

Rugged B. C. Northwest Is Prospecting Centre

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia's wild and rugged northwest region, largely unexplored, has become the centre of a combined search for minerals, oil and natural gas.

During recent days three major mining companies have been reported on a staking spree in an area 300 air miles north of here, seeking rich veins of asbestos and molybdenite.

South, in an area known as the Groundhog Basin, a search for oil and natural gas is expected in the spring. The basin covers 1,900 square miles, about as large as Nova Scotia, and is centred about 650 miles northwest of here.

PROMISING REPORTS

The rush into the virgin territory has been sparked by the reports of mapping crews of the Geological Survey of Canada.

Dr. E. F. Roots, who carried out a survey of the Groundhog Basin, said the area has "increasing attractiveness for those searching for oil and gas." Farther north, Dr. Roots reported asbestos veins "wider than one-

eighth inch appear to be spread at least one to every square yard."

H. S. Southern, another geologist, reported "abundant molybdenite" four miles west of the north end of Cuttine Lake.

The staking parties streamed into Telegraph Creek, 50 miles east of the Alaskan Panhandle, and about 700 miles north of Vancouver.

Meanwhile, oil development companies have taken out 17,020,000 acres of the northwest area on permit for exploration, 12,500,000 of which is held by Calgary-based Pan American Petroleum in the Groundhog Basin.

Almost alongside Pan American, a Portland, Ore., syndicate called Hemisphere Oil Corporation has taken out permits on 445,757 acres.

NEW TERRITORY

These blocks are entirely new oil-hunting country for B. C., where the major search so far has been in the Fort St. John district in the Peace River country.

Possibilities of wealth for the provincial government are excellent if the explorations are successful. Even if not, the province will get \$2,500,000 in three years in rent alone.

The University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver can give the onlooker a practical lesson in building these days.

Nearly 100,000,000 of new buildings are under construction, nearing completion or about to be put up for bids.

The projects include new faculty buildings and student residence and are financed mostly under a plan in which the B. C. government matches funds obtained from other sources.

Actual total contractual and estimated costs on current projects is \$9,758,000. Three of the major projects are a \$1,324,000 chemistry building addition, a \$920,000 biological sciences wing and a \$1,700,000 residential development consisting of three dormitory units for 100 students each and central dining and recreational building.

Curling Draw For Montague

Curling tonight at Montague in the Wightman trophy competition.

7 p.m.—East ice—C. Stewart vs. W. M. MacLean; West ice—L. A. Johnston.

9 p.m.—East ice—L. Johnston vs. J. S. DesRoches; West ice—P. MacIntyre vs. H. MacGregor.

Y's Men Hold Valentine Party, Dance

Last night the Alpha Y's Men held a most successful Valentine dance in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. The room was gaily decorated with coloured cartoons drawn by club member Henry Purdie and bearing Valentine motifs. Music was supplied by the Downtowners.

Prior to the dance, the club entertained the Y's Menettes at a Valentine turkey party. Head table seats were occupied by: Ernest V. Bell, international director of philately; Claude Whittier, district governor; George Key, president Summerside Club; Ralph Carr, president Centennial Club; Arthur Duvar, president Charlottetown YMCA; Loran McLellan, president of Alpha Club and their wives.

Other guests included two Summerside Y's Men, Roy Boates and Edgar Ramsay and their wives.

A rousing sing-song was led

Benevolent Irish Society Meeting Held

The February monthly meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held last night.

The largely attended meeting featured reports from the different standing committees of the Society.

The initiation of new members into the Society will take place at the annual initiation and smoker to be held March 12th.

The Irish show "Laughing Irish Eyes" will be held March 16th, and 17th, Birchwood High School Auditorium, under direction of J. Pius Callaghan, C.D.A., Director. The play, a three-act comedy, features lots of laugh and should prove a wonderful evening's entertainment to all who attend.

The Society welcomed the return of two members who were recently disabled in the persons of Jack Doyle and John Coady. The Choir Marshal, Roy Dunn,

Apple Market Benefit Seen

HALIFAX (CP) — Agriculture Minister E. D. Halliburton of Nova Scotia says relaxation of currency exchange rates and a more valuable British pound should help Canadian apple exporters.

This has already been reflected in import figures, he said. To Dec. 4, 1958, 440,000 bushels of Canadian apples had been imported by Britain, up from 298,000 bushels in 1957. American imports to the same date totalled 72,000 bushels while Italian imports were 500,000 bushels—70,000 less than the year before.

"But," Mr. Halliburton said, "the tremendous competition from British and Continental growers and other factors still make this market something of a gamble."

HON. EUGENE CULLEN "STARTS" INDUSTRY

Potato Chip Plant Opened In Charlottetown Last Night

Atlantic Potato Chips Ltd., plant on lower Prince Street was officially opened last evening by the Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture. He threw the switch starting the plant in operation.

Present also for the occasion was His Worship Mayor Johnstone, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, president of APEC, and representatives of business. They were able to watch the plant in operation and sample the product.

WILL EMPLOY 15

The Atlantic Potato Chip plant when operating at full capacity can process about 50 bushels of raw potatoes per hour and at

peak seasons will employ about fifteen—ten of them women.

