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Food processing plant largest in the province

By T.W. LAVERS

Construction of the buildings, which will be the provinces largest processing plant and employer of labour, is proceeding rapidly and on schedule, as men and machines drive for a 1965 completion deadline for the erection of the large fully-integrated Gulf Garden Foods Ltd., plant located on the south side of Water Street, at the head of the Railway Wharf in Georgetown.

The work is being done by the Pigott Construction Company.

The main building runs south from Water Street with a straight west wall of 492 feet in length. The front, facing on Water Street will be 132 feet long. At the south end it is 66 feet wide and this width continues along the east wall for a distance of [illegible] 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 length of the east wall is 522 feet, which includes an office, measuring 30 feet by 60 feet, located on 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, 320 feet it rises two stories.

The production area alone will cover 21,000 square feet. The building is of masonry and steel construction. The re-inforced concrete foundation walls are from 10 to 12 feet in height. The main walls are of re-inforced concrete blocks with brick veneer exterior finish.

On the first floor there will be located in the south end portion the fish processing area, raw material area, filleting, packaging and processing facilities. Also on the first floor will be an area for storing and processing vegetables and french fries. The cold storage, plate freezers and freezing areas will all be on the first floor.

On the second floor will be located area for the storage of packaging materials, men's and women's washrooms, locker rooms, a kitchen, a dining room, a cafeteria and a laboratory.

To the west of the main plant building will be built a service building which will measure 100 feet by 120 feet. This building will have a re-inforced concrete foundation but the type of construction has not as yet been decided upon. This will contain the compressor room, an electrical sub-station, a boiler room for heating and water supply and a fully equipped garage, to do the service and maintenance work on the draggers. It will also contain a fish meal plant.

ICE PLANT

To be built and located between the south end of the main building and the north end of the Dominion Government Potato warehouse will be an ice plant, for servicing draggers with ice. Also to be constructed are diesel fuel storage tanks. The height of the main walls in the main building are 21 feet, six inches in the portion that is one storey and the two storey part is 31 feet in height.

The concrete block work is being done on a sub-contract by Maritime Bricklayers Ltd.

As announced earlier in the year the Provincial Government will contribute almost $1,000,000 towards first stage plant construction and the company will supply about $400,000 worth of equipment.

Facilities to provide water; sewage and waste disposal systems and power for both Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. and Bathurst Marine Ltd are to be provided out of a $700,000 Atlantic Development Board grant. Wells are currently being bored at the north end of the town and a survey has been made for water and sewage by Laurie A. Coles and Associates. It is reliably reported that mid-summer of 1965 has been set as a deadline for the installation of water and sewage disposal systems for the industries.

MARKET ASSURED

An assured market for the products of Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. was realized earlier in the year when arrangements were completed for their distribution by Findus International of Switzerland, the largest distributors of frozen foods in Europe. Findus being one of the Nestle group of food firms. Findus will handle the entire production of the Georgetown plant. This is estimated to involve contracts of $20,000,000 for processed fish over a five-year period.

The work has progressed to the stage where the large main building is practically all closed in. The steel deck has been placed on the roof and on this has been laid the paper and felt insulation and tar. As soon as warmer weather comes more tar and gravel will be placed over the roof.

The cement block work on the walls is well towards completion. The placing of the face brick on the exterior walls was started early in February and is continuing at a rapid pace. The structural steel is all erected, except in that area which is designed for the office. The employees entrance is the only part of the building that has yet to have the foundation poured. The large section that is to be used as a cold storage area has the walls closed in with plywood and on the inside of the walls of this area will be placed insulation to a depth of six inches, with sheet metal siding on the outside walls.

SERVICE BUILDING

Excavations were started early in February in preparation to run foundation footings for the large 110 foot by 120 foot service building, which is located to the west of the main building. This building will contain the compressor room; and electrical sub-station; a boiler room for heating and water supply and a fully equipped garage for service and maintenance work on draggers. It will also contain a fish meal plant.

The present work force is about 79. Included in this figure are those employed by the subtrade contractors. Pigotts have a permanent staff of six, which include a project manager; a project engineer; a field engineer; a general foreman; an accountant and a clerk. The number of workmen will shortly be increased as work progresses on the service building.

In the area where the service building is to be erected a retaining wall has been placed in position to preserve the shore bank from erosion. This is between the Railway Wharf and the Old Ferry Wharf. This wall is of steel sheet piling and was erected by Wellner Construction Company. The steel deck on the main building roof was erected by Truscon Steel Works (Halifax) Limited. The structural steel was erected by the Robb Engineering Works of Amherst, N.S. Douglas Bros., and Jones Ltd., of Charlottetown are installing the plumbing, heating and ventilation. The electrical wiring is being done by Storey Electric.

