

EXPANSION IS FORESEEN

New Annan plant increases output

Production has increased in the past few months at Seaman Brothers (Canada) Limited frozen-food plant at New Annan, General Manager, M. D. McEwen, attributes the recent success to exceptionally good crops last year.

The plant, opened in 1961, has shown a steady increase in production and it is expected that expansion may be forthcoming in a year or two.

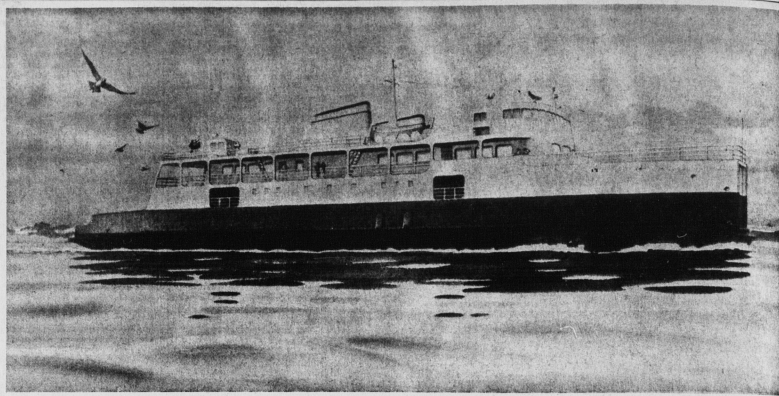
Mr. McEwen said the one plant at New Annan was sufficient to supply the Island, but business continues at its present rate it is hoped that an extension will be built on the present site.

With a staff of 75, the frozen food plant handles throughout the year such products as spinach, peas, broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts. At this time of year the main output is french fried potatoes, for which there is an ever increasing demand.

Selling to P.E.I. under the brand name of "Seebrook Farms" the company also exports all eastern Canada and the United Kingdom. Shipping is done from Halifax and Saint John although when output is heavy, Summerside and even Charlottetown are used. Much of the transport is also done by trucks and by rail. All product movement is done in zero degree refrigerated carts.

Although the plant is owned by outside interests and sells to the staff are from the immediate area of the plant.

All the raw materials for the plant are purchased locally, Mr. McEwen said, and co-operation from the farmers has been very good. Negotiations with farmers for 1964 contracts are expected to begin in about a month.



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Council on resources is given reshuffling

The past year saw a number of changes in the province's resources development program.

While the changes were not of a major nature, they did involve the re-organization of the over-all provincial development council and the appointment of a new director of research.

Another step in the organizational set-up of the plan was the appointment of a provincial development council.

The council comprised about 40 prominent citizens, including members of the clergy, business and labor leaders.

It was the function of the council to review projects suggested by local development groups and advise whether or not the projects were of a practical nature.

Projects from the local groups covered a wide range of activities, including agriculture, fishing, handicrafts, cultural and recreational development, adult education, water and soil conservation, music, drama and, according to Premier Shaw, "almost every line of work that affects the happiness of our people."

It was stressed, however, that the projects to be undertaken were not to be taken over by the government but that support would be given to projects initiated by local groups.

After the development program was launched, the federal agricultural rehabilitation and development program was announced. Under this program, the federal government would share the cost on approved projects with the provincial government.

On this assumption, about 25 projects were examined and forwarded to Ottawa for consideration. About 10 of these were approved. One major one was the securing of land at Brunelville, at a cost of approximately \$22,000, for expansion of a provincial park; other approved projects dealt mostly with water conservation and acquisition of marginal land.

Some projects are still pending and Premier Shaw intends to have "full and frank discussions with Ottawa in the hope that our rural development program may be hastened and agreements reached on a number of projects."

Referring to ARDA objectives, Premier Shaw said "it was never indicated that ARDA was the only source from which assistance might be given. ARDA is only one phase of our program which reaches out to a number of government departments, including, on the federal level, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, resources, labor, vocational development and other divisions.

"In any event, I wish to assure our people that the government will go ahead and carry out the plans for which the research division was organized.

"Recently, we have re-organized the division of research, and carry out the plans for which the services of Reid Sanger, who has had wide experience in this field, as research director.

"Commenting on the resources program, Mr. Sanger outlined its present structure. At the grassroots level, he said, are the 15 resources development groups in the province. Next comes the over-all development program.

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New projects grow with Georgetown

A new organization and one which in the future will undoubtedly play a major role in activities within the scope of public service was formed in Georgetown within the past year, when the Georgetown Lions Club was organized and received its charter.

The new club, headed by president Howard S. MacLean, is the newest Lions Club in the province and may proudly claim to have received its charter in this Centennial Year.

Twenty-one charter members comprise the new club, which has as its sponsoring club the Souris Lions Club. On Jan. 28, a gala event was held in the Georgetown High School where 385 Lions and their guests gathered for a banquet and the charter presentation proceedings.

Lions from Souris, St. Peter's, Parkdale, Kensington and Charlottetown were in attendance and it was a proud moment indeed for the members of the new club when its president accepted its charter from Lou Bagall, district governor.

A considerable amount of organizational work must go into the forming of a new Lions Club and assistance in this effort was forthcoming from many clubs throughout the province and particularly from the Souris sponsoring club.

During the coming months the local club hopes to sponsor and carry out worthwhile projects in community service and thereby benefit the life of this community as Lions Clubs are doing throughout the world.

In its formation there can be no doubt that in the vital and necessary field of public service organizations Georgetown has progressed during the past year.

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