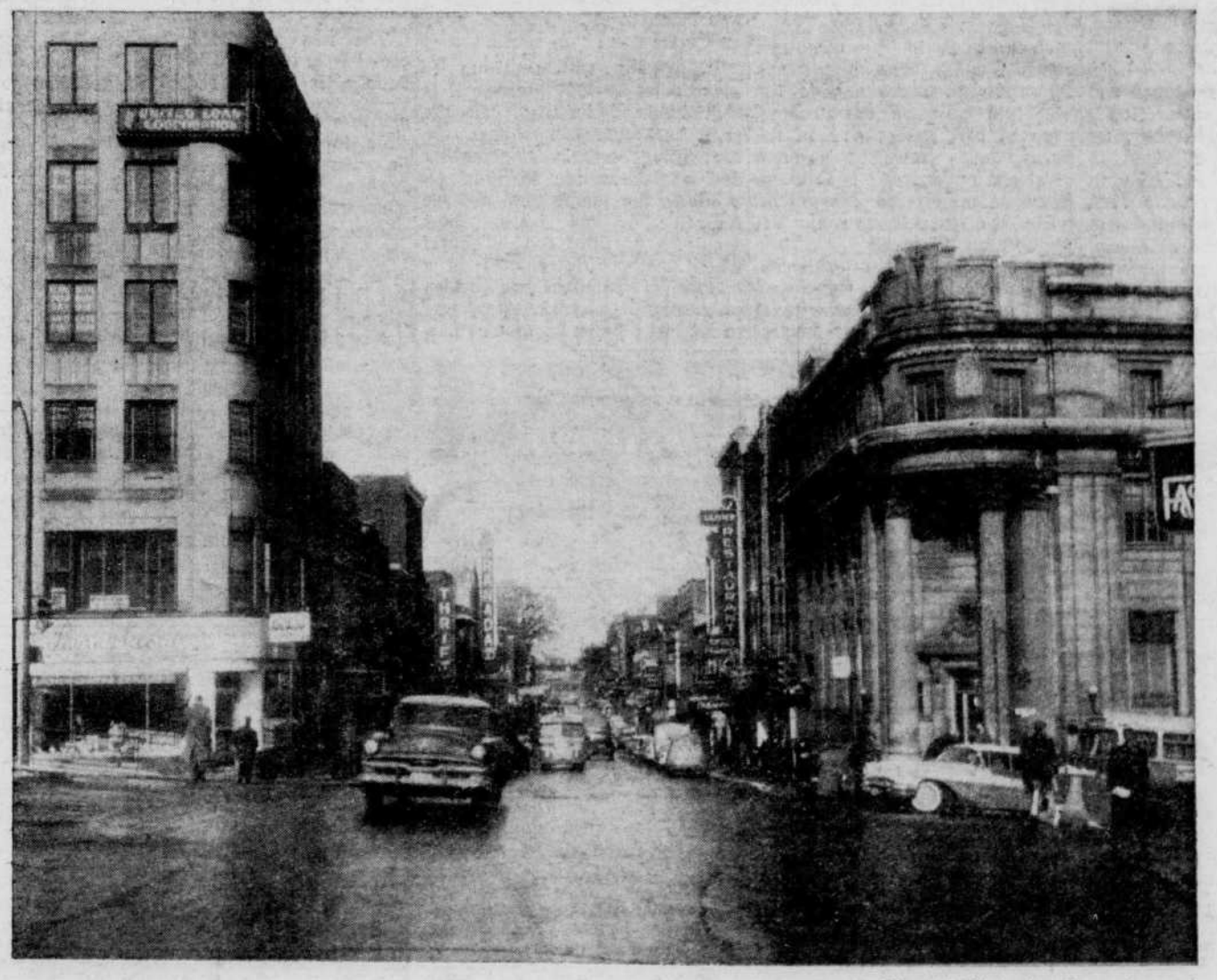
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60 Years Change





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When the first Sherbrooke Daily Record was published in 1897, Wellington street, looking north from the corner of King and Wellington streets, appeared as in the top picture. Today, 1957, Wellington street is the modern bustling scene in the bottom picture — a sure reminder that although three-quarters of a century is but a short time in man's history, it is a great length of time in terms of progress, both for a city, and for a newspaper.

Professor Roger Havard

Welshman's Talent Has Been Making Music For Sherbrooke

By BARBARA WARK

Professor Roger Havard came to Sherbrooke in 1921 — 36 years ago. Since then he has spent 33 years as director of music at Trinity Church, 30 years as director of the Sherbrooke Regiment Band, 18 years as music master at Bishop's College School, and in addition, has found the time to direct oratorios, cantatas and light operas, teach voice and band instruments and lead numerous choral groups in the community.

WHOLE LIFE

The facts pretty well speak for themselves. Music has been, and is the whole life of this man, and he has devoted his time and his energies to passing on the understanding and appreciation of this art to young and old, to the experienced and inexperienced. The musical life of the Townships is richer for his efforts.

Born and educated in Wales, Professor Havard came by his musical heritage naturally. In this country steeped in musical tradition, he received his earliest training, singing in the choirs and later taking part in Welsh Music Festivals. He also trained at the Tonic Sol-Fa College in England.

Band instruments were his first love, however, particularly the bassoon, and he played in both England and Wales. He was for a time with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company and also served in the Royal Engineers Reserve Band in South Wales.

Soon after the end of the First World War, Professor Havard came to Canada with his wife and two small daughters, Betty Joan (now Mrs. J. H. Taylor of St. Lambert), and Edith Marian (Mrs. Frederick Fox of Lennoxville), settling in Victoria, B.C., for a year before coming to Sherbrooke.

TRINITY CHURCH

His longest association has been with Trinity Church, formerly the Sherbrooke Methodist Church where he was director of music for a period of 33 years and during which time he directed such Cantatas as Olivet to Calvary (Maunder), The Crucifixion (Stainer), Patience, Pardon, Peace (Maunder), and the Seven Last Words (Dubois).

As bandmaster for the Sherbrooke Regiment Band for 30 years, Professor Havard was twice able to see the band achieve the distinction of standing highest in the Quebec Command following inspection. On his retirement in September 1951, ten full years after retirement age, a signal honor was accorded him in the presentation of a life membership in the Officers' Mess, an honor hitherto given only to retiring C.O.'s.

The first Symphony Orchestra in Sherbrooke also claimed his attention both as bassoon player and later as deputy conductor to Irwin Sawdon.

As a teacher of piano, voice and band instruments, Professor Havard has been very well known. He was in fact the first to give instruction in music in the Sherbrooke High School, when during the principalship of H. G. Hatcher, he was engaged to coach the teaching staff in the method of Tonic Sol-Fa. For 18 years he was music master of Bishop's College School and also taught at Stanstead College.

A memorable event in his life occurred in 1937, the Centenary year of Sherbrooke when he was asked to train and conduct the English Community Choir for the week-long celebrations and also arrange all the music. One of his prized possessions is a bound, inscribed book containing the names of all those who took part in this choir.

ORATORIO WORK

Professor Havard is probably best known for his outstanding oratorio work, having successfully presented ten here altogether, including The Creation (Haydn), The Messiah (Handel), St. Paul (Mendelssohn), Stabat Mater (Dvorak), Elijah (Mendelssohn), and Hiawatha's Wedding Feast (Coleridge-Taylor). Montreal soloists — Harry Maude among them — who appeared in some of these presentations so enjoyed it that they offered to return another year.

Three light operas were also directed by this versatile musician — The China Shop, which was presented in the old His Majesty's; Captain Crossbones, in the Premier Theatre and H.M.S. Pinafore in the Lennoxville High. In addition to these undertakings, he did much to develop community music in centres around Sherbrooke.

For many years Professor Havard was the Eastern Townships representative of the Dominion College of Music. In 1946 he was made an honorary member of the executive of Union Musicale.

Now in his 80th year, Professor Havard is still at his same tasks, being the present choir director at Lennoxville United Church. Three years ago he formed the junior choir at his church which now sings at the early morning service. He has also for a number of years directed the nurses at the Sherbrooke Hospital on their annual Christmas carolling tour of the wards.



PROFESSOR HAVARD

HORIZONS FOR

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these as the population continues to increase and as steps are taken to bring the scattered and remote areas into closer touch with civilization. Television sales temporarily are down, about 13 per cent lower in 1956 than in 1955. And they may drop even further, it is anticipated, in 1957. Lower sales will be followed by production curtailments and these will involve some layoffs of employees. Keen selling, consistent advertising and sales promotion will be required to keep sales even at the predicted levels.

Radio sales in the meantime continue at a very high level. Popularity of radio outside the home, in cars, on the beaches, even at ball games and in the parks, keeps sales at a brisk level and no drop-off is forecast. Introduction of the convenient, pocket-size transistor radio set pointed up this trend. Canada is still very much a radio-conscious country and there are very few sections where radio reception is not satisfactory. Even in the Arctic, inhabitants can tune in Canadian stations and listen to music, drama, news and talks from "up south."

Electronics will continue to make news in 1957 because it is that kind of industry. In the research laboratories and the draughting rooms now, scientists and engineers are working on products the public may not see for five or ten years. They are also working on products which may be introduced in a matter of months and which may change many people's way of living. Because man's imagination is limited, it is impossible to forecast what may be on even the immediate horizon. Perhaps in its laboratories the electronics industry may have something as new, as sensational, as revolutionary as television. Such things are bound to come, but none of us know exactly when.

Canada's half billion dollar electronics industry, already larger in dollar volume and physical equipment than many of the country's oldest businesses, will continue to expand in the years immediately ahead. It will expand in production, in manufacturing facilities, in scientific abilites and personnel and it will also expand in its service to other industries, governments and the public at large.



Collecting Sap — This old photograph, taken at the turn of the century in an Eastern Townships bush, shows a hardy old timer collecting sap the pioneer way — in good wooden buckets attached to a yoke resting on his shoulders. This picture is the property of Norman Edson, a well-known former photographer of Eastern Townships scenes.

Local Snippings In 1854

FROM SHERBROOKE GAZETTE 1854

Messrs. Clark and Brown have now 250 hands employed in getting out pine timber up the St. Francis. The season thus far, has been favourable to their operations. Week before last, they hauled a million feet onto the ice, ready to be floated down in the spring. The pine, we understand, proved more abundant that was anticipated, and of superior quality.

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The new saw mill, recently erected in Sherbrooke by Mr. Brooks, is nearly ready to go into operation. It will be capable of cutting from twenty-five to thirty thousand feet of boards a day.

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A Christmas present — we owe an apology to the proprietor of the Sherbrooke Oyster Saloon for not sooner acknowledging a brace of Christmas pies we received. For a pie, or a first rate place of oysters, especially a fry with lemon juice, commend us to Mrs. Bryant.

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There is nothing which strikes the eve more gratefully on entering a cemetery or graveyard than to behold a chaste and beautiful tablet, or monument with appropriate emblems, surrounded with shrubbery, placed over the remains of the dead by the hands of those who love and cherish their memory. Hitherto, the people of this county have been obliged to send abroad for tomb stones, or monuments, and so great has been the expense that many have neglected to put off this last tribute to their deceased friends. We are now happy to state an establishment has been commenced in Sherbrooke, who has a supply of beautiful Rutland marble, which is unsurpassed by anything yet known, which he is prepared to finish to any style desired. We cheerfully recommend him to those who require anything in this line.

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1956 Poor Year For E.T. Farmers

Agricultural Profits Down, Expenses High; Weather Very Poor

By ERNEST MERCIER
Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Farm, Lennoxville

The farmers of the Eastern Townships, like those of the rest of Canada, maintain that the year 1956 could have been much better for them. Due to bad weather conditions, they had lots of difficulties in storing their crops, which on the whole were heavy. Their agricultural revenue has decreased and the farm expenditures increased during the last year. Consequently, some more got discouraged and quit farming.

The agricultural situation in the Eastern Townships has not improved during 1956. The prevailing weather conditions, which have been quite bad during the growing season, have not contributed to encourage the farmers who, in general, are not getting their fair share of the prosperity which our region is enjoying presently.

DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FARMS

During the year 1956, the agricultural revenue of the Canadian farmers decreased somewhat and the expenditures necessitated for farm operations have kept increasing. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture estimates that compared with 1949 the decrease in revenue was around 6% and the increase in expenditures about 20%. This state of affair has discouraged a good many farmers who have quit farming. In the Eastern Townships, it is reported that over 100 farms were sold during the year.

The reduction in the number of farms, which had been noticed since the last war, has become more pronounced.

All counties had less farms in 1951 than in 1921. With respect to the number of farms Brome stood the highest decrease (25%) and Missisquoi the lowest (7%). As to the size of the farm the highest increase occurred in Richmond (23%) and the lowest in Missisquoi (7%). The 1955 census will undoubtedly show similar but more pronounced trends in these two directions.

Farming is becoming more and more industrialized. The enterprise which is inefficient on account of either lack of volume of production, inadequacy of equipment, poor management, or shortage of labour, cannot stand the competition of the industry. This squeezing out of the small farmer may not be good socially speaking but it seems to be a necessity of the time. In the future, agriculture will have to be profitable enough to remunerate the farmly labour decently; otherwise farmers will keep on moving to towns and cities.

WEATHER

The average temperature for the year (40.55° F.) was about one quarter of a degree below the average for the last 42 years. The five growing months, from May to September inclusive, were colder than normal except June.

The total precipitation for the five months (17.55 inches) was roughly three quarters of an inch (.79) below normal. The month of June had a rainfall of 2.38 inches and was the only month of the five below the average. The rainfall was so well distributed during the growing season that harvesting was difficult. At the Experimental Farm rain was recorded on 80 days during the five growing months in comparison with an average of 59 days for the last 42 years. The total precipitation for the year (36.54 inches) was 3.72 inches below normal (40.26 inches) and the shortage occurred during the months of October and November where many consecutive sunny days could be enjoyed. At the end of the year the supply of water in the ground was low.

The total hours of bright sunshine for 1956 was 149.2 above the average (1753) for the last years. At Lennoxville, the first killing frost occurred on September 19 and the freezing up on November 23.

CROPS

The sugar crop for 1956 was only about 10% above average. The season started early and finished late but the running of the sap was light.

Seeding was late. At the Farm, the first field was sown on May 7, that is to say, a week behind the average date for the last 42 years. With the cool rainy weather, crops developed slowly and maturity was reached without any forcing by hot weather. As a consequence the yield of cereal crops, which required about 10 days longer than normal to reach maturity, was very high. All time records were established in many localities. At the Farm the highest yield of oats ever recorded — 106 bushels per acre — occurred in 1956. Only the corn crop was a complete failure. Most of the fields seeded to corn in the Townships were so poor that they were not harvested.

Herbages were plentiful but not stored in best condition. As a result, many farmers are feeding molded hay this winter. Pasture was very abundant at the beginning of the season but quite scarce during the fall due to a lack of moisture.

As to the small fruits, vegetables, potatoes, etc., the yields were good.



A VANISHING BUILDING — Farms and farm buildings in the Eastern Townships decreased in number during 1956, and have been decreasing for the last 16 years. From 1921 to 1951, the total decrease in farms in the Eastern Townships was 2,068. Increasing industrialization of farming is tending to cut down the number of farms, but to increase the size of those that remain. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Delicious Receipt For Trout

(Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from "The Land We Live In", a journal published during the 1890's by D. Thomas and Co. in Sherbrooke.)

The following is the best recipe we know for cooking trout, but is one that can only be used after camping a day or two in one place so as to have a liberal supply of ashes.

Take a three pound trout, clean and dress it, and sprinkle it inside and out with pepper, then take some wedges of salt pork or bacon and place inside. Two or three cuts in the outside wedged with salt pork are an improvement. Then lard, butter, or saturate with olive oil, a sheet of paper — white or foolscap preferred, and roll the fish up in it.

Take half a dozen thicknesses of newspaper, or wrapping paper saturated with water, and roll the fish and oiled paper in this, wind well with twine, and tie it. Excavate a place to hold it in the hot ashes of your campfire, place your fish therein, and cover well, laying coals or live embers on the top.

In fifty minutes take it out, and crack off the outside paper, and inside the oiled paper, you will find your fish, as fresh looking as when rolled up, but an aroma from its retained juices rendered fragrant by the seasoning, will assail your nostrils, which would tempt the appetite of an epicure.

The "patriarch" (W. W. Beckett, Es., of this city) and myself were once camping on the present site of Lake Memthe crimson-tinted September trout of the Chaudiere River, and at his request, I cooked in the manner prescribed, one of our three pounders.

This, with the accompaniments and trimmings was demolished between us, and as the patriarch sipped his last pannikin of tea, he drew a long breath of satisfaction, and exclaimed, "My share of another such a trout would make me feel comfortable.

Partridge are excellent cooked in the same way, but require more time.

From The Pen Of E. T. Writers

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD, ON ITS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY

Hats off to the Record, in its sixtieth year.
It brought many a laugh, and many a tear.
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It's a paper we feel we can not do without.
It covers the news of the world, in brief.
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Cover far more than one hundred places.
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TOM GORDON.

