

Montague is seen as ideal location for new industry

More than \$100,000 was spent in the Montague area on new homes and renovating during the past year with excellent prospects in evidence for greater expansion in 1962. This amount was in addition to the cost of a new elementary school built at a cost of \$170,000. Although the latest census did not show much increase in population for the town proper, a definite increase has been noted in the area bordering the town's limits.

The town with its many churches, excellent schools, skating and curling rinks, theatre, armories, modern bakery, cement block plant, feed mill, along with a federal building, housing RCMP headquarters, fisheries and customs offices, makes Montague an ideal location for additional business firms.

The town hall contains the telephone office, public health office and fire hall as well as the council chambers.

AGGRESSIVE COUNCIL

At the present time the town is fortunate in having the most aggressive town council in a number of years. Councillors include a druggist, veterinarian, high school principal, a retired businessman, the owner of a farm machinery business and a man who owns and operates possibly the largest hogery in the province.

The town clerk is also a progressive businessman and Mayor Bruce H. Yeo, who has been chief magistrate for many years, has always aimed for town improvement on a "pay-as-you-go" policy.

Tax collections are at a peak, services are being steadily improved and new fire fighting equipment has been ordered. This equipment is underwriter approved.

Montague, reflecting the trend all over the Island, enjoyed its greatest season in tourism during 1961. A record number of visitors from all parts of Canada as well as the U.S.A. and other countries visited the town and made special visits to the Garden of the Gulf Museum, founded by the town's live-wire Board of Trade.

MOTEL BUILT

The year saw a new, modern motel constructed at Poole's Corner; continued expansion and improvements at Brudenell Park, and the purchase of the Gordon property adjacent to the park for use as a golf course. These additions will lure even more tourists to this area in future years.

As usual large number of visitors saw Moore's Sanctuary, historic Brudenell Island and Brudenell Point.

Adding impetus to the growth of the tourist industry in 1962 will be the establishment of another park and fishing area at Sutherland's Stream, and the inauguration of a boat club.

The property at Sutherland's Stream was purchased by the town for use as a fishing and park area while the boat club will be established by Wendall MacMillan.

Mr. MacMillan recently purchased a waterfront property in Montague and will open his boat club this summer. He owns a number of boats all government approved and all staffed by qualified skippers. He will conduct boating tours, deep sea fishing, family outings, water skiing and other events.

An active Board of Trade, good hotels, cottages and restaurants and such events as the Lower Montague Regatta and the Dundas Plowing Championship all assist in making the Montague area a more attractive spot for summer visitors.

ora to spend a carefree and enjoyable holiday.

An infant but highly promising tobacco industry would appear at this time to offer the greatest economic potential for the Montague area. Although planted late the approximately 80-acre crop of last year is reported to have given a top quality yield.

An increase in plantings of up to 300 acres has been forecast for this year by the agriculture minister. In addition most growers will have their own greenhouses for seedling production and this will mean earlier planting with a greater yield potential.

This new industry will serve to increase business for both local banking houses, put more money in circulation and most likely will bring in a number of new families.

ECONOMIC BOON

It would appear today that this new industry will eventually prove to be a tremendous economic boon to Montague and the surrounding area.

In the field of education Montague regional district will take a back seat to no other district in the province and the record of the town itself is equally as enviable.

Tremendous strides forward have succeeded in making Montague Regional High School the largest and one of the most successful in the province. With the construction of a new 14-room elementary school boasting a Grade A teaching staff the formal education of youth in this area would seem to be well taken care of.

Scholastic records for the regional unit show Montague students holding a high spot in provincial examinations.

The new \$170,000 elementary school is already filled and a 10-room addition to the regional unit is earmarked for the future, with facilities to be made available for a vocational training unit. This combined with a top-notch physical training program in both schools and the possibility of the addition of a Grade 13 point the way for the brightest of futures in the field of education for the Montague area.

