

# Firm Now Has Dominion - Wide Coverage

## Trace Growth In The Past Quarter Century

Canada Packers, the largest meat packing firm in the British Commonwealth, had its inception in 1927. It was formed by the union of four companies — The Harris Abattoir Company, the Wm. Davis Co., Gunns Limited and the Canadian Packing Co. The last three had incurred crippling losses during the years following the deflation of 1919-20, and were unable to continue operations without assistance.

The first tasks of Canada Packers were to fuse the staffs of all four companies into a smoothly working organization; to renovate existing plants; and to build up necessary working capital. Although the depression which began in 1929 slowed down progress, these tasks were well on the way to accomplishment by 1935.

The next step in the Company's program was to establish facilities which would enable it to give good service in all parts of the Dominion. Accordingly a plant was erected in Edmonton in 1935, and another in Vancouver in 1938. These plants enabled the Company to tap the large surpluses of Western livestock for the benefit of those parts of Canada where supplies were insufficient, and to supply consumers in Alberta and B. C. with high quality meats.

The outbreak of war upset plans for extending operations to the Maritime Provinces, but in 1946, following a disastrous fire, Canada Packers acquired the Davis and Fraser business in Charlottetown. Repairs were completed hastily, but from the outset it was realized that renovation of the existing plant and equipment would be required. The completion of this work and the addition of a fine new processing block and adequate shipping facilities will permit the Company to give the Maritime public the products and type of service customarily connected with the name of Canada Packers.

While the official opening of the enlarged plant here may be assumed to complete the Company's plans for geographical expansion, it does not terminate its plans for further development. These plans, however, are directed primarily at improvements in formulae, techniques and processing facilities. With this in mind the Company is presently erecting a half million dollar building in Toronto to house its research division, which already has to its credit a number of important discoveries in the improvement of the quality of meats, and in better utilization of by-products.

Charlottetown, in common with the Company's ten other packing plants, will share in the resulting benefits in which producers and consumers will also participate.

### EMPHASIS ON CLEANLINESS

Throughout Canada Packers' new plant emphasis is laid on cleanliness—not merely to the eye, but the kind of sterility a surgeon wants in an operating room. The new processing rooms all have floors of smooth cement, brick or tile. Many walls are tiled, others painted with a special paint—easy to wash. Corners are rounded. There are no cracks or crevices to harbour dirt, which though invisible, might prove a source of contamination.

## Bacon Slicing Department Canada Packers



Where bacon is sliced daily to guarantee freshness. Bacon is sliced in a temperature of 45 degrees F. Windows of slicing room are of prismatic glass to provide insulation. Walls and floors are tiled. —Photo by L. F. McInnis.



W. N. WILSON  
Manager Vegetable Dept.



C. J. BOUDREAU  
Manager Produce Department

### STAFF OF CANADA PACKERS

The staff of Canada Packers' Plant in Charlottetown numbers 100. The Company's staff in the Maritime Provinces is slightly more than 500. Its total staff in Canada and United States presently exceeds 11,000.

## Construction Completed On Schedule Despite Very Difficult Winter

The contract for the construction of the new plant addition to Canada Packers, Ltd., was signed on December 8th, 1951, and work was commenced at once. As all residents of Prince Edward Island will recall, the winter of 1951-52 was the severest occasioned for many years, and necessitated the improvisation of many construction methods to keep the job on schedule.

All concrete materials were thoroughly heated and protected during the cold weather, and in spite of the fact that the concrete poured was subjected to rigid inspection, not one shovel was lost. It is also interesting to note that with the exception of the refrigeration and insulating work, it was not necessary to bring in any outside artisans to do any of the work on this job.

To those who will inspect the plant, they will perhaps note particularly the tile work that has been done, and it is pleasant to record that it was all done by Island workmen. The work was done under the supervision of Mr. James Rourke, General Superintendent, Mr. Hazelton Phalen, Construction Foreman, and with the assistance of Mr. Lee White, of the Engineering Construction Department of Canada Packers, Ltd.

The completion of this structure marks another milestone in the history of County Construction Co., Ltd., of Charlottetown. Starting from a small beginning in 1945, they have gradually expanded until they are now one of the largest construction firms on Prince Edward Island. During this period they have completed the following buildings: new schools at St. Eleanor's, Borden, West Royalty, Central Royalty, East Royalty, and Winsloe. The new comfort stations at Cape Tormentine and Borden were built for the Canadian National Railways. A recreation hall for St. Mary's Parish at Souris, a Community Centre in Charlottetown, the new

Summerside branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, a new church at St. George's, P. E. I., the building for the Benevolent Irish Society in Charlottetown, the Advanced Registry Testing Station for the Dominion Department of Agriculture at the Experimental Farm in Charlottetown and many private dwellings.

The County Construction Company also produce all types of gravel for any form of construction work, and have operated a washing, crushing and gravel screening plant for some years. This plant produces a high type of concrete gravel, also crushed gravels for road materials, etc. The Company also had the privilege of participating in the first section of the grading of the Trans Canada Highways from Bonshaw to Tryon.

Besides the head office at 97 Water Street in Charlottetown, a repair and maintenance shop is operated on the Brackley Road opposite the Charlottetown Airport.

### FARMERS GET LION'S SHARE

Last year Canada Packers returned 83 cents of its sales dollar to primary producers, and paid 16½ cents for wages, supplies, taxes and other costs of operation. The net return for shareholders was one-half cent on the dollar.

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- \* Stainless Steel Work.
- \* Sheet Metal Work.

RICHARD RUTHART

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on their

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Phone 488

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# CONGRATULATIONS to CANADA PACKERS, Ltd.,

## upon the opening of the modern new addition to their plant at Charlottetown.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Canada Packers, Ltd., for the construction of these facilities symbolizing their belief and faith in the future development of the agricultural industry of Prince Edward Island.

### COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., General Contractors

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