

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Rotary opened a new road

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial Farm Editor
I TALKED HERE this week with Walter O'Brien about the 10-day battle staged by the Island's first rotary plow to clear the Borden-Charlottetown-Summerisle line in March, 1962. That was the start of the 'Snow-Snow' story I wrote on it two years ago...

Others taken on the plow at Borden were Everett Nicholson and Russel Deligan. The man in charge, Mr. MacPherson and the rest of the motor crew were from Montserrat from the mainland. I was unable to get MacPherson's first name, but he was in charge of the widening of the railway east of Charlottetown later.

Snow Shovelled Into Engines

THE WATER in the engines was used up quickly in the heavy snow, and 18 men were hired to shovel snow into three engines as they walked along the tops of the banks which towered high above the working stream banks. They shovelled as needed until the snowdrifts reached Summerisle, he recalls.

SEVEN DAYS after leaving Borden we removed the side plates of the Rotary plow at St. Dunstan's for the last time," he recalls. They left the plow in Charlottetown and returned to Borden the day after.

LOOKING BACK Mr. O'Brien recalls that the last snow shovelling was not done until early in the morning. The snow was buried deep at many spots along the highway and the snow was still in some of the huge cuttings until well into the summer.

Highway Plowing History Reviewed

ABANDONED DURING the war years, the first serious attempt to revive highway plowing was made in 1947 with 25 plows in operation. There were 100 plows in operation in 1950. Tracing the growth in the office of Deputy Minister Gordon MacPherson, there were 126 plows in operation at the present time.

OPERATING SNOW plows was a rugged operation in the early years when the plows were one of the main pieces of equipment. There were no cabs on the early machines. There were manifold heaters for cars here as early as the early 1920's.

Anti Freeze Provided Difficulties

THERE WAS no anti freeze in the early days and the cooling system had to be drained in cold weather when the engine was stopped for any length of time. A glycerin-ylcol mixture was developed but it boiled away so quickly it was not practical.

Road Rule Change May, 1924

THANKS TO Len MacDonell, New Dominion and Percy Gage, Parkdale I finally am able to pin point the date of the "Drive to the right" rule of the road became effective. It was May 1, 1924. Double checking the files of the Department of Public Safety, the Police were inspected and instructed with particular reference to the "drive to the right which becomes effective May 1".

Collected Eggs Egg Co-op

MR. MACDONELL made his trip that day collecting eggs for the old P.E.I. Egg and Poultry Association. He was accompanied by George Leitch, Mr. Donald met his uncle, James Macdonald, on the road. The uncle forgot the rule change and they met head on. But there was no damage to either collected horses. Here, the story could easily have been different.

WORKER THREATENED

MONTREAL (CP) - Gerard Proulx, New Democratic Party leader in Quebec, said Wednesday that Montreal Transport Commission refused to allow an employee, Bertrand Proulx, to run in the April 8 election.

CHURCH BURNS NOTE

Chairman of the building committee, W. H. Hubber (left) burns a note which signifies the end of the Central Christian Church's debt in connection with its expansion and renovation program. The ceremony and thanksgiving service were held Wednesday evening and presided over by the Rev. D. J. Hewitt. Looking on are Mrs. Bishop

FEDERATION OF AGRIC. NEWSLETTER

With the 64th annual meeting of the Dairywomen's Association of the Dominion of Canada we are devoting this column to a report on dairy matters. The report is an analysis of statements and recommendations made by the Hon. Allan Hanburton, Minister of Agriculture.

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