

Where Rural Beauty Abounds

For the tourist who enjoys a restful, relaxing holiday in beautiful rural surroundings there is no better vacation spot than the extreme western section of the Garden of the Gulf. Here, among friendly and hospitable people, one may awaken to the silence of a country morning, roam through woods and fields, listen to the songs of birds, gather wild flowers and berries, swim and sunbathe at uncrowded beaches, fish trout from some quiet pond or stream, go deep sea fishing or boating.

TOURIST CENTRE

A West Prince Tourist Bureau being established this year will be a centre of interest and service to all summer visitors. Sponsored by the West Prince Tourist Association and the West Prince Board of Trade, it will be located in Alberton, forty-five miles west of Summerside, on Church Street which forms part of the main highway as it passes through the town. The Bureau will provide information concerning available accommodation, scenic drives, places of interest, fishing, etc. It will also contain a handicraft centre, tea room and rest room.

HANDICRAFTS

Within the past few years Alberton has become the home of one of Prince Edward Island's finest and best known handicrafts. From a modest beginning in the workshop of Herbert Leavitt, Maple Tree-Craft has become known and admired all across Canada and in other countries to which samples of the art have been sent as gifts. What began as a hobby has expanded and today Mr. Leavitt, assisted by Kenneth Quigley, is turning out trays, plates, bowls and wall plaques made from choice island woods and finished with a hard lacquer whose gleaming softness is resistant to all ordinary acids and alkalis.

Twenty years ago Herbert Matthews and his wife, Bertha, bought a dozen turkey eggs and hatched their first poults. Now their turkey farm, within the Town of Alberton, is one of the largest in the Maritime provinces. Some years they have had as many as seven thousand birds gobbling in their raised pens but this year they plan to have only about half that number. Large numbers of poults are now being sold in all parts of the Maritimes. Choice market birds may be obtained in many centres and all housewives know the name of Matthews stands for

quality. Not far from the village of O'Leary there is another large turkey farm owned and operated by John Turner.

FIRST FOXES

It was on an island in Alberton Harbour that the first foxes were raised in captivity. At the approach to the town is a monument to the pioneers of this industry which brought fabulous prosperity to some of the island's residents in the years immediately preceding World War I.

To harness racing fans Alberton is the birthplace of Joe O'Brien. His father and a sister, Mrs. John Profit, still live here. Behind the O'Brien home is the race track where Joe first held the reins.

MARTYRS

Here in Alberton stands the historic Old Deck Church (now United Church of Canada) from which went forth the first martyrs of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. On the east wall of the church, above the old family pew, is a bronze tablet to the

memory of George Nicol Gordon who with his wife, Ellen Catherine Powell of London, England, was killed by the natives of Eromanga in the New Hebrides in 1861, and of James Douglas Gordon who took his brother's place and also suffered a martyr's death. Until a few years ago the home of these missionaries still stood on the main highway between Alberton and Montrose. The location is now marked by a cairn of field stones with inscription cut in black marble.

SHIPPING

A mile from town is the little fishing community of Alberton South. A century ago it was the centre of activity rather than the present town site. For many years it was a ship building centre and busy port. From here vessels sailed with cargoes of produce to distant places and re-

turned with lumber, coal, molasses and many marketable commodities. Today an excellent type of fishing boat is being turned out by Hult Bros. who also manufacture a limited number of very up-to-date pleasure craft, and there is the expectation that when dredging of the harbour has been completed shipping of produce will again play an important part in the economic welfare of West Prince.

WOOLLEN MILL

MacAusland's Woollen Mill on the main highway between O'Leary Corner and Alberton is a popular stopping place for tourists. On occasion one will see in the yard above the mill huge patches of color. They are not flowers but wool from the dye vat spread out to dry. In the

mill one may see blankets being woven and yarn being manufactured. The finished products are of high quality and may be purchased on the spot, souvenirs of a Prince Edward Island holiday that will be appreciated when winter holds sway.

At Coleman, not far from the village of O'Leary, is one of only two grist mills remaining in operation in this province. Farmers bring in their wheat and the Leard brothers, Waldron and Albert, grind it into high grade flour. This mill has been operated by the Leard family for some seventy-five years, first with water power but now with a

100 h.p. diesel motor and other modern equipment.

TREE LINED RIVERS
Two of the most scenic rivers of the province are the Mill River and Montrose River. Both are tree lined and peaceful, providing beautiful drives around their shores, bathing, boating and fishing in their waters. In certain sections of each there are cabins available.

