

# National Park popular on vacationers agenda

Attendance figures at P.E.I.'s national park on the north shore are still on the upswing, as it continues to take second place in popularity only to Banff.

Figures available from park superintendent Don McAuley show 1,112,536 visitors came to the park between April 1 and Dec. 31 of 1964, an increase over the previous year of nine per cent.

Campgrounds accommodated 11,918 parties as compared with last year's total of 8,142.

Mr. McAuley attributed the increase in part to the new camp ground on Rustico Island, which was ready for visitors by July 6. The campground provides 148 campsites, three kitchen shelters and five modern toilet buildings.

In conjunction with this development began last year on a new supervised swimming area on the Gulf side of Rustico Island adjacent to the campground. A parking lot has been completed there, and it is hoped future development will provide picnic facilities.

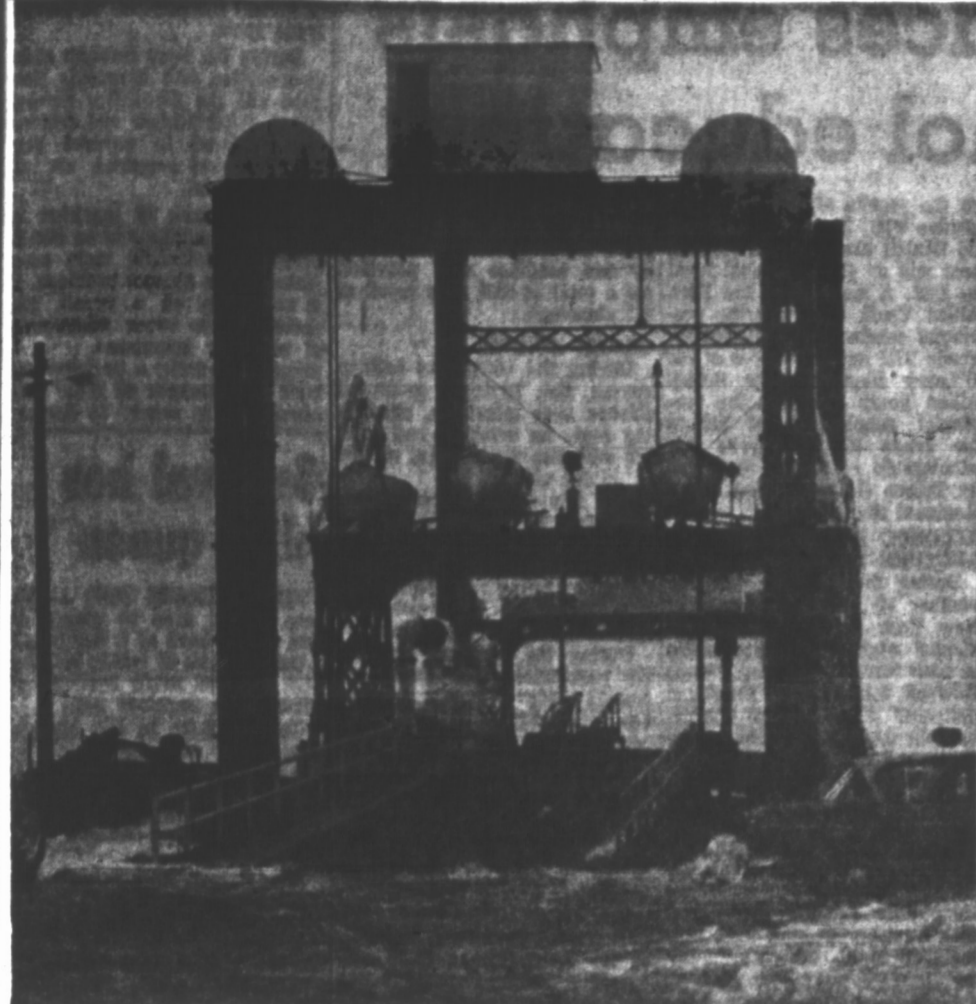
Use of rock-filled baskets was continued as protection against shore erosion, mainly on Rustico Island and the Stanhope area.

The department of public works also directed the stabilization of sand dunes on Rustico Island through the use of crib and groynes emplacements.

One of the small changing houses at Brackley was replaced in readiness for next season. Other maintenance and improvements included installation of hub railing along roads and parking lots; normal highway maintenance; landscaping; and painting and other general improvements on buildings.

The lifeguard service, employing 14 men, reported another fatality-free year at the park beaches. Five rescues were carried out. One lifeguard was added to Cavendish and Stanhope beaches, bringing the number at each beach to two.

In addition to regular supervisory work, the lifeguard crew gave swimming instruction to some 200 persons.



NEW TERMINAL AT BORDEN

## S'side electric embarked on modernization program

SUMMERSIDE — One of the largest and most complex departments in the town's electric department, which Tom Richardson is the superintendent, carried on extensive work during the past year.

One of its main projects, which took approximately three months, was the installation of 4,000 feet of spaced aerial cable line extending from the McEwen Road on Water Street east to the Euston Street intersection.

The only one of its kind in the Maritimes, Mr. Richardson stated the line is of a robust construction which will be able to withstand a heavy ice load and high winds.

The work involved in repairing the old circuit running this distance, consisted of removing the old poles and installing new 40-foot poles — treated poles

## 1964 ferry traffic shatters records

A year which saw all previous Island ferry travel records smashed showed a passenger increase over 1963 equal to the entire population of the Province.