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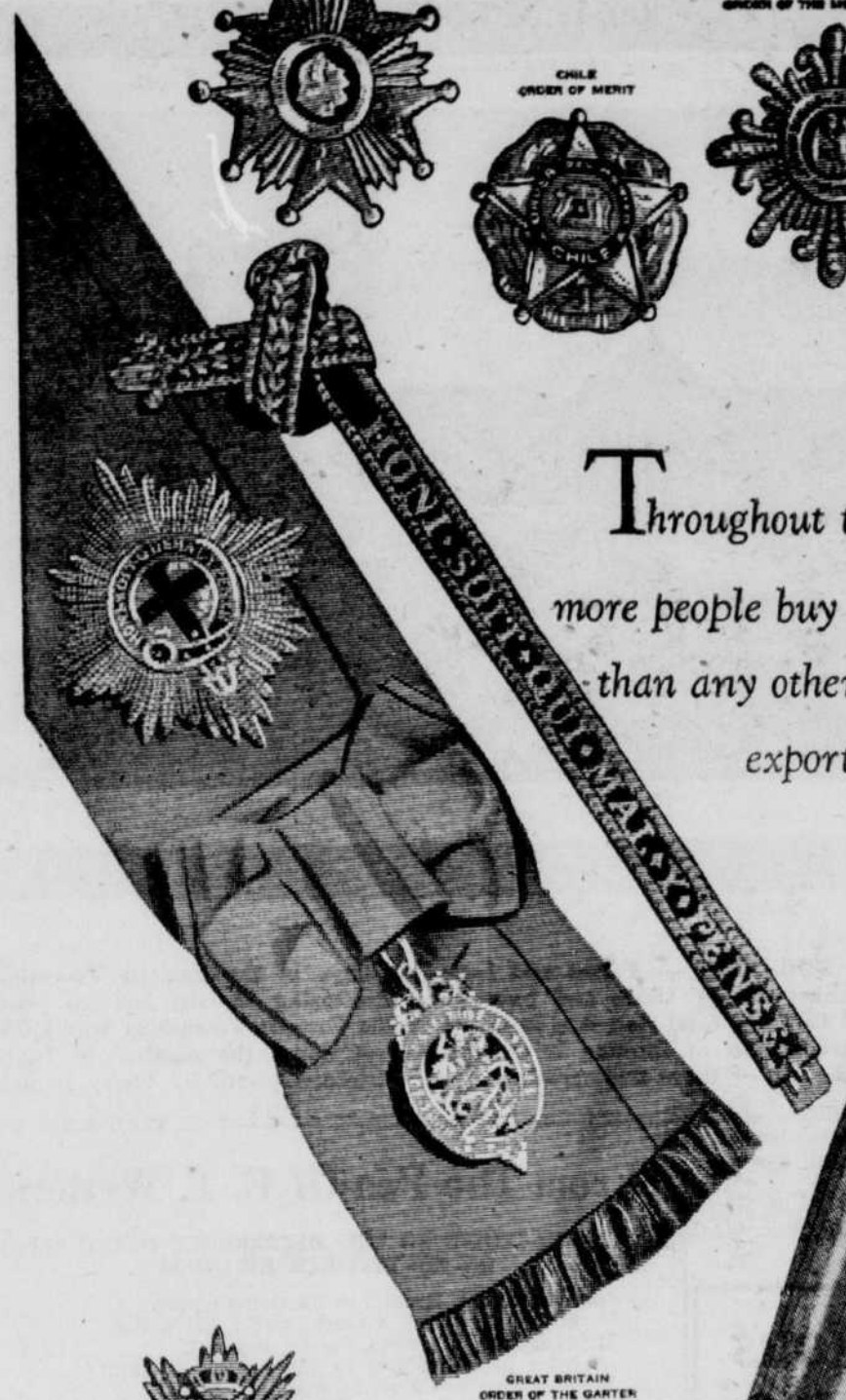
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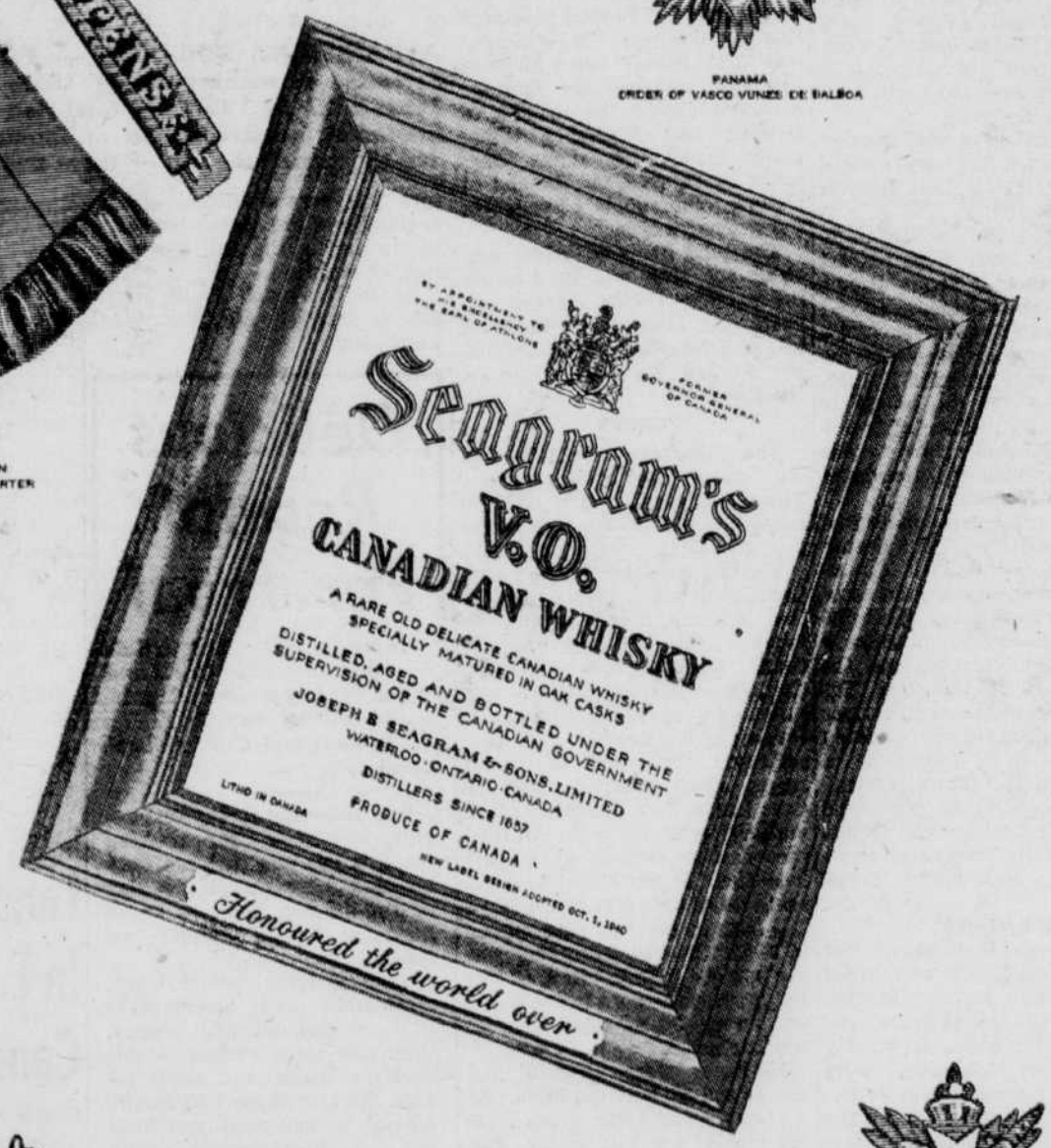
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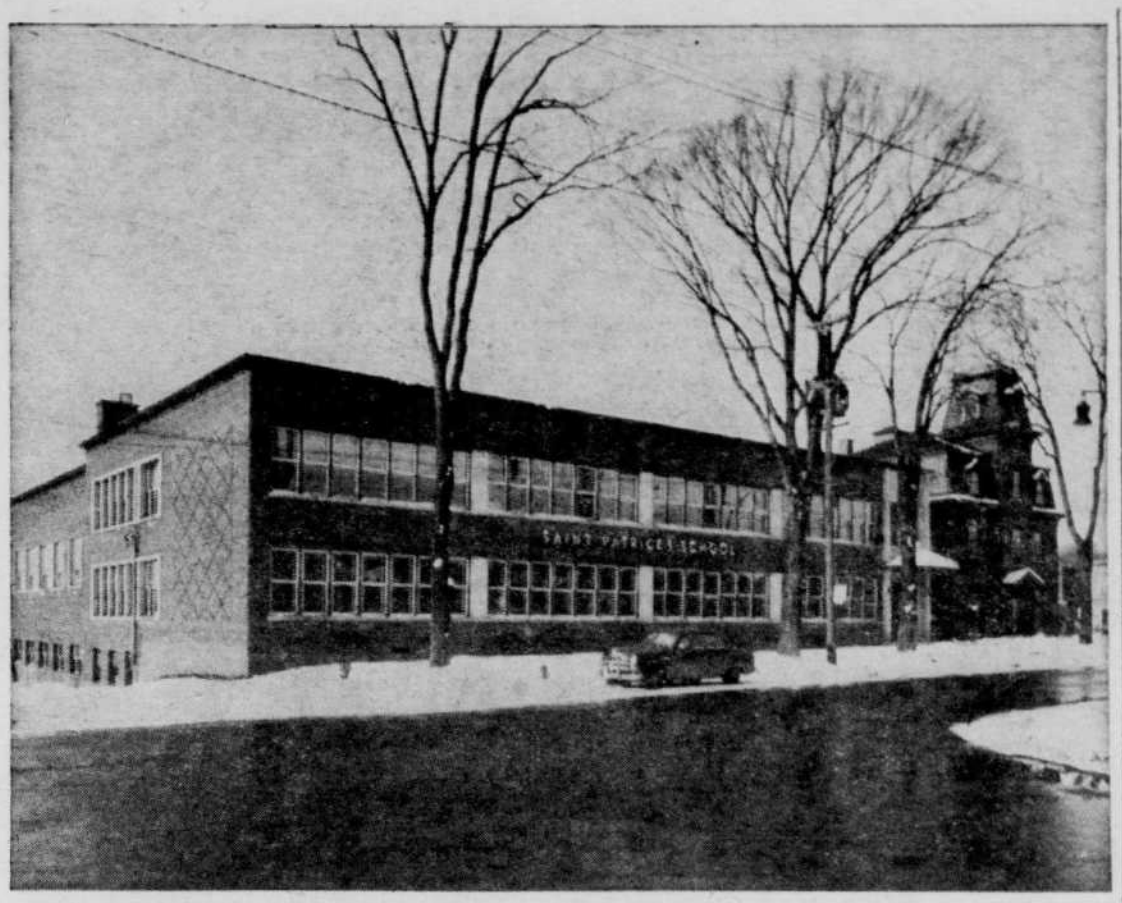
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NEW ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY — Shown above is the new St. Patrick's Academy school building, constructed in the spring and summer of last year. In the new edifice, there is classroom space for eleven grades, a chemistry laboratory, library cafeteria, manual training room, chapel and gymnasium. It accommodates at the present time 240 students. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

New St. Patrick's Academy Building Is Modern Addition

The building of a sparkling new wing at St. Patrick's Academy last spring marked the culmination of almost half a century's planning and effort on the part of Sherbrooke's Irish community.

The present edifice is modern throughout. There is sufficient classroom space for eleven grades, a chemistry laboratory, library, cafeteria, manual training room, chapel and gymnasium.

Back in 1910, the Irish community of Sherbrooke felt the need of a school which would look after the needs of the Irish Catholic youth of the City. Prior to this date the young lads had to attend the "Ecole du Centre" which was situated on the corner of Gillespie and Ball Streets.

A committee composed of Rev. Canon Fisette, then Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Dan McManamy, J. H. Walsh, Firmin Campbell, M. A. Hawkins, and D. J. Steele, was formed to look into the possibility of building an English Catholic school. Their efforts met with success and in September 1911 the first students registered at St. Patrick's Academy.

OPENED 1911

When the Academy was opened in 1911 on Belvedere Street, the building which is now used as the Priests' residence, served as school and private quarters for the teaching staff. The building was at one time the residence of Mr. Lomas, President of the Lomas Mills. It is over 100 years old.

As the registration grew larger new additions were added and it was not long before the Academy added the high school section.

The first teachers at the Academy were the Presentation Brothers of Ireland. In 1910 this Order had come from Ireland to settle in Montreal. The Academy was administered by the St. Patrick's School Board up until 1949 when the Catholic School Commission assumed control.

In 1955 the Salesian Fathers took over the teaching duties at the Academy. In the spring of 1956 the buildings were demolished and a new school was built.

The teaching staff at the Academy is composed of three Fathers of the Salesian Order and seven lay teachers.

SPORTS

In years past St. Patrick's Academy dominated the hockey scene in Sherbrooke. This year, through the efforts of the St. Patrick's Academy Old Boys' Association, who finance all sport at the Academy, eight hockey teams have been organized. The youngsters, ranging in age from eight to sixteen, have been organized into leagues and this organization should mean that in a few years St. Pat's will take its rightful place in sport in Sherbrooke. In addition to hockey, other sport activities include basketball and volleyball.

Recently a Fathers' Club was organized at the Academy. The reason for this being to permit the parents to take a greater interest in the activities of the students. A Mothers' Guild will be organized shortly.

Once each semester the parents are given an opportunity to visit the Academy where they have the opportunity of discussing the progress being made by the students with the teachers.

The cafeteria at the Academy is a busy place during the winter months. Each school day upwards to 100 students make use of its facilities. Hot soup, cocoa, milk, hot dogs and ice cream are served to the young lads.

The registration at the Academy at the present time is 240 students.

Nothing Is New Regarding Tile Floors, Designs

FROM SHERBROOKE GAZETTE JAN. 14, 1854

We had occasion, a few days ago to visit Messrs. S. J. Lyman and Company Drug Store in Montreal, and were much struck with the admirable character of the arrangements, and the elegance of its decorations. The shop is now exactly forty feet square, has been entirely refitted, and contains fifty feet of beautiful white marble counter; the cabinet work of mahogany and of elegant design, is by Messrs. Hilton of Great St. James Street, and the painting by Messrs. Ramsay and McArthur of McGill Street.

A novel and very beautiful feature of this store is the flooring, or pavement, which is formed of Encaustic Tiles, an article invented by Mr. Minton of England, and now manufactured by him on a large scale. These tiles are composed of material similar to what is called Wedgewood Mortar, are extremely hard and durable, and may be made of any pattern. They have been introduced lately into many of the public buildings in England, including the new Parliament Houses at Westminster.

They have also been much used in cathedrals, churches, banks, and in halls and lobbies of private residences in England The specimen of this manufacture is composed of upwards of 8000 pieces, some of which are only two inches square; these are laid upon a cement with mathematical accuracy, presenting a perfectly smooth patterned surface of vast colors, resembling mosaic. From their perfect dryness and we suppose, slightly porous character, they are not so apt to become slippery from the ice and snow which melts from the feet in winter, as marble and stone pavements, and have a warm comfortable appearance. This, the first specimen of Encaustic tile pavement we believe, introduced into Canada, was laid by Mr. Franklin Bricklayer, and certainly reflects great credit upon his skill as a tradesman.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER, 1902

Note from Berlin, Jan. 24, 1902: Commodore Schedder, the German commander in Venezuelan waters, officially reports the bombardment of Fort San Carlos from Maracaibo.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER 1903

London, March 2 — Lloyd George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, in a speech delivered in London today, declared that Great Britain was almost at the end of her teeter in the matter of voluntary enlistment for the army. He hoped to see the day when every male in the British Isles would be compelled to undergo military training.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER OCT., 1899

A rumour which however, lacks confirmation, is current in the London clubs at present, that the Duke of Connaught will accompany General Sir Redvern Bullers to Africa as Imperial Commissioner to confer with president Kruger and president Steyn.

SHERBROOKE EXAMINER 1903

The population of Winnipeg in 1902 was placed at 63,000.

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Academy To College

History Of Education In Stanstead Is Old

(Reprinted from the Sherbrooke Daily Record, 1906)

Schools were among the very first buildings in the Eastern Townships. In Stanstead County especially, scarcely were the rude log cabins erected and the primeval forest sufficiently conquered to admit of raising rude crops among the stumps, and blazed trails from house to house, when the sturdy pioneers began to plan for the education of their children.

As early as 1800, two schools in Stanstead, and as many in Hatley were in successful operation, successful in imparting the rudiments of knowledge and in the attendance and application of the pupils, but lacking in everything now considered necessary to successful teaching.

MEALS

While there were no mills to grind flour, it might naturally be considered difficult to provide the scholars with an appetizing lunch for the noon hour. I have been told by an old lady that the children commonly carried potatoes to school and at 11 a.m. the "Master" raked up the coals in the rude stone fireplace, put on the potatoes, covering them carefully, and these, with a little salt, nourished successfully the growing brains and bodies.

The teachers of those days were well satisfied with $6 per month salary, and that frequently paid in the usual currency of the country, such as provisions of all kinds produced at the time, which, if necessary, could be bartered for clothing. A little coarse paper, ink made from a concoction of bark, quill pens, Webster's spellers, and two or three odd books of ancient lineage constituted the equipment for the school life of some of the distinguished men and women of our country. But the same sturdy determination to overcome obstacles which animated the parents was the inheritance of the children, and proved a certain road to victory.

ACADEMIES BUILT

About the year 1825, the old log schoolhouse had well served its day and generation, and a new order of things grew possible because of the advancement and prosperity of the people.

While the small neighborhood schools were multiplied and improved, a scheme was set on foot and finally culminated in the erection of two academy buildings — one at Stanstead, and the other at East Hatley, at that time called Charlestown Village. The cost of the buildings was about $3,000 each, raised by subscriptions and donations.

Ichabod Smith, Wilder Pierce, and Jas. Baxter made up the last $700 of the expense in Stanstead.

It was at first proposed that Hatley Academy should be a school for young men, while the young ladies should attend Stanstead Academy, but then, as now, co-education won the day.

In 1829, the institutions were opened, and a grant of $800 per annum for a few years from the Provincial Legislature gave a good impetus to the work of education.

In the list of instructors in the Stanstead Academy occur the names of Rev. Jason Lee, afterwards the pioneer missionary to Oregon; Rev. Joseph Gibb, and his brother, Rev. David Gibb, from the learned halls of Scottish universities; Hugh Elder, who had been a successful educator in Scotland, and a graduate of Edinburgh University. By such good men were the foundations of learning well and truly laid.

STUDENTS

And what of the students? Do their names occur to us as worthy pupils of this favoured institution? Would that I might be able to give a correct list of its illustrious sons, but few records are available, and memory is always fallible.

The Hon. C. C. Colby, Judge R. N. Hall, Judge Steele of Vermont, the Terrill Brothers, successful advocates and ministers, doctors, editors, businessmen in Canada as well as in our sister republic have been proud to own Stanstead Academy as their Alma Mater.

In those early days, teaching was the only vocation open to women, apart from home duties.

A grand army of young lady teachers was educated here, filling positions of importance at home and abroad.

In 1849, Rev. J. P. Lee, who had previously been teaching in Georgia, returned home and engaged eighteen or twenty young ladies to return with him, and accept positions as teachers in the states of Georgia and Alabama. Other young men and ladies followed later, and very few of them ever returned to reside in Stanstead.

The new western states claimed some of the most adventurous, yet from occasional letters from the wanderers, none of them have forgotten the good old days spent in Stanstead Academy.

TEACHERS

As time passed, the supply of Old World teachers diminished, and teachers of both sexes were obtained from the United States. The natural resort of the students for collegiate education was Burlington, Vermont, Dartmouth, N.H. or Middleton, Conn. The young ladies went as far in their studies as the young men fitting for college, and then, perforce, they could go no further. No colleges of that day admitted women.

In those days, the means to pay for a college education was in many cases limited, and it was not an uncommon arrangement for young men to teach three or four months in the winter in district schools, continuing their collegiate studies by the tallow candle of whale oil lamp as they "boarded round" among the families of the neighbourhood.

One young man, who became afterwards one of the shining lights of the Quebec bar, walked the whole distance to and from Burlington, taught his three months, and came through his examinations with honors.

No need of athletics in such a strenuous life as that. The only relaxation from study hours was on Friday night when the young men, with more or less eloquence, recited the stock orations of the day, and the young ladies read compositions. At the close of each term, an "Evening Exercise was held when the best of these orations, and compositions with a dialogue, were presented to a roomful of interested friends.

Such school days might seem dull to the students of Stanstead Wesleyan College of today, but they served to make men and women which time has proved competent to fill honored places in all walks of life.

STANSTEAD COLLEGE

About the year 1866, a Teachers' Institute for the St. Francis District was held in the old Academy, presided over by Principal Graham, of St. Francis College, and attended by many of the

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Railway Washout — Floods are a thing with which Eastern Townships residents are quite familiar, and they are something we have always had with us. This photo was taken in April, 1896, showing a bridge washout on the Quebec Central Railway, just outside Lennoxville going towards the border. The photo is the possession of J. K. Edwards, a former mayor of Sherbrooke.

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Dominion Drama Festival

Six-Day Sherbrooke Event Held Last May

By WARREN SPAFFORD

One of the highlights of 1956 was the presentation of the Dominion Drama Festival Finals May 14-19. It was the first time that a city in the Province of Quebec had been chosen for such an honor, even though the organization has been functioning since 1933.

The choice of Sherbrooke as the site of the finals was certainly a welcome one for those who appreciate and enjoy good drama. A series of eight plays were presented, two of them in the French language. These plays were chosen to compete for 12 prizes after each had been declared a winner in their respective regions. The regional eliminations were held in the three months preceding the finals.

The Festival was graced by the presence of His Excellency Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, who attended the last performance on May 19 and presented the major prizes on stage immediately after the closing curtain.

The festival finals were adjudicated by the great French actress, Francoise Rosay, who was flown to Canada especially for the festival after arrangements had been completed by the French Embassy in Ottawa.

The presence of hundreds of visitors in Sherbrooke during festival week gave local people a chance to roll out the red carpet and the week was featured by gatherings at the Social Club after each performance, giving the organizing committee a chance to acquaint every visitor with the city and its people. The Festival was closed off on a gay note with the Governor's Ball Saturday night at the William Street Armoury, attended by well over 500 people.



