

Heavy Production Planned For Montague Food Plant

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When the Langley Fruit Packers Ltd. plant in Montague gets into full production it is anticipated that some 12 to 15 million pounds of foods will be processed annually.
Each year the plant will handle 4,000 to 5,000 tons of potatoes, and with a goal of some 2,000 acres of production there will be a steady increase in strawberry production. Along with these items, the firm also plans a large raspberry operation.
With the present strawberry acreage at 400 to 500 acres, the 2,000 acre production goal will have a tremendous impact on the Island economy.
The forecasts were made Tuesday afternoon by Ernest Buffum, the general and capable plant manager for the British Columbia based firm, that it hopes to begin processing Brussels sprouts by the week of October 20, although construction problems have delayed the date for the beginning of operations, and could possibly delay it beyond that date.
But the sprouts are not easily

damaged by frost, so there is little worry on that score. "I have seen them dug out of snow in Chilliwack," he said.
MODEST SCALE
Operations this fall will be on a modest scale, with 40 people growing an estimated \$70,000 worth of Brussels Sprouts — that's the value to the producer — with plots ranging from one-half acre to 15 acres. In future, the company looks to producers having a larger range of plots—five acres would be ideal, Mr. Buffum said.
The plant will process potatoes and chips later, possibly by the New Year, and this will be one of the largest production items, it was learned.
The new plant will employ up to 200 women and 60 to 70 men when the soft berry operation is underway, if the berry development turns out as expected and that, he said, will be the peak of employment.
"Several of our berry varieties will be tested in the Experimental Farm green house here over the winter to see how they grow in this province," explained Mr. Buffum, who said the berries

is they have used in British Columbia are better for processing than the Island varieties, though the ones produced here have excellent flavor.
Large quantities of the berry plants will be obtained if the tests are favorable, and a large raspberry operation is also envisioned.
"Most of the fish and chips processing operation will be carried out here," said Mr. Buffum, a New Hampshire, U.S.A. man originally who has been in Western Canada since the First World War. This will probably be our top operation here, with a close second, he estimated.
Spinach, raspberries, cauliflower, beans, Bell peppers and some sea foods are some of the foods that will be processed when the plant is in full operation, Mr. Buffum said.
The strawberry picker is used by the plant people in British Columbia and it steps up production. It has a low, wide platform that will cover 14 rows and 28 people work on it, lying face downwards and they pick the vines as the machine pro-

ceeds slowly ahead. "One big advantage is that you get 25 people working in one unit, and it is a self-policing unit, for the person who loafs is checked sharply by the others on the machine," it was explained.
ISLAND LABOR FINE
"We liked the Island labor we employed on the construction job," said Mr. Buffum, who explained that they naturally got a few people who were unsatisfied, but the overall reaction was excellent.
"We found a spirit of loyalty to which we have not been accustomed, he said. Asked for an example he said:
"Some of our equipment is on rubber tires and when tires fail it is unexpectedly, some of our workers brought tires from their own homes. That's a kind of loyalty we never experienced before," he emphasized.
And, he added, "I'm sure some of the men we work with here are worrying just as much as I am about getting the plant completed on time."

Irish Trip Described

Highlights of his recent trip to his native Ireland, was the subject of the address by Rev. Maxwell Nesbitt, O'Leary, at Tuesday night's supper meeting of the Charlottetown Baptist Men's Association, held in the church hall.
Mr. Nesbitt illustrated his talk with colored slides.
Charles Scramton reported that a name is being sought for the newly dedicated campsite at Rice Point, and that the person suggesting the name chosen will be suitably recognized. He also acknowledged the generosity of Samuel Campbell in starting a camp fund.
A report on Scouting was given by Windsor Brehaut.
chinery Ltd., will be taken at 5 p.m. Friday.
Unable to arrive at a working agreement with the company mainly over payment of a premium for overtime hours, the local requested that the labor department supervise the vote.
About 15 union members are eligible to vote. If the vote calls for strike action, it will be at least a week before the strike takes place, as labor requires 12 days require a waiting period of seven days after the vote before such action can take place.