Figures released by B. Graham Rogers, provincial director of transportation, show 827,344 persons used the ferry service in 1964, between P.E.I. and the mainland — an increase over the previous year of 107,514.

Coping with the droves of passengers, many of them tourists drawn by Centennial Year activities, were four Canadian National ferries on the Borden-Cape Tormentine run and two on the Wood Islands-Caribou system.

Borden, the MV Abegweit, MV Confederation and SS Prince Edward Island carried passengers, vehicles and 15-way cars, while the SS Scotia II did her share with cargoes of railway cars.

Plying the Wood Islands-Caribou route were the MV Lord Selkirk and the new \$1,500,000 MV Prince Nova, which was christened in December of 1963 and began service on the route in May, 1964.

**NEW VESSEL**

The new 230-foot ferry has a vehicle capacity similar to the Lord Selkirk's, but a greater speed — 14 knots to the Selkirk's 11 — which enabled her to make the crossing in one hour, 25 minutes less than the Selkirk.

A breakdown of passenger figures, reveals 604,196 passengers travelled on the Borden-Tormentine ferries in 1964. Of these, 30,430 were railway passengers, an increase over 1963 of 6,156, and 573,766 travelled in vehicles, a 57,226 increase.

Wood Islands ferries carried 223,248 passengers and 82,483 vehicles, an increase of 16,203 vehicles over the previous year.

Travelling via Borden were 237,560 vehicles, an increase of 23,082, and between 54,000 and 55,000 railway cars.

Mr. Rogers said both rail freight and trucking were increasing each year. About 9,500 truck loads crossed to and from Borden and Cape Tormentine last year. The railway carried 906,000 tons of freight and trucks carried approximately 116,000 tons via Borden.

Last year also saw the preliminary steps in obtaining a new ferry for the Borden-Tormentine route.

**BIGGEST YET**

A contract was awarded in November to Vickers of Montreal for the construction of a powerful new icebreaker, 28 feet longer than the Abegweit. The ship will have four propellers and 16,000 gross horsepower as compared to the Abegweit's gross horsepower of 12,000.

It will carry 1,000 passengers and 185 vehicles, 102 on the

## Centennial day highlighted '64

A forever-to-be-remembered occasion took place in Georgetown on July 22, when the capital town of Kings County celebrated its Centennial Day.

Months of preparation and planning went into making the day the success it was. The day's festivities started in the morning with a mammoth parade which contained 15 floats and a number of bands, as well as a contingent of navy personnel from HMCS Inch Arran in port for the celebrations.

The parade was marshalled by J. A. B. McConnell and was headed by the RCMP and Georgetown Police. The Mayor and Town Council, Chairman Alee Arsenault of the Centennial Committee, Lt. Cmdr. C. R. Manifold, commanding officer of HMCS Inch Arran, the Royal Canadian Legion, Colours Party and the Georgetown Fire Department all participated in the parade.

Following the parade, swimming events were held at the Railway Wharf and track and field events were held at the Park. These activities were followed by a Doll Carriage Parade, which featured 16 separate entries. Trophies and prizes for the various events were presented by Lt. Cmdr. Manifold. Those attending the celebration were served turkey and ham dinners at the rink throughout the day.

The skydiving program which had been scheduled for the evening was cancelled when a low cloud ceiling prevented the jumpers from performing.

In the evening a mammoth dance was held in the Government Warehouse on the Railway Wharf.

During the morning Lt. Cmdr. Manifold was hosted by the Mayor and Town Council in the Council Chambers, after he had paid his respects by calling on the Deputy Mayor, A. H. Stewart, who was acting in his official capacity due to the illness of Mayor Kennedy.

Also taking part in the day's ceremonies was the RCMP Vessel Fort Steele under command of Inspector W. B. Drew. Both the Fort Steele and the Inch Arran were open for public inspection at about 10 p.m., a large raft loaded with automobile tires and on which a mast was erected, to which was tied bottles of gasoline, was set afire in the harbor to represent the Burning Ship of Northumberland Strait.

A party was held aboard HMCS Inch Arran during the evening and was attended by 200 guests. Gifts to commemorate the occasion were exchanged by Lt. Cmdr. Manifold and the Town of Georgetown.

## Rink given face lifting

Improvements were carried out during the past year to the dance-hall located upstairs in the south end of the building. The motor and pump received a thorough overhaul and attention given to promenade and wiring.

The dance hall has undergone a face-lifting with material having been placed on the ceiling and walls, a new bandstand erected, as well as a canteen and new wiring installed throughout.

The rink is under new management, the parties also operate the 409 Club which sponsor the dances in the rink dance hall.

Hockey has been on a new lease on life at many Kings County communities, use the Georgetown rink to practice and to play league games. Free time has been made available for all classes of minor and school hockey, both for practice sessions and for the holding of games and ice sports.

## FISHERMEN SAFE

HAVANA (Reuters) — The Swiss embassy here confirmed that three American fishermen whose shrimp boat ran aground on Cuba's north coast three days ago were rescued by a Cuban Navy helicopter.

The embassy said the men were not under detention and will be returned to Miami via Mexico as soon as they receive Mexican visas, the embassy said.

Superintendent said, and the capital value of the department is over \$2,000,000.

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