TORONTO WINS DRAMA FESTIVAL AWARD — Eleanor Beecroft is shown accepting the Calvert Trophy from Governor-General Massey for the Canadian play, "Teach Me How To Cry," judged the best presentation in the Festival finals. Miss Beecroft is president of the University Alumnae Dramatic Club which presented the play. (Record photo by Gerry Lemay)

Carrying off top honors in the week-long festival was a Canadian play, "Teach Me How to Cry", written by the brilliant young Canadian writer, Patricia Joudry and performed by the University Alumnae Dramatic Club of Toronto. The play was awarded the Calvert Trophy and a cash prize of $1,000 which was presented by the Governor-General.

Other winners chosen at the festival included: The Festival Plaque for the best presentation of a full length play in English, excluding the winner of the Calvert Trophy, to "Mrs. McThing", performed by the London Little Theatre. This group also claimed the Henry Osborne Challenge Trophy for the best performance given by a man and awarded to Hank Vogelsang for his role as the boy in that play. At the age of 12, he became the youngest winner of the award in the history of the festival.

The Plaque du Festival for the best presentation of a full length play in French, excluding the Calvert Trophy Winner, went to "Les Insolites", performed by La Compagnie de Montreal. The Sir Barry Jackson Challenge Trophy for the best presentation in the regional festivals of a play written by a Canadian was also awarded to this Montreal company and the play's author, Jacques Languirand, captured the Festival Committee's prize of $100.

The Nella Jefferis Challenge Trophy for the best performance given by a woman went to Rosemarie Copland of Ottawa, daughter of the Australian High Commissioner, for the role of Gwendolen Fairfax in the "Importance of Being Earnest," by the Ottawa Little Theatre.

The Louis Jouvet Trophy for the best director went to Ian Thorne for the production "Darkness at Noon" by the Vancouver Little Theatre Association. The Saturday Night Plaques for the best supporting male and female roles respectively, went to Robert Trudel for the role of Geronte in "Les Fourberies de Scapin" by Le Cercle Moliere of St. Boniface, Man., and to Jean Giddings for the role of Elizabeth in "Angel Street" by the Little Theatre Guild of Charlottetown. This company was also awarded the Martha Allan Challenge Trophy for the best visual presentation.

"The River Line", eighth play presented during the week and performed by the Calgary Workshop, was the only one which did not receive any award.

Aside from the nightly presentation of plays, various other activities were scheduled during the week. The two-day Theatre Conference which gave various technicians a chance to brush up on their various specialties, featured such speakers as Andrew Allan, Drama Director of the CBC, Guy Beaulne, Bruce Raymond and David Haber of Montreal, Robert Tanner, acoustic and sound expert of the Northern Electric Co., and D. McGill, CBC programme director. There was also a full day excursion to the Brae Manor Summer theatre at Knowlton

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Stanstead Pioneered Education

By IVY HATCH

The history of educational institutions in the Townships shows that the first in Stanstead was the Stanstead Seminary, erected in 1829 at a cost of $2,500. For many years, this, and the academy in Hatley were the only classical schools in the Eastern Townships.

Stanstead seminary furnished instruction for a large number of students, many of whom were later hired on the teaching staff of the school and others distinguished themselves in public and professional life.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Stanstead Plain seminary in 1865, a plan was introduced and proposed to raise by subscription and otherwise the sum of $20,000 and to erect buildings to replace the seminary and furnish the facilities for a thorough Collegiate education. However about this same time the new Wesleyan church was costing more money than had been anticipated and the directors were compelled to abandon the idea. It was not until 1870-71 that a joint stock limited company with shares of $25.00 each was found and managed by a Board of twenty-one directors. The location of the new school was selected and on December 19, 1871, the first stockholders meeting in Stanstead Plain was held and the Stanstead Wesleyan College Association was organized.

The corner stone of the College was laid with appropriate ceremony by Rev. William Morley Punshon, L.L.D. then President of the Canada Wesleyan Conference, this event taking place on December 2, 1872. On December 24, of the same year the college was incorporated by act of the Provincial Parliament at Quebec.

In 1873, Rev. W. Hansford was appointed Governor of the College. The College has grown considerably through the years and in the 1940's the Stanstead Plain-Rock Island school board decided they must erect an elementary school. This was built, or rather completed and opened in 1952. The site chosen was that of "Sunnyside Castle" with the land partly in each Municipality. It was agreed that the new school should carry on with the name of "Sunnyside." Last year another room was added and there is still talk of adding more rooms for teaching.

In 1884, the Ursuline Convent was founded in Stanstead by a group of the Reverend Sisters coming from Quebec. Proving a successful venture from that year, in 1955 a new wing was completed so that at present it is one of the finest monastries in the Eastern Townships.

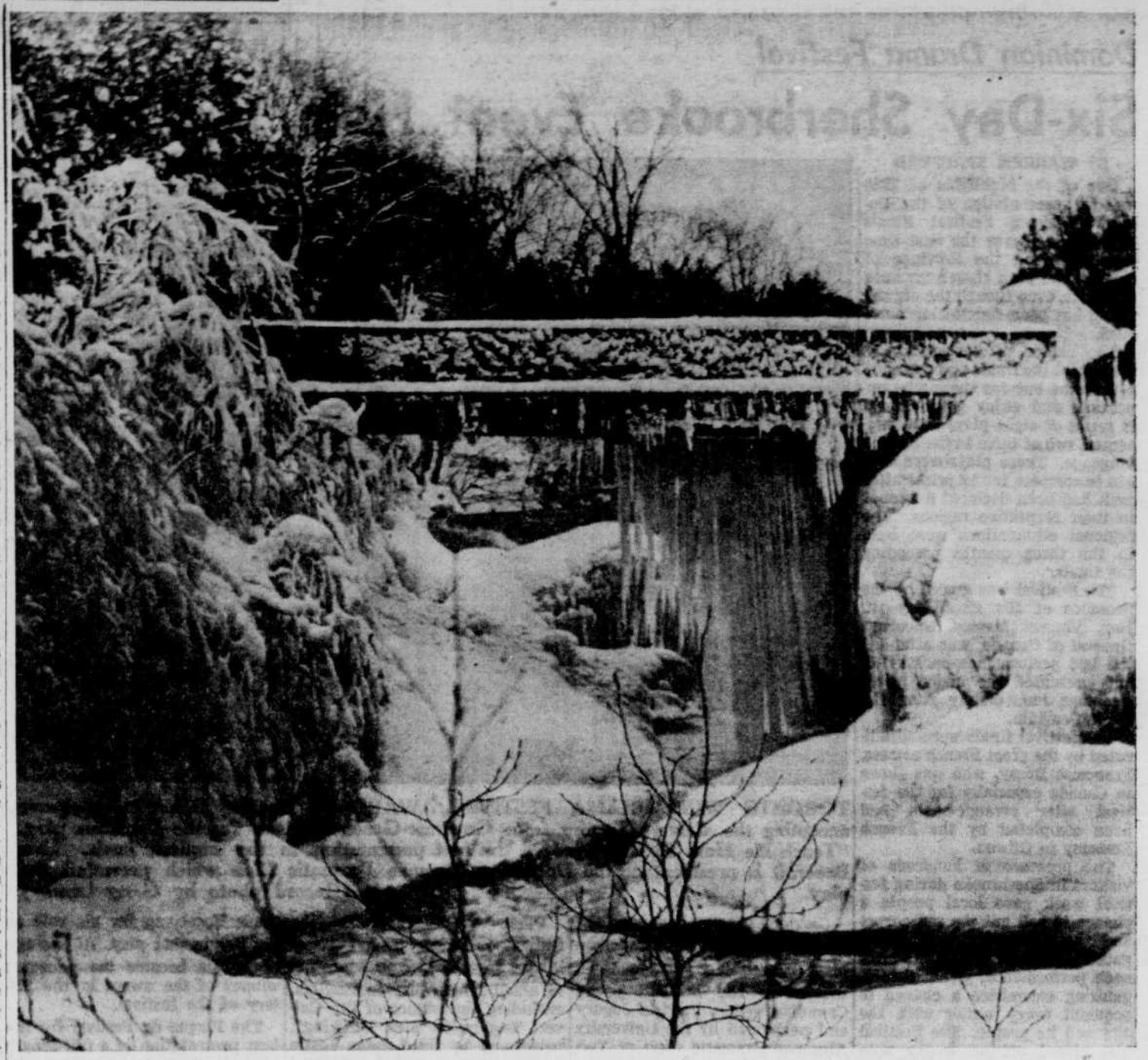
In 1938, on the eve of Stanstead College's June prom and closing activities, the main college was destroyed by fire. This was immediately replaced by a modern fire proof institution which is the present building. Then only a few years ago Pierce Hall, affiliated with the College was also burned. A portion of this still stands, and is being used by the present staff and students. The Board has plans for building this, as well as other needed buildings.

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Stanstead town people.

These good men, who had scarcely entered the building since their own school days, were touched by its ancient and dilapidated condition, and at once started the scheme of erecting a new and up-to-date building where facilities for collegiate education might be enjoyed. The building of the Methodist Church about this time delayed the plans somewhat, but they were never given up, and the Stanstead Wesleyan College opened its doors to students in the latter part of the year 1873. Since that time, the history of higher education in Stanstead has been the history of Stanstead Wesleyan College. A new generation has arisen who know naught of the old Academy, save the sound of the old bell which was the only legacy from the old school to the new, unless we mention the Rev. A. Lee Holmes, one of the last teachers in the Academy, and one of the first in the new college.

In the memory of the old students, the scenes, the friends, the familiar happenings remain, pleasantly mellowed by the lapse of time.



Old Foot Bridge — This picture of the old foot bridge across the Magog River from Frontenac street between the Dufferin and Belvedere street bridges was taken one winter between 1890 and 1895. The bridge was of wood, and in the winter time, presented a fantastic sight among the frozen-spray covered trees, with heavy icicles dripping from the bottom of it. The photo is the possession of J. K. Edwards, a former Mayor of Sherbrooke.

GOOD SCOUT

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) — Lyndon Berry, 16, is a top international Boy Scout. He has been awarded the Queen's Scout badge, highest scouting award in Canada, and the Eagle Scout badge, highest in the United States.

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Rise Of Farm Income Helps Sales; Outlook For This Year Good

By A. A. THORNBROUGH
President,
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Despite the difficulties which in 1956 have been common to the farm equipment industry in North America, there have been positive and constructive factors.

The prospect for 1957 is for an increase in sales of new agricultural machinery. The increase, while not spectacular, could well be substantial.

Surpluses of some farm products continued in 1956 to overhang the market, and serious drought conditions persisted in important sales areas in the United States. With the supply of farm machinery in the early part of the year in excess of demand, business was highly competitive.

Industry sales in Canada have, nevertheless, shown a significant increase in 1956, (the final figures may well record a rise in excess of 10 per cent), extending further the sales increase made in 1955 over 1954.

Biggest factor in bringing about this materially improved situation in Canada has undoubtedly been the important upswing in farm cash income. With strong advances made in the Prairie Provinces, cash income for the first six months of 1956 was not far short of the record levels of 1951 and 1952.

In the United States, due to various factors of which the more important were uncertainty as to the Government farm program and unfavorable weather, sales were slow from spring through summer and sharply curtailed the manufacturing operations of farm machinery companies in the United States, and of those Canadian factories supplying the U.S. market.

On the constructive side, however, toward the year-end there were signs of a firmer market — sales perceptibly quickened with a strengthening of U.S. farm cash income, which is estimated to show an increase of 3.5 per cent for 1956 over 1955.

The indications are that this upward trend in North American farm cash income will continue into 1957—markedly so in Canada, to a somewhat lesser extent perhaps in the United States. Exports of wheat are moving at an accelerated pace. Per capita consumption of beef, pork and poultry is moving up to record levels, and with generally buoyant economic conditions in North America and overseas, demand for food products is likely to be maintained. In Canada, farmer marketings of all grains from the beginning of the new crop year to December 5 are approximately 50 per cent in excess of the previous year for a like period.

Three particular situations will tend to stimulate demand and strengthen substantially the industry level of activity in the year ahead.

First— the widespread inventory reductions of farm machinery which have been achieved both at the manufacturing and retail level have placed the industry in a much sounder position.

Second— the normal cycle of obsolescence and replacement following a period of restricted buying, with perhaps a speed-up of the timetable for replacing tractor and harvesting equipment purchased between 1947 and 1951.

Third— the persistent shortage of farm labor which in 1957 will be even more acute. The decrease in farm workers in the U.S. has averaged 181,000 annually for the past ten years, and in Canada in the first ten months of 1956 there was a decrease of more than 50,000 from the same period of 1955.

With farm costs remaining relatively stable and the probability that farm net income in 1957 will continue at the higher 1956 level, farmers may, therefore, be prepared to channel a larger share of an improved purchasing power into mechanized labor saving equipment.

In view of the pressures of the farm labor situation—with workers in short supply and higher-priced—it is increasingly evident that the farmer must organize his operations for maximum efficiency and take every economic advantage of the most up-to-date equipment.



Old Bake Oven — This oven was discovered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Hatcher on Moulton Hill Road, Lennoxville last summer. It was used many years ago by Mr. Hatcher's grandfather and was situated in the chimney on the outside of the house. It was demolished when repairs were being made to the house. Mr. Hatcher is the third generation to live in the 100-year-old home.

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The "Canadian Times"

Mid-Nineteenth Century Local Weekly Lasted Only Four Years

By HUGH DOHERTY

On January 4, 1855, a new newspaper published its first edition in Sherbrooke. It was not a daily newspaper — one of those was already in existence, the "Sherbrooke Gazette"; but a weekly, called the "Canadian Times." Devoted to "Politics, General Intelligence, Agriculture and Literature," the paper did not have a very long life, ceasing operations on June 30, 1859, only four years after it had begun.

Published by John Edwards for the proprietors, Richie and Company in the Beckett Building, Strathcona Square, the paper later changed ownership, and in October 1858, was in the hands of H. Jewitt and Company, who kept up until the final issue. He, like his predecessor, brought out the journal every Thursday.

Under Mr. Jewitt's management, too, the "Canadian Times" changed its name to the "Sherbrooke Times" on January 6, 1859.

AUSTERE APPEARANCE

In appearance, this weekly was most austere. The front page was devoted to a long fictional instalment which occupied from five to six of the newspaper's seven columns. Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities" was one work published in this form in the "Times" at a time when Dickens' works were best sellers. Also on the front page was a piece of poetry, sometimes a column and a half long, and a column on agriculture. One of the favorite agricultural topics was the use of manure. One such article is entitled "Look to the Manure Heap!"

A few weeks before the publication of the first issue of the "Canadian Times", the publishers put out a prospectus, which gave the aims of the paper. The prospectus said, in part:

"We are induced to enter upon this enterprise from the conviction that there is room for another paper in this District, and that the Eastern Townships require a larger representation among the journals of the country than they now possess. The greatly increased material prosperity of the position of the province will be of comparatively little value unless it be accompanied by a corresponding intellectual activity and political thoughtfulness and independence. To aid in some humble measure, in advancing the intellectual and moral as well as material interests of the country will be the aim of this journal, and its special ambition will be to advocate the interest, political, agricultural, social and intellectual, of the Eastern Townships. For support, it will mainly look to the farmers, who form the great body of the people.

FOUR AIMS

"POLITICS — In politics, the "Canadian Times" will be liberal — worshipping nothing simply because it is old, and not afraid of new measures simply because they are untried. Its sympathies will be with the party of progress.

"AGRICULTURE — A large portion of this journal will be devoted to the interests of agriculture. The completion of that portion of the Great Railway System of this country, which more immediately affects this section of the province, has raised the farmers of the Eastern Townships from a situation almost of servility to one of importance and independence . . .

"GENERAL INTELLIGENCE — The "Canadian Times" will endeavour to supply its readers with the latest European and American news, Parliamentary debates, etc. . .

LITERATURE — Lastly, it will be a paramount object of this newspaper to cultivate and encourage a pure and elevated literature . . ."

ALL THINGS

By our newspaper standards of today, the new journal, in four pages, was trying to be all things to all people once a week.

In serving the political interests of the community, the "Canadian Times" published two and three thousand word editorials, filled with a redundance of flowery rhetoric that by our standards, certainly helped to obscure the point of view being expounded. Nevertheless, they offer interesting reading pertaining to Canadian politics before Confederation, and also on events in Europe during the Crimean War.

In a ringing editorial published in 1856, entitled "What Canada Wants", the editors of the "Times", although disowning their radical frame of mind, accurately forecast the basis for Canadian prosperity:

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We want no revolutionary platforms and we look with suspicion on those noisy brawlers, who prate by the hour about government corruption and dishonesty. We see no good prospect in the country in the union of the Clear Grits of Upper Canada with the Rouges of Lower Canada; they may disturb the equilibrium of society, and hinder some thousands of emigrants from settling among us . . .

We ought to forget the distinctions of race and creed, to look on Canada as one country, not as two separate sections. United, we are strong and powerful, and are daily becoming more so . . ."

EUROPE

The European comments were always a trifle behind the events. In October, 1855, the "Times" commenting on the fall of Sebastopol a full month earlier exults, "To the majority of our readers, we need offer no apology for the space (four long columns) devoted in this week's issue to the details of the fall of Sebastopol. Of course, the glorious news of the final triumph of the allied arms has been the topic of the past week — all other subjects have been forced to give way . . . . A year of struggle, delay and disaster has been crowned with success so complete that we almost wonder that the good news did not come months ago . . ."

Speaking of relations with the United States, the "Times" comments in an editorial entitled "Letting out the Secret" that "we have long suspected our southern neighbours of possessing a longing desire to get possession of Canada, either by hook or by crook, and this suspicion has made us think that the Central American question was a mere pretext for a quarrel with Great Britain . . . we have thought that if the Americans should, in their folly, declare war against our mother country, Canada would be their object, and the theatre of the war . . . No . . . Canadians are too honorable, too loyal, too fond of real freedom to exchange it for the misnomer called liberty which the United States offers us . . . when Canada feels inclined to loose from the gentle hold of her mother . . . she will be fully able to become a nation, and will spurn the offer of a union with a people who hold three million of their fellow men in bondage because the color of their skin is of a deeper shade."

PHILOSOPHY

Much rarified philosophy of a classical turn was also expressed on the editorial pages of the illustrious "Times". One such item, entitled "The Age of Fraud", has this to say:

"There is a class of polemics who strongly contend for the doctrine that man is not by nature inherently bad, but that he is daily increasing in wisdom and virtue, and will continue to do so, until, by his own energies, he has arrived at a state of moral perfection . . ."

Then, having pontificated this point, the editorial goes on to say: "It is not our intention to enter this controversy; we leave that for those who are specially trained and appointed for the rectification of these matters . . ." This leaves the way open for the writer to proceed to his appointed theme, namely frauds in politics, business and royalty.

The "Times" carried on a lively running literary fight with all other newspapers in the field, nothing daunted by their importance or size. One editorial takes a righteous crack at the attitude of the New York "Tribune" on comparisons between Napoleon III and Canada. Especially singled out for "Times" attacks was the rival daily, the Sherbrooke "Gazette".

In one such verbal punch, entitled "You lie, sir," the "Times" jibes: "The 'Gazette' is reduced to the last extremity. Its only remaining argument we have placed at the beginning of this article. Exasperated beyond measure at the idea that his game was up, the Editor of the 'Gazette' leaves his region of moderate and respectable discussion, and resorts to the class of words with which he is most familiar . . ."

AGRICULTURE WANES

The four aims of the paper — politics, agricultural, literature and general intelligence were treated admirably at first, but as the years went by, it must be admitted that agriculture was the first ideal to become tarnished. For the last two years of the paper's existence, the front page agricultural column ceased to become local, and became instead, re-prints from New England farm publications. The farmer got fewer and fewer hints on the application and care of manure, and more and more foreign items, poetry, and political editorials.

