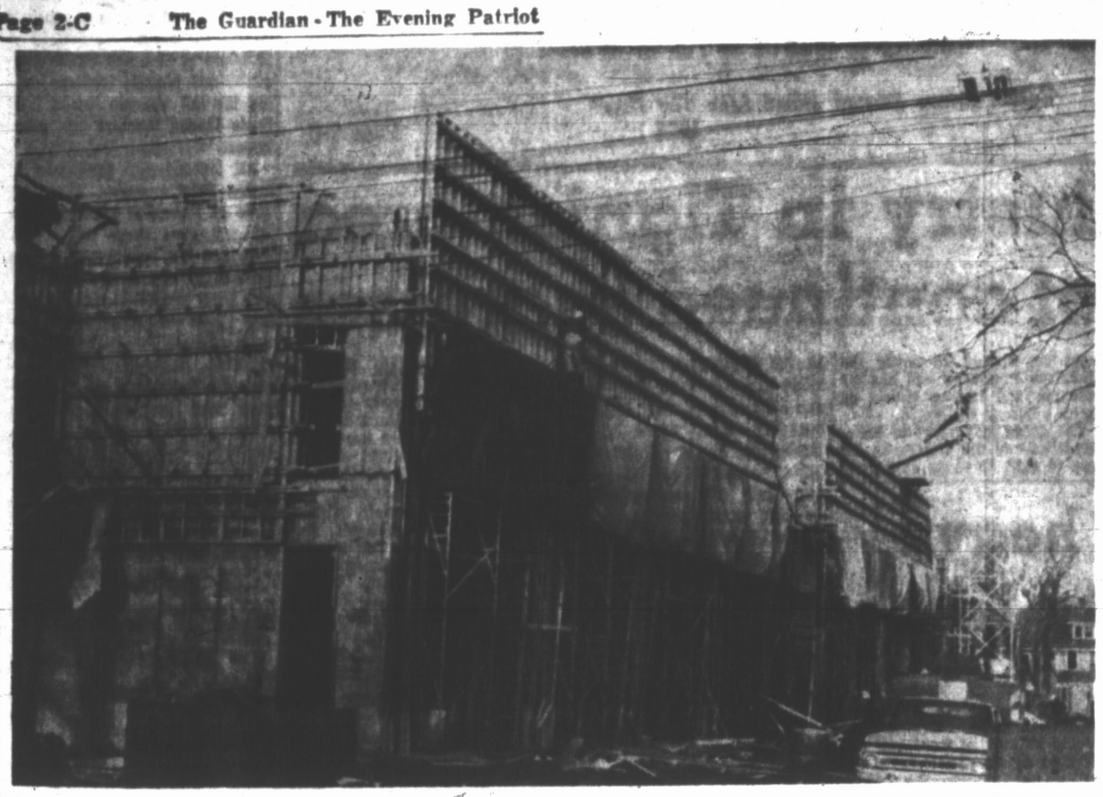

NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING RISES IN CITY

Construction in city maintains high level

Though slipping slightly from the all-time building peak of 1963, the value of building permits issued in this city in 1964 once again soared over the $7 million mark.

Total value last year was $7,073,935 compared to the 1963 mark of $7,306,700, according to figures released by the city engineer, Donald MacLean.

Both years saw single big contracts send value totals to new highs with Confederation Memorial Centre in 1963 and the new Provincial Building started last year. Single month highs reflect these two instances with the peak month of 1963 being February when permits valued at $5,102,500 were issued and May 1964 when the value was $5,051,850.

Second highest month last year was October with $654,800 while in 1963 it was June with $745,900.

The biggest individual building projects last year, all with building permit value over $100,000, were the new Provincial Building, Spring Park United Church, Zellers store, the Burke Building (old Simpson-Sears), Canadian National Express terminal, Imperial oil storage tank, a new apartment house on Euston Street, near Queen, and a Kent Street apartment house, opposite Rochford Square.

Despite last year's total construction figure being lower than that of the previous year, there were several building classifications in which they topped the 1963 marks.

New apartment construction leaped far ahead of the previous year with an increased valuation more than a half million dollars above 1963. Last year they totalled $678,000 compared to the previous year of $140,000.

The total value of new residential construction, including single homes, duplexes and apartments, was $1,154,750 last year and $811,160 the year before.

Alterations to residences and commercial structures also were up in value last year at $356,185 compared to $275,250 with the commercial part jumping to $269,650 against the previous year of $140,475.

New commercial building also showed a noticeable increase with a value of $739,000, up $266,890 over 1963.

However, institution building accounted for the overall reduction in total building values last year as this figure dropped from the 1963 total of $5,746,180 to $4,824,000 with the difference in value of Confederation Memorial and Provincial Building accounting for a major slice of the decrease.

LANDMARK GOES

LONDON (CP) — A London landmark disappeared Saturday night when the Trocadero, a favorite haunt of Edwardian eaters-out, closed after 69 years. The restaurant on Piccodilly Circus, where King Edward VII as Prince of Wales caroused beneath crystal chandeliers, has been leased by a dance-hall chain to become a giant entertainment centre, including a bowling alley.