Weekly Bridge Has 10 Tables

The weekly session of the Charlottetown Duplicate Bridge Club was held at the Charlottetown Hotel Monday night with 10 tables participating.
Mrs. M.A. Farmer and Mrs. Carl Green teamed up to lead the north-south pair, while Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Grant topped the east-west division.
Next session will be Tuesday night, Oct. 15, due to Monday being Thanksgiving Day and a statutory holiday.
Following are the top five teams on each side, with points totals:

EAST - WEST	
1. Mr. Mrs. T.F. Grant	118 1/2
2. Tule-Aikins	110
3. Gaudet-Vessey	103 1/2
4. Dunbar-Rorman	101
5. Forsythe-MacLeod	99
NORTH - SOUTH	
1. Farmer-Green	123 1/2
2. Coffin-Toombs	108
Mr. Mrs. G. Senn	108
4. Larabee-E.V. Bell	106 1/2
5. Hambly-MacDonald	96 1/2

Que. Man Leaves Home To Bears

CAMPBELLTON, N.B. (CP)—A Sillarsville, Que. man has decided to let the bears have his home and he has moved in with his mother-in-law.
Bill Blaquiere, who lives on the Quebec side of the Restigouche River near here, last week opened his front door and came face to face with a huge black bear standing on the veranda.
Blaquiere took a shot at the animal, but it escaped. Two days later a second bear showed up outside his home.
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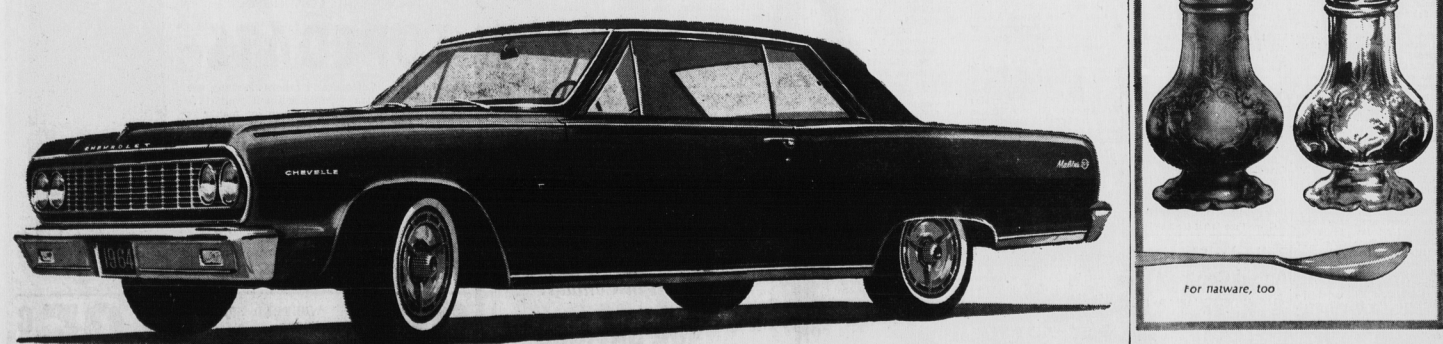
TWIN GIRLS SLAIN

A 25-year-old man was charged with capital murder after the bludgeoned bodies of Dianna (left) and Dorcen Ring, 15-year-old twin sisters, were found near their home at Enderby, in south-central British Columbia. The girls' bodies were found a few hours after they were reported missing on their way home from school. Lawrence Herman Haase, of Kelowna, B.C., has been charged with murder. (CP Wirephoto).

Resort Operators To Hear '64 Plans

Dr. Frank MacKinnon and other top Centennial celebration authorities will give tourist operators a comprehensive report on the committee's plans for the coming year at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Tourist Association, Oct. 30 at the Charlottetown Hotel.
The meeting, to be presided over by Association president Charles Linkletter, Summerside, will also be so arranged as to permit a question and answer period so operators may become fully familiar with what will be expected of them during 1964.
Despite the usual custom of having a particular guest speaker for the annual meeting it was felt this year it should be departed from in order to permit every tourist operator to learn all aspects of Centennial planning. This is considered especially important in view of the tremendous importance of the celebration and the huge throng of visitors expected to tax to capacity all Island accommodations.
A morning meeting of the Tourist Association directors at 10 o'clock will be followed by a directors luncheon prior to the general afternoon Association meeting. A reception will precede the annual dinner scheduled for six p.m.
Cars Stolen On Weekend
SUMMERSIDE — The property of car dealers, D. Alex MacDonald and Corney Bros., Summerside, two cars were reported stolen from their respective car lots some time during the past weekend.
Taken from the MacDonald lot was a 1957 white and brown colored Chevrolet bearing P.E.I. license plate 38-881. The vehicle taken from the Corney Bros. lot is a light green colored 1963 Morris Oxford bearing Island license plate number 35-184.
Anyone seeing these cars are asked to contact their respective town or village police department or local detachment of the RCMP.
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