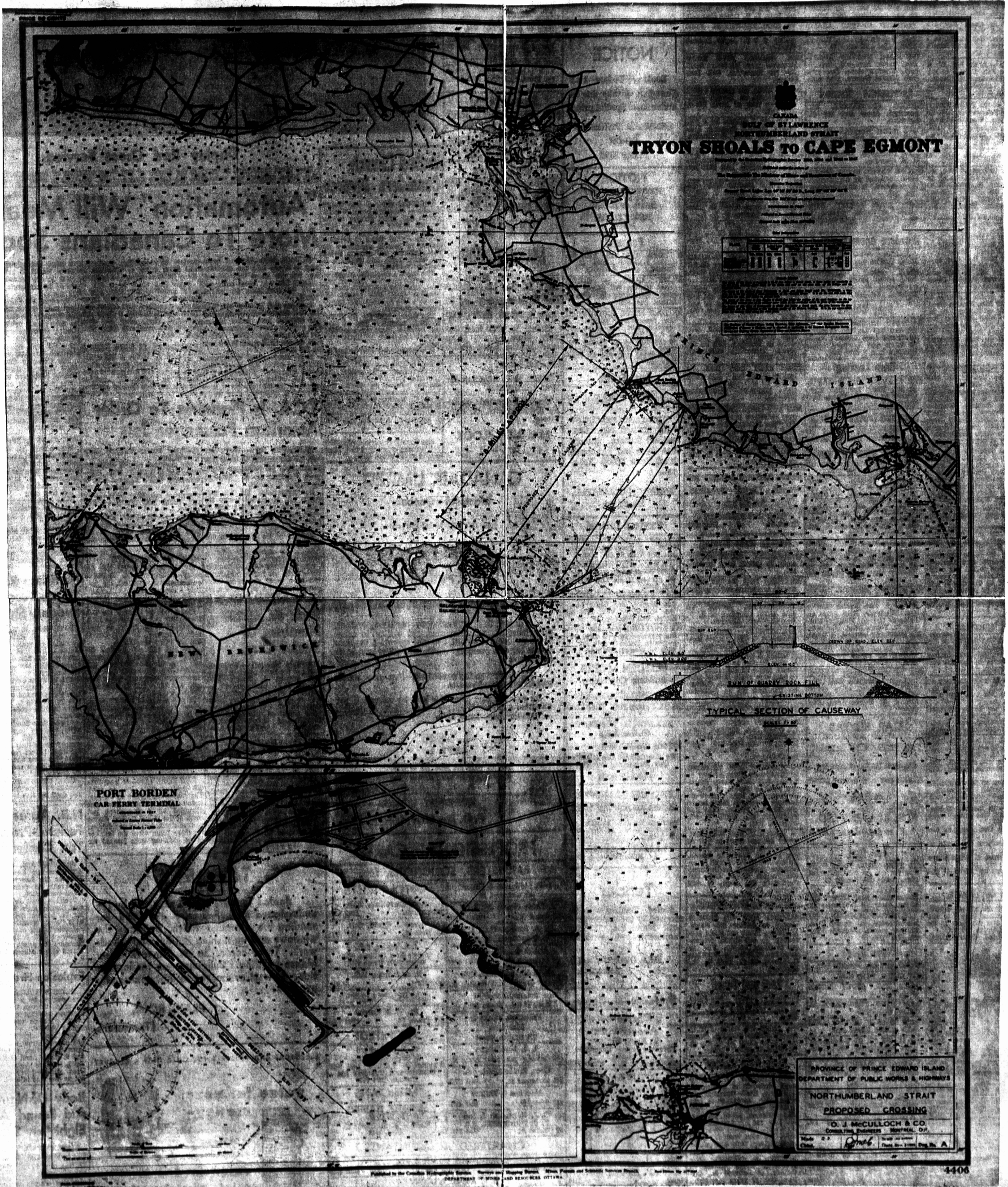


Proposed Causeway Plan Tabled



Above is the plan of the proposed Northumberland Strait causeway as tabled in the Legislature by Premier Matheson on Friday. The Premier spoke at length on the subject and made the plan available to all the members for their perusal. The plan was prepared by Mr. O. J. McCulloch, consultant engineer, Montreal, designer of the Canso Causeway, and is drawn from material supplied by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

As explained by the Premier, the proposed causeway would require approximately 40,000,000 tons of rock. The estimated cost is \$50,000,000. It would be built about parallel to and west of the existing route being plied daily by the Borden-Tormentine Ferry. The distance from land to land is seen to be approximately eight miles. The navigational lock containing a swinging bridge would be located near the Borden side. The administration building would also be Island controlled.

The 80 foot surface of the causeway would carry a paved highway, a railway track and a pedestrian walk. Premier Matheson predicted that by 1938—the earliest date at which the work could be completed—the causeway might well carry a quarter of a million cars annually. Rock borings will be made in the Cape Tormentine area to ascertain whether suitable fill can be procured nearby. No thought has been given to using Island fill in the causeway, the Premier stated.