

Regina Building Construction May Almost Double '64 High

REGINA (CP) — Value of building construction here this year could reach \$60,000,000, far in excess of the previous record of \$38,000,000 set last year, Charlie Ward, city building inspector says.

Mr. Ward says his department issued building permits valued at \$39,600,000 by the end of August this year compared with \$18,900,000 during the same period last year.

"But by the end of September this year permits valued at \$31,400,000 had been issued compared with \$23,300,000 last year, he said.

Factors contributing to the increase this year include a permit for a \$2,000,000 motor hotel, increased apartment construction, a shopping centre, housing developments, a \$1,000,000 addition to a hospital and an office building. Construction at the new campus of the Uni-

versity of Saskatchewan has also had its effect this year.

During the last 14 years there has been a rapid increase in the rate of building construction in this provincial capital—a city nicknamed "pile-of-bones" in the 1950s. The nickname grew when Indians killed buffalo near the present site of the city and the bones were thrown into a pile which grew into a well-known landmark.

CHANGES AFTER WAR
In the period during which the country slowly emerged from the effects of the "dirty thirties," annual construction from 1931 to 1944 in the city rarely exceeded \$350,000. The first significant change began following the Second World War.

In 1951 the value of new building reached \$5,000,000 and since then construction figures have climbed steadily.

about \$66,000,000 in additional permits will be issued before the end of the year including a library building at the new Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan, valued at \$4,000,000, and a similar amount for a centennial auditorium. Planned hotels, retail stores and business developments are expected to be valued at another \$14,500,000.

In addition to the business aspect, Mr. Ward says there are hopes of increased residence and apartment construction and a \$1,000,000 high-rise apartment now is being planned for the downtown area.

In 1963 there were 1,512 houses built in Regina and last year saw the completion of 1,958 family units, he said.

EXPECT MORE BUILDING
"At the end of August this year, 1,298 houses had been built and a check of some of the major housebuilding companies showed there could be as many as 300 more built this winter under the federal government's winter incentive program," he said.

The outlook, "although maybe not as good as 1965," holds promise for an annual average

of about \$40,000,000 worth of construction in the foreseeable future, Mr. Ward said.

He said one factor is that the student population at the new university campus is "already experiencing a near maximum capacity and all indications are for the same situation in the years to come."

Annual expansion value at the university could reach \$5,000,000 and related to the predicted increase in student population is an increase of housing, Mr. Ward said.

A frontier settlement in 1922, the city was named after Queen Victoria and incorporated in 1903. It had a population of 3,000 on a site of 2,580 acres and taxable assessment was about \$1,500,000.

The city now has a population nearing 130,000 and occupies 18,000 acres. Assessment is valued at about \$160,000,000. Town planners anticipate the city will have a population of 200,000 by 1980.

BIRDS STAND OUT
Pigeons and doves are the only birds which can drink water without raising their heads at each swallow.

Lab In North Is Busy Spot

INUVIK, N.W.T. (CP) — For scientists studying the north, including those dusting ice floes with carbon black and training falcons to catch sea gulls, the Inuvik Research Laboratory never closes.

Some 69 projects were carried out through the laboratory during its first year of operation. More than 120 scientists used its facilities.

The laboratory was established by the federal government in March, 1964, to stimulate Arctic research, provide study facilities and act as a base for northern field studies.

The laboratory, operated by the northern co-ordination and research centre of the northern affairs department, has been used by Canadian, American and foreign scientists.

Among first-year projects was a National Research Council of Canada experiment of dusting ice with carbon black to absorb the heat of the sun and help melt ice in harbors.

The Provincial Museum of Victoria worked on a joint program with the federal transport department to train falcons to catch sea gulls, which endanger aircraft at coastal airfields.

In another program, the National Research Council and Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. used the laboratory while operating part of a world-wide network of cosmic ray monitors.

CLAIM RECORD
KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Students at Queen's University here claim they set a world "shower-a-thon" record Monday and they intend to pad it.

Thirteen students, each taking two-hour shifts, have been under the shower since Oct. 17, and at 10 a.m. EDT claimed to have surpassed the record of 202 hours set by students at Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y. recently.

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EXECUTIVES EXERCISE

John J. Williams, Marty Kinser and Ernie Gaynor, (left to right), take a lunch-time workout as part of a medically supervised exercise program at North American Aviation's Space and Information Systems Division at Downey, Calif. Supervised by Dr.

