

Colorful Transportation For Supplies To Aklavik

By FORBES RHUDE
The shipment when it has been brought together in Edmonton, first goes 500 miles over the Northern Alberta Railways to Dawson Creek, B.C.

The big trailer - trucks haul it 200 miles northwest over the Alaska Highway to Fort Nelson. There a self-propelled barge of about 150-ton capacity is specially built and the shipment loaded onto it.

About May 10 - or when ice conditions permit - the barge sets out and, helped by the flow of the waters towards the Arctic Ocean, follows the Fort Nelson, Laird and Mackenzie rivers to Aklavik, a river route of about 1,000 miles.

That is how, in recent years, trading posts, trappers and other scattered population of the Northwest Territories, get fresh fruits and vegetables about six weeks earlier than they used to.

GROUP'S ANNUAL MEET
The colorful and complex piece of transportation is but one incident in the lives of a group of people whose job is to see that fresh fruits and vegetables reach the tables of all Canadian households, wherever they may be.

Representatives of the group are meeting in Toronto this week - Monday to Wednesday - in the annual convention of the Canadian Fruit Wholesalers' Association.

Lang Chapman, supervisor of northern activities for Scott Fruit Company of Edmonton, told in an interview how the northern operation is carried out by the Hudson's Bay Company.

Along the river route the barge drops off supplies to trading posts. When the final load is taken off at Aklavik, however, the barge is not brought back. It is broken up and disposed of for its timber.

The shipment consists of about half perishables, such as oranges, grapefruit, lemons, new potatoes and new onions and the job of the wholesalers is to assemble it and see that it reaches its destination in good condition.

OLDER ROUTE LATER
Later in the season, shipments follow an older route - 300 miles by rail from Edmonton to Waterways, Alta.; by barge along the Athabasca River to Fort Fitzgerald, Alta.; by 15-mile portage to Fort Smith, Alta. then by barge again down the Slave River to Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories and thence into the Mackenzie and on to Aklavik.

Ice conditions don't allow crossing of the Great Slave Lake until late June, however, and the route via Dawson Creek was worked out to advance the season.

Some fresh fruits and vegetables flown in during the winter months, but at high cost.

Fresh - fruit wholesalers have their problems in the big cities, too.

There - as outlined by speakers at the convention - food chains have taken over about half the food business, and householders do 70 per cent of their shopping between 3 p.m. Thursday and noon Saturday.

The result has been bigger and more expensive supermarkets which, seeking returns on their investment, have gone into such lines as hardware and drugs.

TOO MUCH COMPETITION
Accordingly, fresh fruits and vegetables have to compete for space and the buyers' dollar, not only with other foods, but with nails and cleaning tissues.

R. D. Wolfe of Toronto, association first vice-president, said the fruit and vegetable people - made up largely of relatively small firms - find difficulty in meeting the selling drive of nationally and internationally advertised items.

He urged that growers, wholesalers and retailers get together on a common program.

W. D. Cumings of Calgary, association president, said: "The industry is in a mood, as never before, to battle for its share of the consumer's dollar. We believe Canadians should be eating more fresh fruit and vegetables, and health authorities back us up. The rest is up to us."



APPOINTED TO SUNSET LODGE STAFF

Major Isabel Donaghey of Montreal, (at right in the above picture) has been recently appointed as assistant to Senior Major Mildred Stevens (left) at the Salvation Army's Sunset Lodge in Charlottetown. The announcement of the appointment was made by Major Stevens yesterday. Major Donaghey is appointed here from Toronto where she has been actively engaged in Salvation Army Social Service Work for some time.

Guardian Photo

LORNE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, Georgetown, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. MacGrath on February 3.

Mr. Francis MacIntyre spent the first weekend of the month with friends in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Wilbur MacDonald was a recent visitor to Montague where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, Montague, were visitors to Lorne Valley during the week, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson.

The Jolly Eight sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Angus Nichol-

STOP MIXING WITH REDS

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The Times of India says the government has forbidden federal and state ministers to patronize pro-Communist cultural and social organizations. A government spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report. The newspaper says

Scheme To Produce Cheap Power At Coalmine Surface

OTTAWA (CP) - Russian experts have solved a problem that has attracted Canadian coal interests for years - the underground "gasification" of coal to produce cheap power at the mine surface - according to the Soviet News Bulletin.

The publication put out by the Russian Embassy here says that gasification "is becoming an important branch of the Soviet fuel industry."

For several years, the Nova Scotia government has been interested in this development as a means of improving the efficiency of fuel production from relatively-uneconomic coal seams. The federal mines department also has been interested, but no workable system has been obtained for Canada.

Gasification basically consists of setting fire to the coal in the ground and piping off the resultant gases for use at the surface as fuel and for the drawing-off of by-products.

"In consequence of persistent experimental effort, the intricate problem has been solved," the Soviet News Bulletin says.

