

No Towns Are Across T. C. H. On The Saskatchewan Section

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CARRBERY, Man. (CP)—In the rolling farm and bush country of the southwestern Manitoba, the pavement of the new Trans-Canada highway vanishes into a miniature Sahara desert.

A trap for the unwary motorist, the Carberry Sandhills, midway between Brandon and Portage la Prairie, are among the last obstacles in construction of the prairie leg of the all-Canadian coast-to-coast route.

This summer work is proceeding rapidly on the new road at many points in Manitoba, while neighboring Saskatchewan plans to become the first province to complete its portion.

ONLY A MEMORY
The dusty prairie trail of the 30s is already a memory as traffic clips along at 60 miles an hour for long stretches on the wide, smooth-surfaced highway, which parallels the CPR main line for 650 miles from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to Winnipeg.

In Saskatchewan few rough spots remain. Paving of new by-passes around Moose Jaw and Regina is well under way and the busy four-lane 44-mile section between the two cities should be completed shortly. The provincial highways department also is considering building a limited access expressway east of Regina—but no definite plans have been set.

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the old road, which passes through Brandon. A four-lane divided highway is being built around the northern edge of the city and a new bridge is to be put across the Assiniboine River.

BUILT SHORT CUT
East of Brandon, engineers are carving a short cut through the sandhills, but motorists still follow the old No. 1 highway, which winds through the towns of Carberry and Melburne. But many a driver has ignored the warning detour signs and has had to be rescued by horse and team after bogging down in the sand dunes.

The Trans-Canada route passes down the main street in Portage la Prairie. Between Portage and Winnipeg, paving is almost completed on a brand-new 50-mile direct through highway linking the two cities.

The last 10 miles into Winnipeg is built up practically the whole way along broad Portage Avenue, which parallels the mushrooming suburb of St. James in ever-thickening traffic, the motorist finally reaches the hub of downtown Winnipeg at Portage and Main.

material, and although a considerable volume remains unsold the desirable grades and sizes have already been consumed.

SHIPPING RATES DOWN
"Charter rates for waterborne shipments have been falling and indications are that this major deterrent to overseas lumber sales may well be removed during the year."

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PORTUGAL HAS CHARM

The general expansion of CP Airlines overseas services widens each season the choice of Canadians contemplating holidays abroad. Among the more recent additions to the CP's foreign itinerary is picturesque Portugal.

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famous shrines, modern resort—and in an area slightly larger than New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Ancient forms of architecture such as the Casa Dos Bicos ABOVE located in Lisbon, are common sights in this fascinating land.

Nearly Nine Million Are Eligible Voters

OTTAWA (CP)—The list of Canada's eligible voters for the June 10 election—estimated tentatively at a record of between 8,900,000 and 9,000,000 persons—now is virtually complete.

The doorbell ringing is over for the army of 70,000 enumerators who gathered the names. The lists have been printed and revisions in urban areas made under supervision of local judges to make corrections, add names of voters missed and deal with any challenges of names included.

In urban areas those who couldn't prove their eligibility won't be able to vote. Their last opportunity to get their names on the list was in the three-day revision period ending May 25.

RURAL REVISION
But in rural districts, where enumerators do their own revising, anyone left off the list can get a vote by taking an oath as to his qualifications and by having a certified listed voter vouch for him by oath.

In gathering the names the enumerators were guided by the eligibility clauses of the Canada Elections Act. This stipulates that a voter must be 21 years of age by polling day, be a Canadian or a British subject resident in Canada for the year immediately preceding the election date.

The age qualification doesn't apply to armed services personnel on active duty in Canada or abroad. And it differs somewhat from age qualifications for some provincial elections. In British Columbia and Alberta the legal provincial voting age is 19 and in Saskatchewan 18. But for federal election purposes voters other than active-duty servicemen must be 21.

Redevelop Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—A possible \$700,000,000 redevelopment of Vancouver's downtown area will be studied by a company which has been formed here.

The Downtown Redevelopment Corporation was formed by the Downtown Business Association to investigate recommendations for revitalizing the city centre.

"The company is a non-profit group," said Stanley V. Smith, director of the business association. The scheme calls for a 21-year gradual rebuilding of the downtown area with more open space and parking facilities.

Urges Church Unity In Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Re-unification of Christian churches is no longer a romantic ideal but an urgent necessity, Dr. J. S. Thomson, moderator of the United Church of Canada, said Tuesday night.