Richard Morrison, 72 executives participate in the physical program. Dr. Morrison believes heart attacks and other ailments common to young executives can be modified or prevented to a large degree by the program. (AP Wirephoto)

BEAT MUSIC IN BRITAIN APPEARS TO BE FADING

By RAYMOND E. PALMER
LONDON (AP) — Beat music, one of Britain's biggest exports in the last five years, appears to be fading.

A company which turned out 120,000 plastic "Beatles" guitars at the height of the beat boom reports a shock slump in profits, a cut in its dividend and a reshuffle of its top brass.

The firm, Musical and Plastic Industries Ltd., is Britain's biggest seller of musical instruments. Its shares on the London Stock Exchange slumped to the equivalent of the 52 cents from 78 cents when it announced profits for the first half of this year were \$378,000 against \$660,000 in the 1964 period.

The No. 1 song in the British hit parade for the last five weeks has been a 1930-ish ballad called Tears sung by comedian Ken Dodd. He will appear at this year's royal

command variety show before the Queen, Nov. 8.

The Beatles appeared in the royal command show last year and the year before. This year they have been dropped.

The one concession to the beat scene in the royal show appears to be the inclusion of the Dave Clark Five—which is not the most beat of the beat groups. Their hair is shorter for one thing.

Even the beat music shown on British television are going in for more ballad-type music and more staging of dance routines instead of a steady stream of long-haired guitar players.

A number of the beat group managements who have made their fortunes during the boom are forming new groups and grooming them for possible success in other musical fields. They're not sure what the next pop music trend will be but they want to be on it when it starts.

Fisheries Group Leaves For Tour Of 3 Countries

OTTAWA (CP)—A five-man mission of federal, provincial, and industry representatives of the fisheries industry has left for a 20-day tour of Italy, Spain and Portugal to investigate long-term market possibilities.

The three countries have traditionally been important customers for salt cod. On its return the mission will report its findings to the governments and fisheries concerns.

Members of the mission are: Richard Crewe, Newfoundland government fisheries specialist, St. John's, Nfld.; R. F. Johnson, secretary-manager of the Canadian Atlantic Salt Fish Exporters Association, the Nova Scotia Fish Packers Association, and the Atlantic Fisheries By-Products Association, Halifax; Guy Bernier, general manager of Quebec United Fishermen, Montreal; C. Robin Molson, chief of the resource management economics service, federal fisheries department, Ottawa; and Bernard Choquette, trade department agriculture and fisheries branch, Ottawa, mission secretary.

Conservation Laws In U.S. Called Bad

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — Leslie Frost, former Ontario premier, said here Canada has good conservation laws but those in the United States "are thoroughly bad."

Mr. Frost spoke to about 200 guests gathered in a tent for ceremonies opening the Niska Waterfowl Research Station and park.

The first research station in Canada dedicated to the study of eastern North American waterfowl, it is located on 110 acres along the bank of the nearby Eramosa River.

Mr. Frost said there is vital need to strengthen migratory bird laws in North America, but a problem is the difference in regulations between states of the U.S.

"In this day of mechanization, of planes, outboard motors, new types of firearms, and in view of increasing water pollution, the question is whether wildlife can survive," Mr. Frost said.

HOPES FOR PACT
He said he hoped some kind of "sensible arrangement" can be worked out with United States wildlife authorities.

Mr. Frost dedicated the station's park area to Frank H. Kortright, one of Ontario's leading wildlife authorities and conservationists.

In presenting Mr. Kortright with a scroll, Mr. Frost said: "One has only to go out and see the beauty of those birds along the river, even on this rainy afternoon, to see what an immense contribution he has made to his country."

Mr. Kortright released two mallard ducks in a symbolic gesture to open the park. He is the author of a book on North American waterfowl that is used as a text at universities across the continent.

Already the station is the year-round of more than 500 wild ducks of 45 species, and a stopping-off point for up to 1,000 waterfowl daily during migration.

