

Processing plant's opening gives big lift to economy

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The fulfillment of destiny, as foreseen by the founders of Georgetown, took a giant step forward on Saturday, July 31, 1965, when Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. plant was officially opened by Premier Walter R. Shaw, in a colorful and historic ceremony in the Kings County capital. It was on April 18, 1964 that the Premier turned the first sod to mark the construction of the multi-million dollar, fully integrated Food Plant.

Its construction by Pigott Construction Ltd., was commenced in September of 1964 and continued throughout the winter months, with such rapidity, that the plant was in operation by September 29 of 1965 and the first trailer load of processed fish was shipped from the plant to Shamrock Fisheries Inc. of Boston, Mass., on October 14.

The plant is the most modern in eastern Canada and the largest industrial plant in this province and is the largest single employer of work personnel in this Province.

It was on May 11, 1963, that a group of Canadian-Norwegian engineers and business

people headed by Jens Moe, a man with faith in Georgetown's future, took a look at Georgetown with its spacious harbor and good docking facilities; its proximity to good fishing grounds and geographically a center of a potential labour force.

What they saw they liked and the result what Jens Moe likes to call the "great challenge" was revealed by Premier Shaw on August 20, 1963, when he announced that the Provincial Government would cooperate with a Canadian-Norwegian development organization in the establishment of a multi-million dollar, fully integrated fish and food processing plant, since named Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. and located at Georgetown.

FEDERAL GRANT
Federal government money was not long in coming into the picture, as in May of 1964 it was announced that the Atlantic Development Board had made a grant to assist the Georgetown industrial complex of nearly \$1,000,000 to provide for the installation of water and sewer systems to serve the new plant.



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and for the construction of electric power lines.

Pigott Construction Ltd., arrived in Georgetown on August 25, 1964 and work on the construction phase of the plant commenced almost immediately.

An assured market for the products of Gulf Garden Foods Ltd., was realized early in 1965, when arrangements were made for their distribution by Findus International of Switzerland one of the largest distributors of frozen foods in Europe. They will handle the output of the plant, once facilities, already underway, are completed for the shipment by refrigeration ship to Europe. In the meantime, Shamrock Fisheries Inc., of Boston, Mass., are handling the output of fish.

The plant's production capacity of processed fish will be 60,000,000 pounds annually.

This figure will be reached when the maximum number of 16 steel stern trawlers, will have all been constructed and in operation. The contracts with Findus International are believed to involve \$20,000,000 over a five year period.

An important aspect of the whole project was that Findus of Switzerland supervised the construction to the extent that the plant was completed according to Findus specifications. This means that the plant was constructed by the most knowledgeable people in the food industry in the world. Findus representatives have visited Georgetown and set up cost accounting systems for the new industry and the whole complex has been under the supervision of the best brains in food processing and marketing in the world.

Fish of almost all varieties will be processed at the plant and Baader Fish processing machinery provides fully automatic filleting of fish. Fish will be filleted; canned and frozen in blocks and are also being packaged for individual and industrial consumers.

FROZEN DINNERS
Vegetables and other agricultural products will be processed such as french fried potatoes, spinach, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and other varieties. It is also the intention of the plant management to package, complete frozen dinners. Stock piling of a variety of agricultural products and fish will allow for year round production.

Plans call for the installation of a fish meal manufacturing plant, which will be located in the near by service building and which is expected to commence operations this year.

Some 180 persons are currently employed exclusive of the companies trawler fleet personnel, which now number 32. Cyril A. Davies is president of the company and Ernest Teng-

berg-Hansen is the plant production manager.

In size and production capacity the Gulf Garden Foods Plant at Georgetown is hard for the reader to visualize and visitors to the plant express amazement at its spaciousness and the excellence of its equipment and under the supervision and technical know-how of Findus International, it was designed and equipped to be a modern plant for food processing not only at the present time but 15 or 20 years from now.

The main building runs south from Water Street with a straight west wall of 492 feet in length. The front, facing on Water Street is 132 feet wide.

At the south end it is 66 feet wide and this width continues along the East wall for a distance of 320 feet; then juts out to the east an additional 66 feet, to make an overall width of 132 feet. This width continues north to Water Street, a distance of 172 feet. The total length of the east wall is 522 feet, which includes an office two stories high and measuring 30 feet by 90 feet, located at the north east corner facing Water Street.