PIPED WATER

Only 10 per cent of the world's population has piped water supplies.

Expansion forced by heavy boost

Increased enrolment at the Tignish schools over the past number of years, that forced an extension to the Regional high school in 1963, has now forced construction of a connecting link to the Dalton Elementary school 104 ft. by 63 ft., that will be ready before the new school term in September. The interior will house eight extra classrooms, principal's room, teachers room, two lunch rooms, janitors "storage" room, washrooms, and glassed-in cloakrooms. Hubert Gaudet is building foreman.

Tignish Regional High School reported a successful and active year as the students participated in many special events for Centennial year. The school under the leadership of their Allied Youth advisor, David Harper won the Provincial Allied Youth Trophy for having the most active senior AY post in the Province.

Bernard Tousenard and Mary Handrahan were public speaking winners in an Island high school competition. The topic was the Biography of one of the Fathers of Confederation. Tignish high school players with their director Aubin J. Gallant received Drama Trophies for having their play, "The Valiant" chosen for first place over nine other high school plays. Bernard Tousenard received the trophy for the best actor, and Tina McMahon for the best supporting actress. Joseph and George Cheverie were named by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada as first-class stars in their field in Canada and brought honors to the school by receiving the national award of Canada from David Boswell, director of alcohol studies and physical education for P.E.I.

Tignish high school and Elementary celebrated Centennial Day in May and June with speeches, presentations of handwriting prizes and medallions given out by Mrs. Leona Ross of Charlottetown. A total of 120 Home Economic students of regional high school modeled fashions for all occasions at their centennial garden fashion show.

THE ARTS

The West Prince Co. Centennial Music festival reported by Adjudicator Gabriel Chaisson B.Mus. of Summerside a most successful one with an increase in schools and pupils over the previous year.

During the year the Tignish Arts Foundation was formed. The purpose of the organization is to carry on a summer school in the arts with the hope of having a museum added under the foundation.

The directors of the organization are: Mrs. E. E. Cran, Regional; Porter, Patrick Conlon of Montreal; J. Henri Gaudet and Mrs. Alma Buote of Tignish.

Mrs. Cran holds two university degrees and has a background in adult education. She is now a professor at Loyola college, Montreal. Mr. Porter, a student from the Tignish schools, is completing his education in Montreal and plans to take up teaching as a profession on the Island.

Mr. Gaudet, who has studied organ in Canadian and European universities, is now teaching at the O'Leary regional high school. Mr. Conlon has considerable business experience and is interested in drama. Mrs. Buote is a professional artist from New York now returned to her home in the village. She held painting classes in Summerside two years ago.

The Thomas More Institute of Montreal is sponsoring the foundation.

WIN SHOOTING AWARD

LUENEBURG, West Germany (Reuters) — West Germany's 83rd Panzer Battalion was presented Saturday with the Canadian Army tank trophy for the best NATO army tank shooting. The Panzer Battalion tied for first place with the Fourth Belgian Lancers in the competition, held last year. Since the Belgian battalion had won the trophy for the last two years, it went this time to the Germans.

Renovations spark air of prosperity

Under the Winter Works program several improvements were made to several streets in Tignish village which had a clean-up job done. Bushes and shrubs were cleared away within the village limits. Some 27 old car bodies were picked up and removed.

The fire department, with Cyril Arsenault as fire chief, were kept busy during the year attending to 31 fire calls. Both the interior and exterior of the fire station and club rooms took on a new appearance for Centennial Year celebrations. Some new fire equipment was purchased during the year. Handrahan's Ladies Wear shop on Main Street had a large extension added during the year.

The Bellevue hotel was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bernard and was redecorated inside and out, and the grounds were beautified. This hotel adds charm and beauty to the main street in the village. The spacious residence of the Gaudet Tourist Lodge had the grounds landscaped. An extensive redecorating job was done to the parochial house of St. Simon and St. Jude. The large home of J. Aubin Gallant on Church Street was completely renovated and redecorated during the past summer into a modern up-to-date home.

The E.C. Perry general store had an extension added to house a walk-in freezer.

New homes were constructed by Ralph Perry, Frank Doucette, Edward Fitzgerald, Junior McRae and Ivan DesRoches.

Albert Knox, Fuller Brush representative for the area, opened up a small general store on his premises.

Several homes and business establishments had minor repair jobs done with new paint jobs added.

Anglo Park, situated a few miles north east of Tignish on the Lady Slipper Drive, was a very popular camping site during the summer months. The park has 16 acres of rich green turf with a wooded background. A kitchen was built during the past summer, adding to the large bath house erected a year ago.

The old Haywood Dam and Blanchard Dam well known by tourists and local residents were newly constructed by the Department of Industry and Natural Resources during the past year, and will continue to be very popular trout fishing and duck hunting spots.

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