Yet, to the end, the "Times" kept a wide circle of outlets throughout the Townships, and even in Portland and New York. The last ad for the "Sherbrooke Times" bravely states that it is still published every Thursday (although it was never published again) and that advertising rates were $1 for one square (16 solid lines of Brevier), 75 cents for three-fourths of a square, and 50 cents for half a square or less.

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Knicky Knocky Enterprise

Growing Of Hops Was Once Important E.T. Part-Time Industry

By MRS. GEORGE PARSONS
Bury Correspondent

Hop raising was once an important Eastern Townships industry, especially in the Bury area, but it was not a full-time occupation for most farmers. It was, rather, a lucrative sideline to the regular farming enterprises.

It was not a universal practice among the farmers, for obvious reasons. In the first place it required a considerable outlay of money for the necessary equipment, not to mention all the extra time and labor involved, and the uncertainty of the market after the product was harvested. The time was about the 1880's and early 1890's. One of these hop raising projects was carried on in the Bury vicinity, when Thomas Dorman established a hop yard on his farm, situated on the town line road between the townships of Bury and Newport in the district locally known as the Knicky Knocky neighborhood.

In this venture he was assisted by his two younger sons, Walter and Tommie Dorman, and an adopted boy, Alfred Coote. No one now seems to remember whether the initial planting was by seeds or started plants, but as the hop is a perennial it was not necessary to replant each year. They were planted in rows and cultivated in much the same way as any root crop. As the plant is a twining, climbing vine it was necessary to provide support, and this was furnished by long, slender poles which by the time the vines had attained full growth, gave the yard the appearance of a young forest.

The hop plant has a perennial root, with many annual angular stems. The leaves are dark green and quite rough. The flowers are of a greenish colour and cone-like in form. They are used in the manufacture of beer, ale and porter, as well as having medicinal value. The odor of hops is peculiar but rather agreeable, and the taste is somewhat astringent and very bitter.

As might be expected of such an enterprise it added a great deal of extra work to the already heavy schedule of the farmer, but the really full scale operation came into effect at the time of the harvesting of the crop which matured around the middle of August. It was then that many extra helpers were called in to pick the hops before they were nipped by an early frost. This offered an opportunity for the women and girls of the vicinity to earn a little pin-money for themselves. Those who came in from a distance were given lodging and board in the Dorman home, while those who lived nearby came in for the noon meal only.

Needless to say, the whole place was a veritable hive of activity at this time. Mrs. Dorman, better known as Auntie Dorman, with her staff of cooks and maids, catered to the physical needs of the workers. Widely known as an excellent cook, she took great pride in setting a lavish table. One of the highlights of the day occurred at 4 p.m., when a lunch was sent to the fields. This was not just an ordinary snack but a really sumptuous repast.

The hop picking operation began by taking down the poles in the row, and clipping the vines off near the ground. Large wooden boxes, approximately 8 x 3 and fairly deep, were brought into the row and placed conveniently near the pickers. As the hops were cleared from the vines the boxes were moved along the row. When they were filled they were taken to the hop house for curing.

The hop house was a wooden building with an upstairs floor of narrow boards set edgewise about an inch or so apart, and covered with cheesecloth to prevent the hops from falling through. The hops were spread out on this in an even, shallow layer, and turned from time to time to ensure uniform drying. On the floor below a fire was kept burning night and day in a big box stove, with all doors tightly closed to retain and direct the heat to the hops above.

As each day's picking was sufficiently dry, it was packed in bales by a hand press, and the floor was ready for the next day's picking. The hop picking season was hailed with delight by young and old, for it was a gay and gala time. With the extra influx of young people there was a dance every night at one or another of the homes around, while the actual work was enlivened with social chat and friendly gossip. Apparently one of the best re-

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IN THE HOP FIELDS — Just before the turn of the century, hop raising was an important Eastern Townships industry. This picture was taken in 1894, on the farm of Thomas Dorman, in the Knicky Knocky neighbourhood, in the Bury area. Mr. Dorman is the man in his shirtsleeves in the foreground, and Mrs. Dorman is second on his right. Among the others are: Mrs. Enos Allison, Mrs. Jane Parsons, Mrs. Frank Herring, Mrs. Louis Lizotte, Grandma Prudence Parsons (standing at the left end of the hop box), and Mrs. Henry Herring at the extreme right.

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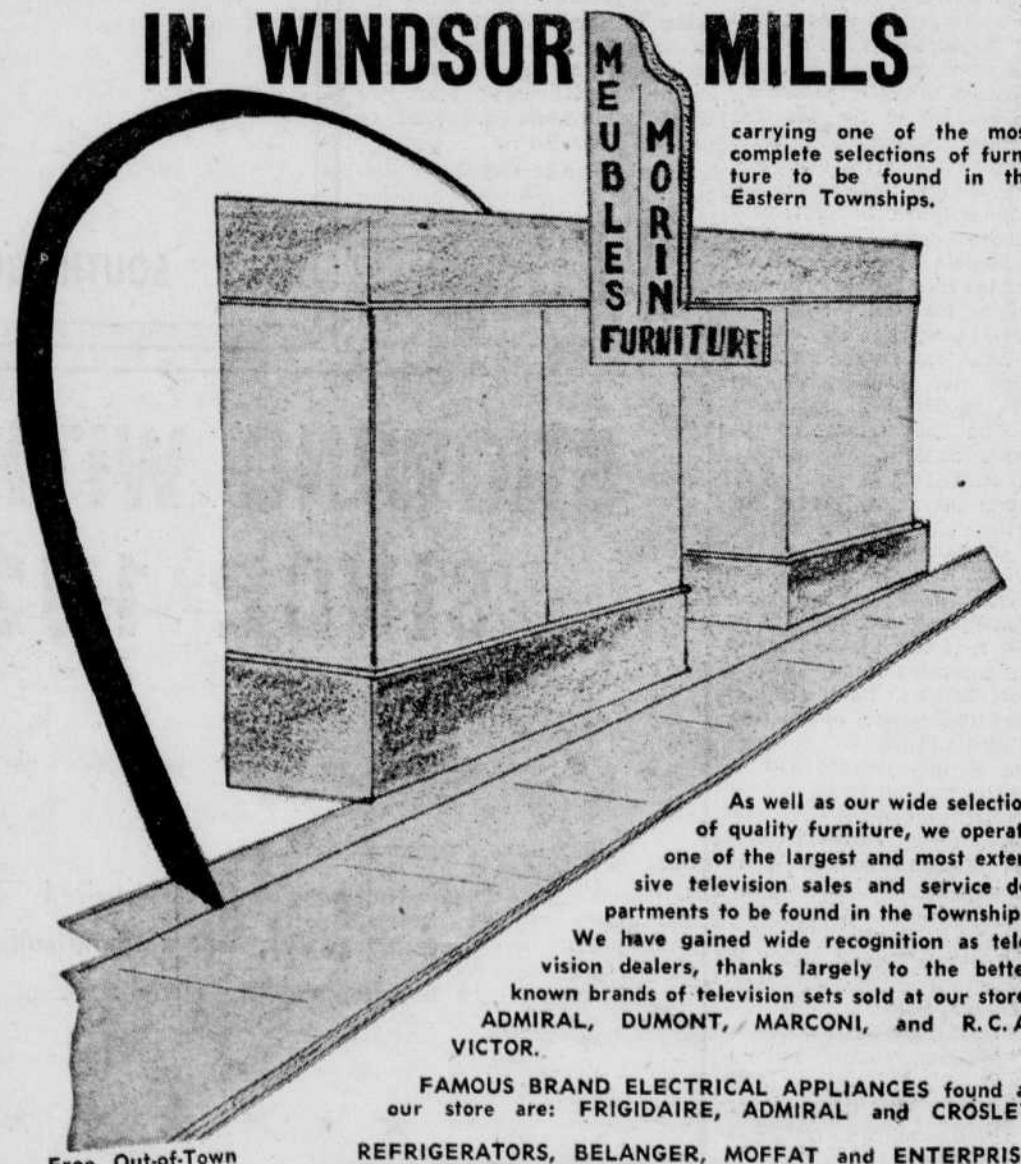
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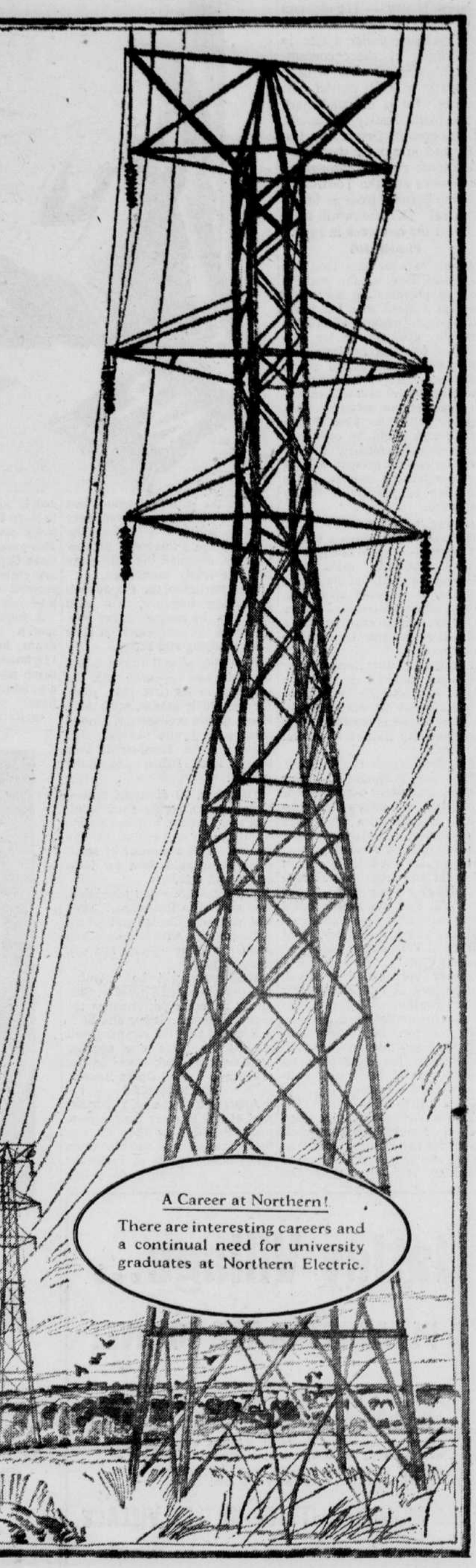
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First Season

NORTH HATLEY PLAYHOUSE A HIT

By BARBARA WARK

North Hatley — The pleasant little page boy pictured on the right reclining under a tree in an attitude of sheer contentment, became a familiar sight to playgoers of this district last summer. He is the trademark of the North Hatley Playhouse, which began its first season last July, and in a very short time made itself popular throughout Sherbrooke and the Townships, drawing patrons from as far as Montreal. The season will open this year the last week in June.



PLANNING

A year ago at this time the Playhouse was in the embryo stage of planning. It had come about as a result of a few interested people wishing to provide first-rate "live" theatre for residents of the Eastern Townships which would also afford young Canadians an opportunity to study the theatre arts with experienced actors and actresses. This, together with the idea that a curling rink could be converted into a summer theatre. Intense planning and preparation for the next few months resulted in the formation of the North Hatley Playhouse.

It was a successful venture. The Playhouse attendance during the summer averaged nearly 90%. Several additional seats were added in the middle of the season bringing the capacity up to 360. Sellout performances were experienced more than once. It was a heartening reward for officers and directors.

President of the North Hatley Playhouse Limited is Brigham Day of Montreal. Helen Spafford of Sherbrooke is vice-president, Geoffrey Taylor is secretary-treasurer and Ray Hatrick is general manager.

The Brae Manor Curling Club, which was to house the new theatre, underwent a tremendous face-lifting. The interior was completely re-finished, a large stage was erected, a temporary floor was installed at an incline, and enough room was left for a small lobby in the front and storage and dressing room space at the rear. All this was accomplished by the energetic Scotsman James Hatrick, and his son Ray, joint owners of Brae Manor Hotel and Curling Club.

Arthur Voronka of Montreal, was secured as resident director of the company with Royce Gale of Sherbrooke serving as associate director. Both these men will be back this summer, the management has announced, together with at least one, well-known guest director.

SET-DESIGN

The set-designer, Helen Austin, of Massawippi, was well known for her artistic ability long before she undertook the task of designing and supervising the sets for the nine productions last summer. Her work proved very popular and she will join the company again this year. She, by the way, designed the NHP page boy previously mentioned.

Dino Narizzano, the Playhouse's production manager, will also stay with the company, after having spent the past winter in New York studying and acting.

A number of well known actors and actresses appeared with the company in its first year, some for the whole season, some only in one or two productions. Among these were Lynne Gorman, Nan Stewart, John Hempstead, Ivor Barry, Ruth Dahan and Ruby Renaut.

This year, 30 different professional artists, mostly from Montreal and Toronto, will be employed through the course of the summer, with a number of small parts being held open for local actors and actresses.

Ten plays are being scheduled, one more than last season. They will be mostly London and Broadway comedies, with one Canadian premier of a new drama and one mystery play.

Wednesday will be "opening night" rather than Thursday, thus giving an extra performance for each production. It has also been announced that the company will present its plays one evening each week at Rock Island in the celebrated Haskell Opera House.

APPRENTICES

Apprentices form an important part of any summer theatre company, handling as they do costumes, props, sets and the numerous other details of backstage business. A number of young people joined the ranks last year to learn the theatre fundamentals, many staying the whole season. This year the company will carry three Canadian and two American apprentices through the entire summer and each is assured at least one acting role.

A young New York actress and speech instructress, Miss Patti Evans, has been retained by the Playhouse as resident drama coach and will also take parts in a number of the season's productions.

In its first year the Playhouse was able to earn a modest profit, which is an exceptional happening in terms of summer stock. This year more than twice the amount of that profit is being reinvested into the converted Curling Club. Some of the seats are being removed to ease movement within the auditorium and a steeper incline will be made on the rear section of the floor for better viewing. Other plans include a widened outdoor promenade and outdoor clubroom facilities, both with awning coverings, an enlarged parking space to allow individual diagonal parking, and new storage and dressing room space for the production staff and artists.

British Doctors Treating Children Behaviour Worries

Montreal — (CP) — British doctors now are treating more "behavior problems" and less physical illness in children, Dr. Ian Grant, president of the College of General Practice of Great Britain, says.

In an interview, he said he thought a general lack of discipline in the home and school likely caused this. British school teachers no longer were allowed to strap or cane pupils.

The only place where the traditional disciplines exist was in "public schools," which corresponded to private schools in Canade. As a result, parents who believe in old-fashioned discipline have to pay extra school fees to have their children walloped.

"I don't know whether caning would reduce behavior problems. They are serious, but I know that although I didn't like the wallopings I received as a youngster, I don't think they did me any harm."

The Rocking Chair Seen As Standard Office Equipment

Bass River, N.S. — (CP) — The old rocking chair may be standard equipment in business offices some day, says James Creelman, who has made a lot of them.

He's proprietor of the Dominion Chair Co., whose plant in this central Nova Scotia village turns out about 5,000 wooden rockers each year for sale in the four Atlantic provinces.

The old wooden rocker, once found in every kitchen and parlor and on every veranda in summer is still in considerable demand, but the wicker rocker is pretty well a thing of the past.

However, says Mr. Creelman, the modern platform rocker is increasing in popularity. It doesn't tip, doesn't damage the baseboards in a room, stays in one place and yet provides the same soothing motion.

A lot of tired businessmen would think better and get more done in the long run if they'd take time out for a rock in the middle of a busy day, Mr. Creelman believes. He points out that in the old days many a good and sound business venture got its start to the peaceful rock of a rocking chair.

Of course, like everything else, the old rocker costs more now. A plain wooden one sells for $12.50 and up, while platform rockers start at $49.50 and go as high as $72.50 for those with more expensive covering fabrics.

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J. Edgar Kingsland

Magog Writer, Soldier Citizen Still Active

By CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

Magog — J. Edgar Kingsland, J.P., V.D., is one of Magog's most colourful and celebrated citizens. To most Eastern Townships citizens he is simply known as Ed, because this is the way in which he signs his name on the news articles he writes for the Montreal Gazette, the Coaticook Observer and the Sherbrooke Tele-



J. EDGAR KINGSLAND

gram, and there are very few in this region who do not know about Mr. Kingsland.

Ed Kingsland has seen many changes take place in the Townships during the forty-five odd years he has lived in Magog, many of which he was responsible for in one way or another, as his active life has seen him take a most prominent part in community and district welfare and progress.

Born in Montreal, June 3rd, 1883, Mr. Kingsland made that centre his home until he was a young man. He received his education at the Montreal public schools of Berthelet-Sherbrooke and Montreal Senior High. He later attended evening courses at McGill University where he studied mechanical engineering to later graduate in this field through study with the International Correspondence Schools. He served his machinist apprenticeship in Rochester, New York, and came to Magog in 1912 to take charge of the Dominion Textile Company's machine shop as foreman, until his retirement in 1945.

Ed Kingsland is best known as an organizer, an old soldier, community worker and good family man. His varied activities and achievements have seen him as municipal official, soldier, and welfare worker. At the age of eighty-four he is still going strong.

Ed Kingsland's role as a soldier started as a boy, when he was elected mascot of the 5th Royal Scots of Canada in Montreal, with whom he later became a regular militiaman, then he belonged to the 3rd Montreal Field Battery R.C.A., where he took up music to play in the unit's military band as well as in the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and the All-Montreal Military Band. While in the 3rd Field Battery, he held the provincial broadsword championship, which he won in 1901. On coming to Magog he enlisted in the 53rd Regiment, which is now The Sherbrooke Regiment, 12th Armoured, which was known as the 117th Overseas Battalion. Ed Kingsland gained highest recognition as a soldier, earning for himself six decorations. On returning to Canada he resumed his participation in the Sherbrooke unit, of which he is still an honourary member.

The outbreak of the Second World War found Edgar Kingsland too old to join the army, but this didn't prevent him from doing his share for the war effort, as he worked most energetically in forming the Frontiersmen as industrial security guards from eligible men of Magog.

Following the First War, in 1924 he was named to the Royal Commission of Veterans' Affairs, and ever since has been trying to lighten the lot of ex-service men. He has always encouraged veteran groups, and has been president of the Quebec Command of Army, Navy Veterans in Canada. Presently he holds the post of secretary-treasurer for the 117th Eastern Townships' Battalion Association, a duty he has attended to for some time.

In 1932 Ed Kingsland was elected mayor of Magog, and in 1934 on his retirement from the post, was appointed justice of peace for the community, a responsibility which he still holds and actively attends to.

Mrs. Kingsland, formerly Miss Margaret Bilmer from Glengarry County, Ontario, is not as celebrated as her famous husband, but very dearly loved in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsland have four sons and two daughters.

Today Ed Kingsland's favourite pastime is remembering the many events he has experienced during his lifetime, and those who have met him always welcome an opportunity to listen to his tales of yesteryear.

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80-Year-Old Livery Stable Man

Recalls Days When The Horse Was More Than A Curiosity

By CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

Magog — Charles W. Whittier will celebrate his eightieth birthday June 10th, but conversing with this elderly gentleman one would never guess his age. He is young appearing and definitely very much up to date, enjoying all that the modern world has to offer him, and he is in complete agreement that life is becoming easier year by year. Mr. Whittier has an excellent memory, and is able to offer numerous detailed accounts of what has taken place over the years in his native Magog district.

His favourite topics of conversation are sports, automobiles, auctions, of which he attends many, and above all horses. In fact, his reputation as a horse dealer and one-time prominent livery stable operator is still widespread, and whenever the name "Charlie Whittier" is mentioned, it is usually associated with his liking for horses.

