

Town Of Souris Records Year Of Marked Progress

The year 1955 proved to be an eventful and prosperous one for the town of Souris, with the building and opening of several new services and businesses. The highlight of progress was the completion and opening in September of the commodious new High School. To provide additional markets for the fishermen two new fish processing plants were built and put into operation; these were the Fish Meal Plant and the Filleting Plant. The property that was formerly operated by J. J. Hughes & Co. was completely remodelled and re-opened as a modern Co-operative store.

A new R.C.M.P. barracks was erected and put into operation, and the new Canadian Legion Home was officially opened in June. Gillespie's Snack Bar was remodelled and extended, and the Central Market was converted into a modern restaurant.

The Eastpack Co. carried out large extension work on their wharf property. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was rededicated in November, after complete interior redecoration.

The Town Council carried out an extensive street paving project, and converted the old St. Mary's Hall into a snow plow building. The residents of Luthersburg Street undertook the laying of a sewer line.

The foregoing are commendable achievements, produced by the ambition and public spirit of the citizens of Souris, who have set a fine example to the Province during the past year.

Mayor Boudreault Extends Greetings To Georgetown

Mayor P. L. Boudreault, on behalf of the Town Council extends greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to the citizens of Georgetown.

His Worship reviewed many of the accomplishments of the year just ended and looked forward with confidence and hope of further progress and civic accomplishments in the year ahead.

Among projects referred to by Mayor Boudreault was the sub-grading and graveling of Victoria Street, which extends north and south for a distance of nearly half a mile; the sub-grading and graveling of Gordon Street and the graveling of Fitzroy Street.

It is planned to pave Victoria, Gordon and Fitzroy Streets in 1956. North Street was machined.

In the sub-grading, graveling and machine work on the various streets and in having the interest taken off the debenture on the Recreational Center, the Mayor and Council had the full co-operation and assistance of the Provincial Government representatives for 5th Kings.

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is heated by an oil heater. His Worship stated that all major community facilities had been kept in constant repair, or were improved.

A programme of sidewalk construction is contemplated for the coming year.

His Worship looked forward with confidence that the year 1956 would see many important projects undertaken, which would mark the progress of the capital seat of King's County.

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WORK ON TOWN HALL

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3 Airmen Escape When Jets Collide In Mid Air

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. (CP)—Three crew members parachuted to safety Friday when two RCAF Silver Star jets collided in the air 14 miles northwest of here.

One of the planes crashed on the shore of frozen Lake Manitoba about five miles northwest of the point of collision. The other landed in a farmer's snow-covered field four miles southeast.

The aircraft, from Macdonald air base, were in a three-plane formation about two miles west of the base when the lead plane, a dual-controlled T-33 and a solo jet flying alongside, collided.

One airman dropped on a highway five miles southwest of the air base. A passing air force bus picked him up. The other two came down in farm fields about seven miles north of the base and were picked up by an RCAF ambulance.

The men were identified as FO W.H. McKay, 28, instructor in the dual-controlled aircraft, and student PO R.C. Pranzi, 22. Pilot of the other plane was Sgt. J.C. Ockelton, 21, of the Royal Netherlands Air Force.

Improvement Noted In PEI Fishery Industry In 1955

The following review covers the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1955, but does not include the month of December as the report for this month will not be available until early in January. It is published through the courtesy of Mr. Lester Johnston, director of Fisheries in the Province.

The year's operations can be considered fairly satisfactory. Many of the more important varieties show substantial increases in catch and value as well as some of the least important ones, which offset the decreases reported in others, so that the increase in the total catch was 21,064 hundredweight with an increase in value of \$301,226.

The total quantity of all fish landed during the year was 348,164 hundredweight with a landed value of \$3,056,227, as compared with 327,100 hundredweight landed in 1954, with a value of \$2,755,000.

Weather conditions during the year were favourable for fishing with the exception of the latter part of September and October and November when unusually bad weather hampered groundfishing operations along the north, and eastern shores. There were no very heavy storms and while there was some loss of boats and gear and damage to shore installations, the loss was not great.

