

# \$1 million food plant spurs Montague's economic growth

A million dollar frosted food plant, a \$100,000 in new homes, expansion in business, education, tobacco growing, and tourism are well-served in Montague area in the 1963 year with further things to come in 1964. The establishment of the Langley Fruit Packers plant at Montague created more jobs and a higher level of prosperity in the area. This plant, which is in its final stages, is expected to produce in 1963 from which a reasonable return resulted to farmers who were lucky enough to get proper soil and who have some acre to this crop. See the future the plant will process potatoes and chubs, which will require from 4,000 to 6,000 tons of potatoes annually and is looking to the handling of 1,000 acres of strawberries, as well as raspberries and blueberries.

**TO EMPLOY 200**  
Sausage, cauliflower, peas, beans and sea foods will also be processed in this plant which will employ approximately 200 men and women of the area.

The tobacco industry has been declared as favorable for the area and growers are optimistic for the future. 1964 will see several new growers and it is the opinion of many that if the plants could be started earlier in the spring the frost loss would be less likely to occur.

At least 10 new homes were constructed during the year and it is expected that several will be erected in 1964. Low rental housing is being investigated and the possibility of a senior citizens housing project is also being looked into.

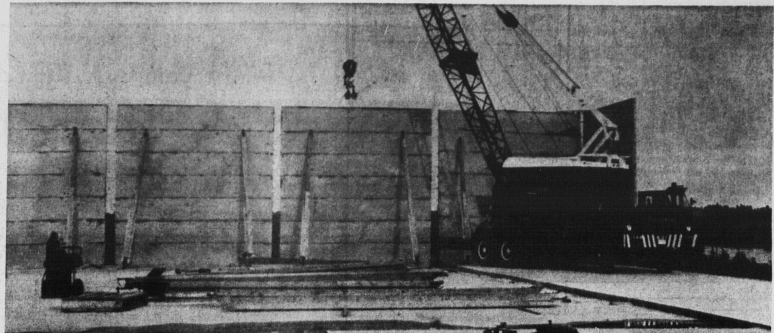
Expansion by business firms such as Irving Oil Ltd., which has purchased the hockey rink, possible changes at Nicholson Motors, and McGowan Motors Ltd. have been rumored.

It is thought that other small industries will establish here. A new machine shop opened during the year and they are quite pleased with business to date. A

change has taken place at MacLure Electric in which Preston D. MacLure is now employed by Langley Fruit Packers Ltd. and the electrical contracting business has been taken over by Hume and MacLure.

**LARGEST ON ISLAND**  
In the field of education Montague lacks only a vocational school and is also looking forward to the establishment of grade 13. The Montague Regional High School which is the largest unit in the province has an enrolment of 785, which is made up of pupils from 70 districts, a staff of 34 teachers, one full time secretary, and three janitors, and an active efficient school board under direction of Paul Kingsbury.

In the tourist industry which is expanding in this area the Garden of the Gulf Museum had its largest year and the management is looking to greater increases for the centennial year. There will be two employees



WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL LANGLEY PLANT WILL EMPLOY 200 PERSONS



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