CHANGES

"The years have brought many changes to Magog, Cherry River and the rest of this area," Mr. Whittier said, "but they've been good changes!" He feels that people referring to 'the good old days" never stop to think of the hardships that accompanied the good times they knew years back. "I enjoy life anyway," this old timer stated, and there is very little doubt that he does, because since his retirement twelve years ago he has enjoyed extensive travel, done many of the things he was never able to do in his younger years, and generally extracted a lot of enjoyment out of life.

Mr. Whittier was born in 1877



C. W. WHITTIER

at Bolton Forest to Arden Willis Whittier and the former Addie Paige. His parents were hard working farmers who settled on a square plot of cleared land North of Cherry River, a short distance from Cherry River Pond and Mount Orford. Charles Whittier was only nine years old when his parents took up residence on the forested tract of land that was to later develop into one of the most fertile farms in the region.

From his boyhood Charles Whittier knew hard work; clearing land, struggling against the hardships facing settlers, and being the only son, his tasks were numerous and heavy. Today the Whittier farm lies idle, bare and barren. It was purchased prior to the last war by the provincial government for their plans to develop Mount Orford and the surrounding lands as a provincial park. "It's a shame to see such a good farm go to waste," Mr. Whittier said, "especially when one knows how much hard toiling went into making it what it was, and could still be!" He regrets that the farm is not maintained, but as he states, "obviously the provincial government has better plans."

HORSE LOVER

Charlie Whittier's love for horses started as early as he was allowed to drive and care for his father's team. The demand for good horsemen was very acute in the early days, so the services of a good teamster like Charles Whittier were in demand. His skill at handling and caring for horses earned him high wages, a welcome supplement to what he could earn farming with his father. His days as a boy attending the little red schoolhouse, which until only a few years back still stood at the turn to the Mount Orford golf course, were soon to pass. At the age of seventeen he had become a full fledged teamster, and was to make his own way in the world, to gain his undaunted reputation as a horseman.

In 1898 Charles Whittier married Mary Dufresne, and built his home on a portion of his father's farm, where he intended to continue clearing land and farming, but demand kept him working as a teamster and supervisor among horsemen working lumbering contracts on the nearby mountain. In 1910 he purchased his livery stable business in Magog, which developed into one of the biggest firms of its type ever known in the district. At the time the livery business was as important as our taxi and transport companies, and Charles Whittier's business flourished. All progressed well for him until the First World War broke out, and this induced Mr. Whittier to sell his prosperous business to enter war work in Sherbrooke at the Ingersoll-Rand, and Jencks Machine Works. He said, "There were already some automobiles and small trucks in Magog, and I knew then that they would one day take over from the horse-drawn vehicle."

RETIREMENT

Factory work wasn't what Charles Whittier dreamed it might be, so in 1919 he bought his father's farm. In 1936 he retired from the homestead to live with his widower father in the village of Cherry River. In 1937 he returned to Magog, in hopes of finding suitable employment, and of course his desire was set on a job that would again bring him in contact with horses. He found a position at the Industrial Specialty Manufacturing Company Limited, who still used horses extensively. They welcomed the presence of a good horseman. Hard wintery weather was now harder to endure, and it was a short time later that he decided that suitable inside employment would benefit him more. He sought inside work with the Industrial, but not being accustomed to the inside heat and the confusion of a noisy plant, went to the Dominion Textile Company.

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Magog Active During 1956 In Acquisition Of Beach Areas

By CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

Magog — This lakeside city last year took several important steps to develop the lake frontage area about Lake Memphremagog for the citizens of this city, and for the many thousands of tourists who annually flock to this Eastern Townships summer mecca.

Probably the most important acquisition by the city of Magog was their purchase of 1,600 feet of lake frontage from James Broadbent. This frontage stretches back for 800 feet, with an adjoining 200 x 1,600 foot lot bordering it in the rear, purchased for one dollar from Gerard Southieres, NP, who also sold the city a stretch of land 66 x 1,500 feet on which to build a road to the new purchased location. The sandy beach is the continuance of the famous Wright's Beach, and shall be cleared, developed for recreational use, and made public. Mr. Boudreau, city sec.-treas., said that the facilities to be placed in the large area should accommodate some ten thousand people at one time. He noted that the new site would lend greatly toward attracting outsiders to Magog, but that it was bought primarily for the citizens of Magog.

Mr. Boudreau said that very little had been done so far toward developing the beach area, and that it will take some time before it is completed, but the future of the project is certain.

PLAYGROUNDS

Remarking on the necessity for playgrounds in the city, Mr. Boudreau stated that during the past summer an attendance of 17,314 children had been registered over 25 days, using the city-owned Merry's Point playground and beaches.

Commenting on other accomplishments during the past year, Mr. Boudreau said that although it had not been the most active year Magog had ever known, it had been one of worthwhile development. Quoting from his financial report for 1956, he noted that the city had realized a surplus of $22,808.28, with an overall revenue of $733,838.82.

LITTLE BUILDING

Mr. Boudreau said that little municipal building had been done over the past year, the most important being additions to the city's two industrial buildings housing the Top Grade Pant Inc., and Rose-Tex Fabrics, which cost the city $21,000. The only notable street improvements had been the paving of 7,311 feet of sidewalks in Magog. Mr. Boudreau said that the city had offered a by-law to the citizens proposing a loan that would facilitate the paving of many of the streets in Magog, but it was refused.

Magog saw only 42 new residential buildings constructed during 1956, and 4 commercial buildings, with a valuation of $338,300, compared with $644,000 in 1955, and $206,575 in 1954.

On being questioned about the possibilities of a new city hall and civic centre, Mr. Boudreau said that many letters from local organizations had been received at his office requesting that the city council take steps to build a more presentable civic centre. When asked where such a centre could be constructed, Mr. Boudreau answered that it would most likely be on the site of the present building, which was erected in 1905. A construction of this nature would necessitate relocating the present market, likely to the rear of where it now is, Mr. Boudreau stated.

Mayor Maurice Theroux, and Magog's six aldermen are now facing their second year in office, and it would appear that they are determined to make the very best of their three year term to make Magog as comfortable and attractive as possible.

80 YEAR OLD

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In 1945 Charles Whittier decided, with the war ended, that he would begin to live for himself, and has done just that ever since. He loves living, and says that he is going to go on living and enjoying himself just as long as God will allow him to.

Charles Whittier has five children, three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Armstrong of Fairfield, Maine, Mrs. Percy Catchpaugh of Magog, Mrs. Charles Cooper of Westmount, and two sons, William of Magog and Arden of Winnipeg. He has two living sisters, Mrs. Joseph Fields and Mrs. Albert Meigs, and a deceased sister, Mrs. Wallace Catchpaw. He has six grandchildren, and one great grandchild, Dalton Catchpaugh.

Publicity Promotion By Magog Association

By CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

Magog — During the past year the city of Magog has rated the greatest amount of favourable publicity it has ever known largely due to the Magog Retail and Service Association, which was founded here last April.

The alliance of merchants and other municipal business men began with the belief that unless there was a co-ordinated effort made here to attract outside trade, as well as to encourage local citizens to patronize places of business in Magog, that the city was destined for an economic collapse within a very few years. They based their theory on the fact that every year more and more of this city's population, as well as a large percentage of the people from other centres are leaving their own home towns to patronize communities that offer special attractions, like drive-in theatres, zoos, and other attractions. It had become evident that Magog had previously neglected using its natural resources to good advantage in attracting outsiders.

BEACHES

The instigators of the new association were unanimous in their belief that the beaches of the Memphremagog surrounding the city should be made public, and that better provisions should be made to accommodate outsiders coming to this city, whether they come to spend a day or week. They were also of the opinion that the scenic beauty of Mount Orford should be more highly publicized, but their basic aim was to found an association that would lend itself unselfishly toward boosting Magog and district in the eyes of outsiders, and to try and encourage local residents to stay in Magog and use these facilities more themselves, claiming that a more prosperous city would benefit them too. Hence, at the beginning of last April the new association was born, and acquired the name of The Magog Retail and Service Association.

Rolland Dion, one of the chief instigators of the new group, was immediately named president of the organization and his close co-worker in laying the foundation for such a group, Jacques Audette, was named secretary-treasurer. Immediately more than fifty local merchants and business men sought membership, and the number of members has continually climbed, until the end of February, when total enrollment was one hundred and two, out of a possible 129 that are eligible. Most of these non-members are specialists who would find it impossible to lend any assistance toward promoting the community.

PROMOTION

One of the first moves of the newly formed association was to formulate a program of promotion, and their first choice were the daily newspapers serving the community.

Jacques Audette, in summarizing the results, based on the influence of the new association, stated that although Magog's main industry has suffered a lengthy shutdown during the current year and there has been a higher percentage of unemployment here, Magog merchants have enjoyed an increased volume of trade. Mr. Audette, in making his summary, stated that his association's progress was mostly due to the support of the daily newspapers, and he added, "Especially The Sherbrooke Daily Record, which is largely responsible for this success."

In April the Magog Retail and Service Association will hold their annual meeting, to draft plans for the coming year, and already because of their first annual triumph, they are looking eagerly toward the future, knowing that to be successful a project must receive publicity, and in their case the effort can only succeed if it is a co-ordinated, well implemented plan.

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Wood Specialities A Large Magog Industry

By CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

Magog — The Industrial Specialty Manufacturing Company Limited is Magog's second largest factory. This firm's main product since its foundation June 25th, 1918, has always been wooden bobbins for use in the cotton, wool and rayon industry. This description of their main line would tend to create the impression that their product was a most unspecialized one, but the textile industry maintains that only a few inferior bobbins in a plant can cause untold loss. So wood products here must be made with exacting precision.

W. Griffiths, sales manager of the company, said, "We pride ourselves in being expert in the field of wood turning, as we work to almost unbelievable tolerances which are as close as 1/10,000th of an inch." Bobbin making of course has been a profitable industry, and since there is only one other plant of this kind in Canada, competition has never been too difficult, but in the face of the slackening call for textiles, the Industrial Specialty has found it necessary to seek new outlets for its products.

Branching into new fields was faced with some hesitation by the Magog wood workers, as the problem was to decide on lines that could be made suitably and profitably with the machinery they had on hand. Already their bobbin trade, which extends all over Canada, Britain and the United States as well as into India, Mexico, South America and other parts of the world has gained this little Magog company highest acclaim, and it was considered most imperative that whatever they decided on must be made with the same exacting skill as their bobbins. The solution came gradually, as various firms made demands on the woodworking plant for various wooden products. After considering each one carefully, making samples to test their possibilities, a number of standard lines were decided upon.

This switch in products began several years ago, until today about thirty-five percent of the plant's output is devoted to new specialty lines. Customer reaction to the change has been most favourable, so much so in fact that the company sees new horizons for itself.

In looking over these new lines, it is interesting to note the variety of wooden products this firm is now making. They range from precision made wooden toggle buttons ¾-inch long for use on sports wear, through to tapered round and square legs for use in making television cabinets, coffee and other type tables as well as for modern styled furniture. Whatever the product though, the makers at the Industrial Specialty are holding solidly to their policy of accuracy in workmanship, regardless of cost, knowing that their reputation built over forty years of precision work is too valuable to jeopardize in the manufacturing of inferior specialty lines. A good example of their attitude toward quality is illustrated in the smart looking, easy running ball-bearing action rolling pin produced by the Magog wood workers. Another of their wooden products that is sure to become admired fixtures in many Canadian homes, is the plant's wooden turned line of parts for lamps. Finished in light, natural and dark tones, the lamp parts are rich appearing, and offer a solid frame for the spool style wood lamp that is so popular today.

With their new lines and the demand that these products have on the Canadian market, as well as for export, tomorrow's future for the Industrial Specialty Manufacturing Company Limited looks brighter than it ever has. Magog is proud of this factory that employees from 125 to 200 persons, and now there is more reason than ever to pay tribute to this firm that is doing so much to make a name for this city and the Eastern Townships.



Magog School Magazine Being Planned — Pictured above members of the Princess Elizabeth High School's Retrospect staff are planning their '57 edition. Left to right are: Helgi Linholm, art editor and her assistant Connie Lizotte, Lance Bullard, editor in chief, Gaetan Grenier, French editor and Collin Johnson, treasurer. (Record photo by Charles Catchpaugh)

Lumbering Laid Foundations For Magog Progress

Magog — At one time this picturesque centre bordering Lake Memphremagog, was the hub of the lumber industry of the Eastern Townships.

It wouldn't be hard to realize, knowing that Mount Orford, three and a half miles from Magog has been stripped twice of its growth, the first of which was giant pine and spruce, then the hardy deciduous trees, of which various species still cover the rugged region. Magog, from 1865 to the turn of the century was the centre of the lumber industry, where the timber was brought for resale to buyers in the United States, and where much of it was milled for use throughout the Townships.

Today the Cherry River is an idling stream with that lazy un-

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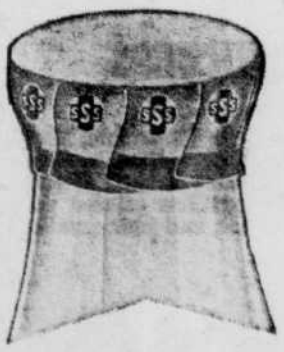
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Derogatory Remarks?

Salute To Farmer Is Given

By PHOEBE DeSEVIGNY

Whose father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were farmers,
This is a tribute to those who till the land, to produce food.

We often hear derogatory remarks about the farmer. Some say "They are ignorant, dirty, miserly, unsociable, etc. Have we ever stopped to think; without the farmer, we city dwellers would soon go hungry?

It is the farmer who grows the wheat, to make our daily bread. The fruit and vegetables, without which we would die of malnutrition. Even the common potato takes a lot of work and care before it reaches our table in the creamy white form we like so well.

The farmer raises the steers, that make the tender roasts and steaks. He raises the pigs, that make delicious hams and bacon. Also all the other varied meat products. The chickens, geese, ducks, and turkeys, for the special dinners, require months of tender, loving care, even staying up all night with them.

The fresh eggs and milk we take for granted; which no family could do without, comes to our door-step, every morning. From a little calf, nursed with skill and care till it grows to be a cow; the tuberculin tests, vaccinations for other diseases, to make sure it is healthy. The milk has to be obtained under sanitary conditions, cooled, kept in sanitary cans, then delivered to the dairy, who pasteurize and bottle the milk, after it passes the tests for cleanliness and quality.

The apples, peaches, pears, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, that go into the pie; only the farmer knows how much work it takes to produce, pick, pack and deliver the fine fruit we enjoy so much.

We sometimes hear said "Farmers are ignorant". No statement could be farther from the truth. A farmer must have and most do have a good education, plus a deep knowledge of agriculture. He must be a "Jack of all trades"; carpenter, he does most of his own building repairs, and odd additional building; machinist, he repairs most of his own machinery; mechanic, when the tractor, truck or even the car fail to work, he has no time to run to the garage, some miles away, so he repairs it himself; veterinarian, with the help of books, he treats many a common ailment suffered by domestic animals; bookkeeper; every farmer has to keep records of all his sales and purchases, to know where to make ends meet. How could a poorly-educated couple balance their budget, with the varying prices of farm produce, uncertain to say the least; balance their sales and their purchases, maintain a good credit with their bank and have an emergency fund against illness or accident? When Spring rolls along he must file income tax, have enough left to make necessary repairs, donate some to the Church and spend a little on a treat for the family.

There are many farmers who are Members of Parliamant at Ottawa. Also in all of the provinces they are members of the Provincial Governments. This also applies to the United States. There are some farmers in the Federal government at Washington and some in most of the State Capitals. Many are members of the school boards in their communities.

Many of our best lawyers, doctors, educationists, ministers, priests, nurses and dietitians, are sons and daughters of farmers.

Some people think all a farmer has to do is to plant the seeds and sit back and watch them grow. But he also has to watch for weeds, worms and insects, and cultivate and spray and pull weeds; and spray some more.

The farmer has to feed his stock regularly seven days a week. Watch for illness, take the sick animals away from the others to prevent spread of disease, treat or destroy sick animals, or call the veterinarian as we do the family doctor.

As for juvenile delinquency, there is nothing better than riding a tractor all day to keep a teen-ager out of mischief. Most of the young folks belong to the 4H Clubs. They are so busy raising some calf, pig or flock of chickens, or other produce they have no time even for rock-n-roll. They are very proud of their produce they show at the county fairs. It is a rewarding sight to see all the young people at the fair showing the result of their work; to see the happy pride in what they display.

Some say "farming is a business". Others say "farming is a way of living". I say "It is the Brains, Heart and Backbone of this fertile country.

LUMBERING

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important look, but before the turn of the century it was the highway for millions of feet of timber floated from the mountainous cutting grounds to the Memphremagog Lake where it was boomed, and floated to Vermont. Over this river both white men and halfbreeds alike worked the annual spring log drive, and in the thundering sawmills Magog townsmen found year round employment. The town of Cherry River then was a booming community threatening to overshadow Magog's importance. Cherry River was the site of the headquarters for the lumber camps, the provisioning centre, and already it had a tub factory and several very busy saw mills. Today like the river, it too lies idle, with its occupants either tilling the soil or turning to Magog's factories for employment.

What has happened to this one time giant medium of employment that promised to make Magog and Cherry River rich? As time progressed, so did the means of transportation, allowing greater accessibility to other tracts of forested land, until again Mount Orford and the wilderness around it was allowed to rest. Today that region is owned by the provincial government, who guard it as park land. Idle for more than twenty-five years now, the region is again assuming its ancient aspects of a majestic forest.

Magog on the other hand, with the introduction of textiling prior to 1900 as well as other smaller industries has continued to grow, until today it commands a prime position among cities of Quebec province. Situated at the head of Lake Memphremagog on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and on Quebec's number one highway, linking Sherbrooke to Montreal, Magog will continue to progress.

Things Are Bigger In Montreal, But England Is Best

Montreal —(CP)— Cars, streets, and jelly beans are bigger in Montreal, says actor Lionel Murton. But he says he still prefers to live in England, partly because prices too are lower in his adopted country.

He likes the proximity of stage and screen in England. Every major film studio is within 10 miles of London, he explains. This means an actor may appear in a play and work on a film simultaneously — and draw remuneration for both. He says commercial TV has also been a boon to British actors.

"The private network pays almost three times as much as the British Broadcasting Corporation."

Visiting his home town of St. Lambert, just south of Montreal, en route to New York and Hollywood, Murton said the thing he misses most in England is major league hockey.

"Everything seems to come in jumbo sizes in Montreal now," he said. "The people are driving bigger cars, Dorchester Street is wider, and even the jelly beans are the size of peanuts."

Now 41, Murton broke into big-time acting when he toured with the RCN's Meet the Navy show during the war. A fellow cast-member, John Pratt, now is mayor of the Montreal suburb of Dorval.

While playing in London in 1945, Murton had an offer to appear in the film, A Yank in London. After the navy show disbanded, he stayed to make more films and also appeared on the London stage. One of his latest movies is Fire Down Below with Rita Hayworth and Robert Mitchum.

How do Canadian actors fare in Britain?

"They have a distinct advantage," says Murton. "They can always play Americans and no one seems to notice the difference in accents."

As if to prove this contention, Murton's next assignment is a radio series in England in which he'll take the role of an American journalist.

