



AT KEEL LAYING CEREMONY

Ferguson Industries Limited of Pictou, N.S., are currently working on a contract to construct four 93 foot steel side trawlers for the P.E.I. fishing industry. Reports from company officials indi-

cate that the work is proceeding on schedule and the first trawler will be launched about April 23 with the second to follow a few weeks later. Shown here on hand for a keel-laying ceremony earlier this year are, **LEFT TO RIGHT:** Eddie Gallant, president, Eastern Fisheries; Mrs. Gallant; Allan A. Ferguson, president, Ferguson Industries; Camille Gallant, secretary, Eastern Fisheries; P.E.I. Fisheries Minister Leo F. Rossiter and Deputy Minister Eugene Gorman.

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Trawler contract well underway

GEORGETOWN. — With approximately 150 men employed on hourly rates of pay, earning slightly over \$11,000 per week, plus staff members, Bathurst Marine Limited at Georgetown is a hive of industry and activity building a trawler fleet that will provide the fish for Gulf Garden Foods Limited plant here.

Work is progressing on the construction of the first three trawlers in a contract for the building of nine such trawlers awarded during the winter. The nine trawlers to be built under the new contract are of the 129 foot class. Three others are now at various stages of completion and they are also of the 129 foot class.

The Gulf Grenadier and the Gulf Gunn were launched last December and are now berthed at the Railway Wharf, where work on them has been carried out during the winter months.

The Gulf Grenadier is nearing completion and engines will be started on April 26, with sea trials to be held soon after. The Gulf Gunn is also berthed at the Railway Wharf and is scheduled for completion in July when she also will receive her sea trials. Hull No. 15, as yet, unnamed, was moved out of the large building in which she was constructed on the weekend of April 16 and her naming and launching is scheduled for July 4.

These three trawlers will bring the fishing fleet of Gulf Garden Foods to seven and the completion of the other nine, scheduled to be built over a three year period will provide a total of 16 trawlers to fish out of Georgetown.

BUILDING SLIP
A marine slip now under construction at Georgetown and scheduled to be completed this year will provide facilities for the hauling, out for repairs of the large steel trawlers and this in itself will provide work for a large number of men and assure continued employment.

In their last year of operations Bathurst Marine Limited estimated that they spent some \$260,000 in purchases made in the Province. The impact on the Province's economy has been tremendous.

Workers at Bathurst Marine recently signed a new contract with the company, through their unions, which resulted in increased pay and assured improved working conditions. Labour-management relations are of a high standard.

The contract signed during the past winter for the construction of nine trawlers will mean \$2,500,000 in wages for the company's employees and it is estimated that the purchases of the company in the province will amount to \$1,500,000 over the next three year period.

This fleet of trawlers will enable the province to capitalize, as never before, on our great fishing resources and the province will be able to keep pace with the upsurge of the fishing industry along the whole Atlantic coast. This province and Georgetown in particular are uniquely situated to exploit this great opportunity.

The new trawlers will be reinforced for fishing in the ice and will be able to operate out of Georgetown for at least ten months of the year.

Seek to control worm, eel grass

SUMMERSIDE. — The Biological Station at Ellerslie is also carrying out an extensive program this year in trying to establish a control against ship worm. "This is a terrific problem in the Maritimes in general," stated Martin Thomas, a scientist at the station. "This worm has a long body, approximately four inches—and has two shells at one end", he said. According to Mr. Thomas there has been a new chemical produced which when dissolved in mineral spirits will be help to eliminate these worms. This is called a chemical hasn't been given full recommendation as the station staff wishes to do studies on its side effects for approximately another year.

Boost in fish landings

Total fish landings in the Maritime Provinces during March, 1966 amounted to 46.4 million pounds valued at 3.6 million dollars. Included in these totals were 29.8 million pounds of groundfish valued at 2.5 million dollars, 4.6 million pounds of pelagic fish valued at 100 thousand dollars and 2 million pounds of shellfish valued at 985 thousand dollars.

Landings for March exceeded the average catch during the years 1963-1965 by 15 million pounds and 1.2 million dollars. Groundfish landings during the month exceeded the average March catch during the past three years by 13.3 million pounds and one million dollars while pelagic landings were 1.1 million pounds and 16 thousand dollars above average. Shellfish landings during the month were 0.5 million pounds and 152 thousand dollars above the 1963-1965 March average.

