

Survey of West Prince Co. aims to boost economy

SUMMERSIDE — "The great resource of our country is its people. If fully awakened, can develop the natural resources of Prince Edward Island to the maximum, making our province a better place in which to live."

In an attempt to improve the economy of the currently slow provincial government representative at a recent resources development meeting in Prince County, sums up the idea behind the natural resources of the province. Edward Island to the maximum, making our province a better place in which to live.

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the park has been brought to the attention of Solicitor-General J. Watson MacNaught, who recently met with the minister of northern affairs and natural resources, Arthur Laing, to discuss the matter.

Abram's Village brief called for improvements in lobster fishing, more French personnel to be employed by travel bureaus to better inform the tourists, and the construction of a house for the aged.

Several suggestions were made in regard to the harvesting of cranberry, blueberry and other fruit crops, and a marketing plan was asked for the Wellington area.

A brief from the town of Summerside presented at a cabinet meeting asked for the improvement of the main highway from Albany to the western portion of the province.

The lack of tourist attractions and facilities was stressed in reports presented at Miscouche and the community asked for aid in the construction of an Acadia Memorial museum and a hotel.

A need for adult education classes of French culture was expressed, and a memorial park for the centennial year was suggested.

O'Leary submissions asked for a West Point to New Brunswick ferry service, the Tignish to Summerside all weather road, potato storage facilities and a lobster pound.

Aid in the establishment of the Mt. Pleasant airport for the use of tourists and Islanders was asked at Tyne Valley. Agricultural marketing and harvesting improvements were requested and a souvenir shop in the area was considered to be a big aid for the tourist industry.

The major improvement called for to date in the six meetings held was the re-construction of the county's main road from Albany Corner to Tignish, a distance of 66 miles.

One brief referred to the road as being "worn out and secondary" and recommended that it be widened, straightened and resurfaced in many locations. In its present condition the highway is closed every spring to heavy traffic because of break-up caused by thawing.

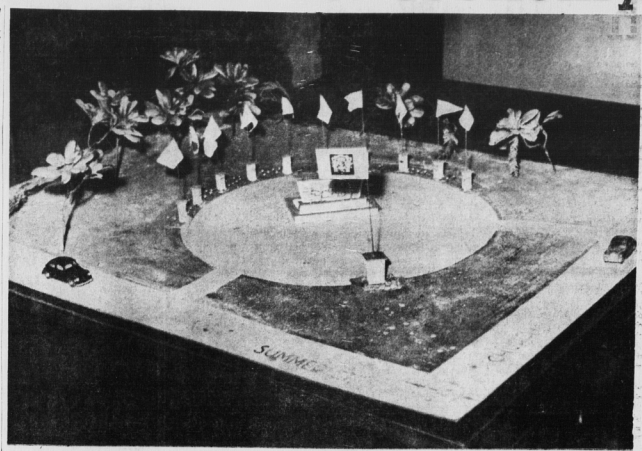
Plans and specifications for the construction of a dry dock at Alberton South were presented at the Alberton meeting. The dry dock would be built at the site of Alberton Industries boat building plant and as the brief said: "would establish Alberton as an east coast ship repair port, opening the way for other industry."

CANNING PLANT

A causeway-breakwater from Black Banks to Goose Harbor in Casemque Bay was suggested as an aid to clear Alberton harbor. Other briefs at Alberton suggested a canning plant for fish, vegetables and meat, more home crafts and tourist promotions, and adult education classes for farmers and fishermen.

Briefs presented at Tignish recommended the construction of a moss processing plant, building of a recreation centre, and the establishment of a national park in the area.

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Gordon reports deficit

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Gordon reported Friday night a budgetary deficit of \$28,000,000 for the first seven months of the current fiscal year in his monthly statement of the state of the federal Treasury.

The deficit for the seven months compares with one of \$28,400,000 for the first half of the fiscal year and one of \$37,000,000 in the first seven months of the 1962-63 fiscal year.

For October, the deficit was \$32,300,000 as against \$30,000,000 in the same month a year earlier. Revenues in the month were \$569,140,000 while expenditures were higher at \$601,600,000.

The seven-month deficit compares with Mr. Gordon's June 13 budget forecast of a \$385,000,000 deficit for the full 1963-64 fiscal year ending next March 31—a figure that was boosted to \$653,000,000 by his July 8 changes in the budget. Government expenditures usually rise sharply at the end of each fiscal year.

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