BREAD CONSUMPTION

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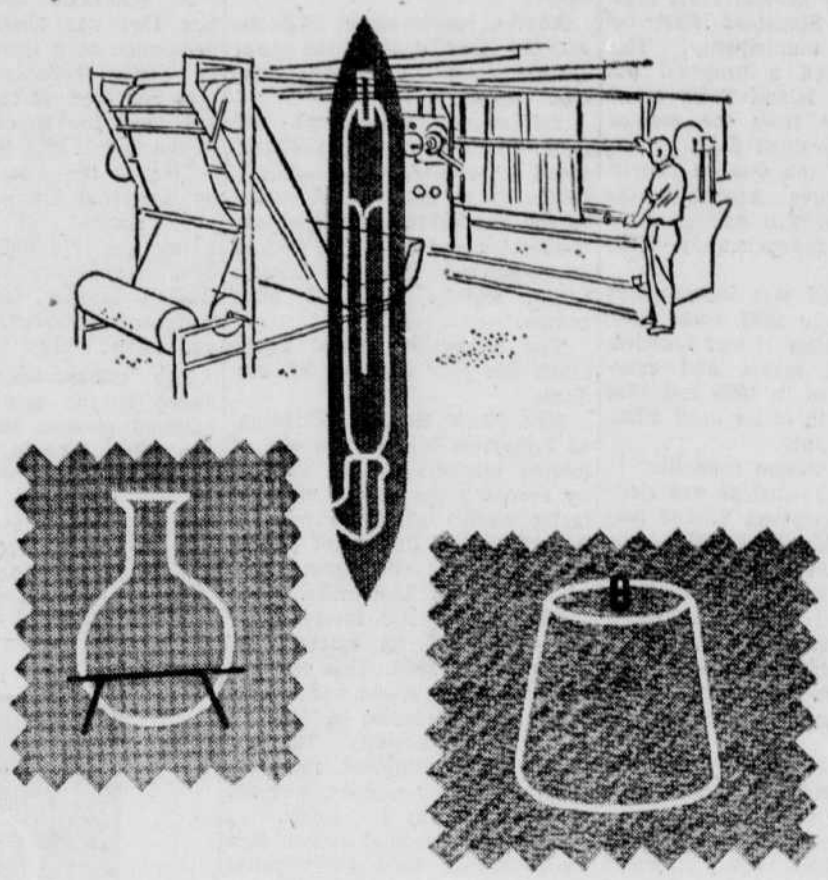
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Fluoridation, Amalgamation Highlight Year At The Border

By IVY HATCH

ROCK ISLAND — 1956 was an historic year for the Border Villages of Rock Island, Stanstead and Beebe in several ways.

One of the most important developments of the past year was a decision taken last December by the International Water Company to install a dual chlorination and fluoridation water system for the three villages this spring.

This decision fills a long felt need in the communities. The area's water system has long been in need of improvement; a fact emphasized last fall by an epidemic of illness in the villdages caused by water contamination.

The new system, estimated to cost approximately $7,500, and some $700,000 a year to operate, will be the first of its kind in the Province of Quebec.

In January of this year, Rock Island and Stanstead East became one municipality. This move followed a proposal put to the Rock Island Town Council last July from the municipality of Stanstead East.

Passed by the Quebec Provincial Legislative Assembly, the amalgamation will enlarge Rock Island by approximately 1,200 acres.

Rock Island was incorporated as a village in 1892, some fifty-nine years after it was founded. The present mayor and councillors, elected in 1955 and 1956 will remain in office until nominations this July.

The first woman councillor in the Eastern Townships was elected to her Stanstead Village post at the beginning of 1956. She is Miss Catherine Mackenzie, a retired teacher from Montreal, who defeated Arthur Roderique, former holder of the seat in the municipal elections.

Miss Mackenzie's term of office will expire in January of 1958.

The Catholic school boards of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Stanstead and Our Lady of Mercy, Rock Island amalgamated in the summer. The newly formed board received the name of "Saint Joseph." Commissioners elected to the new board were Edward Bushnell, Richard Boisvert, Paul Morel, Dr. Victor Griffith, Florien Gilbert, Leo Gagnon, Maurice Lefebvre and Joseph Veilleux, residents of the Villages of Rock Island and Stanstead. The new board plans in the near future to build an addition to the Rock Island Sacred Heart Convent as a Nun's residence and to erect a new eral manager of the Butterfield boys' school.

Stanley Holland, former gen-Plant of the Union Twist Drill Co. here, has been appointed president of the parent company. He has been replaced by Martin Butters of Athol, Mass.

Butterfield Plant officials report that during the past year, employment had increased.

In Beebe a considerable amount of road construction was done, with the first stretch of the Beebe-Graniteville road paved, and a new bridge being built on the same stretch of road. There has been great need for this improvement for some time as the road travels to the summer resort of Cedarville on Lake Memphremagog, and is much travelled by tourists and local persons, many of whom own property along the lake shore.

Another improvement in Beebe was the installation of the sewer system along the village's principal streets.

Educational institutions are filled up. The Rock Island-Stanstead school board has passed a resolution to build an extension to the Sunnyside school and add grades ten and eleven as well as an equipped domestic science room, science lab and class rooms.

The Sunnyside school enrolment this year is about 300 students.

Mrs. Hugh McClary, Principal of Sunnyside school, was one of twelve teachers to be honored by receiving the "Order of Scholastic Merit" at the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of Quebec conference, held in Montreal in September.

The new Beebe Intermediate School opened its cafeteria in November of 1956. This venture, backed by the Home and School Association seems to be working out most successfully. The kitchen is well equipped, and Mrs. Gladys Chartier as cook provides a fine noon day hot lunch.

The Beebe School Junior Red Cross Society held a Christmas bazaar in the school auditorium which was most successful. Approximately $160.00 was realized from this project and sent to Junior Red Cross headquarters in Montreal.

The Stanstead County Fish and Game Club are continuing with their many good projects throughout the County. The children's fish pond on the George Moore property in Stanstead supplied recreation for the little ones each Sunday of the fishing season. During the autumn months the project was enhanced by building a rearing pond to the south of the children's pond. Rivers, brooks, ponds and lakes have been stocked for future fishing.

The Boundary Rotary Club had another successful fair in the early autumn, proceeds from this being used for many worthwhile causes, with the Frontier swimming and water safety committee receiving a sizeable donation to carry on their good work. The Haskell Library, used so freely by citizens of all the Border Towns, received generous donations for their children's room, a project of the Rotary Club.

The community school held another 16th successful year of activity under the Presidency of E. J. Struthers of Stanstead.

At Stanstead College, Armistice Day was observed by the dedication of a memorial plaque to former students of the College and boys of the community who paid the supreme sacrifice in the last World War. The unveiling of the plaque was made by Knowlton Curtis, also a former student of the school whose son Wendell was killed. Other names are Lloyd Farrow, Russell Langley, Gerald McKay, Douglas McIntosh, Charles Neveu and John Wells.

The communities were saddened by the passing of many honored persons the past year. Mrs. Ray Lincoln, the former Jennie Whitcher, who had served the public in Rock Island for sixty-three years as its Post Mistress, from 1886 until her retirement in 1949 died last

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KNICKY

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membered features was the fun the boys had in ducking the girls into the hop boxes!

The season lasted about two weeks, and after the hops were all picked, the vines and other debris were cleared from the field and burned, and the hop poles neatly piled in readiness for the next year. About every two or three years a new plot was prepared and the plants from the old one were transferred to it.

This industry was continued for many years, until the demand for the product decreased to such an extent that it was no longer a profitable venture. It may be of interest to mention that this farm has been in continuous possession of the Dorman family for over 100 years, the present owner, Chester Smyth, being a great grandson of the original owner.

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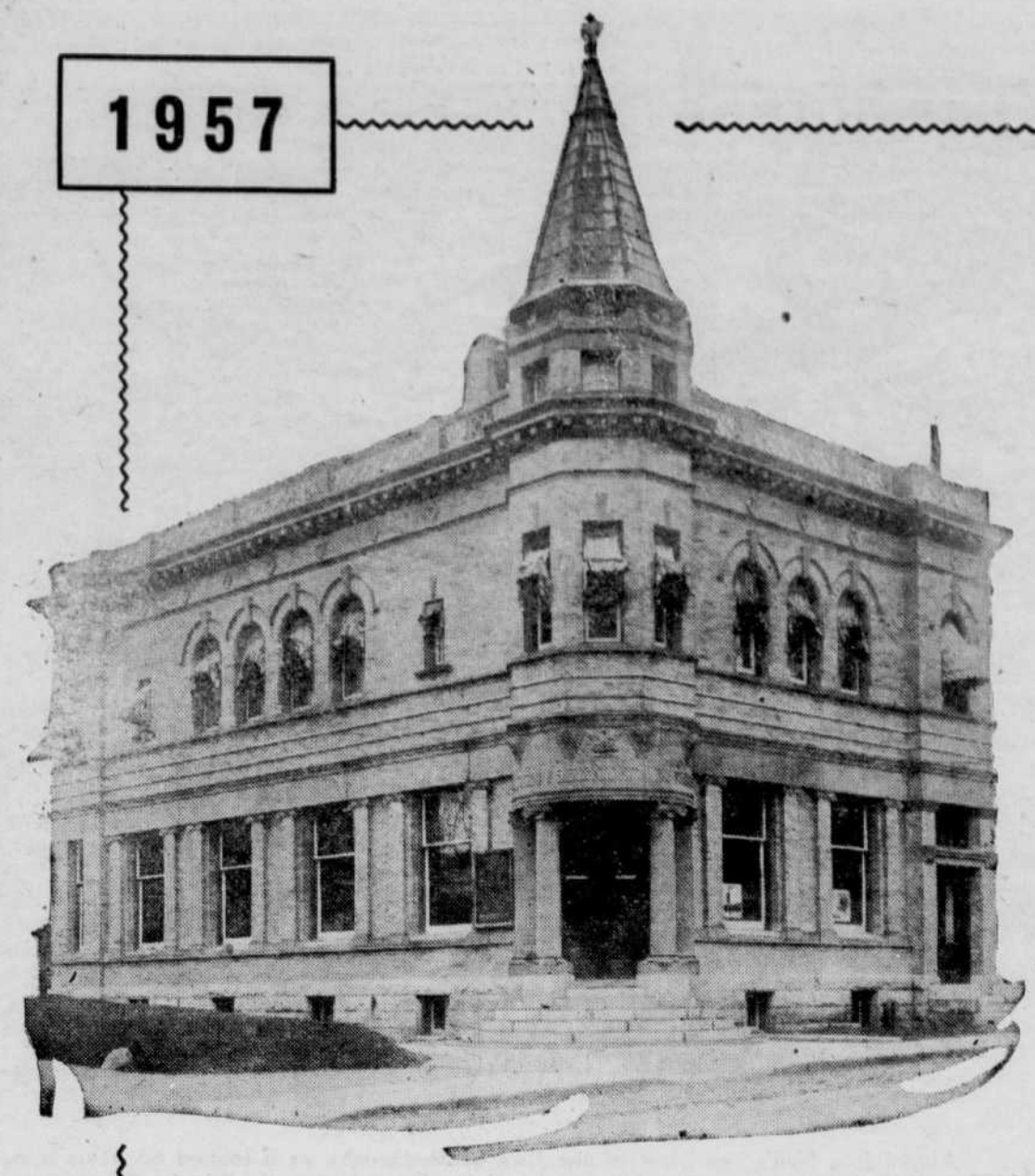
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PRINCE ALBERT — (CP) — Chief, says Wayne Bradford, is as playful as a puppy and has never shown a mean streak.

"But Chief is treated with respect, just the same," he said. No wonder! He's a 100-pound timber wolf.

Mr. Bradford, Saskatchewan government trading store manager at Wollaston Lake in the province's northland trapping area, pulled Chief out of his den on May 7, 1956. The wolf pup was 10 days old at the time. Now he weighs 10 pounds.

A female pup was taken at the same time and the pair have been raised at the Bradford store. Bottlefed as pups, they now are on a fish diet. They eat only half the amount needed by a 60- to 75-pound sled dog.

Both wolves have been harnessed with a dog team but they haven't the stamina of a dog. They won't have anything to do with the dogs and vice-versa.

When no strangers are around the wolves will frolic with their master or his three-year-old son as any ordinary dogs, but both are shy of strangers.

"Absolutely no violence has been used in training them and obviously that is why they have a trust in man," Mr. Bradford said.

"They are kept outside on chains most of the time but it is quite easy to catch them after they are turned loose. Neither has shown any signs of running wild."

Mr. Bradford said he plans to cross the wolves with husky dogs to get a stronger strain of sled animals.

THE "CANADIAN TIMES'

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Patrons were advised that the paper could be bought in the following centres: Lennoxville, Cookshire, Eaton Corner, Sawyerville, Gould, Compton, Waterville, East Hatley, Barnston, Coaticook, Stanstead, Windsor, Melbourne, Dudswell, New Ireland and Winslow.

LOW WAGES

In the end, it was a wage dispute that brought about the paper's termination. The editor, never named in the pages of the "Times", wrote in his valedictory editorial on June 30, 1859:

"Surely if a man devotes his talents which his Maker has given to their legitimate use, he has a right to expect recompense for his labours. The civilized world requires literary food not to keep it progressing, but to keep it from retrograding. And the man whose profession is to provide food for the mind as surely requires recompense for his labours as he who provides food for his body. It too often happens alas, that this class of men, whether known as Teachers, Preachers, Authors or Editors, are suffered by those who depend upon them for daily instruction, amusement or admonition to go down to a premature grave with their labours unrequited . . . "

The blame, apparently lies not with the publishers of the paper, but with the ungrateful subscribers who read, but do not pay. In a final blast of rhetoric, the unnamed, under-paid editor finishes: "The publishers would also inform those subscribers who have not paid their subscription for the current year in advance, that they will be charged one dollar for the past half year, which, if not immediately paid, will be placed, with all other unpaid accounts, in the hands of Messrs. Ritchie and Borlase for collection."

A promise of a new publication was also made in that final valedictory but for the "Sherbrooke Times", weekly journal, it was the end of a short life.



Sherbrooke In 1881 — Above is a bird's eye view of the City of Sherbrooke as it looked 65 years ago, five years before the first Sherbrooke Daily Record was published. Among the businesses listed in the directory below the map are: Eastern Townships Bank, Young Ladies Academy, File Works, Sherbrooke Pulp Mill, Magog Carriage Manufactory, A. S. Ruel, Sherbrooke Carriage Manufactory, P. Biron. Hotels listed include the Sherbrooke House, the Commercial Hotel, Albion Hotel, Continental Hotel, Central Hotel, East Sherbrooke House, Railway Hotel and Railroad Hotel. This photo is in the possession of J. K. Edwards, a former Mayor of Sherbrooke.

SMALL ORNAMENTS

Personal ceramic accessories popular in Japan include rings and earrings, necklace, bracelets, and brooches.

FRUIT DRINK

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BIG DINNER

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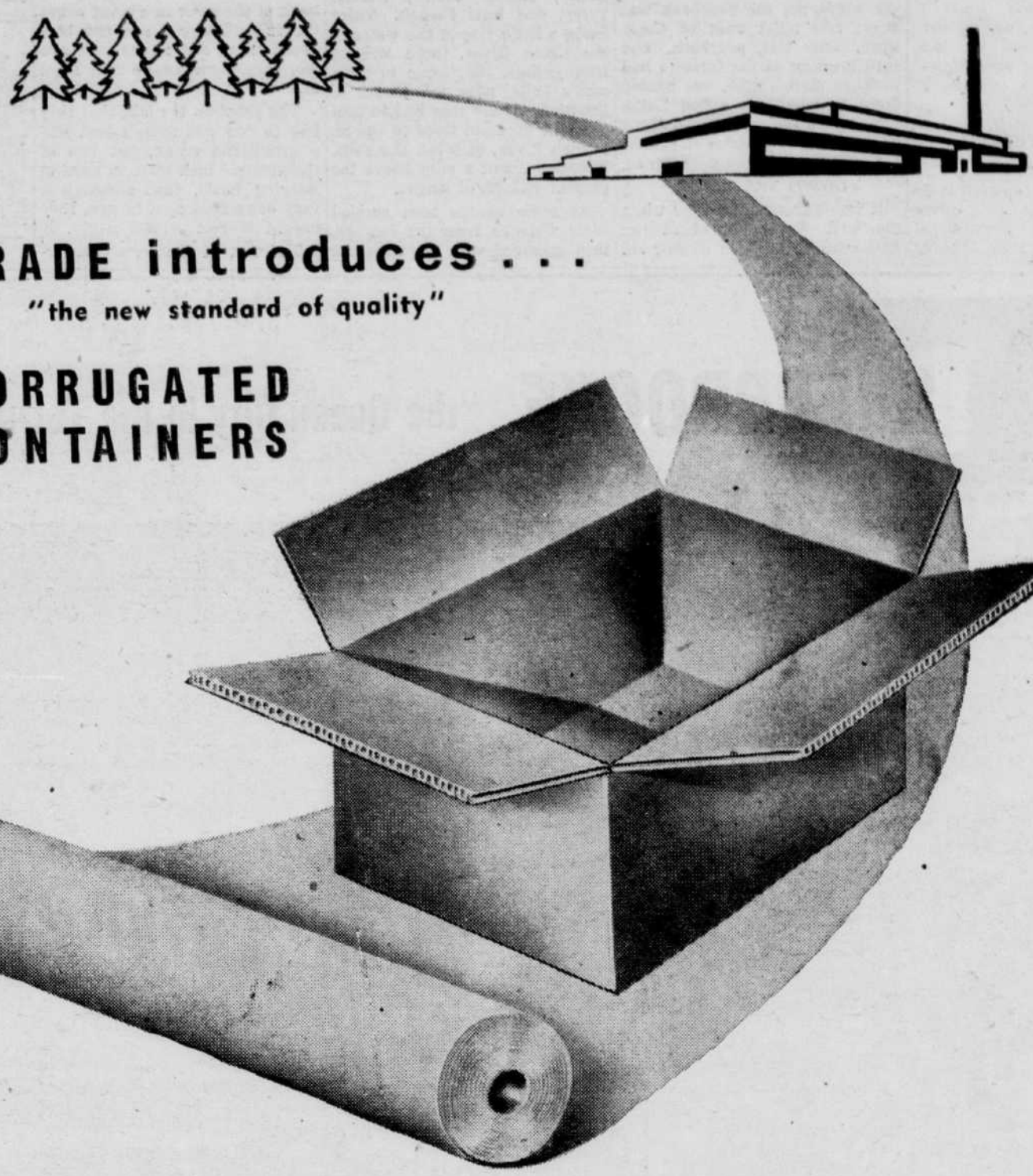
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Eastern Townships Waterways Dangerous But Vital Highways For Pioneer Traders

(This article, published in "The Land We Live In", a journal published in Sherbrooke in the 1890's, describes quite vividly some of the dangers inherent in the use of the waterways of the Eastern Townships, which, during the initial development of the area, provided the only highways upon which commerce could be transacted.)

By HIRAM FRENCH

Eaton, March, 1891

Some seventy years ago, a large flat boat was built at a place about a mile above the present village of Cookshire by Longley Willard, for C. N. Mallory, who was then a merchant at Eaton Corner. This boat was made to carry pearl-ash down the St. Francis River to Three Rivers, on the River St. Lawrence. The ashery supplying the pearl-ash was about two miles west of Cookshire, and this pearl-ash, and such produce as the farmers had to spare at this time, was hauled down to what was called Eaton Landing on the St. Francis, about a third of a mile where the thriving village of Angus now stands.

DOWN THE RIVER

It was about midsummer when the boat was launched at the Mill Brook, and some five or six men were engaged to run it down the Eaton River, to the landing. Amongst those who went down with the boat were the builder, Orsamus Bailey, Rufus Bailey, Aaron Coates, Samuel Terry, and Levi French. There being a little rise in the water in the Eaton River, there was no trouble until they came to Sherman's Falls, near the mouth of the River, where they had to haul the boat by main force to the St. Francis River, or below the Falls. This was about a mile above the present village of Angus.

As some of the men resided some distance from the landing, they arranged with me, though a small boy then, to take a couple of horses down by the road for them to ride home on, so I went down to the landing, tied up the horses safely, and seeing no signs of the boat, I went along up the bank of the river to a point above the falls. There I saw the boat approaching and as the men saw me, they came ashore and I got in.