A small clam factory is located on the Mill River at Cascumpee bridge. Montrose River forms the setting for the annual Aquatic Sports sponsored by the West Prince Board of Trade. (Continued on Page 11)

FOR SALE

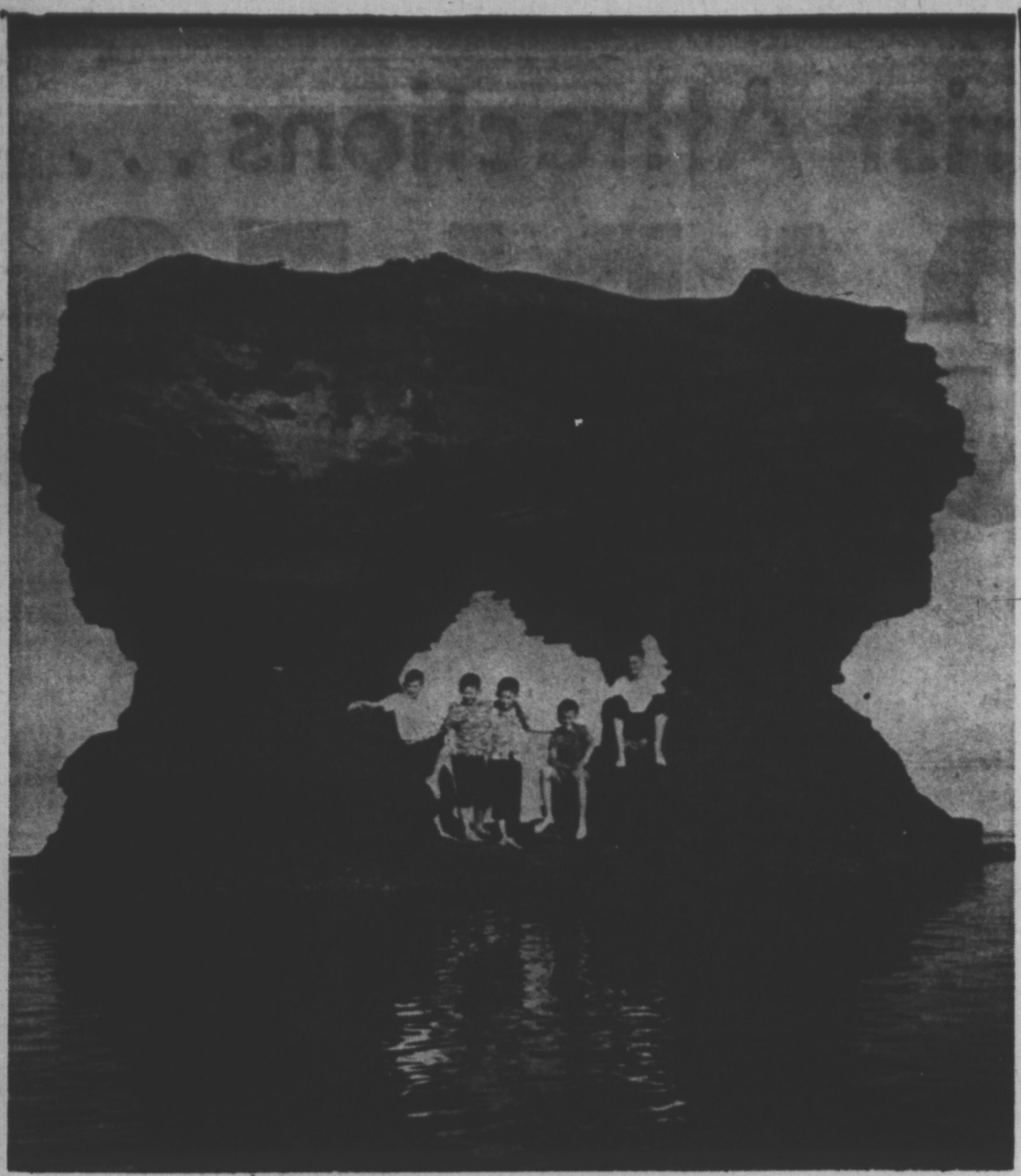
The very desirable property on the Norwood Road, about three miles from Charlottetown, which was formerly known as the Vimy Ranch. It consists of over 70 acres of first-class land, about 40 acres have been under cultivation.

There is a two-story residence with double garage and a smaller cottage residence, a large shed 80 x 25 with cold storage plant capable of holding about twenty tons, with the machinery for operating it, and there is a small refrigerating room that could be used for dairy products. There is a large building that was used for grinding meats and other purposes that could be moved and would make a splendid residence and there is a smaller two-story building.

There are five sheds in the ranch 24 x 100. A number of these have been sold for building purposes. There is a great deal of wire that could be used for purposes in connection with farming and many other desirable adjuncts.

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There are several hundred places to fish in this Province, and some, but not all of them, are listed below. All can be reached by way of some village or populated center located on the main highways. To reach any particular spot, the visitor has only to drive to one of the villages or towns listed and obtain directions from the people in the town or village. He will find them most co-operative. This helpful bit of information is supplied by The Tourist and Information Branch of the P.E.I. Government.

Tignish:—Route No. 1 Black Pond; Tignish River; Little Tignish River; Haywood's Mill Dam; Blanchard's; Nail Pond; Skinner's Pond.

Elmsdale:—Route No. 1 Mimmingash Pond; Rix Pond; Doyle's (Roseville).

Alberton:—Route No. 1 Round Pond; Marchbank's Pond and stream; Kildare River; Gordon's Pond; Mill River East; Hardy's; Metherall's.