"We cannot afford the luxury of denominationalism in Canada today," he told the Montreal-Ottawa conference of the church. He added that the United Church is ready to enter discussions with other denominations aimed at "re-unifying the broken body of Christ."

He was not suggesting other denominations join the United Church but that all work toward the day when there will be a truly national church in Canada.

"Contrary to much current opinion," he said, "this is not a time of religious decline." The real religious revival in these times was in a stimulated congregational life.

Dr. Thomson said the United Church "adheres to the original apostolic character of the church in the New Testament that combines order with freedom. It lays emphasis on evangelical zeal and missionary endeavor."

HISTORIC NOTES

LONDON (CP)—Four posters revealed over the front of a shop in the Strand by reconstruction for a road-widening scheme offer seats and windows for a royal procession in 1811, the year after George III acceded to the throne.

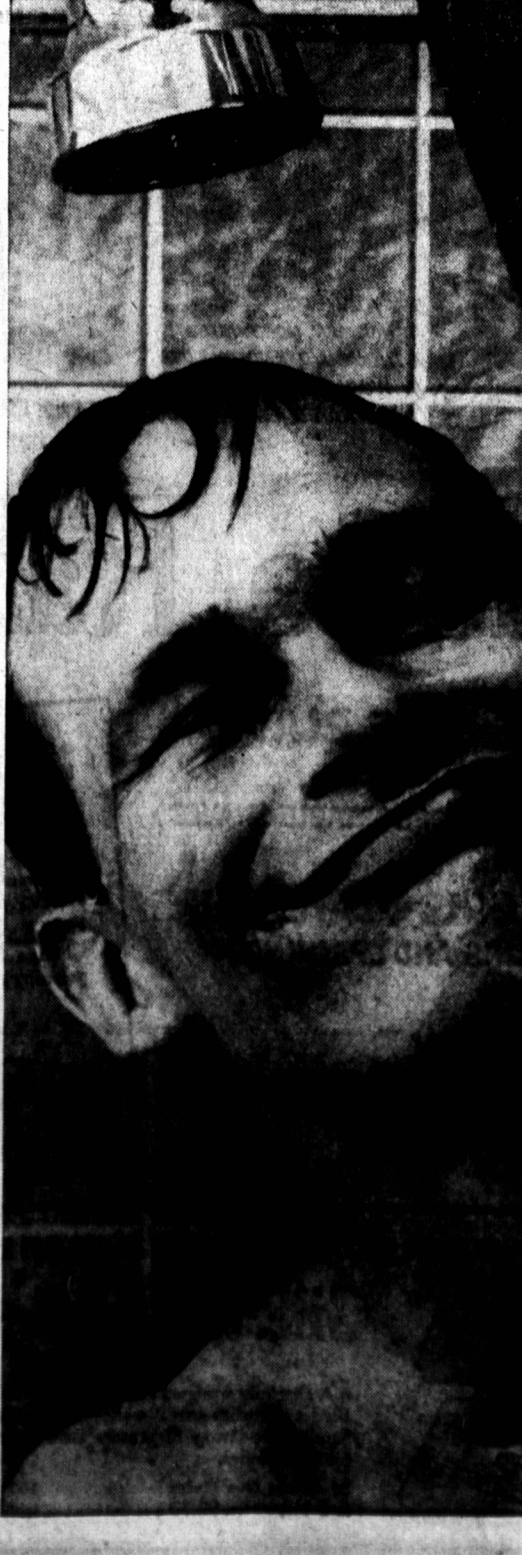
Lumber Market Seems Brighter

A probable recovery from the decline in lumber exports which began in the latter part of 1956, is seen by Foreign Trade, publication of the department of trade and commerce.

For 1957, says Foreign Trade, total lumber exports are expected to be somewhat below those of 1956.

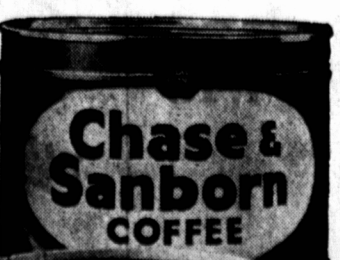
"However," it adds, "if United States credit restrictions are relaxed appreciably during the year, the pace of home construction could be stepped up in that market."

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