The shoot on the falls that they had to run was shaped just like a grindstone crank, but two of the younger men were so used to steering boats, that although a very dangerous spot to run, they passed over in perfect safety.

The rest of the crew then returned, while two of them took the boat to Sherbrooke. There it was fully loaded, and manned, and taken down the St. Francis to Three Rivers, where the cargo was usually disposed of, and the boat loaded with supplies for the return trip. This was the way in which our forefathers used to get their supplies in those days. The St. Francis River was the highway both summer and winter. In the summer, the travel was by boat, and in the winter, after reaching Melbourne, by single sleighs on the ice.

MUCH DANGER

These boating trips were sometimes attended with much danger. One instance I will mention.

In the month of May, 1815, some parties wished to market their products and prepared for the river trip. Among those who went were John Lebourveau, as captain, John French, junior, D.

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SHERBROOKE, "the Queen City in the Townships!"



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In the realm of business, Sherbrooke is the third biggest city in the province. Statistics show that retail sales reached a high of $48,791,000 last year, an increase of more than $624,160 over the previous year. Sherbrooke's 13,000 families enjoyed a net income of $55,009,000, as compared with $51,414,000 the previous year. Statistics show this was a greater percentage increase than in any other city in the province.

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Population in 1956 - - - 61,000

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Running Prohibition Fight Fought In Richmond

(Editor's note: This editorial appeared in the "Weekly Review and Megantic County Herald", published in Inverness on May 11, 1888).

RICHMOND RUMMIES ROUTED

A complete triumph over the Grog oligarchy of the rum-ruled town.

For over a year past the Richmond rum sellers have been screening themselves under certificates given by the Council, proporting to entitle the holders to a license, and whilst the Temperance people thought they were acting in good faith they were not disturbed, but when at a late meeting of the Council, that whisking-sympathizing body in the teeth of Mr. Mercier's decision that licenses could not be legally issued in Richmond again voted to issue certificates to the rum sellers, the temperance people could not longer sit still and see common decency thus outraged. The WCTU had anticipated the action of the council, and had secured evidence against the illicit whiskey sellers, and so soon as the Council and rum sellers showed their want of good faith, Mrs. Middleton, the honored and revered Provincial President appeared on the scene, armed with 138 informations, and backed by the best citizens of Richmond, Danville, Windsor and the surrounding localities. Actions were served on all the whiskey vendors to be heard on the 4th of May, inst. in Sherbrooke, and another blister of 129 degrees hotter than the first was already to be applied on that day. The whisky party then finding themselves at bay without a single weapon to fight with, except the old constitutional question, begged for a settlement, and a cessation of hostilities, and after the convictions had been obtained against each, the following agreement was concluded and signed:

Whereas Elizabeth Middleton of the city of Quebec has this day obtained conviction before the district magistrate for the district of St. Francis against several persons for selling intoxicating liquors in the town of Richmond in the said district, the Temperance Act of 1864 being in force in the said town of Richmond, and against the provisions of the said act as is claimed by the said complainant, and whereas it is claimed by the defendants that the said Act is not in force in the said town, and they have obtained certificates from the Municipal Council for licenses to sell; and whereas, it is desirable to have the question of licenses finally decided by the courts; and whereas judgments have been rendered this day against each of the said defendants for an amount of five hundred dollars each; it is agreed that if the defendants will agree to abstain from selling or keeping for sale any intoxicating liquor hereafter in the said town during the time necessary to test said question in the courts and all judgment is rendered in appeal in such test case, the said judgments shall not be executed, and the defendants shall not be called upon to satisfy said judgments, and if the result of such test case be to establish the right of defendants, to a license, then said judgments shall not be executed or proceeded upon at all in so far as the complainant and those associated with her are concerned, nor shall said judgments nor any of them be collected or executed if said test case be decided against the issue of licenses, provided that the defendants do not again violate the said Act. It is further agreed that the defendants shall within one week send away out of the town and County of Richmond all intoxicating liquors kept by them or any of them on their premises, and to ensure the faithful performances of this agreement, it is further agreed that any person holding an authorization in writing from the complainant or the complainant herself may at any reasonable hour enter the premises of defendants, and search for intoxicating liquors, and if the same are found there to the amount of one gallon or over the amount, it shall be deemed a violation of this agreement, and said judgements may be executed against the party violating it; and it is agreed that all signs indicating a license to sell intoxicating liquors shall be taken down from defendants premises within forty-eight hours. The defendants shall pay the legal costs incurred in obtaining such judgments forthwith.

This agreement speaks for itself, and shows the complete route of the rum party, and the complete triumph of law and justice. Temperance sentiment is not dead yet, nor has temperance backbone weakened. Let Stanstead pick up courage, and go into the repeal fight determined to win.

Loyalists First Came To Shipton Township

By ETTA M. ATKINSON

Today as you travel by train or car from Newbury, Vermont to Danville, Quebec, counting the time in minutes and hours at most; it is some effort of the imagination to understand the weariness of twenty days by ox-teams in the early month of March 1802, spent by Capt. Joseph Perkins, William Dustin and their families coming to their grants in the Township of Shipton. They averaged less than ten miles per day. They would stop wherever night overtook them at some farm house; using their own provisions, beds and sometimes being obliged to use the straw from their bedticks to feed their oxen, when it was impossible to get hay or straw from the settlers.

FRONT VILLAGE

After many hardships they arrived at "Front Village" (Richmond), then followed the "Blazed Trees" to their grants. They spent a whole day coming the last three miles, where cabins had been prepared the autumn before.

For two weeks the sound of axes and saws was heard. Then cold and snow swooped down and for more than two weeks longer; they suffered bitter cold. Lucky indeed were they to have stones piled up for a fireplace. The fathers and eldest son took turns in piling wood upon the fire and before lying down again, they would hold two planks taken from their sleds near the fire to heat thoroughly, then place them near the mothers and small children to keep them as warm as they could.

The distracted mothers tried to make some sort of comfort for the suffering children in the cabin with its restricted bounds and terror of wild animals.

They had brought as many provisions as were possible; but as the days lengthened into weeks their supply was getting less. Men hunted moose and deer. Boys shot partridges and dug up roots which were pointed out to them as safe for food. Women caught fish in the brooks. Then came the days for tapping the maple trees. Rough troughs had been dug out from pieces of cedar trees to catch the sap; and pieces of cedar slightly hollowed were inserted into the hole gashed in the trees. Everybody collected the sap, a pole was fixed across two sticks strong enough to bear the weight of the kettle of sap; and a good fire under it soon supplied them with syrup and some sugar.

Along the banks of the Little Nicolet River, which traversed their grants, hay was found on Beaver Meadows, which was very valuable for feeding the oxen.

PERKIN'S POND

Land was cleared and as soon as days grew warm, what potatoes and beans could be spared were planted. Then one day when the men were hunting they came upon a beautiful Pond at the East end of Capt. Perkins' grant. It abounded in salmon and ducks. Never was there such rejoicing as when the men returned with a number of ducks and some salmon. This restored courage and for years was a storehouse for the families. To this day the Pond is known as "Perkin's Pond".

Capt. Joseph Perkins and William Dustin were the first to locate north of Brand's Hill on Lot 27 in both the 3rd and 4th Ranges of Shipton, in 1802.

The second to locate north of Brand's Hill, in the 4th range, was Daniel and Samuel Doying. Then followed Samuel Marston and Jess Crown near the present Village of Danville. About the same time, Charles Clark and Jonathan Fowler began clearing on what is known as Marston's Hill. Then came R. Leet, and John Harvey. For three years, these settlers were connected with other settlements only by "Blazed Trees."

The first road to be cut through the great wild areas of the Township of Shipton, was a line from "Little Fork" in Aston, through Shipton and on to the French settlement about 1802. Then followed cutting a line from "Front Village" (Richmond), to Danville, in 1811, it was continued to Quebec under the direction of Governor Craig.

WOMEN

Families kept coming to settle on their allotted land. The courage of the Loyalist women of Shipton cannot be too loudly praised. Not a few of the wives of the soldiers had been brought up in homes of refinement. It was not a matter of one seasons' trials; but hardships and privations endured for many, many years. In those early years almost any Loyalist woman had a story worth writing. But the great pity of it is that the struggle was so great, few records were kept to tell us the details. But from the generations which have followed we know that their "Pioneer Ancestors" looked well to the ways of making a home.

Frame buildings soon replaced the log-cabin. Nuptials were celebrated in homespun. Little children looked out of the windows and ran among the trees. The Village meeting was called. The schoolhouse went up. Natural necessities and hardships among the neighbors awakened mutual interest. Each had a helping hand to build a house for the newcomer, to sow and harvest the field of a sick brother.

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Oil Development Spectacular

1956 Year Of Record Activity In All Phases Of The Industry

By R. B. TOOMBS

Petroleum Specialist, Dept. of Mines and Tech. Surveys, Ottawa

The year 1956 has been a period of great achievement for the Canadian petroleum industry. Production, processing and distribution operations reached record levels. Crude oil production exceeded the 1955 output by 30 per cent; domestic demand for oil rose 12 per cent; and crude oil exports recorded a three-fold increase. Measured against a favorable 10 per cent increase in the value of the gross national product, these indicators confirm the importance of the oil industry in the Canadian economy.

For the fourth consecutive year, crude petroleum is Canada's leading mineral, the value of its production being estimated at $401.8 million. Crude oil production increased from the 1955 total of 129.4 million barrels to almost 170.6 million barrels, with Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba accounting for 85, 11 and 3 per cent, respectively, of total output. British Columbia recorded its first oil production, but in the aggregate Ontario, Northwest Territories, New Brunswick and British Columbia contributed only one per cent to total output. Canadian production reached a monthly average high of 520,000 barrels a day compared with the best monthly average of 411,000 barrels daily in 1955.

The intensity of oil field activity provided for a gain in potential output far in excess of market growth. Crude oil reserves have passed the three billion barrel mark, and at the end of 1956 the quantity of crude oil which could be produced was almost double the actual oil field output. Development drilling in the Pembina oil field and the high rate of discovery and of development drilling activity in south-eastern Saskatchewan accounted for the large increase in production potential in 1956.

The Pembina field, firmly established as one of the largest oil reserves in North America, now has 1,647 wells representing a gain of 850 in the year and a significant accomplishment since the initial discovery of the field in May, 1953. Field drilling also proceeded rapidly during the past year in two principal localities between Calgary and Red Deer and in the Sturgeon Lake field of the Peace River area.

Southeastern Saskatchewan, between Weyburn and the Manitoba border, was the most active drilling area in western Canada in 1956. The oil discovery rate has been exceptionally high. Field development drilling, following initial discoveries in this relatively small area of about 5,000 square miles, accounted for about two-thirds of all development drilling in Saskatchewan during the past 12 months.

Alberta's share of all field drilling done in the four western provinces in 1956 was about 60 per cent and Saskatchewan's, 30 per cent. Alberta also led in exploratory drilling although the total number of all exploratory wells was down slightly from 1955. However, the active field development program raised total western Canada drilling by 10 per cent in 1956 and kept an average of 250 drilling rigs at work.

A record in pipeline construction was set with almost 3,100 miles of line being laid. Of more significance, start was made on two major gas trunk-line systems, and an oil pipeline outlet was established for the fast-growing south-eastern Saskatchewan fields.

The 649-mile pipeline of Westcoast Transmission Company Limited was two-thirds complete at the end of the year, well on schedule for delivery of Peace River area natural gas to Vancouver and the State of Washington before the end of 1957. Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited commenced construction of its line to eastern Canada in July and its 1957 schedule will permit delivery of natural gas to Winnipeg before winter. These two pipeline systems will make provision for natural gas supply to most cities and towns from Vancouver to Montreal, thus afford market outlets for the huge gas reserves of western Canada. In June 1956 natural gas reserves stood at 22.5 trillion cubic feet, some 150 times greater than the year's natural gas sales. Reserves continue to increase at the annual rate of about two trillion cubic feet, or almost 15 times sales in 1956.

In oil pipeline construction, Westspur Pipe Line Company's 109-mile line linking southeastern Saskatchewan oil fields with the Interprovincial pipeline at Cromer, Manitoba was the year's most important addition to oil transportation facilities. Completed at the mid-year, it was transporting 30,000 barrels daily by the end of the year and in 1957 will be enlarged to handle double that amount. Completion of Cremona Pipe Line Limited's 60-mile line to Calgary and of the Peace River Oil Pipe Line Company's system to transport oil from Peace River fields were leading transportation developments. The most important announcement of future oil pipeline construction was made by Interprovincial Pipe Line Company. Their 1,770-mile pipeline from Edmonton to Sarnia will be extended to Toronto in 1957.

The 1956 petroleum refinery construction program was highlighted by the opening of Imperial Oil Limited's new 41,600 barrel a day refinery at Halifax and the announcement by Cities Service Company of refinery construction plans for the Toronto area. This area is now entering a large expansion phase and will shortly be an important marketing outlet for Canadian crude oil. Construction projects carried out across Canada raised crude oil output capacity about 15 per cent from the 618,450 barrel a day level reached at the end of 1955. Capital expenditures on refinery construction totalled $100 million.

A preliminary estimate places domestic demand for all oils in 1956 at more than 700,000 barrels a day, compared with the 1955 daily average of 635,000 barrels, the greatest increase being recorded for furnace oils. Per capita annual consumption of petroleum products in Canada is now 15½ barrels compared with 6½ in 1946, convincing proof of the importance of this country's newly-developed petroleum resources.

Exports of crude oil reached the 43 million barrel level. The remarkable gain over the 1955 total of 14.8 million barrels was due to the opening up of a new market for Canadian crude oil in California, and to the expansion of existing markets in the State of Washington and in the Lakehead-St. Paul region. These exports enabled Canada to reach a position approaching two-thirds oil self-sufficiency, on trade balance.

The Suez crisis thus finds Canada at a stage in its oil resource development in which dependence on foreign oil imports is equivalent to about one-third of total demand. Ten years ago 90 per cent of all oil requirements were met by imports. The marked reduction in the percentage of imports has been accomplished in spite of a three-fold increase in total demand. These facts demonstrate good progress in dealing with the difficult geographic factor of remoteness of resources from principal areas of consumption. However, the economic limitations of long-distance land transportation have, to date, placed Quebec and the Atlantic provinces beyond the reach of Prairie oil. In continuing its marketing progress the Canadian oil industry in future will depend more and more on an ability to compete, both in Canada and United States, against crude oils from other world producing countries.

Based on the record for 1956, the outlook for the Canadian petroleum industry appears excellent. With a labor force of some 21,000 and many more employed indirectly, annual expenditures in the order of three-quarters of a billion dollars, large reserves of oil and gas in sight and steady progress in the opening up of these resources to rapidly growing markets, the oil and gas industry is now established as an important component of the national economy. The 1956 status and progress of this primary industry indicate a continuing important role in Canadian economic development.

DOMINION DRAMA

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where some 75 people were received by the Theatre's director, Mrs. Marjorie Sadler. There was also a demonstration of La Roulette, the mobile theatre unit of the City of Montreal Parks Board.

Following the festival the closing event was a two-day seminar given by Mrs. Rosay for the directors and stage managers of the winning plays from each region.

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The St. Francis Mills In 1855 Were Largest In North America

Eds. Note — The following article is reprinted from the January 18, 1855 issue of the "Canadian Times" published in Sherbrooke. The "Times", a weekly which later changed its name to the "Sherbrooke Times", was published from 1855 to 1859.)

On Saturday last, we had the pleasure, which we had long anticipated, of visiting that extensive lumbering establishment, owned by Messrs. G. S. Clark and Co., and known as the "St. Francis Mills". They are situated on the westerly bank of the River St. Francis, a short distance above "Brompton Falls", one of the most romantic locations on the river. They are close to the line of the Grand Trunk railway, and six miles distant from Sherbrooke.

The Mills, although of a pleasing exterior, do not give the traveller, as he looks out from the cars that stop for a moment opposite, an idea of their great magnitude. He would little dream that he was passing works, unequalled by any of their kind upon this continent. Yet this proud distinction, we are assured, must be yielded to the "St. Francis Mills". The building is 340 feet in length by 65 feet in width. We are indebted to Mr. E. R. Smith the affable and intelligent machinist and superintendent, who conducted us over the whole establishment, for the facts which we now communicate. Upon entering the building, the eye is struck with its extent, and with the appearance of solidity everywhere prevailing. The frame is composed of the most massive timber, and the whole interior gives the idea of simplicity and strength. The main body of the building is occupied by the saws, which are ten in number, besides gangs of 22 saws each, making the actual number of saws running 54. The saws are arranged in a straight line, longitudinally, through the centre of the building. The logs are drawn up out of the water over inclined planes, called log slips, by heavy chains wound by waterpower over a kind of windlass. These slips, which are seven in number, are situated on the westerly side of the building. The legs are then sawed in different kinds of lumber. The best are cut into deals — placed upon the "Edger Table", which is a long kind of table running over a number of rollers, and edged by a circular saw. The slabs, and the inferior portions of the lumber are thrown below.

Going down the stairs, we find a long room, half the width of the one above, the remaining space being occupied by the machinery used to drive the saws above. In this room are three Box Machines, one lath machine, and one sash and blind machine. By the first, which consists of circular saws (as indeed, do all the others) the inferior lumber is converted into stuff for sugar boxes, destined for the West Indies. For this purpose, the boards are first cut into pieces three feet in length, trimmed to the proper width, and the edges which are to form the joint of the box are cornered; that is one half of the thickness of the board is removed, to a depth of about half an inch, so as to form a joint, somewhat similar to that of a groove and tongue. This is effected by two circular saws, one running in a perpendicular, and the other in a horizonal direction. The value of the inferior timber is enhanced by this simple process, from $12 to $30 per thousand feet. The box machines are capable of sawing 1200 boxes per day. By the lath machines, and the sash and blind machine, the slabs are worked up in the most complete manner. Not an inch of available timber is lost. By the former it is sawed into laths and shingles; by the latter into stuff for window sashes, venetian blinds, doors, and pickets to be used for fences, and other purposes. The lumber, which, in other mills is thrown into the water as useless, is here turned to the best account; the profits of these machines being sufficient to pay the expenses of running the mills. A miniature railroad track is laid down, the whole length of the room, over which hand cars pass, then receive the boxes, each load being neatly marked "C. S. Clark and Co., St. Francis Mills", after which it is ready to be put on board the railroad cars.

Coming out of this room, we see a train of freight cars standing on the east side of the mills, to receive the lumber as it comes from the saw. A track is laid down completely around the mills, connecting with the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway. A substantial bridge is thrown across the mill dam, and is provided with a draw to prevent the possibility of injury from logs coming down in high water.

At the northerly end of the mills is the Filing Room, where the saws are filed by machines driven by water. It takes about three minutes to file a saw, and with the aid of this machinery, two men can accomplish what it would require five to do by hand labour. On the westerly side, and about the centre of the building, is a force-pump of forty horse-power, designed as a fire engine.

The mills are lighted exclusively with gas, which is manufactured on the premises. There are four burners to each saw, besides six lanterns on each side of the building. There are curtains of sailcloth on both sides of the upper room to protect workmen from the cold night air. The whole expense of the gas houses and works, laying down the pipes, complete, was, we understand, $2,500.

The mills are surmounted by three ventilators, each forty feet in length, being in fact good sized cottages, placed at equal distances upon the roof, the sides being furnished with venetian blinds, to secure perfect ventilation. Upon the middle ventilator is a neat vane, which would almost have escaped our observation, had not Mr. Smith called our attention to it. It is pretty and appropriate, being composed of six pairs of golden oxen, drawing a "logging sled", upon which is an immense golden log. A brilliant teamster is standing by. The oxen make evident exertions to move their precious load, but do not succeed in meeting the approval of the teamster, who raises high above them a golden whip.