Bloomfield:—Route No. 1 Long Creek Bridge; Gard's Brook; McAusland's Mill Dam and Stream.

O'Leary:—Route No. 1 Gard's or Marchbank's Mill (Howland); Little Pierre Jacques River; Big Pierre Jacques River and Mill Dam; Glenwood; West Point.

Coleman Corner:—Route No. 1 Getson's Mill; Mill River; Leard's Mill.

Partridge:—Route No. 1 Emmore; Easton's; Foxley River; Goff's Bridge.

Ellersdale:—Route No. 1 Poplar Grove.

Richmond:—Route No. 1 Sheep River (Victoria West); Fitzgerald's Mill; Sunnyside Stream; Grand River.

Wellington:—Route No. 1 Wellington Pond.

Summerside:—Route No. 1 At Summerside, complete information about fishing conditions can be obtained at the Summerside Tourist Bureau.

Kensington:—Route No. 1 Warren's Mills (Burlington); Cousins' Mills (Park Corner); Campbell's Pond (Park Corner); Brander's Pond; Found's Mills (New London).

Fredericton:—Route No. 1 Parson's Pond; Millvale Stream; Gunn's Bridge.

Hunter River:—Route No. 1 Hunter River Pond and Stream; Campbell's Stream (New Glas-

gow); Campbell's Pond (New Glasgow).

Mt. Stewart:—Route No. 1 The "S" at St. Andrews; McEwen's Mills; Cherry Hill; Leard's Pond (Pisquid); McPherson's Pond (Clarktown); Pisquid; Point De Roche.

Morell:—Route No. 1 Grant's Bridge; "The Forks" (up stream from Grant's Bridge) Mooney's Bridge; Indian Bridge. Directions to reach all points on Morell River can be obtained at Morell village.

St. Peters:—Route No. 1 Hay River (via North Shore road); Quigley's Mill.

Souris:—Route No. 1 Big Pond; Priest Pond; Gowen Brae Mill Pond. Note: Inquire at Souris if fish are "running" at Big Pond or Priest Pond.

Bedeque:—Route No. 1A The Dunk River. It can be fished from a number of vantage points. Ask for information at the general store at Ross's Corner. Bedeque. When the sea trout are running, it is one of the best streams on the island.

Bonshaw:—Route No. 2 The West River (at various places); Crosby's Mill; Riverdale; DeSables; Dixon's Mill.

Crapaud:—Route No. 2 McLeod's (Crapaud Village); Lord's (North Tryon).

Albany:—Route No. 2 Middle-

Flat River:—Route No. 2 Flat River Bridge (via Vernon River Bridge); Hughie McPherson's Mill.

Vernon River:—Route No. 3 Ross' Mills; Vernon River Stream; Vernon River Causeway; Mellish Pond (beyond New Perth).

Montague:—Route No. 3 Brudenell River (Brudenell); Electric Light and Power Dam; Montague; The Montague River; The Old Power Dam; Montague; MacRae's Mills and Stream (Heatherdale); Sturgeon Bridge; Harvey Moore's Sanctuary.

Cardigan:—Route No. 3 Seal River; Mitchell River; The Cardigan River (both sides including Morrison's Beach; McAnlay's Wilson's Point, etc.).

Murray River:—Route No. 4 Finlay's or Lecco's Mills; McLure's Mills (boats available here). See Vance Strickland.

Bell River:—Route No. 4 Ask at Compton's Store and inquire about fishing conditions. Belle River can be fished from several spots along the River bank.

Compton's By-Pass Pond at head of Belle River has boats for hire. Good sea trout fishing.

Bridgetown:—Route No. 5 Fishing is good off Bridge and at Herb MacLeod's farther down the river.

Annandale Pond:—Off Route No. 5 via Cardigan. There is good fishing on the Grand River near St. Georges.

National Park:—Route No. 6 Cousins' Pond (Cavendish); Carr's Pond (Stanhope).

Freetown:—Route No. 8 Scales' Pond and Stream.

Tyne Valley:—Route No. 12 Tyne Valley Mill Dam and Stream (located in village).

Elmira:—Route No. 16 East Lake; North Lake. Note: Ask Al Cumming at North Lake if fish are running. Ask Jim Harris at East Lake where to fish in the Lake.

Murray Harbor:—Route No. 18 Machon's Beach (the Buckwheat Wharf) and Beach Point.

Charlottetown and vicinity:—Wheatley River Pond and Stream (Wheatley River); Ford's Pond (Brackley Point Road); Gurney's Stream (Covehead Road); Marshall's Pond; Winter River (Suffolk); Keefe's Lake (rainbow trout); Johnston's River; Brazil's Bridge; Glenfinna Lake (rainbow trout); North River Causeway; Corran Ban Bridge.

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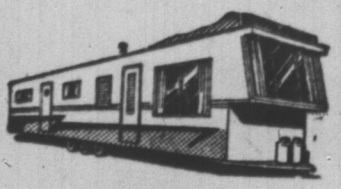


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