



DAET-HERALD TURBO AIRCRAFT TYPIFY MCA'S FORWARD LOOK

## MCA marks 20th birthday; continued growth foreseen

In December, Maritime Central Airways celebrated its 20th anniversary, looking back on two decades of what might be called tremendous growth and development.

That Maritime Central Airways will continue to grow and expand during the next two decades is almost certain. Capt. Carl Burke, whose foresight and ambition were instrumental in the building of MCA from a small wooden hanger and two small aircraft, will most certainly endeavour to expand the operation of MCA as air freight transportation plays an ever increasing role in the development of Canada's north.

One of the highlights of 1961 for Maritime Central Airways was the initiation of a service

from Moncton, N.B. to Sept Isles, P.Q., last June.

The initiation of this service meant that for the first time in the history of the area, the north shore area of the St. Lawrence has been directly linked to the Maritimes. The area has a population of about 60,000, a figure which is ever increasing, and it appears that it will likely become one of the best of MCA's routes.

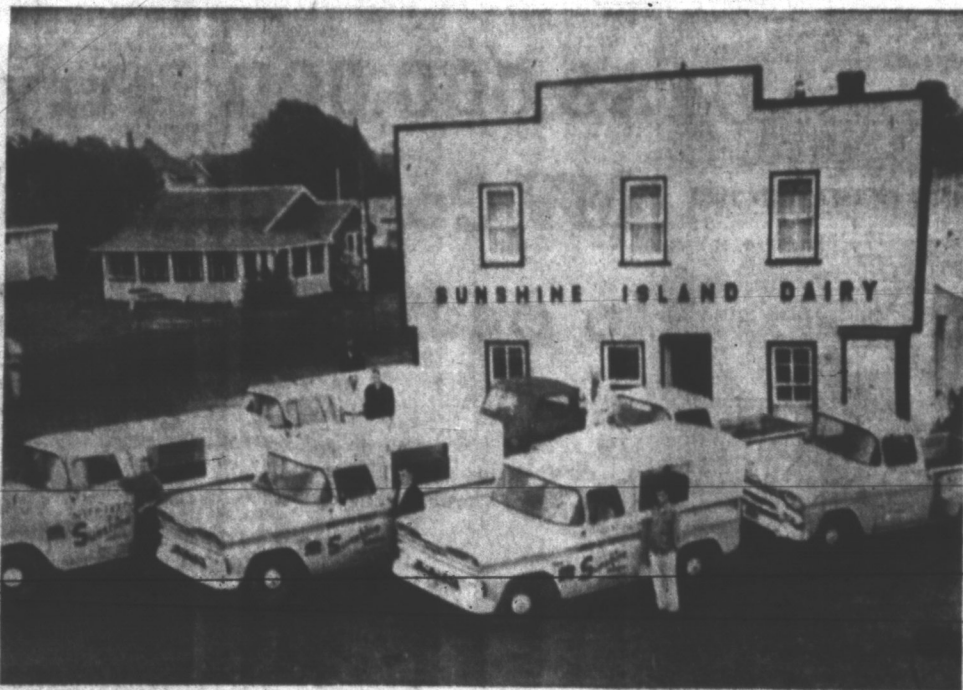
**COMPETE FOR TRADE**

Trade with the Sept Isles area, prior to last June, flowed from the west from the Montreal and Quebec districts; but the opening of the new service put the Maritimes in a position to compete favorably for trade in this area.

Early in 1961, came the announcement that Maritime Central Airways would be adding two Handley Page Dart-Heralds to their fleet. The first of these new aircraft is due to arrive for service in the Maritimes this year, and the addition of the new twin turbo prop airliners is expected to add its weight and prestige to the MCA carriers. It was also announced last year that MCA would be transferring three air crews, now based in Charlottetown to Moncton, N.B. to facilitate their services. The ramp crews and the accounting office will be remaining in Charlottetown.

Air freight shipments by Maritime Central Airways to United States Airforce bases in Newfoundland and to the Magdalen Islands boomed last year.

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The output of the Maritime Electric Company's Charlottetown steam plant will be increased by more than 60 per cent with the installation of a new 20,000 kilowatt turbogenerator. Plans call for the new generating equipment to be in operation by September, 1963.

The new unit, part of a three and a half million dollar expansion program announced in 1960, will be twice as large as the new turbine and generator of 10,000 kilowatts, commissioned in 1960, which brought the installed capacity of the plant to 32,500 kilowatts.

The turbogenerator is being built by Associated Electrical Industries Ltd., of Manchester, England, and will operate on twice the steam pressure of the present units in the plant, 850 pounds per square inch, at a temperature of 900 degrees. It is expected that a marked increase in efficiency will result from this advance in steam pressure and temperature.

**ENLARGE PLANT**

A new oil-burning boiler has been ordered from Babcock-Wilcox and Goldie-McCulloch Ltd., of Galt, Ontario, and will be capable of evaporating 190,000 pounds of water per hour.

In order to accommodate the new equipment it will be necessary to enlarge the plant and designs, specifications, and engineering plans for the new installation are now being prepared by the Montreal Engineering Company Ltd.

Expansion of the distribution system during the past year has included construction of 33 miles of 69,000 volt transmission line between Charlottetown and Searletown, completing a high voltage loop from Charlottetown to Summerside to Searletown and back to Charlottetown.

Construction of this loop required the installation of a 15,000 KVA transformer in Charlottetown. It is expected that eventually high voltage transmission lines will reach the Bloomfield area in the Western part of the Province.

Modernization of the city's street lighting system took a great stride forward during 1961 with more than 250 street lights being converted to the mercury vapor type.

Included in plans for the current year is a new high voltage sub-station at Wellington which will relieve the present load at Mount Pleasant, and the increasing of the capacity of the Hunter River sub-station from 500 to 2,000 KVA. The capacity of the Dingwell Mills' sub-station will also be increased.

Another sub-station will be constructed in Charlottetown to feed the rapidly developing North River Road district, and because of the increased influx to the National Park each year a three-phase system will be constructed to the Cavendish area.

Over the past 10 years the number of business and homes using electric power in Prince Edward Island has more than doubled.

In 1951 the Maritime Electric had 9,900 customers, while 10 years later, in 1961, it was serving more than 20,000. Statistics also show that the average customer is now using more than 30 per cent more electricity than in 1951.



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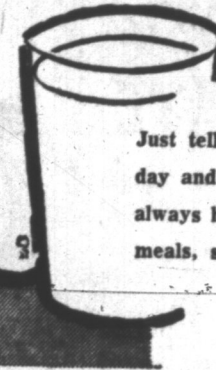
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