From the south end running north for a distance of 172 feet the building is one storey in height and from there to the north front end, a distance of 320 feet it rises two stories.

MASONRY AND STEEL
The production area alone will cover 21,000 square feet. The building is of masonry and steel construction. The reinforced foundation walls are from 10 to 22 feet in height. The main walls are of reinforced concrete blocks with brick veneer exterior finish. The main walls of the refrigeration area are covered on the exterior with metal siding.

The erection of structural steel began in November of last year and was followed by the construction of the roof-deck, insulation and roofing was then proceeded with. The roof is finished with tar and pea gravel. An ice making plant measuring 20 feet by 30 feet is located at the south end of the building.

The raw material storage room is located at the south end. Here the fish are iced and stored in aluminum boxes. The next area is the filleting and processing area. Here are located the Baader fully automatic filleting machines. This machinery is now on the floor and will soon be installed. Here also is the area for the cleaning and processing area of sharks and whales. At the north end of this area is located the plate freezing room. It contains four plate freezers, two of which are presently here, with two more to arrive soon. Pre-freezing is done by the plate freezers. Following this the fish are taken into the cold storage area, which is located in the west and north corner area of the plant. Here the raw materials are stored at a 22 below temperature. Adjacent to this area is the vegetable processing room for the processing of vegetables and fruits. From here they are taken into the blast



FIRST OVERSEAS SHIPMENT OF FROZEN FISH

freezer in the cold storage room.

The second floor contains the canning plant, where fish and other products will be canned. On this floor is also located the wash and change rooms; locker rooms; cafeteria and kitchen, laundry, electrical and mechanical rooms, two laboratories are in the plant, one located on the upper floor and one downstairs. Washrooms are located on both floors. The office area is two stories high, with the executive offices located on the second floor and the general offices on the ground floor. The office area is practically all enclosed in glass for brightness and better appearance.

A large service building is located to the west of the main plant. This building is 100 feet by 120 feet. It has a reinforced concrete foundation; steel construction and the walls are covered with white metal siding. This building houses the compressor room and electrical substation; a boiler room for heating and water supply and a fully equipped garage for service and maintenance work on draggers. It will also contain the Fish Meal Plant, which will be in operation in 1966.

Two 250 HP boilers have been installed, as well as first and second stage compressor. On the roof are located the evaporation condensers. Painting is currently being carried out and the electrical wiring and mechanical work is substantially completed. The main plant building and the service building have concrete floors throughout.

The height of the main walls in the main building are 21 feet six inches, in the portion that is one storey high and the two storey part is 31 feet in height.

Facilities to provide water, sewage and plant waste disposal and electrical power are being provided out of an \$800,000 Atlantic Development Board grant. Wells have been bored to the north and east of the town and will have the water piped from them to the plant. The sewage and waste disposal will be carried to an area on the east side of the town to a treatment center and then piped to the harbour mouth.

"Whenever I get real mad, my husband just laughs at me. The more he laughs, the madder I get—and then I start laughing. Then we kiss and make up."

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SEX HELD NO BAR TO 'DIRTY JOB'

CHICAGO (AP) — If a woman wants a "dirty job," give her one, says a U.S. labor official.

Richard A. Graham, a member of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charged that some employers are unfair in their attitudes toward women. He calls it "misplaced chivalry."

Says Graham: "Some employers refuse to give women 'dirty jobs' though these may be the higher paying jobs they want."

Graham told the American Management Association's annual personnel conference that 18 per cent of the commission's complaints are based on sex.

Comedy star would like new roles

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Mitzi Gaynor, star of many comedies and musicals, is looking now for roles with a little bit of villainy in them.

"Like Sandy Koufax," says Mitzi, "an actress needs a change of pace."

She and her husband, Jack Bean, have optioned some properties that may give moviegoers a new Mitzi Gaynor.

"I can get mean and nasty," she says. "Ask my husband."

Mitzi and Bean have been married 11 years in what the fan magazines like to call an ideal Hollywood marriage.

"We have lots of fights but they never last," she adds. "And here's a tip to husbands,

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