The increased groundfish catch during March 1966, compared to the last three years, was due to larger than normal landings of cod and haddock. The larger than normal pelagic landings, compared to the years 1963-1965, were the result of larger herring landings while the increased catch of scallops and lobsters accounted for the above average landings of shellfish.

Construction near complete

An experimental seaweed processing plant is being established at Miminegash, prince Edward Island, this year. A \$168,500 contract for construction of the plant was awarded last fall to Schurman Construction Limited of Summerside, P.E.I.

Designed to process Irish moss and other types of seaweed, the plant will be operated by the Industrial Development Service of the federal Department of Fisheries. A mechanical dryer for Irish moss and other seaweeds is included. The federal Department of Public Works awarded the contract for the 60 x 100 feet building and a wharf to serve it.

In its initial stages, the work carried out at the Miminegash plant will involve harvesting, cleaning and preliminary processing, and experiments with weeds at various stages of their life cycles.

The end product of the plant will be ready for the final extraction of alginate and carrageenan, which are used as stabilizers for such things as ice cream, jellies, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, beer and tooth paste.

Ten or a dozen people will be employed in the summer months, and a smaller staff will be engaged during the rest of the year.

Du Pont Reports Earnings Boost

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP). — E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. reported first-quarter sales this year at a record high of \$789,000,000, a 10-per-cent increase over the 1965 first quarter but earnings were about the same as a year ago.

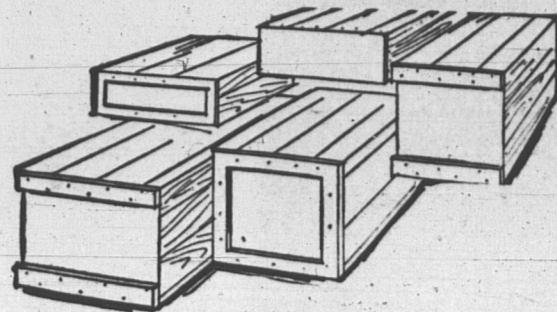
Du Pont reported net income just over \$102,000,000 almost the same as the first quarter of last year, while earnings per share came to \$2.17 on common stock, just one cent higher than a year ago.

PLAN GEMINI LAUNCH
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) Gemini 9 astronauts Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene A. Cernan will be launched into space May 17, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Monday. During the three-day flight the astronauts are to link up with an Agena satellite and Cernan is to take a space "walk" of about 2½ hours.

KHRUSHCHEV IS 72
MOSCOW (AP) — Nikita S. Khrushchev celebrated his 72nd birthday Sunday. The former Soviet premier and Communist party leader, who was unseated in October, 1964, was believed to have spent the day with his family at a country home near Moscow. There was no mention of the birthday in the Soviet press.