USE COMPRESSED AIR
It states that a number of different methods of gasification have been worked out. At one seam 125 miles from Moscow, parallel holes are dropped 80 to 100 feet apart, the coal is ignited and compressed air is forced down for combustion through one hole. The gases escape through the other holes.

The report says some 2,500,000,000 cubic metres of high-grade gas has been generated at this seam.

In the Donbas area, another operation is stimulated by a mixture of steam and oxygen instead of by straight compressed air, and the Bulletin says this makes for a better type of gas.

It adds that experimental or industrial stations are under construction or have been commissioned for Angren in Central Asia, to provide fuel for a steam turbine power station; for Kuznetsk Basin and for the Moscow Basin. The Angren station was expected to produce enough gas to yield the power equivalent of 700,000 tons of coal a year, and the one in the Moscow Basin the equal of 220,000 tons.

The Bulletin says the cost of production of energy will be about one-third that of digging coal, apart from relieving railway from the burden of transporting coal.

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POET'S CORNER

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40,000 VOLUNTEERS

Living Eye Of Canada's Air Defence Is Observer Corps

By DAVE McINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP) - The real eyes of Canada's air defence system belong to the 40,000 civilian volunteer members of the Ground Observer Corps.

So efficient has the corps become, officials say, that RCAF jet fighters have been able to intercept and identify unknown planes on information supplied solely by the corps, without relying on radar.

In the last big Canada - United States air defence exercise it was a ground observer at Port Radium on Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories who flashed the first report of American bombers flying south on a simulated raid.

In this case, the warning signal took less than six minutes to reach RCAF air defence command at St. Hubert, Que. Officials say that when the north-south communications systems linked with the Mid-Canada and DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar lines are in full operation, this time may be cut to less than a minute.

PICKED OBSERVERS
The Ground Observer Corps was established in Northern Canada - above the 55th parallel - in 1950 and in Southern Canada a year later. So many have volunteered - the figure reached 80,000 at one time - that there has been a weeding process. However, the corps still needs volunteers in many areas, especially remote parts of the country.

The RCA has some 88 officers and 80 airmen assigned to corps duty. All the rest of the corps members are volunteers who serve without pay. They may get sandwiches and coffee free during a long hitch at one of the 11 filter centres across Canada but that is all.

Ground observer posts - there

EASTERN GUARDIAN

RESERVE Wednesday, February 27th for Trinity Minstrels, Yeo's Theatre, Montague.

SHUR-GAIN Amateur Cavalcade Montague High School Auditorium to-night at 8:00 p.m. Hear your school boys and girls in song and music. Proceeds for school purposes.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Cecil Rice of Vera's Beauty Parlor, Cardigan, left Saturday morning for Toronto where she will take an advance course in hairdressing. She will be absent for two months.

ACME Rebekah Lodge Held Regular Meeting

Mrs. Ruth MacLeod presided at the regular meeting of Acme Rebekah Lodge, Thursday evening. There were nineteen officers and members and two visitors present.

The correspondence and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Alice Greene. The visiting committee reported that two members, Miss Bert Martin and Miss Sue Hemphill, had been ill but were now much better.

Plans were discussed for having a Valentine party at the close of the meeting next week and Mrs. Greene and Miss Jean MacKenzie were appointed on the program committee.

At the close of the meeting, members and friends enjoyed a social period when action, crochets and scrabble were played. Each one present paid for his or her lunch and a substantial sum was realized and the proceeds were donated to the work of the King's Daughters Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Hilda Hickey was

New Committees Are Named At Montague Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Montague Town Council was held in the council chambers last night with Mayor Bruce H. Yeo presiding.

Mayor Yeo welcomed two new councillors, Charles Fraser and John Hughes, and congratulated four re-elected councillors, Gilbert Clements, Claude Nicholson, Arnold VanDerstine and Frank Greene. Mayor Yeo also expressed his regret at losing Douglas McGowan and Marshall Reynolds, who served the town and council so faithfully for the past number of years.

Mayor Yeo outlined briefly what is expected of a new councillor.

All councillors were present with the exception of Councillor VanDerstine, who has been ill since his re-election.

Following are the Mayor's committees for 1957:

Street and light: - Frank Greene, Charles Fraser, John Hughes.

Finances and licenses: - Gilbert Clements, John Hughes and Charles Fraser.

Building and sanitation: - John Hughes, Frank Greene and Claude Nicholson.

Police: - Arnold VanDerstine, C. Nicholson, G. Clements.

Fire: - C. Nicholson, F. Greene, A. VanDerstine.

Industrial and tourist promotion: - C. Fraser, G. Clements, A. VanDerstine.

Regular business was carried out with correspondence read and bills ordered paid.

G. Arnold Wightman, who has

HOCKEY At Montague Rink

Kings County Intermediate "C" League Game
HEATHERDALE -vs- MONTAGUE HIGH
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