DRAGGER OPERATIONS

The fleet of small draggers operating out of Souris was increased to thirteen; two new ones being commissioned during the year. Those owned in the province together with some from other provinces landed all the plaice, haddock and mackerel and a considerable quantity of cod and hake.

One filleting plant was in operation in Souris during the year handling the catch landed by the draggers, most of which was filleted and frozen. Another plant was constructed during the year and is ready to operate.

Two fish meal plants were in operation also at Souris, processing offal, coarse fish etc. These plants produced approximately 875 tons of fish meal.

There was a substantial increase in the catch of cod amounting to 21,894 hundredweight with an increase in value of \$40,647 as compared with 1954. The inshore boats landed 47,912 hundredweight while the draggers landed 12,210 hundredweight. Cod were plentiful along the north shore and were taken mainly with hand lines. The bad weather during the fall months curtailed fishing operations keeping the catch down. More than half the catch was salted with the balance being sold fresh, frozen filleted, canned and dried boneless.

Practically all the haddock were taken by the dragger fleet. These fish were not as plentiful as in past years, consequently there is a decrease in the catch and value as compared with 1954. Most of the catch was filleted and frozen.

The inshore fleet landed 27,740 hundredweight of hake, while 10,836 hundredweight was landed by the draggers. These were canned and salted.

HERRING AND MACKEREL

Herring were not plentiful in most districts during the spring with the exception of East Prince. In that area they were plentiful but did not appear until May, consequently the fishermen were unable to sell as many as they could have taken, and the bulk of herring half requirements usually supplied from this area had been procured from other sources, namely the Magdalen Islands. A considerable quantity was also brought in from that source and processed into fish meal at Souris during the fall months, herring were scarce but bad weather also kept the landings down.

The quantity of mackerel taken was smaller than in 1954. Spring mackerel were not as plentiful as in previous years. Fall mackerel were fairly plentiful especially along the north shore but bad weather hampered fishing operations and kept the catch down. Most of the spring mackerel were salted, while the bulk of the fall catch was sold fresh to United States markets.

The smelt catch was small being about the same as in 1954. These fish were scarce during the year which combined with poor fishing conditions during January and February, contributed to the small catch.

SHELLFISH

There was a small increase in the quantity of oysters taken. The size limit on oysters was reduced from 3 1/2 inches to 3 inches which accounted for most of the increased catch. The bulk of the oysters was taken from leased areas, although a considerable quantity was also taken from public fishing areas. The demand for these shellfish was good and prices held up well.

More bar clams were taken than in 1954, but the demand for this variety is not great. Soft-shelled clams were taken in smaller quantities than in 1954. Intensive fishing of this variety in the past depleted the beds to the point where production is governed by the annual growth.

There was a good demand for quahaugs but the catch was down as compared with previous years. Intensive fishing of this variety is also depleting the beds to the point where production is governed by the annual growth. These shellfish were taken mainly from areas in the East and West Rivers in Queens County, in St. Mary's Bay in Kings County and in Percival River in Prince County.

LOBSTER FISHERY

The mainstay of the fisheries of the province, the lobster fishery, again shows a substantial increase

in landed value as compared with past years. During the spring season lobsters were fairly plentiful in most areas along the north shore but were not as plentiful along the east and south shore. During the fall season good fishing prevailed. Prices during the year were slightly higher than in 1954. A total catch of 82,668 hundredweight was taken which was 9,092 hundredweight more than in the 1954 catch. The landed value was \$2,273,914 as compared with a value of \$1,976,788 in 1954. This fishery accounted for about seventy-four percent of the value of all fish landed during the year and is responsible for most of the fish-

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Outlook For Manufacturers Is Optimistic

TORONTO (CP)—Barring any radical change in the international political or trading scene, Canadian manufacturers can anticipate a good level of business and the maintenance of a strong economic position in 1956, T. A. Rice of Hamilton, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said Friday.

Even if the good crop production of 1955 was not repeated in 1956, the non-agricultural section of the economy should witness a production expansion at least as high as that recorded this year.

The domestic market is and must continue to be the paramount interest of most Canadian manufacturers, said Mr. Rice.

However, the persistent promotion of Canada's exports was also important, particularly in view of the continuing deficit balance in foreign merchandise trade.