SPORTS ACTIVE

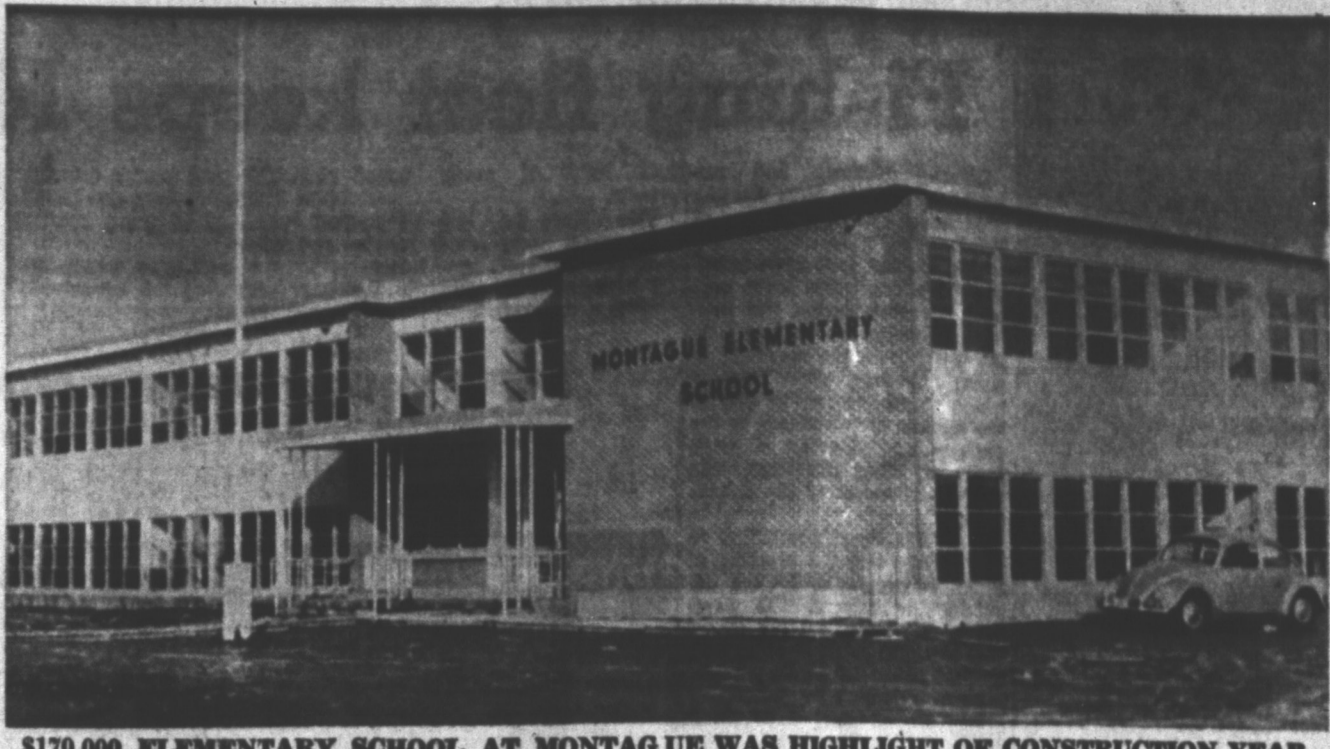
In the field of sports, this area has much to offer to assure continued skating and hockey for the youth of the town, the town council has taken over operation of the skating rink.

With the advent of the regional auditorium. Many students for the first time have experienced the pleasure of playing their first basketball game, their first lesson in tumbling and pyramid building, and all the other indoor sports which are taught this year for the first time in this area.

Montague also has one of the most active curling clubs in the province and it has sent representatives to Dominion Playdowns in the MacDonald Brier, and three times to the Dominion Legion playdowns.

The Montague schools have always placed high in Provincial Sport meets and it is felt that now a sports instructor is available, their record will become even better.

Sport fishing has always been a summer pastime enjoyed by many and with the co-operation of the Department of Industries and natural resources, the Fish and Game Association and a number of local residents have constructed a number of Public fishing dams which provide even more enticement for the many anglers who visit this area annually. All this combined with a proposed Golf Course will leave little to be desired in the sports field.



\$170,000 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT MONTAGUE WAS HIGHLIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION YEAR



A NEW TOURIST ATTRACTION AT MONTAGUE WILL BE BOAT TOURS



MONTAGUE EXPECTS FUTURE BOOST FROM TOBACCO CROP



SHIPPING FROM THE MARINE SLIP IN GEORGETOWN WAS BRISK DURING 1961

G'town makes bid to lure tourists

During the past year steady, if not spectacular progress was made in a number of areas of development and civic facilities in Georgetown. The street paving program, which has been carried on for a number of years was continued and approximately one quarter mile of pavement was laid during the past year. There now remains very few blocks of town street to be paved.

Progress was also made in providing fire-fighting equipment and facilities. A large concrete tank, measuring 25 feet by 15 feet by 10 feet, was built and holds 100 tons of water for fire-fighting purposes. It is situated close to the present fire hall and it is hoped that a new fire hall will be erected over the tank, thus releasing the present fire hall to be utilized for other purposes.

The skating rink was further modernized as a community centre when the space above the dressing rooms was floored over and made available as a dance hall.

FISHING IMPROVEMENTS

Further improvements, which will be of great and lasting benefit to fishermen, was made to the Queen's Wharf and the boat harbour attached to it, by the dominion government. The fishermen of this area have now presented to the government a request, in the form of a petition, asking for still greater improvement and enlargement of the boat harbour.

The marine slip worked at full capacity throughout the summer

accommodating the many draggers, which operate out of Eastern King's ports.

The government potato warehouse on the Railway Wharf, one of the newest and best in the province received a new coat of paint and other maintenance work. Renovations and replacements of certain facilities at the post office were also carried out.

Coupled with civic and government works, a great number of citizens made major renovations and improvements to their properties which increase greatly the appearance and value of the town's real estate. The motoring public will be better served by the improvement and expansion of existing service station facilities and the erection of a second service station in the town.

TOURIST FACILITIES

Tourist facilities in the immediate vicinity of the town took a big step forward as operators of tourist cabins enlarged and modernized their establishments. It is felt that with the continued expansion of Brudenell Park and the building of the proposed golf course at the park that Georgetown will benefit from the progressive tourist industry in this area.

The immediate future holds promise of expanding activities along the town's waterfront; in the fish-packing industry and also in the canning of other products, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for the operation of a bait-holding freezer for the fishermen.

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