

Nova Scotia Coal Mining Having Best Year In Five

HALIFAX (CP)—Nova Scotia's miners should harvest and sell more coal in 1956 than in any of the past five years due to the increased mechanization of the pits and the opening of new markets. Coal, which accounts for 75 per cent of the province's mineral wealth, is experiencing a surge in sales because of a General British Corporation strike, better British markets and potential continental sales.

The five-month General Motors strike crippled production of diesel locomotives, "and a tremendous increase in traffic on eastern lines called for higher demand from the railways," said Harold Gordon, Dominion Steel and Coal Company's general manager and vice-president.

"We have sold more coal so far this year than I anticipated we would."

"Up in August, Dosco shipped 174,845 tons of coal to Britain. The company recently shipped a 'sample cargo' to Germany, in hopes of opening a new market there.

POTENTIAL N.B. MARKET

Mr. Gordon says Nova Scotia coal also has a large potential market in New Brunswick, where new industrial and mining areas are rapidly developing.

On the production front, officials predict a 1956 harvest that may surpass the 6,311,268 tons of 1951, barring labor or management or mine breakdowns.

Dosco mines produced 5,283,000 tons of coal in 1955, a drop of 42,000 tons from 1954.

"But," says Mr. Gordon, "it wasn't much of a decline. Only two days production. Our pits will work steadily in 1956."

Dosco has been able to concen-

trate on a multi-million-dollar mechanization program among productive mines by closing shafts with low production and high operating costs.

MECHANICAL MINERS

The mechanization program features 21 Dosco-designed mechanical miners which can bite out 300 tons of coal in an eight-hour shift. These mechanical miners operate in Dosco shafts in Cape Breton and on the mainland.

Smaller independent mine operators are experiencing the same increases. Dean Evans, general manager of the Evans Coal Mine Ltd. at St. Rose, Inverness County, says his 50 miners turned out a production record of 25,000 tons in 1955. Most of the Evans' coal is marketed in the province.

The Evans mine plans on sinking a new shaft in 1957.

N. B. Community Moves Back From Power Project Water

PERTH, N.B. (CP)—Demolition crews of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission are changing the face of this community on the St. John River and most residents react like patients waiting for the bandages to come off.

The commission has undertaken to move houses and in some cases build new homes for those living along the river, whose level will soon begin to rise as water backs up behind the giant Beechwood dam. The project is expected to be producing 135,000 horsepower of energy by 1960.

Some residents are taking the changes in stride. Others like 84-year-old Charles Olmstead, are confused and a little hurt by the rapid pace of progress.

CANT STOP PROGRESS

Mr. Olmstead, who in earlier years built 21 homes and a store, said "I'm a little sad sometimes when I think of all the work I put in building these places."

"But it's progress and the old folks can't hold it back. . . I only hope the young people build their future on the same firm foundation their forefathers did."

Others are enthusiastic about the program undertaken by the commission to meet conditions when the \$50,000,000 hydro-electric project a few miles from here goes into operation.

Sam Gambin, general store proprietor, describes the plan as "a wonderful thing for Perth." He himself expects to get a new \$40,000 store.

Victoria County councillor Wilfred McVale says "It's a fore-runner to new prosperity for Perth."

HOPE FOR BEST

Then there are the in-betweens, who are hoping for the best. Burnis R. Green, 68-year-old amputee, watched workmen hacking away at the foundations of his home while movers carted away his goods, and said:

"It's not easy at my age to have your house torn up and moved some place new. But my house is standing in the way of progress and I'm not complaining."

"There's a big bright future ahead for New Brunswick, and there's no sense of a few of us making a fuss when what's taking place is best for the majority."

Unprecedented Building Boom In Quebec's Saguenay Region

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP) — An unprecedented building boom reflects the growth of the industrial Saguenay region of northeastern Quebec, with its 80,000 inhabitants.

Reports from the secretary-treasurers of 10 municipalities in the region show that 1,104 permits for construction and repairs, valued at a record \$13,000,000 were issued during the first seven months of 1956, a 23-per-cent increase over the corresponding period last year.

The first seven months of 1955 saw 896 permits valued at \$9,334,587 issued.

The permits cover construction of dwellings and commercial and industrial buildings. The projects include a \$2,486,910 power site, a \$1,000,000 classical college, two office buildings of \$600,000 each and four schools with a total value of \$1,000,000.

The centres canvassed were Chicoutimi, Chicoutimi-Est, Port Alfred, Jonquiere, Alma, Naudville, Isle-Maligne, Kenogami, Bagoville and Arvida.

LEADS HOME-BUILDING

Suburban Chicoutimi — Nord leads in home construction, with 102 dwellings completed or nearing completion this year. Chicoutimi, itself, has 96 new homes while the aluminum centre of Arvida has 85 and Kenogami, 48.

