



Vesey's Seeds show progress

Started in 1939, (in just one room in a country home) by the owner Arthur W. Vesey, the present building Housing Vesey's Seeds was built in 1948. A few years later B. E. Simpson was taken into the firm as assistant manager. Vesey's now issue in the vicinity of 14,000 catalogues annually and employ a staff of six to eight persons during the peak period.

All their interests are not indoors however. During the summer months, market gardening is the order of the day and early each morning the truck is loaded with fresh vegetables for delivery to the hungry markets of nearby Charlottetown. This seed firm is probably unique in the fact that in the growing of so many acres of vegetables each season, such an ideal opportunity is given to be so well acquainted with the identical strains of seeds with which it supplies its customers.

Each year sees also a very large number of new original varieties in their trial grounds. Many gardeners have had the experience of purchasing some highly rated variety from distant sources which only too often has failed to live up to its description when grown under local conditions.

For this reason, Vesey's, although, nationally recognized as leaders in the field of latest and best varieties, have made it a firm policy never to offer customers any new seeds without extensive trials first being conducted in their own gardens.

This policy, together with the prompt service for which they are noted, has no doubt combined to make this Seed House first choice among so many of the home and market gardeners in the Maritime Provinces.

protection is carried out each year. This consists of placing stone-filled wire baskets along the bank where erosion is taking place and covering these with clay. Some emergency work was also carried out west of the Covehead Bridge where a breakthrough of the sea took place early this winter.

Improvements have been made in Dalvay House, including complete rewiring.

A VHF radio system, consisting of mobile and base stations, has been installed, considerably expediting the operational and protective services.

Welfare department increases staff, quarters in solving new problems

Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of welfare and labor, reporting on the government departments which he heads, said that of both of them, the division of child welfare is considered the most important, despite the fact that the government functions to promote the welfare of all Island citizens.

In talking care of the little ones, the department assumes the responsibility for developing their personalities, character formation, spiritual emotions, social and physical development. He pointed out that, during 1961, there were some 300 children under supervision of the department. To cope with the problem larger quarters were established and the working staff increased.

During the year, an amendment to the Mother's Allowances Act was enacted, raising the financial assistance of a child from age 16 to 18, providing they continue to attend school.

The maximum payment of \$75 per family was done away with, and it is now possible to base the amount payable on the number of dependent children, regardless of the size of the family.

\$135,000 PAID
In 1961, more than \$135,000 was paid out to needy families and individuals. In addition 78 per cent of the relief costs of incorporated town was covered by the government.

In regard to the aged, a study was started by the department, into the programs in other provinces in regard to accommodation and care of our senior citizens.

Mr. Wedge also reported that the labor department experienced a very active year. The field of labor relations showed a considerable growth, with both labor and management showing increased interest in each other and the work of the department.

In this connection the department conducted a series of lectures and discussions during the winter of 1960-61, where a large number of ideas were exchanged between the two groups.

The department also dealt with a number of union certifications and assisted in bringing about working agreements resulting from these certifications.

At the last regular session of

the legislature, a number of amendments were made to the Trade Union Act, and it is anticipated that during 1962 a completed new act will be submitted and approved by the legislature. For the first time in the his-

tory of the province, a Minimum Wage Act was brought into effect covering both men and women. The act is designed to enable workers to eventually obtain a decent living wage. Mr. Wedge pointed out that

the department does not, under the act set the minimum wage rates, but acts only on the recommendations of the Labor Relations Board, following the latter's ruling on an application from a group of employees.

During the year two groups, one the waitresses and cashiers in Summerside restaurants and the other a similar group in Charlottetown, received approval of their request, and minimum rates were granted.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM KEEPS PARK ATTRACTIVE

Island National Park leads nation in visitors

P.E.I. National Park amassed the largest number of visitors to any national park in the country in 1961, with a total of 952,718 people visiting the park during the season.

Last year was the first time when an actual count of visitors to the park was made. Previously, the number of visitors was estimated. In 1961 automatic traffic counters were employed, and the most up-to-date evaluating methods were used by engineers of the highways division of the federal department of public works, who carried out the survey for the park superintendent. Using the most conservative criteria, they determined the above total.

IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements are being made continually. New picnic areas were established on Rustico Island, which was opened to the general public for the first time on completion of the paving of the Gulf Shore Road across the island. Paving of the entire length of the Gulf Shore Road has now been completed, and the highway marked and signed in accordance with the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada"—which is the guide to the most modern methods of highway marking. Large, new parking lots were also paved and marked to facilitate parking.

Several dozen new rustic picnic tables were made. Four new toilet-laundry buildings and one central laundry building have been completed in Cavendish Campground, along with two new kitchen shelters. At Cavendish, also, reconstruction of the Old Graham Road, west

of the campground, has been started to provide access to the long stretch of beach in that area. In both fully-serviced campgrounds, Stanhope and Cavendish, underground electrical, water, and sewer systems have been completed, along with the construction of the necessary buildings and the provision of equipment to operate the systems.

In addition, separate fire protection systems were installed in both campgrounds. Both the physical set-up and the operation of the campgrounds was improved this past season with the levelling of tent lots, the completion of trailer lots in Cavendish Campground, the construction of outdoor theatres, and new campground entrance buildings, along with the introduction of the "lot and block" system of allocating tenting space. Seeding and transplanting was carried out throughout the campgrounds. Other site improvements were made throughout the Park, and considerable reforestation and transplanting of trees, as well as seeding of bare areas was carried out.

FENCE REPLACED
With the exception of only a few miles, the entire park boundary fence, approximately 20 miles in length, has been replaced.

A major project of development of the Brackley picnic area was begun. New picnic spots were cut out, access roads and parking lots constructed, and new kitchen shelters and toilet buildings built. This project will continue this coming season.

At Green Gables Golf Course,

fairway edges and woods were cleared, some tees were extended, fill was placed, and action was taken on flooding control on No. 14 fairway. Steel lockers were installed in the club house. The new Pro Shop was in operation and proved a great improvement. The structure and appearance of Green Gables House was considerably improved by interior redecoration, exterior painting, and the construction of a new foundation. (Not to mention the elimination of a flight of bats from the attic).

Mile-marker and survey monuments were erected along the Dalvay-Rustico Island section of the Gulf Shore Road. These are valuable in designating the location of facilities and in expediting surveys for future development.

EROSION PROBLEM

A small (10 tents) primitive campground was established near the Dalvay nature trail last year. Because of the high fire hazard existing throughout most of the summer, however, it was practically unused. Facilities in this primitive campground consist only of cleared spaces for tents, native stone fireplaces, outdoor toilets, and water from a nearby spring. It is ideal for small groups, such as guides, or scouts, and for individuals or families who like to be off by themselves as much as possible. Enquiries regarding the location of the primitive campground should be made at the Stanhope Campground office in the summer season.

Erosion of the shoreline is a considerable problem, and a continuing project of shoreline

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