



CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING

Residents of Montague interested in horse racing can get a sneak preview of things to come if they are so inclined as several unscheduled races are held weekly. Above may be seen the finish of a match-race held Saturday at Montague between Walter Downe with Alie Budlong and Alfred Lowery with D'One and The race took place at the winter training track at Lowery and Anner stables. Miss Nancy Johnston driving Alie Budlong from the previous Start driven from White Mountain Girl driven by Mr. Lowery.

Accelerated Bldg. Agreement Ends

It now appears that a federal-provincial agreement, under which Ottawa pays 75 per cent of the capital costs of technical training facilities in the provinces, will not be renewed. The technical and trades training agreement expires March 31.

Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, who represented this province at a meeting of Canadian education ministers with Labor Minister Michael Starr in Ottawa last week, said yesterday that Mr. Starr was "quite definite" in his stand that the agreement not be renewed.

"However," said Dr. Dewar, "an extension until Oct. 1 was granted to all provinces on the purchase of materials for construction already underway. In this respect, the Provincial Vocational Institute now under construction on the outskirts of Charlottetown will benefit to some extent."

"Mr. Starr," said Dr. Dewar, "has indicated that the two-year agreement with the provinces was put in effect to accelerate the program of technical training in Canada. He said the agreement has had the desired effect, and there appears to be no reason for its renewal."

When the agreement expires, the federal government pays only 50 per cent of construction costs on new technical training facilities.

Earlier yesterday a committee from the board mooted to Charlottetown to take the matter up with Superintendent E. C. Taylor, but stated that they felt they did not meet with too much success. The committee was composed of President John Hughes, Ethan Stewart, Kenneth Macdonald and D. G. Wightman. Mr. Wightman said, as under the present agreement.

MONTAGUE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

The Montague Regional Board of Trade took action last night to prevent curtailment of CNR services by a proposed cut in employees. This cut would leave only one man to take care of the many details in the operation of the Montague station as well as curtail many of the public services now enjoyed.

The committee was also in contact with the premier who is taking immediate action on the matter. The Montague Town Council also went into action and have sent telegrams to the federal members of Ottawa.

Due to the weather and road conditions, the guest speaker, A. T. Parkes, executive secretary of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade, was unable to be in attendance. The speech was expressed by the local president that Mr. Parkes could be a guest speaker at a later date.

On speaking of the cut in CNR employees, Mayor Bruce Yeo felt that instead of cutting staff, another employee should be added, due to the progressiveness and an expected growth of the town.

Douglas McGowan, M.L.A., was also contacted and he assured the board he would also investigate the matter.

The previously proposed course came in for discussion and several members questioned if any action had been taken to bring this course into being. It was pointed out by the provincial government should be contacted by the committee to ascertain the facts. One member stated that he had been told the property had been purchased and that provincial funds had been set aside for this purpose.

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Food Processing Plant Seen Boosting Economy

The economy of Kings County, and of Montague in particular, will be given a large boost this summer when it is expected that Fraser Valley Frozen Foods Company Limited will begin operations in the \$1,000,000 frozen food plant that is to be built and equipped by the provincial government.

It was in late November that Premier Walter R. Shaw announced that the government had entered an agreement with the company to establish the plant.

Company representatives said at that time that the plant could be expected to employ 200 persons and process the produce of at least 1,200 growers. Approximately 1,000,000 pounds of fish are to be processed each year, as well as corn, peas, potatoes and later on small fruits.

DIGGING WELLS

The town council of Montague made a 100-acre site, on the eastern outskirts of the town, available for the plant.

Drilling of two wells for the millions of gallons of water that will be needed in plant operations has begun and, where necessary, the land is being cleared. In conjunction with the well drilling, cross-sections of the well is being studied to see how well it will support new building.

A government spokesman said Wednesday that "the winter has been lost" as construction planning has been well advanced. There is a possibility, he said, that some parts of the building will be pre-fabricated and brought to the site for erection.

Weather Statistics For '62 Are Released

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial and Farm Editor

The snow cover in Kings County was more than 30 feet of snowfall and 38.63 inches rain here last year, which compares with a 33-year average of 27.5 inches.

Less than nine feet of snow and 31.72 inches of rain, it is indicated by figures released this week from the office of Warren Burns, official weather observer at the Experimental Farm, Charlottetown.

The mean temperature for the year was 49.8 degrees, which is 1.7 degrees below the long-time average. The coldest weather recorded was the 14 degrees below zero in February and the warmest was the 85 degrees recorded in June. The maximum was a high of 82 in August and 80 in July.

Organist Retires

MURRAY HARBOR — A successful year financially was reported by the various organizations of the Murray Harbor Baptist Church at the annual meeting.

The cost of church repairs is reported nearly paid.

Mrs. William J. Harris was elected church treasurer, succeeding Mrs. J. Wallace White, who has retired after many years of faithful service.

White who also retired as organist was given vote and thanks by the congregation, for her years of service.

The organist is Mrs. Rankin Keenan and the new clerk is Mrs. Orin Bell. Other new church officers elected were E. C. Thomas as Fraser and Wilfred McNeill.

It was reported that three new members had been received in the church during the year. The minister, Rev. A. G. J. Stevens was thanked for his service to the congregation.

Brief Session Is Forecast

Premier Walter R. Shaw said yesterday that the Legislature will open early in March and the session will conclude before Easter, which is April 12.

This would mean that the maximum length of the session would be five or six weeks.

"I don't foresee a long drawn-out session," he said, "unless the Opposition draws it out."

Provincial Treasurer Alban Farmer said that all government departments are now working on their estimates for the 1963-64 fiscal year. "Consideration of the estimates by the treasury board should begin within a week," he said.

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