Continuing population growth accompanied by increasing purchasing power per capita was the greatest stimulant to the economy as a whole and to industrialization in particular. It ensured, among other things, expansion of existing industries and the creation of completely new ones.

Mr. Rice said 1955 had been from almost every aspect the most prosperous in Canada's history. Canada was a richly-endowed country with an assured and enviable future.

OIL MINERALS UP

WINNIPEG (CP)—Manitoba's oil and mineral production during 1955 was valued at more than \$48,000,000, highest in the province's history, Resources Minister C. E. Greenlay said Thursday. In a year-end review Mr. Greenlay said metallic mineral output would reach \$38,000,000 compared with \$19,745,612 last year. Oil production would be about 4,200,000 barrels against 2,148,449 in 1954.

OLD PAPERMAKERS

The Chinese made good quality paper from vegetable fibres in the 3rd and 4th centuries.

Mayor Bruce Stewart Sees A Prosperous Souris Year

Another year of prosperity has drawn to a close. Mayor Bruce L. Stewart told the citizens of Souris, and we look forward to the New Year with confidence.

At the conclusion of the year 1955 let us thank Divine Providence for the blessings He has bestowed on our town and people, and let us resolve to continue to make progress in the year to come.

At the beginning of the New Year we wish to extend to all our citizens our most sincere thanks for all their co-operation in the past, and hope that the future shall bring personal happiness and prosperity to all and continued progress to our town.

Mayor Bruce L. Stewart



MAYOR BRUCE L. STEWART

Councillors:
J. Arthur Peters, Charles J. Boylan, Wilfred C. Wright, Joseph Campbell, Wendell R. Birt, Elmer J. MacDonald.

FINAL TODAY — JOEL McCREA in "BLACK HORSE CANYON"

SERIAL — COMEDY — NEWS
CAPITOL MATINEE 1 AND 3
EVENING SHOWS 5-7-9

Bold and Boisterous as the Mighty Mississippi!
Lusty and Gusty as its Mighty Women!
MON. - TUE. - WED.

Creole Beauties and Highborn Ladies were the stakes men played for!

Deadly weapons and thundering fists were the chips they used!

THE GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ

TECHNICOLOR

Dale ROBERTSON
Debra PAGET
THOMAS GOMEZ

EXTRA! NEWS - COMEDY - CARTOON

MATINEE AT 1 AND 3
EVENING SHOWS AT 5 - 7 - 9

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S MIDNIGHT SHOW

SUNDAY NIGHT BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 12:05 A.M.

ALL FOOTLIGHTS, FUN and FANCY FREE!

The BIG MUSICAL about the BAD GIRL of Show business.

EVA TANQUAY

MITZI GAYNOR
DAVID WAYNE
OSCAR LEVANT

Special Advance Ticket Sale TODAY
From 1 - 9:30 — 00 —
Ticket Holders Admitted at 11:45 P.M.
Sunday — 00 —
Box Office Opens At 12:05 A.M. — 00 —
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The "I Don't Care" Girl

TECHNICOLOR

CAPITOL



MAYOR BRUCE H. YEO

Mayor Yeo's New Year Message For Montague

Mayor Bruce H. Yeo yesterday issued the following New Year's message to the people of Montague.

Following a program of sound civic financing consistent with a program to provide all necessary facilities required in a municipality of this size, the Town Council feels that the year just past has been one of growth and development in the town of Montague.

The major program of the past two years, that of street paving, was continued this year with the completion of Locust Street and Chestnut-Parkman Streets.

This program has resulted in all the major streets of the town having been paved, and this program will be further extended provided suitable arrangements can be made.

All existing pavement was also maintained and repaired so as to keep these streets in as good a condition as possible.

This year a new program was undertaken, that of providing new sidewalks in the town of Montague. A long portion on the north side of the town, together with the sidewalk approaches to the bridge were completed this year, and a further program will be carried out in the New Year to continue this necessary work.

THREE NEW STREETS

Three new streets have been opened in the town and already residences are being erected which may serve to indicate the rapid growth of the town, a fact further emphasized by the growth of school attendance during the past

Eastern Guardian

TOWN OF MONTAGUE taxes are due now and must be paid before December 31st.