As far as value of this year's projects is concerned, Arvida is ahead, permits amounting to \$3,385,722, were issued there since January, compared with \$1,209,900 in the corresponding period last year.

The current Arvida projects include a \$2,486,722 power dam project of the Aluminum Company of Canada and a \$25,000 school.

Chicoutimi is one of the few cities which registered a drop in value. A total of 333 construction and repair permits, valued at \$2,965,100, were issued in the first seven months of 1956, compared with 138 permits valued at \$3,647,900 in the first seven months of 1955.

TIGNISH

Mrs. John M. Doucette, Montreal, Quebec, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. James W. Gillis, St. Felix.

Dr. R.L. Noonan, Mrs. Noonan and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gallant, all of Summerside, spent last weekend in Tignish, the guests of Mrs. John M. O'Hearn.

Miss Irene MacCallum and her friend, Miss Helen Louis of Halifax, N.S., spent a two weeks vacation at the home of Mrs. MacCallum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacCallum, Palmer Road.

Mrs. Emile J. Gallant, Tignish, had her son Mr. Sylvère Gallant and her daughter as guests. Miss Annetta of Toronto, Ont., for two weeks recently, also visiting at the Gallant home for a few days were Miss Eileen DesRoches of Toronto, who was on vacation visiting her home in Miscouche, and Mr. Maurice Duggan, Toronto, who was enjoying a holiday at the home of his parents in Tracadie.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives of the late Miss Ellen McCarthy, whose death occurred in Boston, Mass. The body was brought to Tignish for burial. The funeral was held from the home of a niece, Mrs. W.J. Gavin to the church of St. Simon and St. Jude. At nine o'clock, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Dennis Gallant. Rev. Nazarius Gallant was deacon and Rev. Linus Bradley was sub-deacon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Larkin and son Paul of Watertown, Mass., are spending the summer with Mrs. Larkin's father, Mr. Henry Hogan and her brother, Mr. Lloyd Hogan, North Cape.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Arsenault who were recently married in Montreal, are enjoying a three weeks honeymoon touring the Maritime Provinces. They were guests for three days of Mr. Arsenault's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Arsenault, Skinner's Pond.

Mr. Howard Clohossey and Mr. Joseph Clohossey, Rumford, Me., and Mrs. James Clohossey, Vancouver, B.C., spent last week visiting their brothers, Messrs Alfred and Bertram Clohossey, Skinner's Pond, and Mr. William Clohossey and Mrs. Clohossey, Nail Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Judge of New York, and Texas, are guests of Mrs. Judge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Morrissey, Tignish.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arsenault and family of Bridgeport, Conn., are visiting relatives and friends in Mont Camel and Tignish.

serious operation. We are pleased to hear Mrs. MacLain is making a very good recovery, and should soon be returning home.

Mr. Gerard Doucette has returned to Toronto after a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel P. Doucette, Tignish.

Miss Ann Connolly and her brother Paul, Charlottetown, are vacationing at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Handran, Christopher Cross.

Mr. Clifford Phee, recently returned to his home in Norway, after a two day visit with friends in Boston, Mass. On Mr. Phee's return home he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Dawson of Boston, who will visit for several weeks at his home in Sea Cow Pond.

Mrs. Bessie Bowness, Boston, Mass., is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. William McLeod at Tignish.

Friends of Mrs. Herbert Peters Skinner's Pond, will be happy to know she has made rapid progress since entering the Prince County Hospital a week ago. She will soon be returning home. DK.

LOCKE ROAD

After spending their holidays in Howlan and vicinity Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blanchard have left for their home in Hamilton, Ontario.

Forest View School has reopened for the new term with Mrs. Willis Riley as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Arsenault of Detroit, U.S.A. arrived in Howlan to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault and other relatives in Alberton and vicinity.

Mrs. G.W. London and family of Moncton, are spending some time visiting at the home of Mrs. London's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Galant of Forest View.

Mrs. James Kinch of Coburg, Ontario, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Arsenault of Forest View.

Mrs. Charles Daley and daughter Lynn of Saint John, N.B., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Daley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View.

The ladies of the Howlan St. Anne Club held their August meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant. Ten members were present. A.N.

BEDEQUE NOTES

Mrs. Ruth Patterson, Calgary, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. MacInnis. Mrs. Patterson's last visit to P.E.I. was in 1909.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Johnson, St. John, N.B., was a visitor to Bedeque on Friday, July 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, spent a few days in Rothesay, N.B. recently.

Rev. Dr. John B. Corston, professor of New Testament at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, and his wife and their children, are tourist guests at the Bowness Cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weeks, Fredericton, P.E.I., were in Bedeque on Monday, July 16th. They called on relatives.

