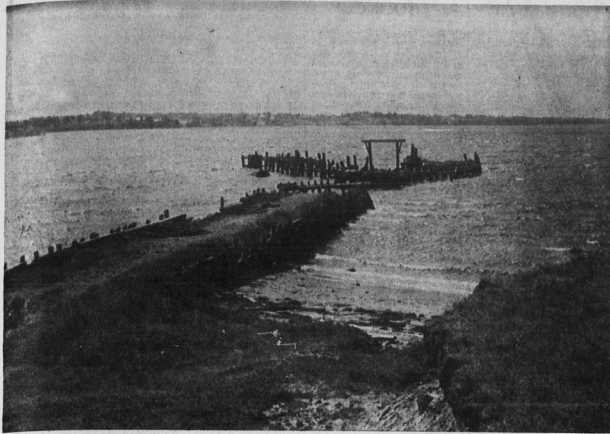


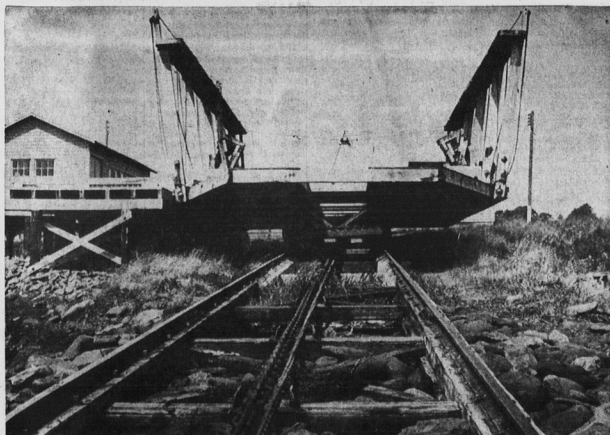
Townfolk See New Plant Ending Years Of Futility And Frustration



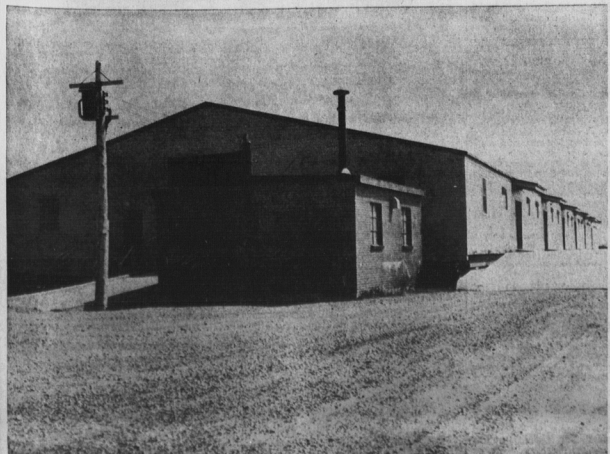
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GOVERNMENT BUILT WAREHOUSE AND WHARF WILL AID ECONOMIC RECOVERY



... AND GRASS GREW ALONG THE NOW LONELY RAILWAY TRACKS

Air Of Optimism Prevails As New Plant Is Promised

By RALPH CAMERON
Unintended simply because it was considered not quite dead enough, the Town of Georgetown is apparently headed for a rejuvenation which may have repercussions all over Kings County.

Announcement of the building there of a \$5 million fish plant has excited everyone in the eastern capital.

The man on the street is enthusiastic, willing to talk about it and surprisingly fluent in telling his opinion of the probable effect. The old timers, recalling the golden days of Georgetown's glory, freely predict the future will be even greater.

This once attractive town, beautifully planned and laid out in symmetrical squares, could almost have been the locale of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village". Most of the time in recent years it was worn an air of desuetude. It would briefly come alive and go back to work in the summer months.

It has been dying slowly since the building of the ferry terminal in Borden. That action, considered for the good of the whole province, was the beginning of the end for Georgetown. The flow of water commences dried up to a mere trickle; the docks became silent tombs of memory; grass grew over the seldom used railway tracks. And while the grass grew the town withered.

HOUSES FOR \$100
A prominent lawyer recalled yesterday that only a few years ago he had been present at a mortgage sale in Georgetown when a large lot, holding a house in reasonably good condition had sold for \$100.

Buildings were allowed to fall into decay as the people went elsewhere. Only a few owners held on; only a few places held.

Homes and plants and even churches were boarded up. An occasional ship came in to load wood pulp; a marine railway saw brief bursts of activity; a fish factory appeared the only industry.

A beautiful harbor, one of the finest in the east and almost ice-free in winter, went to waste with only the summer tourists to look at it.

It was the same harbor which saw hundreds of wooden ships launched on its bosom in the days when the town boasted three large shipbuilding yards. It had also often seen as many as 50 to 60 vessels at anchor when the Gloucester fishing fleet would come in to buy bait.

Those were the days of hand-lining and Georgetown boasted a large herring "smoker" to serve the fishermen who came from all around the eastern seaboard of the continent.