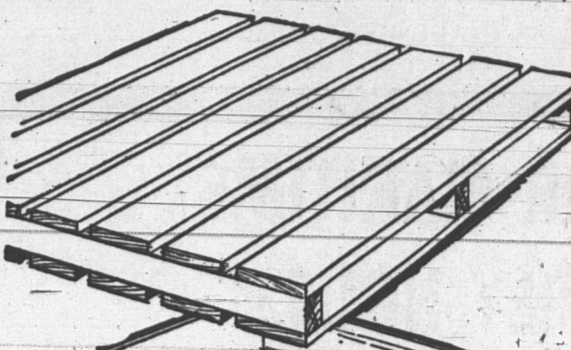
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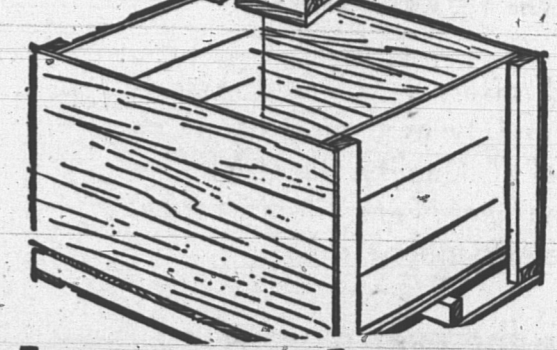
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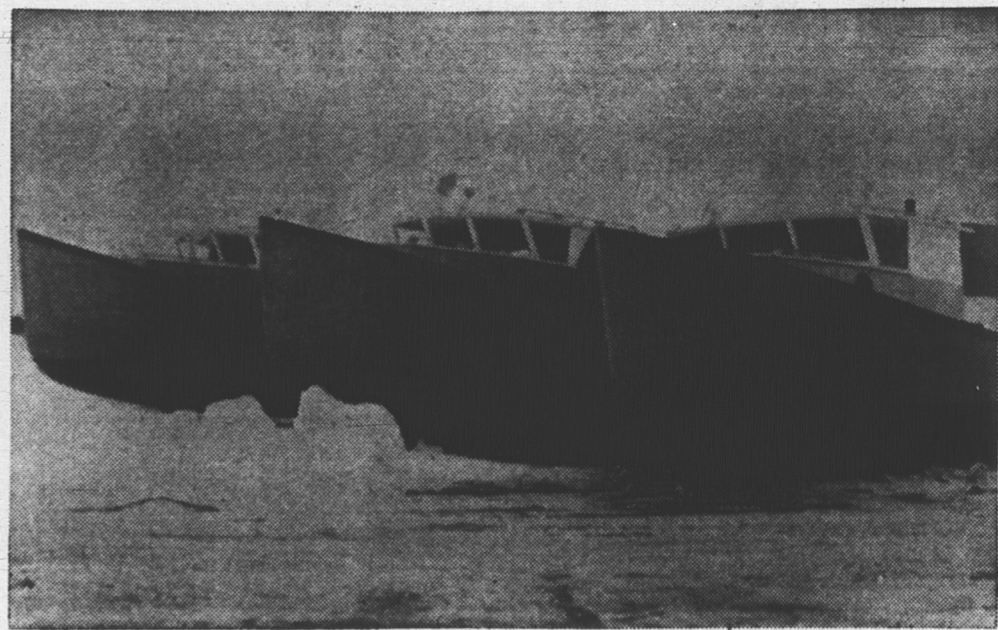
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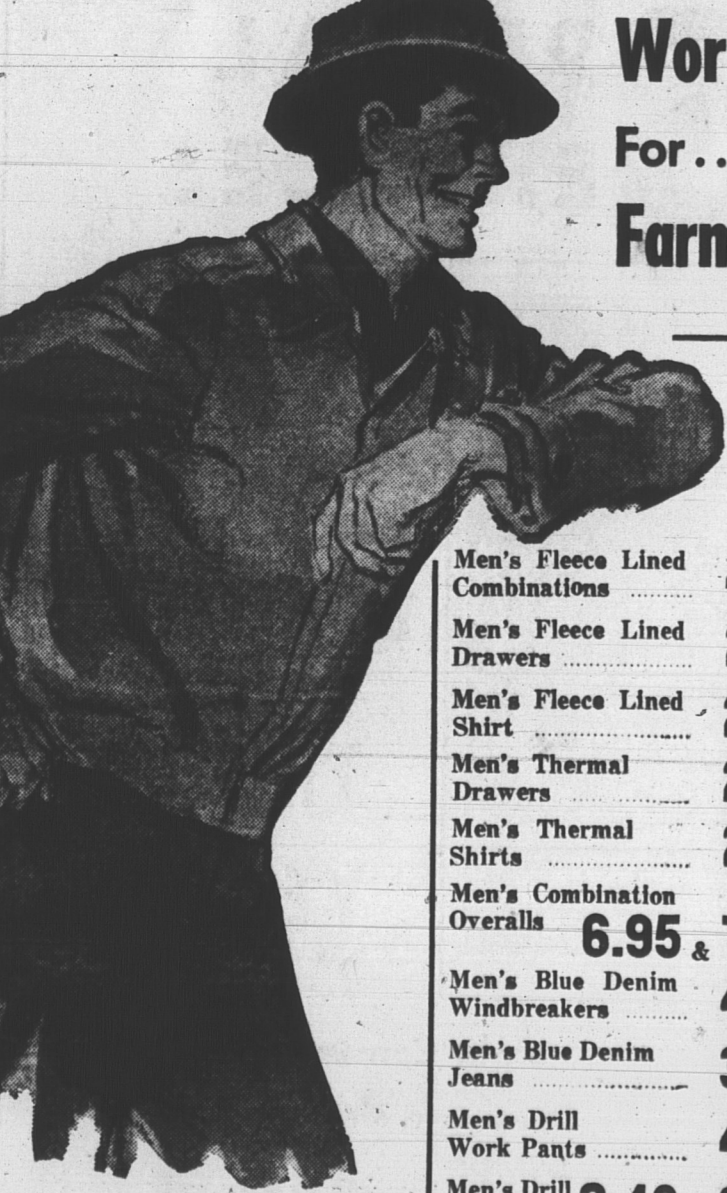
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