Mrs. Ester Clark, Summerside, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Charles Henderson and Mr. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. K.J. Evans and children, Nancy and John, also Mr. David Reid, have returned to Toronto. They had a ten days visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reid, Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Munroe, South Hanover, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Silvia, Brook Street, Hanson, Mass., arrived on the Island recently. They had toured the Gaape Peninsula. They visited different sections of the Island and thought it very pretty. It was their first trip to this province.

Mrs. James C. Reid, Moncton, N.B., spent the weekend of July 1st, with Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Reid, Middleton.

Rev. Arthur Organ, Hamilton, Ontario, is vacationing in Bedeque. On Sunday evening July 15th, he spoke to a large congregation in the United Church. Mr. Organ was pastor here about twenty years ago. His many old friends were delighted to see and hear him. The Men's choir had charge of the music, with Mrs. Walter Craig at the organ. The guest soloist for the service was Mr. Gordon MacCallum, Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Haslam and Miss Muriel Haslam, Springfield, were guests in Central Bedeque on Sunday, July 15th.

The Young People's Union held its ice cream social on the Mansie grounds on Monday evening, July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sudbury and their two children have arrived from Cleveland, Ohio. They will spend their vacation on their farm in Fernwood. They recently purchased this farm from Mr. Edwin MacFarlane.

Rev. L.P. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald, Upper Stewiacke, N.S., are vacationing at their cottage on Lower Bedeque beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leard, have as their guests Miss Minnie Smith and Miss Laura Rivermore, Appleton, Wisconsin. These ladies have visited every province in Canada and also every state in the United States of America. Other countries they visited were Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Central and South America, Panama, Trinidad, British West Indies, Porto Rico, Iceland, Greenland, Europe, Asia and Africa and the Holy Land. This is their second visit to our Island, having been here in 1937. They were then guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leard. Although they have seen so much of the world, they still think P.E.I. Island "tops."

MISCOUCHE

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaudet and family are visiting in Miscouche at the home of Mrs. Robert Gaudet.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arsenault of Summerside and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tupper of Moncton, were recent visitors to Miscouche. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Gallant.

Congratulations are extended to the pupils of grades 11 and 12 of Marian Academy, who have successfully passed the Maritime Board examinations. Special mention should be made of Dela Gaudet who came first on the Island in grade 12, and of Agnes Arsenault who came second on the Island in grade 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spinazola and daughters, Carmen and Denise of Boston, Mass., recently spent some time in Miscouche. They were visiting Mrs. Pictou Brown.

Mr. Robert Weightman and son of Vancouver, British Columbia, recently arrived in Miscouche. They will spend some time visiting Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. DesRoches and daughter Rosemary of Miscouche recently spent some time visiting in the Magdalen Islands.

Harold Gaudet of Halifax, Nova Scotia, recently visited in Miscouche. He was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ephraem Gaudet and his brother, Cyril Gaudet.

Marie Clair Richard of Miscouche, recently visited in Wellington at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gaudet of St. Nicholas recently visited relatives and friends in Halifax, N.S. On Sunday evening, August 12, a large number of pupils, former pupils and friends of Sister St. Mary Sinters, Miscouche, gathered in the High School auditorium to bid her farewell. Sister St. Mary is leaving for the St. Mary's Academy where she has spent the past thirty-two years. An address was read by Mrs. Felix Gaudet and gifts of book-ends and flowers were presented to her. Sister St. Mary, in a few well-chosen words, thanked every one present for the gifts, and also for their co-operation during her stay in Miscouche. Rev. Martin Monaghan D.D., and Gerald Steele expressed their feeling of regret in seeing her leave after having taken so much interest, not only in the pupils of the Convent, but also in the different organizations of the parish.

Friends of Mrs. P.C. Martin of Miscouche, will be glad to learn that she has returned to her home, Mrs. Martin has spent some time in the Prince County Hospital.

Mona Gallant R.N., arrived at her home in Miscouche on Monday, August 13. She has completed her three years course of nursing at the Charlottetown Hospital.

Raymond LeClair recently returned to his home in Miscouche. He took a summer course at Mount Allison University.

Mrs. Felix Arsenault, Joseph LeClair of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Theo. Arsenault of Stoneham, visited friends in Miscouche on Monday, August 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Labine and son Robert of Oshawa, Ontario, are visiting in Miscouche at the home of Mrs. J.B. DesRoches.

ARCTIC DEPTHS

Depths of more than 2,000 fathoms or 12,000 feet have been recorded in the Arctic ocean.

Nova Veno R.N., recently arrived at her home in Miscouche. She has completed her three years nursing course of nursing at the Charlottetown Hospital.

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