DROWNSY COUNTY SEAT
Georgetown is an old town, as the Island knows her. It was always more of the typical drowsy county seat than a bustling mercantile centre.

Even the manifests of cargoes arriving back in 1813 were evidences of the cozying nature of people and life. When the S.S. Enterprise used to dock from Charlottetown she was likely to unload such commonplace commodities as molasses and brooms.

It was never a big town in any sense of the word; perhaps its greatest population was never so much as 1,000 people. Certainly it was no where near that figure when William Sanderson came there from Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1832.

That Scottish immigrant kept a diary and one page of it tells of the people living there when he settled in Georgetown. Mr. Sanderson listed the names of all 27 of them.

His diary is now in possession of a great grandson, Edward Easton who maintains a small but intensely interesting museum which is truly a storehouse of the past.

LOSE THE RAILWAY
Against this historical record of the past Mr. Easton voiced his opinion of the big new fish plant development. "I think it will be a wonderful thing. This town has gone down so far we were due to lose even the railroad. I can't understand how it has been kept here this long."

Perhaps that would not have happened, but it is an open secret that the old railway station was due to go.

Even the railway station agent — the only employee — James McMahon, admitted he had heard rumors the station was to be "moved".

Mr. McMahon thinks the new plant will be a "wonderful thing for Georgetown". Although a native of Kensington, the station agent believes Georgetown "is a good place to live if only there were work for the people. The new plant should give them this. It should also mean a big change in life here with the plant expected to give employment to 700 people. That means a big increase in the population."

The same views are held by W. J. Fitzgerald, postmaster at Georgetown for more than 30 years and a lifetime resident.

Said Mr. Fitzgerald, "the town tide had ebbed as low as it could go. This is the turning."

JUMP TO 3,000
He happily predicts the present population of just over 700 will jump to 3,000 in five years as new industries come into the town. One of them, and the first he says, will be a pulp or saw-wood plant. He says it is badly needed.

But he also looks to permanent and physical improvements

in the town itself. Biggest and most important, he states, will be installation of the water and sewerage systems.

Having served time on the Town Council he recalls that this has been discussed many times in the past, but the town just could not afford it. However, "now the money can be borrowed from the government for a long term at low interest rates and soon you will see outside engineers in here to examine the situation."

He said almost everyone in town favors the plan. "Of course there are a few diehards opposed, but there are very few."

Like everyone else he expects an influx of people once plans really get underway.

PLENTY OF SPACE
Georgetown has one big advantage over most towns faced with a sudden boom. There is a truly surprising amount of "open space" in which to build new homes along streets already paved. There is also a great amount of other space available, some of it apparently no more than a couple of hundred yards from the main street.

With the new plant acting as a spur to industry and construction Georgetown now is looking forward to the nearby day when it becomes the capital of Kings County in all respects.

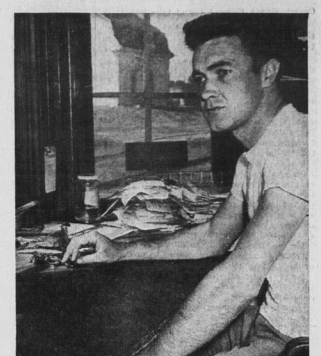
FLQ Accused Flees Bail, Seeks Asylum

MONTREAL (CP) — Richard Bizier, accused in connection with terrorist activities of the Front de Liberation Quebecois, is in St. Pierre and Miquelon, a French embassy spokesman said Wednesday.

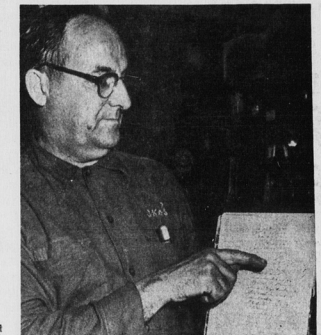
Paul Blanc, first secretary of the embassy, said Bizier "is awaiting word on his application for political asylum."

Mr. Blanc said he had received confirmation of Bizier's presence on the islands from the governor, Jacques Herry. St. Pierre and Miquelon, located some 20 miles south of Newfoundland, are France's only remaining possessions in North America.

Bizier has been charged with the time-bombing on May 13 of a Royal Canadian Air Force base in the Montreal suburb of Outremont. He was arrested during a Montreal police roundup of suspected FLQ members early in June.



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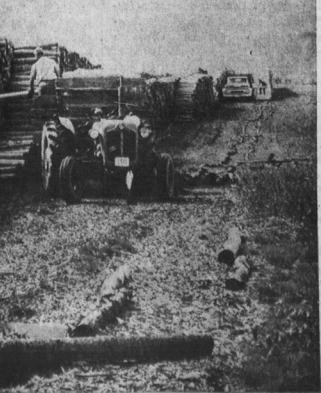
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day that the 13-year-old student had sought permission to re-main as a political refugee, but that his case presented "great difficulties" because he arrived without identity papers. He therefore risked expulsion.

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