Attached to the mills are Blacksmiths' and Carpenters' shops, gas houses the "the camp" — a kind of giant shanty where 200 men are boarded and lodged. The proprietors intend to erect in the spring, two extensive boarding houses — one for the day, and the other for the night sawyers. During the sawing season, that is from March to December, it is estimated that the mill will turn out forty million feet of lumber, and give employment to 250 men. These works, although remarkable for their simplicity, are of the most perfect construction and finish. The machinery is of the best description, and all the recent improvements have been introduced. Of the entire cost of the mills, we cannot speak with authority, but it could not, we think, have been less than $200,000.

The proprietors of these beautiful mills deserve a more extended notice than we can give them. They are enterprising sons of Maine. Their operations in this country were commenced about fifteen months ago. In that short time, their energy and perseverance have triumphed over difficulties which would have dismayed men of less determination. They have now the pride and gratification of being the owners of the most complete, and best appointed lumber mills in America. We trust that an ample fortune will be the reward of their enterprise.

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JAPANESE WHALERS

Japan will send seven fleets for 1957 Antarctic whaling, compared to five fleets last year.

FLUORIDATION

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year.

Another was Senator John T. Hackett, Q.C., a native of Stanstead who died at his summer home in Stanstead in September, casting gloom over many parts of Canada and the United States. Among the dignitaries attending the last rites in Stanstead were Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, a life long friend of Mr. Hackett.

In the autumn, Rev. Mother St. George of the Stanstead Ursuline Convent passed away at the age of 83 years. She had taken her vows at the convent 58 years ago and since devoted her life to God and the teaching of hundreds of young girls, all of whom came to love her.

J. D. McFadyen of Lennoxville died at the age of 82 years. From 1899 to 1949 he was Headmaster of Bugbee Business College in Stanstead where he was highly respected by the teaching staff of the College and the numerous students he had taught through the years.

In July the Border Business and Professional Women's Club were hostesses to a delegation of members of many different B. and P. Clubs of the free countries of the world.

The year has been one of prosperity for the Border Villages. Several new homes have been built in Beebe, Rock Island and Stanstead. Industries have been expanded, unemployment has been low.

The Villages have been fortunate in having few fires or other disasters.

Several of the "oldsters" have observed birthday anniversaries in the eighties, and nineties, one couple observed a 65th wedding anniversary, another a 64th.

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North Hatley Tourist Year Was A Good One Despite Cool Summer

North Hatley — Hotel owners and operators at this tourist mecca of Stanstead County say that 1956 was a good tourist year, despite weather that was far from summery for most of the time.

John R. MacKay, proprietor of the Pleasant View Hotel, told the Record that a 5 or 6 per cent decrease might have been noted, but it was not enough to affect business adversely.

North Hatley's other three large hotels — all of them year round, voiced the same sentiments. Robert Brown, owner of Hovey Manor, said that for him, the 1956 tourist season was even better than 1955. Connaught Inn and Brae Manor reported a similar position.

TOWN

Barney Hopcraft is the new town secretary for North Hatley. He assumed the position in January of this year, replacing Norris Wilson, town secretary for the past two years.

Mr. Hopcraft said that the past year had been a fairly quiet one for the town.

He said, however, that a $6,000 enlargement to the town's water system on the east side of the lake had been carried out, and a similar project was envisaged for the west side during the coming year.

He noted, too, that the highway from North Hatley to Magog had been paved by the provincial government last fall, and now provides a first class direct entry to North Hatley from Montreal. He said that the town will apply this year for a route number for the new highway.

Mr. Hopcraft, who is also secretary of the local school board, reported that improvements costing a total of some $6,000 had been carried out on the North Hatley High School. In 1955, two modern additions were added to the school to accommodate the fast-rising school population of the area. Mr. Hopcraft said that more expansion of the school facilities is anticipated.

Building has been slow during 1956, Mr. Hopcraft said. He noted that no more than half a dozen building permits had been granted by the town in the past twelve months.

The town's only industry besides the tourist business — Hatley Craft Marine and Manufacturing Co., which completed its first year of operation in 1955, reported a slow year in 1956.

E. T. WATERWAYS

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W. Rogers, and others, and Captain Samuel Heard, of Newport. who with his family, were starting for Upper Canada. His family had preceded him to a point below Great Brompton Falls, a few miles below Sherbrooke, but Heard said he would like to go and help run the boat over the Falls. This was on the 25th May, 1815. There was plenty of help to take the boat over the falls, but the river was uncommonly high, much higher than the men expected to find it. The loading had been taken by teams to below the Falls.

They started down the Falls, but found the river so high that they could not manage the boat. In the middle of the Falls, they struck the shore, and all jumped out, but as the hind end of the boat came around, John French, who was a stout resolute man, got in, and said, "Men, if we want to save the boat, now is the time." Captain Heard caught the warp on the bow end of the boat to help save it, but the others were frightened, and said it was of no use, and as the boat swung around, it pulled Heard in after it. The lower side of the boat struck a rock, and immediately capsized, throwing French underneath. He soon came to the surface, and being a good swimmer put for the opposite shore, but as he went out of the swift water into the eddy, he sank. Captain Heard was also a good swimmer, and appeared to be unhurt as he swam down the river. It seemed as though he would succeed in reaching the other shore. One of the men from the shore said to him "Don't be frightened," and he sank to rise no more.

The news of this sad accident cast a gloom all over this section of the Eastern Townships, and was a blow to the respective families of the deceased. The loss of those men was felt to be a public loss as well. French lived in what is now Cookshire, and there never was a man who lived there who was more missed than he was.

The above is only one of the occurrences incidental to the use of the only thoroughfare then available in communicating with our far away markets.

Summer Is Massawippi Industry

MASSAWIPPI — The summer tourist industry is not a large one in this small Stanstead County municiptality — but it's the only industry there is, and the only one that's wanted.

At one time, in the mid part of the 19th century, a large tannery and a grist mill were in operation. They passed out of existence many years ago.

Massawippi is not known as a resort area. There are no large hotels, no bars, no grills, no fancy music and bright lights. It is, rather, a summer residential area, where many of the Eastern Townships most prominent men retire to with their families.

Some of their houses cluster in Bacon and Woodland Bay. Others are located on the hillside, overlooking the whole long expanse of Lake Massawippi.

Their numbers are not large. Town secretary Gordon Shipway estimates there are about 90 summer houses in Massawippi, whose residents seasonally swell Massawippi's population figure of 425 souls.

For them, spending the summer months in Massawippi, only a short, pleasant drive from Sherbrooke, is a habit that has been formed for many years.

One year is thus much like another as far as Massawippi's tourist industry is converned — and industry which shows only on the municipal tax notices that Mr. Shipway sends out every year, and which isn't visible on official census tables.

Massawippi's permanent residents are farmers, most of whom are dairying men. At the present time there are 61 of them, and they enjoyed a good year in 1956.

Massawippi Municipal Council

Mayor K. T. Little heads the Massawippi Municipal Council this year. Councillors are:

W. O. Miller, Roy Mosher, P. J. Whitcomb, Romeo Clouatre, Galen Young, Gordon Shipway and Frank Humphrey.

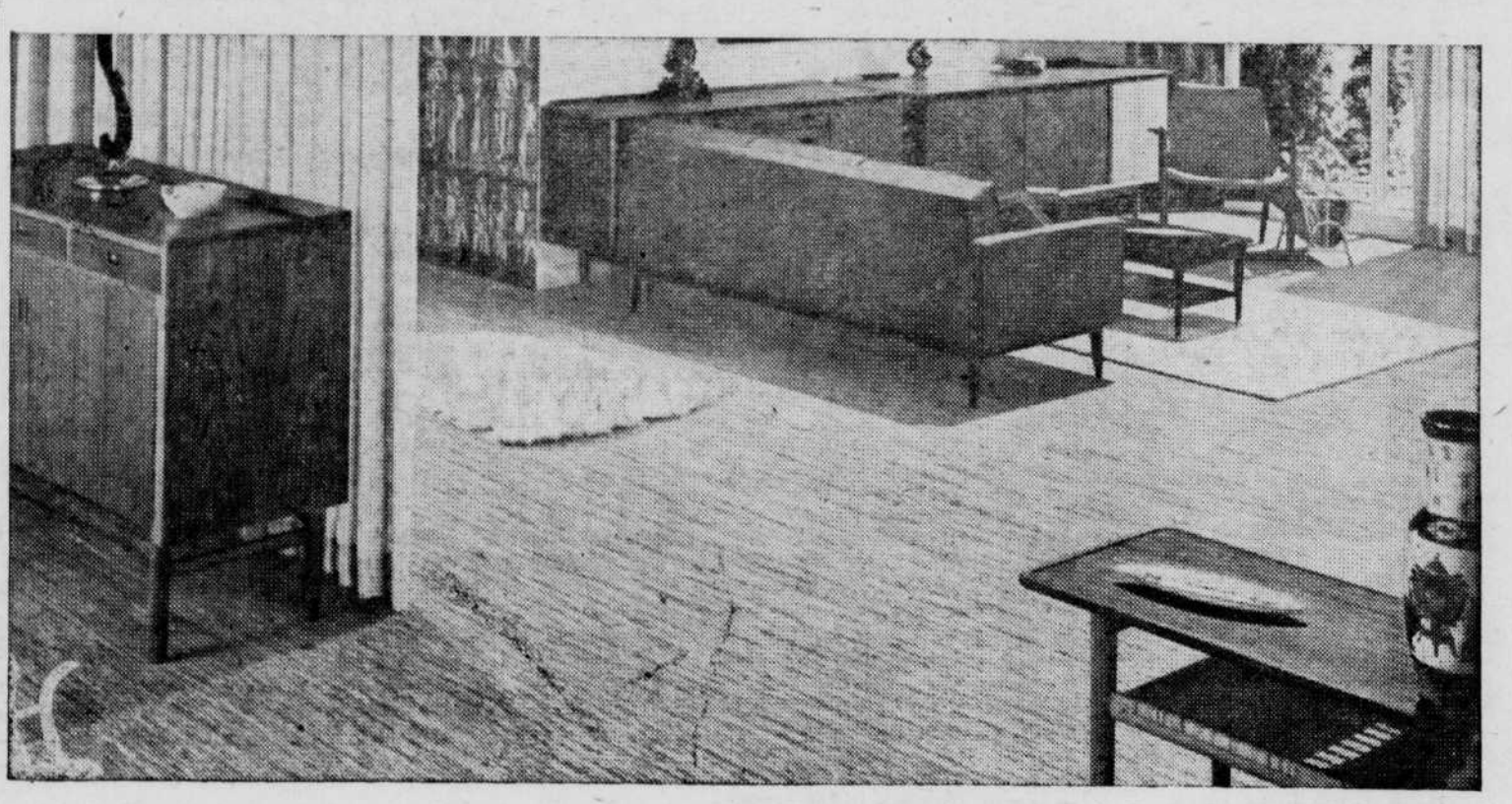
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Township Notes: Granby is talking of buying a new steam fire engine.

Numerous complaints have been made by a Knowlton correspondent anent the disturbingly bad conditions of the highways and roads.

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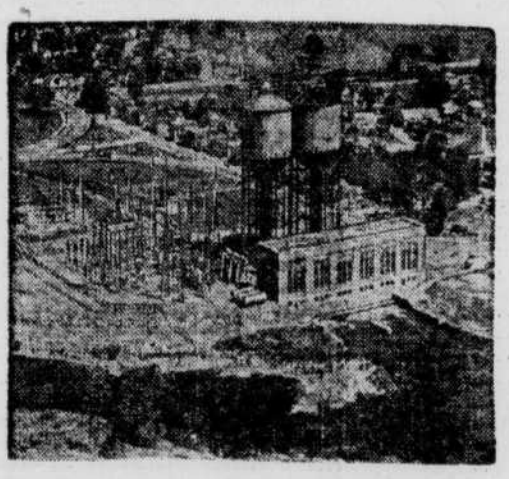
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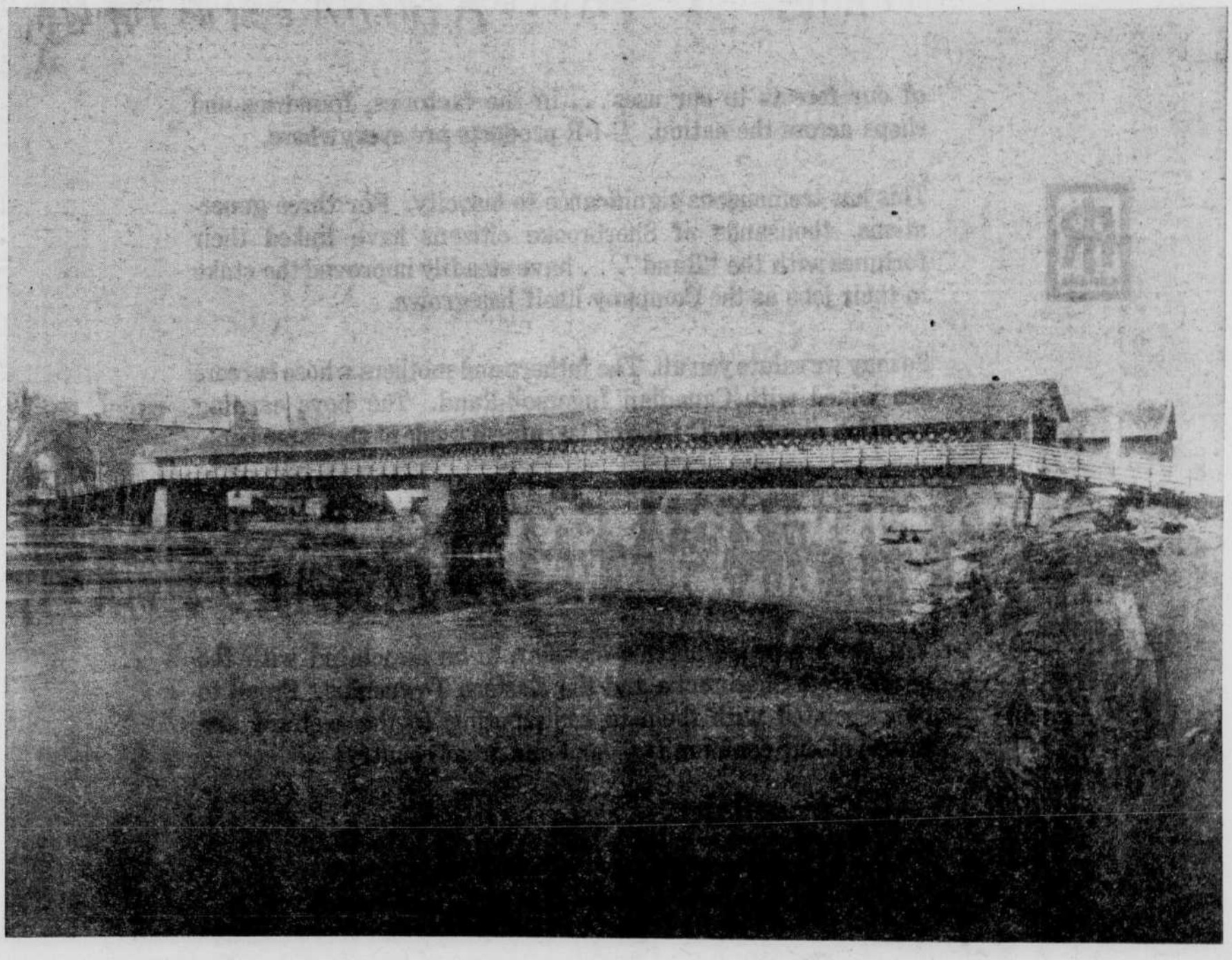
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Waterloo Second Hand Furniture Store — Waterloo	21
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Sherbrooke's Long Covered Bridge

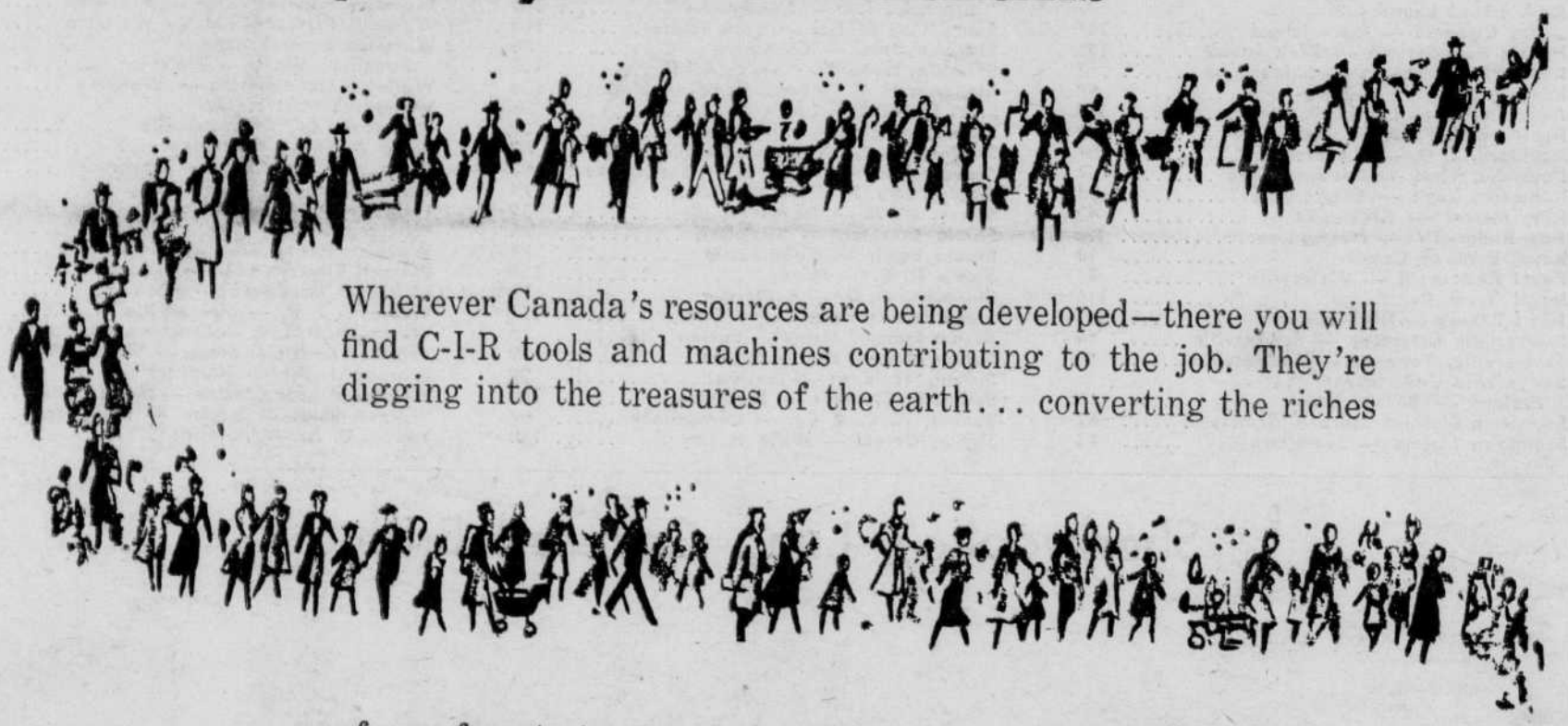


Shown above is the old Aylmer Bridge which once spanned the St. Francis River where a steel bridge now links East Sherbrooke with the business section of the city via King street. The picture was taken about the turn of the century from the east bank of the St. Francis, looking towards the old St. Michael's Cathedral, clearly visible on the heights behind the bridge. The covered span was long a landmark of the city in the late 1800's, and was torn down in the early 1900's. The photo is the possession of J. K. Edwards, a former Mayor of Sherbrooke.



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