

Georgetown once busy port, with top shipbuilding trade

Perhaps no community in the province has played a more important role in the development of the fishing industry than the capital of Kings county - Georgetown. Paradoxically, the economy of no community suffered more from the ultimate development of modern fishing ships and methods.

The story of Georgetown is an interesting one and dates back to the years 1768 - 1769 when the town site was selected by Walter Morris, chief surveyor of Nova Scotia, assisted by a Mr. Derchamps, who was first magistrate of the Island of St. Jean. By this time the name was changed to Prince Edward Island.

It seems a far cry from the 1850s but there are a few early citizens who may still recall acres of ships from the American fishing fleet riding at anchor in the friendly waters of the harbor after scurrying for safety from the fury of Atlantic gales in the spring. It has been said that on occasions, even in the spacious harbor, it was almost possible to jump from deck to deck as the vessels awaited hull or a break in the weather.

The race to Georgetown by these early harvesters of the sea was not surprising. It was a natural having offering easiest access, depth of water and best of shelter. Then, even as now, it has the earliest opening in the spring and the latest closing in the fall.

Regatta boosts fishing

One of the biggest steps taken by the fishermen and other citizens of the Eastern King's area to promote the fishing industry, was to revive the Regatta, and add a Fisheries Exhibition. The first Fisheries Exhibition and Regatta was held last year, and was such a huge success, that this year's affair will last two days July 5-6.

Prior to last year's exhibition, the people of Prince Edward Island, and even the people of Eastern King's knew little about any aspect of dragger fishing. Worse than that, a great many know little of inshore fishing. Huge displays of gear, equipment, machinery, necessary for both the inshore and dragger fishermen drew large crowds of interested people, many of whom expressed surprise at the equipment necessary to take part in the fishing industry.

On an island completely surrounded by fishing waters, it was quite surprising to note how many people did not know what a fish looked like. In some cases, a few people did know a few of the more common varieties. But, to many, fish is something you pick up at the store. Frozen in a nice wrapped package. Two large displays of fish in their natural state were the most popular of the entire exhibition.

Last year, the exhibition and regatta had so many displays and different events, that it was impossible to watch the events and see the displays, and that, mainly, is the reason for expanding to two days.

Heath claims rumor has basis

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—John Wintermeyer might be replaced as Ontario Liberal leader if his party loses the next provincial election, the Ontario Young Progressive Conservative conference was told Friday.

Heath Macquarrie, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for the Prince Edward Island Riding of Queens, said there seems to be reason for a rumor that Mr. Wintermeyer will be replaced.

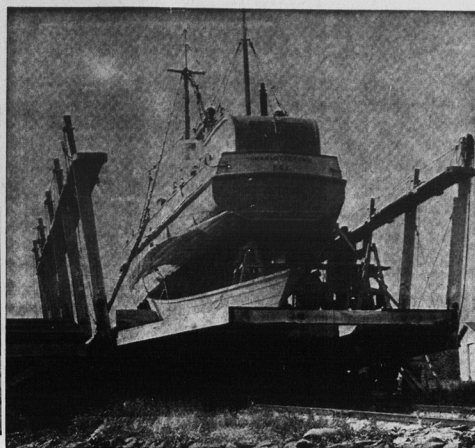
He said he saw no reason why the Liberals wouldn't lose the next election, and it is "little wonder" that a public opinion poll "gives Premier Roberts almost a 4:1 lead over his chief opponent."

Mr. Macquarrie said the federal Liberal party seeks to justify its half-hearted and uncertain steps in the field of national security "by claiming the Conservative party had not done such and so."

"Let them state clearly what the defence of the country requires," he said.



GEORGETOWN AS THE LOBSTER SEASON NEARS



SLIPWAY IS AID TO GEORGETOWN'S ECONOMY

but needs the combination of out of Sauris, are able to under-farming and fishing to make it go refit and effect repairs. The slipway is operated by the provincial government and is of prominence in the fishing industry, in part, to the slipway automatic and electrically controlled. Established about 11 years ago it has been a boon to the dragger fleet, operating those engaged in the industry.

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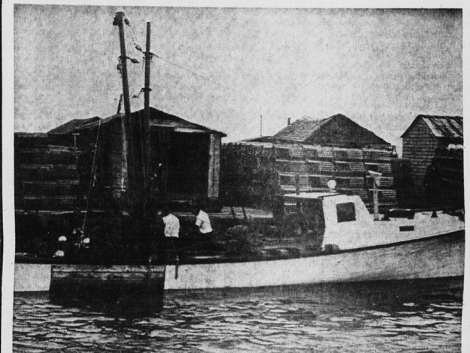
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