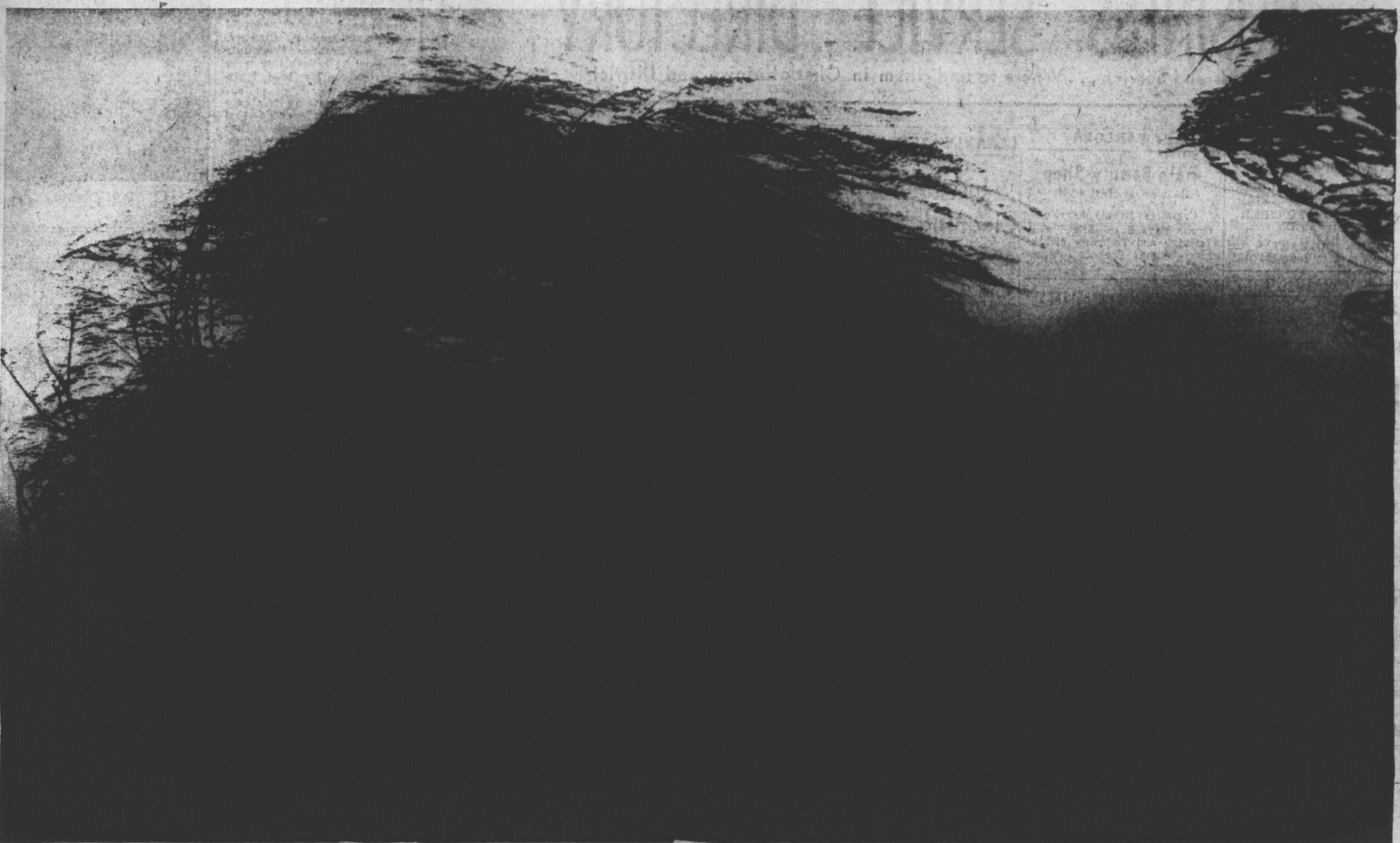
More Aircraft Jobs Sighted

TORONTO (CP)—An agreement announced here to re-range production of Douglas DC-9 commercial airliner parts at de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited's plant at nearby Malton, could create 1,100 new jobs.

De Havilland has agreed to lease to Douglas Aircraft Co. of Canada Ltd. the portion of its plant producing wings and tail pieces for the DC-9. Douglas said it would employ 2,400 in Havilland workers.

A joint statement said anticipated production increases could create jobs for as many as 3,500. The statement said the new arrangement will permit increased DC-9 production and allow de Havilland to concentrate on STOL (short-take-off and landing) utility transport and other projects.

The lease covers five years with option to renew for three periods of five years.



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