SENIOR CITIZENS QUARTERS AT SOURIS

LAUNCH YACHT AT ALBERTON SHIPYARD

EMPLOYMENT HIGH

Economy of Montague is rapidly expanding

More growth and expansion took place in Montague in 1964 than in any previous period of its history. Over $250,000 was spent in the erection of new homes, a new senior citizen's home, a new Legion home, the erection of new business buildings, in addition to these 12 or more new homes have contributed to a population increase for the town.

It is estimated that about 20 new families have taken up residence here and although some are of a temporary nature many have indicated they intend to stay.

Employment is at a high level with many being employed at Langley Frosted Foods Ltd. This plant has been paying out about $5,000 in wages weekly; many more have been employed in the handling and growing of tobacco. It has been said by merchants that the unemployment cheque has almost vanished. A good crop of tobacco and potatoes both with good prices, have filled in the slack periods of the year giving business people of the town their best increase in business for many years.

Land has been made available for an industrial park near the Langley Frosted Food Plant and action is to take place early in the new year to try and bring other new industries to the area.

Besides being one of the better business areas of the province for new industry, Montague has much more to offer. Situated on the beautiful Montague River where considerable shipping of produce and pulp takes place it is also noted for sport fishing and boating as well as for commercial fishing Several residents of the town carry on a thriving fishing business, fishing for lobster, cod, haddock, mackerel, and smelts.

SCHOOLS CENTRE

The town has two banks, a well equipped hospital, is called the educational centre of the eastern part of the province with its new elementary school, and its regional high school. Students are landed at the schools by bus. These 18 or more busses land more children daily than the total population of the town.

The erection of these schools has added greatly to the economy of the town. They now draw students and parents to Montague from 80 districts.

Montague can also boast of specialty shops, barber shops, drug firms, plumbing and electrical contractors, T.V. shops, general merchandise stores, a hotel, motel, cabins, restuaurants, several doctors, a medical centre, theatre, curling club, churches, a museum and other conveniences for residents and visitors.

The Garden of the Gulf Museum had its largest flow of tourists in 1964 since it was opened about 10 years ago, and the management found it necessary to have longer open hours and also were compelled to hire additional staff. Preparations are being made to take care of a further increase in 1965.

RINK PLANNED

A new hockey and skating rink is a must and plans for a $65,000 rink are in the making. Following the sale of the old structure plans were formulated for a new rink with artificial ice however, after close investigation it was decided the artificial plant at this time when so much money would have to be borrowed was out of the question so plans are now underway to build a rink with natural ice with facilities for an artificial plant at a later date. This new building can be located on land already owned by the Community Welfare League Ltd., owners of the old rink and who now are taking the lead in supplying the new structure. This land is in the centre of the town, with plenty of parking space and would only require some grading to make it suitable for the rink. It is the intentions of the Community Welfare League Ltd. when and if assistance is available from the town to begin building early next fall under the winter works program to have it completed for the 1965 66 winter season.

The golf course at Brudenell has been in the planning stage for some time and the provincial government at one time agreed to purchase the property and supply a portion of the cost if the federal government would help under one of their programs. The land was purchased from Stafford Gordon a portion of which is being used for Brudenell Park. Since that time very little action has taken place. The board of trade, the town council and golfers of the area are now getting into action to see if a golf course cannot be built in 1965.

An all weather highway to Georgetown from Charlottetown with connections to Montague and the Wood Island ferry as well as to Souris has been under consideration for some time by officials of the county.

The Montague Regional High School with over 800 students meets all the requirements for a vocational school required by the federal government for assistance. It would appear that Montague is the logical centre for such a school. Around 700 students are presently being transported which means that additional busses would not be required to transport vocational students. It has been pointed out by one of those involved in the educational field that not all students will go to university or are capable of taking an academic education and that other means of training students in this category must be provided.

MUSICAL EDIFICE

VANCOUVER (CP) — A $1,000,000 music department building will be built at the University of British Columbia for use by 1966.

ARTIFICIAL INCREASE

REGINA (CP) — Artificial breeding of beef cattle in Saskatchewan now exceeds the same method of breeding in dairy cattle. Figures for 1963 released by the provincial agriculture department show that of 42,622 artificial breedings, 22,153 were to beef cattle. It was the first year that beef cattle breedings exceeded those of dairy cattle.

CLINIC NORTH'S FIRST

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) — The first veterinary clinic in Northern Ontario has opened near Desbarats, 22 miles east of here. Dr. Maurice Foster who runs the clinic says he has previously travelled up to 30,000 miles a year in his veterinary practice in the area. Now farmers will be able to bring their ailing livestock to him.

SCHOOL AUOMATED

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP) St. Catharines Collegiate high school has begun to process its students' records on this city's new computer. At a cost of about $5,000 a year, the computer will save each teacher about 5 hours of clerical work annually and the school will not need to increase its clerical staff as student enrolment increases.

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