



O'LEARY'S CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING PROJECT UNDERLINES SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

'Co-operation' key as O'Leary village pushes forward

"Community co-operation" is the key to the continued success of the incorporated village of O'Leary and the word "community" is prominently displayed on two of their major undertakings. A modern hospital and a fine new rink.

The hospital was officially opened on July 3, 1959 and many improvements and additions have been made since that time. The community rink, officially opened in January 1960 is a tribute to the community spirit of the district. Valued at more than \$80,000 the rink was completed with a comparatively small debt owing to the co-operation of merchants and volunteer workers who donated time, materials and money.

O'Leary, together with the school districts forming the regional high school unit has one of the finest high schools in Prince Edward Island. Officially opened by Education Minister L.G. Dewar on Oct. 20, 1961, the ceremony of cutting the ribbon was performed by Claud Jolley, chairman of the board of trustees.

Of masonry construction the 140 - 60 building is located on the Barclay Road near the Community Hospital and includes a fine 54 x 100 auditorium.

LARGE ADDITION

Before the end of the first term in the new school plans were underway to enlarge the premises and the addition to the school is now just about completed at a cost of approximately \$160,000.

The extension to the school is two storeys. On the first floor there are a classroom, an agriculture science room to be used for physics and biology, a classroom for retarded children, a home economics room, trades training room and storage space. On the second floor are four classrooms, chemistry lab, library, secretary's office and a teachers work room.

The original building contained six classrooms, wash rooms, chemistry lab, vault, kitchen, cloakroom, teachers' room, principal's office and cloakroom. The Auditorium is marked for badminton. Seating capacity is about 750.

LEAD PROVINCE

A noteworthy event in the elementary school occurred last August when an O'Leary pupil, Elizabeth Platts, was the recipient of a scroll and a silver pocket, bearing an inscription, for leading the province in a grade eight examinations. The



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KENT STREET CHARLOTTETOWN

Bustling Prince County Town undertakes large program

Progress is a by-word in the town of Kensington again this year with a large-scale municipal planning program slated.

This bustling town last year completed its new fire hall to implement the "rural program" of fire prevention. This method of fire prevention was introduced about five years ago in Kensington and is reported as being first of its kind in the province.

Mayor Everett Champion, going into his fourth term of office, said he often receives inquiries from other towns about the success of the fire system, and several municipalities have adopted similar set-ups.

Mr. Champion said Kensington "has some of the best fire fighting equipment for this size of town on the province". He said the "rural" program has proven very satisfactory over the past few years.

Mayor Champion explained that residents in rural areas near Kensington subscribe, for

a small fee, for fire protection through the Kensington fire department.

HUNDREDS ENROL

The subscription fees are collected by members of the women institutes, and between 500,000 people are enrolled for protection.

Following initiation of the program some five years ago, a fund was established and from this a second pump was purchased. This fund also made possible partially the construction of the new fire hall.

The old fire hall, located in the former post office building, was torn down and the new one established in its place. This building is adjacent now to the town hall. A new well was also sunk there and a pump installed. This new pump delivers 120 gallons per minute and the total cost of the entire new renovation program is in the vicinity of \$10,000, Mayor Champion said.

The mayor said most people were well pleased with the program since rural residents in a 10-mile radius thereby receive practically the same services as the town for a normal fee.

Mr. Champion said the town's largest project this year would be repairing broken sidewalks and laying new ones. "All existing sections of sidewalk are in need of repair", he said. A year ago all streets were paved under that project.

LEAVENHOLM PARK

Looking ahead to the future, Mr. Champion said there was talk in the town that a community park may be established as a project to commemorate the centennial celebrations in this province. It is hoped this park may possibly be built on the site of the elementary school property near the new Kensington high school.

A second hope for project this year for the town will be the beginning of constructing a sewer system in the senior citizens homes plan. These homes will probably be located in or near the town hall.

Last year marked the initiation of a tourist bureau in Kensington. The idea was the brainchild of the Board of Trade and the Women's Institute, who jointly established the information centre while the institute also sponsored the sale of handicrafts in this centre.

Not only is the bureau located in an ideal spot, but the town of Kensington itself is ideally located as a tourist's landmark. The town serves as a junction for three of the most heavily-travelled highways during the summer.

Meeting here are the trunk roads to the National Park and Cavendish, to Woodlough Re-pleas and to the new Cabot

Park, as well as a route to Summerside and western Island points.

TOURIST CENTRE

Mayor Champion expressed the view that he was aware of the ideal location of the town, and that it sorely lacked proper tourist accommodations. Kensington, in view of its relative nearness to the summer vacation resort areas of the north shore, could easily become a centre of accommodation with suitable development.

But Mayor Champion also noted a hazard in Kensington where three main highways have a common union. The main CNR line from Charlottetown to western island points crosses each of these three roads, making ideal conditions for level-crossing accidents.

The town council has always been in favour of the installation of warning signals at each of these crossings, and the Kensington Board of Trade had been constantly in contact with the provincial government on this matter.

Proper standard warning devices are lacking on each of the three market roads to Malpeque, Margate and Friesland. Mayor Champion said it was learned (not officially) that the department of highways had agreed this year to install caution lights on each of the three crossings in the town. Mr.

Champion said he was very pleased with the Board of Trade's efforts in bringing about this much-needed "improvement".

NEW HOMES

A mushrooming of new homes that is hitting many towns, last year left its mark on Kensington as several new homes rose in various sections of the town. This is indicated by the increase in number of building permits issued.

Also begun last year, and scheduled for completion this year, was the spanking new Kensington Rural Regional High School. This school is one of the largest and most up-to-date regional high schools in the province to be built in the last two years. Completion of this building will herald a new era of education for youth of the area.

Mr. Champion said Kensington has the earmarks of becoming a greater centre of trade of various types, tourism being one of the foremost if proper accommodations were established. And if past trends are an indication of the future, the citizens of this prosperous town will probably develop it into greater things to come.

EXPORTS LOWER

LONDON (CP) - A spokesman for the government's Board of Trade told the House of Commons Tuesday Britain is in touch with the Canadian government over difficulties affecting exports to Canada. Alan Green, minister of state at the Board of Trade, said exports to Canada were 10 per cent lower in the second half of 1962 than in the first half.

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