

Seaway Project Activities Up To Schedule This Year

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OTTAWA (CP) — After generations of delays and frustrations, the St. Lawrence seaway-hydro project was in full swing during 1955.

Along a stretch of more than 100 miles between Montreal and Iroquois, Ont., more than 6,000 workers were engaged on the huge undertaking to open the continent's heart to big ocean ships and create 2,300,000 horsepower of electricity.

As the year neared an end, construction was generally on schedule. First power was due to come off an international dam near Cornwall, Ont., in 1956, with 27-foot-draught navigation facilities scheduled for opening the following spring.

BIG DIVERSION
On the \$600,000,000 power end, major construction in 1955 involved diverting the course of the St. Lawrence in the international rapids section to provide a dry area for construction of powerhouse stretching 8,300 feet between Canada and the United States. A series of coffer dams turned the river aside and let men and machines start digging out some 3,600,000 yards of material from its bed.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, handling the Canadian aspect of the power development, also was engaged in locating about 1,000 persons in eight "seaway valley" communities that are to be flooded out by a 40-mile-long power pool between Cornwall and Iroquois.

Wholesale removal of Iroquois' 1,180 persons to a brand new townsite got under way in the fall. Negotiations with the other valley residents, and arrangements for their eventual transfer, were in progress.

Meanwhile, Hydro was doing preliminary work on the relocation of 40 miles of rail line and 35 miles of highway that will be drowned out.

ACTIVITY IN U.S.
On the U.S. side, the New York State Power Authority was engaged in the larger task of removing 225 farm families and 500 cottage owners in its sparsely-settled section of seaway valley.

Between the two power partners, contracts for more than \$200,000,000 had been let out by the year-end, providing an economic shot in the arm for the area.

On the navigation phase, Canada's St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. of the U.S.—federal bodies—have been pushing ahead with early work on a series of canals, locks, artificial channels and dredging between Montreal and Iroquois.

The U.S. entity is building two locks on its side of the river opposite Cornwall. The Canadian body is constructing three downstream and one upstream of the U.S. locks, all in Canadian territory.

TO BYPASS RAPIDS
Canadian work this year centred heavily in the area around Montreal, where the Lachine rapids have to be bypassed by locks and a diked channel. Sections of the river in this area have been walled off with coffer dams and drained to allow excavation.

Raising of Montreal's Jacques Cartier bridge to give ship clearance, and construction of a new bridge across the river from Montreal to the south shore are other projects for this area still on the drawing boards.

The \$50,000,000 in Seaway Authority contracts let to date, \$8,500,000 is for construction of a canal at Iroquois at the upper end of the International Power Pool. It will enable Canada to share control over shipping going through the system.

A major question still to be settled by the year-end was the way navigation tolls will be applied. They are to be designed to wipe out the investment over a period of years, but the U.S. and Canada have differing ideas on what the period should be.

The method of dividing up the tolls also calls for further negotiation and is to be discussed again by the two groups at Washington early in the new year.

FREELAND
The Women's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, Lot 11, held their annual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 24th at the home of Olive Tuplin. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Annie Banks; Vice Pres., Mrs. Reginald Palmer; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. Sterling Palmer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Annie Banks.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ivan Hardy on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th, with a good representation of members. Meeting opened by singing the "Ode," followed by the Creed. Plans for the Christmas Concert were made. The members voted money to treat the school children. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Reginald Palmer. Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was served by the hostess and lunch committee.

Mrs. William Stenberg, Brooklyn, has returned to her home after spending a lengthy holiday at the home of her nephew, Edgar Hardy, Cape Traverse and visiting her brother and their families in Freeland.

LAC Lorne MacLean, who has been stationed at Calgary, Alta., with the RCAF has been transferred to England and left on Dec. 10th for overseas. He and Mrs. MacLean visited with their parents during his leave and Mrs. MacLean plans to spend the next

few months at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams, Summerside, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hardy.

Mr. Edgar Hardy, Cape Traverse, and two little sons, Stanley and Stephen, were guests for a few days recently at the home of Mr. Hardy's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips.

Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Public Mischief
NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—Albert Lalonde, 21-year-old Timagami, Ont., youth charged with public mischief in connection with the Oct. 18 death of Grace Beaucauge, also of Timagami pleaded guilty Thursday.

Lalonde was placed on suspended sentence for two years. The girl had been missing 10 days before her body was found. Police testified Lalonde told the Oct. 19 he and Miss Beaucauge had gone to Rouyn, Que., after a dance in Timagami. He said she entered a washroom and didn't return.