MONTAGUE Week of Prayer Service, Monday, January 2, 8:00 p.m., Church of Christ. Speaker Rev. A. M. Rogerson.

VALLEYFIELD - Orwell Head Congregation. Services for Sunday, January 1st: Orwell Head 11 a.m.; Kilmuir 3 p.m.; Valleyfield 7:30 p.m. Rev. Fred MacKinnon, Minister.

UNITED BAPTIST Churches: Montague 11 a.m. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Murray River 3 p.m. Sturgeon 7:30 p.m. with Song Service at 7:15. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper at the close of this service. All visitors welcome Rev. A.M. Rogerson, minister.

ST. PETER'S BAY Pastoral Charge, the United Church of Canada. Services for New Year's Day, January 1st: St. Peter's service at 11 a.m.; Greenwich service at 2:30 p.m.; Marie service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

Personals

Mr. Frank Giddings, Halifax, N.S., spent the Christmas weekend at his home in Cambridge.

Miss Mary Hemphill, Montague, is a patient in the Kings County Hospital, and her many friends wish her a speedy return to good health.

AC2 James Sullivan, R. C. A. F., returned to his base in Camp Bor-

den, Ont., after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Montague.

Mrs. W. E. MacNeill, who has been a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harper, Tignish, had as their guests for the Christmas holiday, their sons Romey who is employed in New Brunswick and Reggie employed at Halifax. Their daughter, Irma, of Charlottetown also visited with her parents.

ATOMIC ELECTRICITY

The world's first full-size atomic electricity station in northern England is expected to be operating late in 1956.

YEO THEATRE MONTAGUE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Adm. 40c - 55c Including Prov. Gov. A. Tax

HELL'S OUTPOST

Rod Cameron - Joan Leslie - Chill Wills
Mining Town Adventure. Thrills and Romance.

NEWS and CARTOON
Mon - Tues Adm. 30 - 46 Incl. Prov. Gov. A. Tax
Matinee - Tuesday - 2:30 p.m.

SUDDENLY

Color - Frank Sinatra - Sterling Hayden
Unusual high tension romance.

Potato Boat Leaves Souris

The S.S. Gulfport, 1,635 ton registry, Capt. J. A. Begin with a crew of 29 men sailed yesterday morning from Souris with cargo of 53,135-100 lb. bags of seed potatoes destined for Charleston, S. C. and Jacksonville, Fla. The variety of potatoes were Pontiac, Sebagoes and Katahdins. She was loaded by G. H. Brookings and MacFarlane's Produce.

Local Hockey TONIGHT

MONTAGUE RINK
Also New Year's Eve skate until midnight.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO THE CITIZENS

MAYOR BRUCE H. YEO

Councillors:
Doug McGowan
M. C. Reynolds
Gilbert Clements

Arnold Vanderstine
Frank Greene
Claude Nicholson

Our Motto — "Why Follow When You Can Lead"

MONTAGUE BAKERY

SPECIAL TODAY
New Year's Mince Pies

Be sure to get yours at the following stores today:
J. A. MacLean
Montague Co-op
H. L. MacGregor
T. M. Llewellyn

The management and staff take this opportunity to wish its customers and potential customers a Happy New Year.

CITIZENS OF GEORGETOWN

WE WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

With the Hope that the Year 1956 will bring you all Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

MAYOR P. L. BOUDREAULT

COUNCILLORS:
RAY W. SOLOMAN
N. W. HANSEN
G. A. SCULLY

T. F. RENTON
L. S. RATCHILDER
EMERSON LLEWELLYN

DR. J. E. MacPHEE

wishes to announce

THE OPENING OF AN OFFICE FOR THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN SOURIS

ON TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1956.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Of The

TOWN OF SOURIS

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ONE AND ALL

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BRUCE L. STEWART, Mayor.

COUNCILLORS:
J. ARTHUR PETERS
CHARLES J. BOYLAN
WILFRED C. WRIGHT

JOSEPH CAMPBELL
WENDELL R. BIRT
ELMER J. MACDONALD