Using the most up-to-date equipment, potatoes first reach a peeler and from there move to a bucket elevator where they are washed before moving to the cooker. Here the chips are cooked in fat as they move through the machine.

"Th next operation in the production is the packaging. Touched the chips without being touched by human hand are fed by conveyor into an automatic weighing machine and sealed in 3/4, 1 1/2 or 4 oz. packages. These retail for 5c, 10c and 25c respectively.

For making potato chips a dry potato is required. Good success has been had with the Kennebec, Sebago and Netted Gem varieties and a new variety known as the Avon has proven exceptionally good.

Producers hoping to supply the potato chip market are required to keep the potatoes preheated at varying times in temperatures of from 70-80 degrees. It is also advisable to use fertilizers which stress sulphate of potash.

The president of the new island firm is Fred Hatfield, ED. Reid of Charlottetown is the only island director. The plant manager is Richard Lyons.

The goal of the firm is to dominate the island market and to acquire a large portion of the Newfoundland and other Maritime outlets.

Book Fair Was Success, Club Meeting Told

The 'book fair' was a successful venture, the club treasurer reported at the regular monthly meeting of the Charlottetown University Women's Club. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. J. Gill.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morton, president of the Canadian Federation of University Women dealing with fees, IFW relief committee, transfer cards, Education Week and the council meeting in Banff this year.

Miss Valerie Ross was in an account of some current events which is a feature of recent club meetings.

The special speaker was D. J. Gill, director-taxation, who dealt with various matters including estate, gift and income taxes. A discussion period followed.

Dundas charges.

Left to mourn are one sister, Bessie (Mrs. R. D. MacLaughlan); Montague; Mrs. MacLaren's adopted daughter, Constance (Mrs. William Bears) who cared for her during her illness, and Mrs. Bears' children, Elizabeth, Cynthia and Vicki.

She was predeceased by her husband in December, 1939 and by the following brothers and sisters: Hudson, Fred, Tenny, Catherine, Adah, Winnifred and Sophia.

The remains are resting at her late residence until 2 p.m. today when funeral service will be held at Trinity United Church Montague.

Interment will take place in the Montague Community Cemetery.

lunches at weekly card parties, three members volunteered for each week. Mrs. Pat Murphy reported for social welfare, that a needy family had received a loan. Mrs. P. L. Boudreault reported usual visits and treats to sick. Mrs. D. P. MacKinnon reported on sanctuary work, it was decided to assist in Red Cross collection.

Vehicle Output Figures Given

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian motor vehicle production this week is estimated at 8,058 compared with 9,085 last week, says the Canadian Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Production consisted of 6,965 cars compared with 7,888 and 1,093 trucks compared with 1,197. Production this year to date is estimated at 18,469 vehicles compared with 18,619—made up of 16,008 cars compared with 16,117 and 2,461 trucks compared with 2,502.

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GEORGETOWN C. W. L.
Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald presided, when Georgetown Council C. W. L. met in the parish hall on February 3rd, at the opening of the meeting the Rev. Director spoke to the members on the Feast of St. Blaise. Correspondence read included letters from provincial conveners for organization, Honorary Members, National Scholarships, Resolutions, Radio and T.V. Mrs. J. G. Gaudin for radio, etc., offered to send cards to be used in approval to broadcasting stations, council conveners remarked interesting article on Danny Thomas show in a recent magazine.

Treasurer reported funds increased by half of proceeds, Christmas party and by sale of

Mrs. J. MacLaren Dies In Hospital

MONTAGUE — The death of Mrs. James MacLaren (nee Anne MacDonald) of Montague, occurred at the Kings County Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, after a lengthy illness.

The late Mrs. MacLaren was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sampel MacDonald of Dundas. Following her marriage she resided in Montague where she remained until her death except for a short period spent in the United States.

She was an active member of the United Church and worked in the various church organizations. For many years she was a member of the choir as well as organist in both Montague and

favoured of druggers but we must protect our inshore fishermen."

Reviewing briefly federal spending, Mr. Bell said that for years the wharves in Charlottetown had been left to rack and ruin but today the government at Ottawa is spending money not only in the hundreds of thousands but in the millions. He noted also that the airport runway which was debated for so long now become a reality. "Why were we discriminated against so long," he asked.

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Bell Tells

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died in January 1958," said Mr. Bell. However he was of the opinion that although the amount was included in the budget later in the session, "it was nearly over the dead body of the Premier or the provincial treasurer or his deputy."

"Why all this fooling around—let us give credit where credit is due and get on with the job," said Mr. Bell. "Let us co-operate with Mr. Flemming in a new general survey of our financial agreement."

AGRICULTURE

The PC House leader said he was optimistic about the future of Island agriculture. "If we produce the volume and quality," he said he was convinced that P.E.I. alone could produce enough to feed the Atlantic Provinces.

He felt that greater opportunity should be taken of the markets near at hand observing that the upper Canadian and Western Provinces were using the Atlantic Provinces as a dumping ground. He said these provinces were flooding local stores with commodities that can be produced here.

many of them ready to retire, to run the farms.