Accompanied by police Oct. 27 Lalonde travelled to Rouyn and a short time later told them the girl was dead. Finally, police said, Lalonde led them to the body near Enghart, 70 miles north of Timagami. He said Miss Beaucauge fell from his light truck on the pavement. Terror-stricken, after placing the girl back in the truck, he drove north to Enghart.

An autopsy showed no criminal attack or blows other than that suffered from falling out of the truck, police said.

THRIVING NATIVES
The native Maori population of New Zealand was 127,000 in 1954, compared with 45,000 in 1901.

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SANTA AT SAN
Little Delores MacDougall who is one of the TB patients at the Provincial Sanatorium is the envy of many a child because she has the privilege of sitting on dear Old Santa's knee. At the right of the picture is Mrs. Ross Gelson and her five dear old daughter Eleanor from Alberton. Mother and daughter were among the many TB patients who enjoyed Santa's visit to the San. Photo by Margaret Mallott

Shoppers Storming Stores With Bulging Wallets

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Canadian shoppers have been storming the stores with bulging wallets, and indications are that it will be a gold-plated Christmas for both buyers and sellers.

A Canadian Press survey shows retailers throughout the country anticipate their total business this yulet season will be 10 per cent above any year since the Second World War. And most shoppers, they say, are operating on the luxury level.

Television set sales are brisk from St. John's, Nfld., where station CJON-TV recently took to the air, to Victoria where it is reported one dealer ordered "all the \$2,000 color TV sets we can get."

EXPENSIVE PURCHASES
An exclusive Toronto shop sold four mink coats before 10 a.m. one day recently and a Vancouver street organ that plays 12 tunes for \$395 in Toronto, or a \$129 doll in Montreal.

Perhaps the most startling sales are being rung up in Santa-throned toy departments. West coast merchants are offering \$46 "kiddillies" and \$32 toy diesel engines while

an Ottawa store displays \$14 doll carriages.

REALISTIC TOYS
Retailers report the trend in toys is toward working miniatures of the real thing, and away from Davy Crockett or outer space equipment.

Said a Montreal merchant: "Each Christmas, toys get more and more realistic. If they won't do something, the kids don't want them."

"Dump trucks have got to dump. Saxophones have got to play real tunes. Dolls have to be as much like baby sister as possible. Kitchen sets must be able to cook real food."

"You can't palm off a static replica of an adult object on a child and get any reaction."

But the children are not only on the receiving end when it comes to gifts. One large Montreal department store opened a "piggy bank shop," catering exclusively to the small fry.

Said sales girl Ann Cadman: "Children are very practical. They know just what their parents have and what they need. Our cashier is getting used to handling mountains of coppers from piggy banks."

Fisheries Inventors Have Come Up With The Wheel

OTTAWA (CP)—West coast fisheries scientists have come up with a new device for catching fish—a fish wheel whose basket-like revolving nets scoop salmon from river waters.

The rig, mounted on 22-foot-long pontoons, is being used by fisheries department biologists in Fraser river fish-tagging operations. It has proved more efficient than the former hit-or-miss method of trying to catch fish with a dip net.

The story of the fish wheels is told in the October edition of the federal fisheries department's publication "Trade News" which said it actually is an improved version of a device used by the Indians in catching fish in the Yukon.

SAW CRUDE DEVICE
It was a crude Indian fish wheel which fisheries biologist Mr. McEwen and engineer K. Lucas saw that gave them the idea. The wheel was then adapted by fisheries engineer L. Edgeworth from a design submitted by the Alaska department of fisheries.

The rig consists of two basket-like stretch nets made of seine mesh stretched over a series of J-shaped pipes. The baskets, each 10 feet deep and 10 feet long, are mounted opposite each other on a central steel shaft fastened to the centre of the floating pontoons.

The rig is made fast to the river bank by steel cables attached to winches which provide some manoeuvrability.

The fish wheel is turned on its axis by the action of the swift river current on the nets and on paddles attached to their sides.

In operation the basket net on the downstream side scoops up fish

son of Adlai Stevenson Hurt

GOSHEN, Ind., (AP) — John Foll Stevenson, 19-year-old son of presidential candidate, Adlai Stevenson, was in "satisfactory" condition Thursday from a high-way crash that killed two of his Harvard classmates.

General Hospital reported the young pre-law sophomore spent a "fairly comfortable" night.

catching fish and the 10-foot sweep of its baskets samples a larger volume of water.

Since its installation, the rig has caught hundreds of salmon of various types which are being tagged in connection with scientific studies of the migration of the fish upstream to their spawning areas.

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