

Part of S' side is kept active; heavy spud shipments move

Shipments of potatoes, both table and seed, leaving the island are up by 670 cartons over last year according to figures released by the federal department of agriculture in a daily November.

On this date 1963 had been shipped out for the domestic market compared to 1,023 cartons at the same time last year. Asked what is the reason for the increase in shipments this year, a spokesman for one of the Summerside dealers said that according to information received there seemed to be a shortage on supplies in storage in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

New Brunswick, on the other hand, is down 1,000 cartons from 1962. At this time last year their output was 3,190 compared to 1,500 this season. One of the local dealers was of the opinion that the New Brunswick farmers were holding their crops in storage while awaiting more lucrative prices.

Table stock of Nov. 11th was selling for 70 cents per 75 pounds on bulk, but more than one cent a pound. This is five cents less than a year ago when they were selling at 75 cents for 75 pounds.

Farmers would undoubtedly like to see the price soar to those of four years ago when 75 pounds went for \$1.50. Prices went the opposite direction in 1961 when they dropped to a low of 50 cents. The previous year, 1960, 75 pounds of potatoes were selling for \$1.20.

BETTER MARKET
Thane Ellis of Summerside Co-op said earlier this week that he looks for a better market than a year ago but, then again, it all depends on how fast the farmers put the potatoes on the market. "If it's tight now," he commented, "it's small premiums due to the potatoes being going out of style."

"This isn't a dealer's market at all," he said. "The prices depend on how the farmer sells." He continued, "This

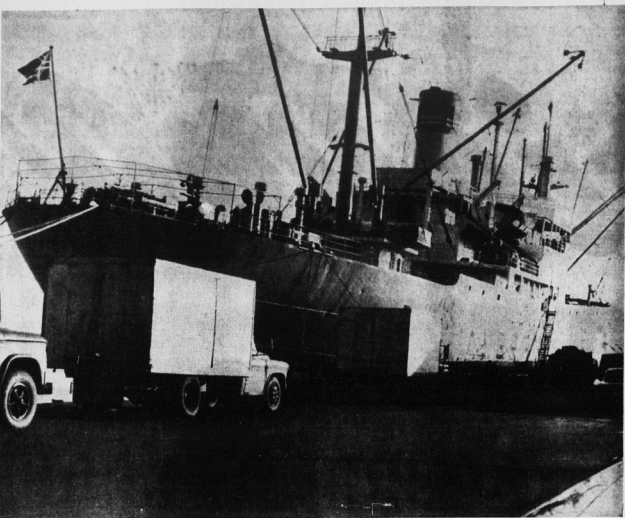


TABLE AND SEED STOCK SHIPMENTS WERE INCREASED 670 CARLOTS THIS YEAR

year there have been only ever, the dealers feel that the off and on since early September with a number of ships taking on cargoes of potatoes, the largest being 20,000 hundred-weights loaded on the SS Scotas. Hollow heart has caused the dealers to size the potatoes to around 3 1/2 inches as his appears to be the only solution to the problem.

WHARF ACTIVE
Summerside's Railway wharf has been teeming with activity expected to make port here

for potato cargoes before the end of November consisting of 100,000 110-pound bags. Engaged in loading these ships are employees of Coastal Stevedoring Agencies Ltd. of Summerside - Charlottetown. During busy periods as many as 100 men are employed in this line of work.

MERCHANTS STOCK SHELVES WITH GIFTS

Shopping builds to Christmas peak

SUMMERSIDE — Christmas activity building toward a peak downtown Summerside as shoppers busily prepare for that important day when Old Saint Nick will make his annual visits to the homes of excited Island girls and boys.

A few weeks away, Dec. 25 is considered by young folk as the "biggest day of the year".

SHELVES STOCKED
Merchants of the town of Summerside, well aware of the demand for Christmas gifts, have stocked shelves to capacity

\$8,000 grant given DDF

OTTAWA (CP) — An \$8,000 grant to the Dominion Drama Festival to assist with travelling expenses has been made by the Canada Council, it was announced Sunday.

The council also is making grants of \$6,000 to Vancouver's Playhouse Theatre Company, \$1,500 to the Festival Singers of Toronto, and \$1,000 to Le Theatre de l'Estoc, Quebec City.

The grant to the Dominion Drama Festival will be used to help regional winners attend the final festival competition next May. The council said the festival is a stepping stone for many young Canadian actors on their way to professional careers.

The competitions will be held at Charlottetown, to inaugurate the new Fathers of Confederation Memorial Theatre, built to commemorate the 1864 Charlottetown Conference leading to Confederation. Architectural competition for the memorial building was sponsored by the Canada Council.

with articles from all areas of the world.

"You might get the impression that Christmas shoppers care little about quality and worry only about prices," said one department store official, "but we have found that people are concerned about quality when buying."

Throughout the day, the youngsters—not of age but of spirit—carry on in the gay mood of the festive season until night and a tummy ache and near exhaustion.

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Boom year is forecast in building

SUMMERSIDE — With plans for approximately \$2 million in construction under consideration, community officials anticipate 1964 will be the greatest building year in history for the greater Summerside area.

Construction at RCAF Summerside is expected to go above \$3 million next year, while town building may reach the same \$3 million mark. New construction for the outlying areas is valued at more than \$500,000.

Major proposals for the air force base include the construction of 175 housing units for Slonon Park, a new runway approximately 1,000 feet long and \$1 million, a five classroom school, a bulk fuel compound and dome lighting.

Town construction under consideration for 1964 includes a \$1.5 million, 166-bed hospital and the renovation of the present hospital for use as a home for the chronic ill.

A 24-room high school building has been proposed as well as a \$200,000 incinerator, harbor dredging, Railway wharf reconstruction and numerous minor building extensions.

CONTAMINATION
A harbor contamination survey has been completed by J. L. Richards and Associates, Ottawa, and current findings indicate that the town will next year proceed with construction of a lagoon-type, sewage disposal system.

The centralized building for the coming year may include a \$50,000 flax processing plant at Bedeque, and a motel and museum at Miscouche.

Construction in St. Eleanor's is expected to remain at a good pace throughout 1964 with transfer lines storage building and several houses already in planning stages.

Eastern Prince County has had a moderate construction year thus far in 1963 with approximately \$2,500,000 building in progress or having been completed.

The major achievement has been the completion of a \$1,750,000 vocational school, built to train the youth of the entire county.

Other completions include a \$125,000 public health clinic, a race track improvements of \$33,000, an out-of-town laundromat, \$33,000 in motel extensions and 16 new homes at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

A self-service garage was constructed at RCAF Station Summerside out of public funds.

24-UNIT MOTEL
In various stages of construction are a downtown laundromat, an office and rental building at an estimated cost of \$85,000 and a 24-unit motel addition at Wilmet.

A \$41,000 sports complex is being made behind the Prince County Vocational School and a Centennial year memorial fountain will be constructed this year, with a ceiling price of \$11,500.

A new steel bridge is being built across the Dunk river by a local firm at a cost of \$31,000.

Nearing completion are a recreation centre for Albany, a \$20,000 fertilizer plant and a \$100,000 bank at Kensington and



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