The price of beef, Mr. Bell observed, was the best since 1951 but was sorry to see that not too many were in a position to cash in on these good prices.

He said he had been advocating a hard improvement policy for years and he felt that through such a policy the government could not lose.

He suggested that farmers be advised by the government to keep their heifer calves and predicted that within the next two years there would be a great shortage of growing heifers. "This is a job for our fieldmen who should also see that all calves are vaccinated otherwise we will not be able to take advantage of the export market when the demand arises."

BIG OPPORTUNITY

"We have a wonderful opportunity," Mr. Bell said, "to develop our cattle production in a disease free area such as this, but things have been allowed to lag behind."

He said cattle could be raised more cheaply on Prince Edward Island than any other place. He pointed out that cattle can always be considered cash income for the farmer without the element of risk involved in such crops as potatoes.

Mr. Bell said he would not in any way discount the growing of potatoes, which he realized have brought a lot of money to the island, but they are a perishable product and there is always the threat of overproduction. "There is a place for potatoes but I think that farmers should stick to mixed farming," he said.

Concern was expressed by the Opposition leader regarding the adverse publicity which Island potatoes had received in Ontario centres last year. "This was not a case of disease but rather one of weights and grade," said Mr. Bell, who felt that undue publicity had been given the situation. They should have been able to settle this quietly with the parties concerned, he felt, and not give Island potatoes such a black mark.

get our money from outside sources, meaning Ottawa."

THE CAUSEWAY

Mr. Bell said he was dumbfounded to see only mere mention of the causeway in the Speech from the Throne. We have been informed by a Cabinet Minister (Hon. A.A. MacIsaac) that an election would soon be held in the Province and one of the main planks in the Liberal platform would be the causeway, Mr. Bell said.

"This minister told this to a news reporter in Halifax but one thing he didn't tell him was why he had made the trip to Halifax. He should have told him that he went over there to find out how to run a Department of Labour."

"I am not satisfied with that minister's remarks. I am afraid the reason why there was nothing in the speech about the causeway is that the government here is aware that the causeway is going to be built by a Conservative government and they don't want them to get the praise," said Mr. Bell.

He recalled that in 1944 he proposed the building of a causeway and the Minister of Resources (Hon. Douglas MacKinnon) said he was "daft." "I know he is now sorry for what he said and is now leaning my way," Mr. Bell added.

EARLY REPORT

Mr. Bell said he had a report from an official in the Department of Public Works in Ottawa who advised him of the extensive survey that had been carried out during last summer and promised that a report including plan and design along with estimated costs would be made available by the end of March.

When Premier Matheson, pressed Mr. Bell to identify the source of his information, he replied that the letter he had received was from a Mr. Jephson.

HALIFAX ABATOIR

Mr. Bell made reference to the opening of a co-operative abattoir at Halifax. He felt that Island producers had an outlet at this plant and in this connection read a quotation from a speech made by the president of the new abattoir, Mr. Curtis.

The statement went as follows: "Farmers in Nova Scotia have a tremendous job ahead of them in hog production to keep the new plant running to capacity and there is a tremendous opportunity for beef production. If farmers will produce all the pork beef and lamb required this would mean \$25 million yearly increase in Nova Scotia's gross income."

Harold P. Smith: "Would you favour such a plant here?"

Mr. Bell: "I was always of the opinion it would be a good thing."

Continuing on the subject of agriculture, Mr. Bell said the people of Prince Edward Island were dependent upon the products of the farm and he blamed the Liberal government for the many vacant farms on the Island and the large number of young people who have left the province.

POPULATION LOSS

He observed that the Island has a population of 99,000—very little advance from 1935. On the other hand he showed that the natural increase in population per year was 1,800 which should now make the Island population in the vicinity of 140,000.

He said that from 1951-56 only 856 of a 9,000 increase had stayed on P.E.I. and he would venture the opinion that 99 per cent of those who left were between the ages of 16-21. These young people left their aging parents.

SUGGESTS PASTURE PLAN

Mr. Bell said something should be done to improve the pasture lands of the Island. He said there were areas in which the cattle had to travel great distances in order to satisfy their appetites. He cited the policy of the Ontario Agriculture Department in which farmers are encouraged to develop pasture land through assistance from the Department.

He said Ontario gives farmers seed to plant on areas previously designated by agricultural fieldmen and 2-3 of the cost of fertilizer for the same is borne by the government.

The Opposition Leader noted that the government was planning to appoint two additional fieldmen—one a veterinarian and the other a potato fieldman.

He thought the first was badly needed but could not imagine what one lonely potato fieldman could ever hope to accomplish.

The Throne Speech said this man would have to do with potato diseases. "I would think that he would be better employed giving advice on packaging, grading and marketing," Mr. Bell said.

He could not understand why it was so hard to get farmers to attend short courses on agriculture but remarked, "if they won't attend then we must take the course to them" and in this connection felt that TV was an excellent medium through which this could be accomplished.

Returning once more to provincial-federal tax agreements, Mr. Bell said, "I don't care what they say—we are a Province and since most of our revenues are used up in fixed charges we have to

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