

Island Harbor Tug Contract Is Let

OTTAWA — The Minister of Public Works, Hon. Howard Green, announced today that a contract for \$38,832 has been awarded to Belmar Welding Limited of St. Catharines, Ontario, for the construction of a 40-foot harbour tug for the Province of Prince Edward Island. The company submitted the lowest bid on the project in response to the Department's advertising for public tenders. The work is to be completed within four months or by July 4, 1959.

This is a prototype of a class of tug which will gradually replace existing tugs of a similar size as they become time-expired. Its principal dimensions are: length overall, 43 feet 5 1/2 inches; beam moulded, 12 feet 5 1/2 inches; depth moulded, 6 feet 2 1/2 inches; draft (mean), 4 feet 2 1/2 inches; displacement, 27 tons; main engine, 275 shaft horsepower. The tug is required to deliver 6,000 lbs. tow rope pull at a speed of approximately 6 knots.

The vessel will have a V-bottom and double chine with a raked stem and rounded stern. Electronic equipment to be fitted includes radio-telephone and echo-sounder.

Naval architects from the Department of National Defence co-operated with the Department of Public Works in the design.

Drama Presentations Seen As Aid To Tourist Industry

A meeting of the P. E. Island Drama Festival Association was held in the P.E.I. Library room at Prince of Wales College on Saturday evening March 21st.

Mrs. Hilda Ramsay, the president presided. Minutes and correspondence were read by the secretary, Miss Dorothy Cullen, and opened a discussion on summer entertainment for tourists. It was felt by those present that this is a project worthy of consideration for those interested in drama and that with an enthusiastic leader much might be done in the summer months to help drama, as well as to promote the tourist industry. Several suggestions were offered by some members present.

JUNIOR DRAMA

It was noted that twelve plays had been entered in the Junior Drama Festival with a few more rural ones to be heard from.

Mrs. Rodd reported that Mrs. W.E. Scantlebury would be the adjudicator for Junior Drama for the festival which is to be held in Charlottetown during the week beginning May 25th.

Report of the demonstration play "Charlie's Aunt" was given by the treasurer. This showed a financial deficit but the play was much enjoyed and an invitation was extended by the President to present the play at Summerside during Lobster Festival Week.

Lloyd Yeo, Charlottetown, who is very interested in drama, donated a trophy to be presented to the best supporting actor of the festival.

The date of April 15th is the dead line for entries of Senior

FUR THEFT

JONQUERE, Que. (CP)—Four men were arrested Monday following a \$20,000 fur theft in this Lake St. John community 100 miles north of Quebec. They were arrested when their car stalled after they stopped and turned around near the entrance to Laurentide provincial park.

COMING EVENTS

Card party, Hampshire Hall, Thursday night 8 p.m.

Reserve Saturday March 28th, 8 p.m. Victoria W.M.S. Chicken Supper.

Final Dance Belle River Hall, Thursday March 26th.

Due to Friday, March 27th, being a public holiday, we will be doing custom grinding and mixing, Thursday March 26th. Canada Packers Ltd., Kinkora, P.E.I.

The winning play "An Inspector" calls by the Montague Dramatic Workshop in the Murray Harbour Hall has been postponed until a later date.

Three Act Comedy "Aunt Elizabeth's Will" Morell, Easter Monday 8:15 p.m. Matinee 2 o'clock.

Dance Corran Ban Hall Tuesday March 31. Sponsored by C.W.L. Weatherbys Orchestra.

Don't miss the seventh and deciding semi-final hockey game at North River rink tonight vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs, your last chance to see these teams in action this year. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

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