



IRISH MOSS SPREAD TO DRY

Seaweed plant near completion

ALBERTON — An experimental seaweed processing plant is nearing completion at Miminegash on the western side of the province.

The prefabricated building measures 102 x 60 and will have bagging, drying, sifting and grading equipment and provide storage, laboratory and office space.

The exterior walls and roof are of factory finished enamelled steel and there is a brick dado up to the window sill line. Smaller structures contain a weigh scale, chlorine supply and sea water intake system.

The project also includes a 102 x 43 foot wharf to provide docking facilities for boats conveying Irish Moss and other products for the plant.

The contract amounting to \$168,500 is held by Schurman Construction Ltd. of Summerside. The plant will be operated by the Industrial Development Services of the Department of Fisheries.

A second major advance for the Irish Moss industry will be the construction by Marine Colloids Inc., of a \$14,000 commercial seaweed drying plant at Miminegash.

The new plant will contain approximately 10,000 square

feet of floor space which will contain a mechanical dryer capable of drying between eight and ten million pounds of wet moss each harvesting season.

Erection of the building is scheduled to begin as soon as the ground is suitable for the foundation and the completion date is late August.

Marine Colloids hope to encourage fishermen to undertake harvesting by raking further offshore than is presently being done. Deep water raking equipment will be made available to interested fishermen.

Surveys made by the company indicate large quantities of Irish Moss in offshore beds from Miminegash to Tignish and the company stressed that the success of the new venture will depend on the interest taken by fishermen in raking deep offshore beds.

Inshore raking is now carried

Tignish area sees big improvements

By EDITH ELDERSHAW
TIGNISH — The Fishing Industry continues to expand in all centres around Tignish as vast improvements and changes to help better fish production methods are being made to cold storage facilities, processing plants, fishing equipment, harbours and roads.

The Tignish Fisheries Co-operative landed over one million six hundred pounds of cod and hake during the year. Lobster

catches during the spring season amounted to 634,877 up 191,877 pounds over the previous spring season. The fall lobster landings said the poorest in years landed 236,131 pounds this was down 118,792 over the previous fall season. All lobsters were processed at Jude's Point cannery.

At the Buote cannery where major improvements have taken place 317,270 pounds of lobsters were landed during the season. The fall season was well down over the previous year. 116,634 pounds of ground fish were landed. The Ebbfleet Co-operative landed 151,454 pounds of lobsters during the fall sea-

son and 18,000 pounds of cod and hake.

Fifteen new boats were built in the area during the year. Irish Moss buyers who tightened regulations for a better grade of moss during the year reported an exceptionally good year. 11,000.00 pounds was bought up.

ADVANCE SAILING TIME

MOSCOW (CP) — The Soviet luxury liner Alexander Pushkin will leave Leningrad 15 hours earlier than scheduled Wednesday on its maiden voyage to Montreal. Officials here said ice at the entrance to Leningrad harbor made it necessary to begin the voyage in early daytime rather than at night.

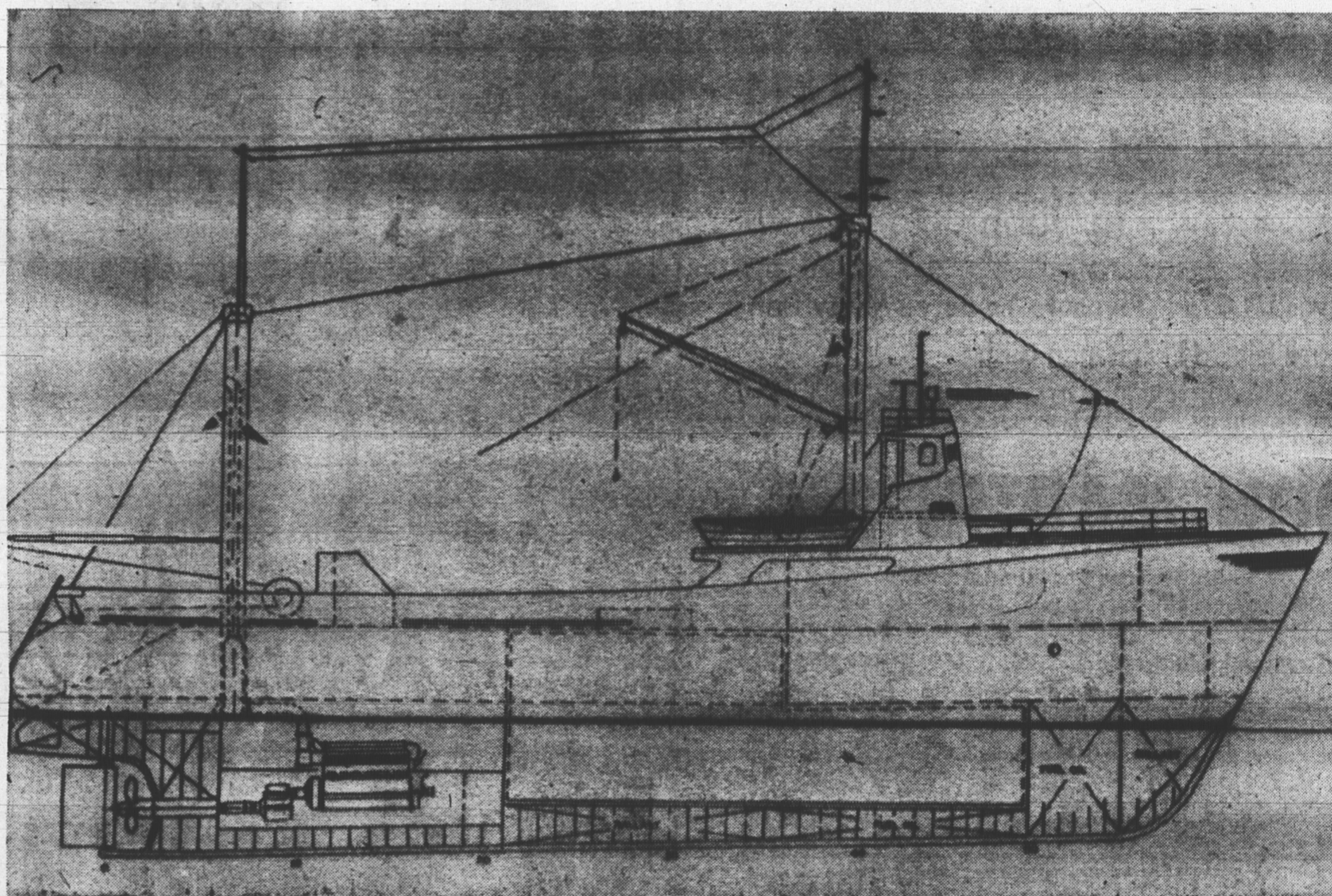
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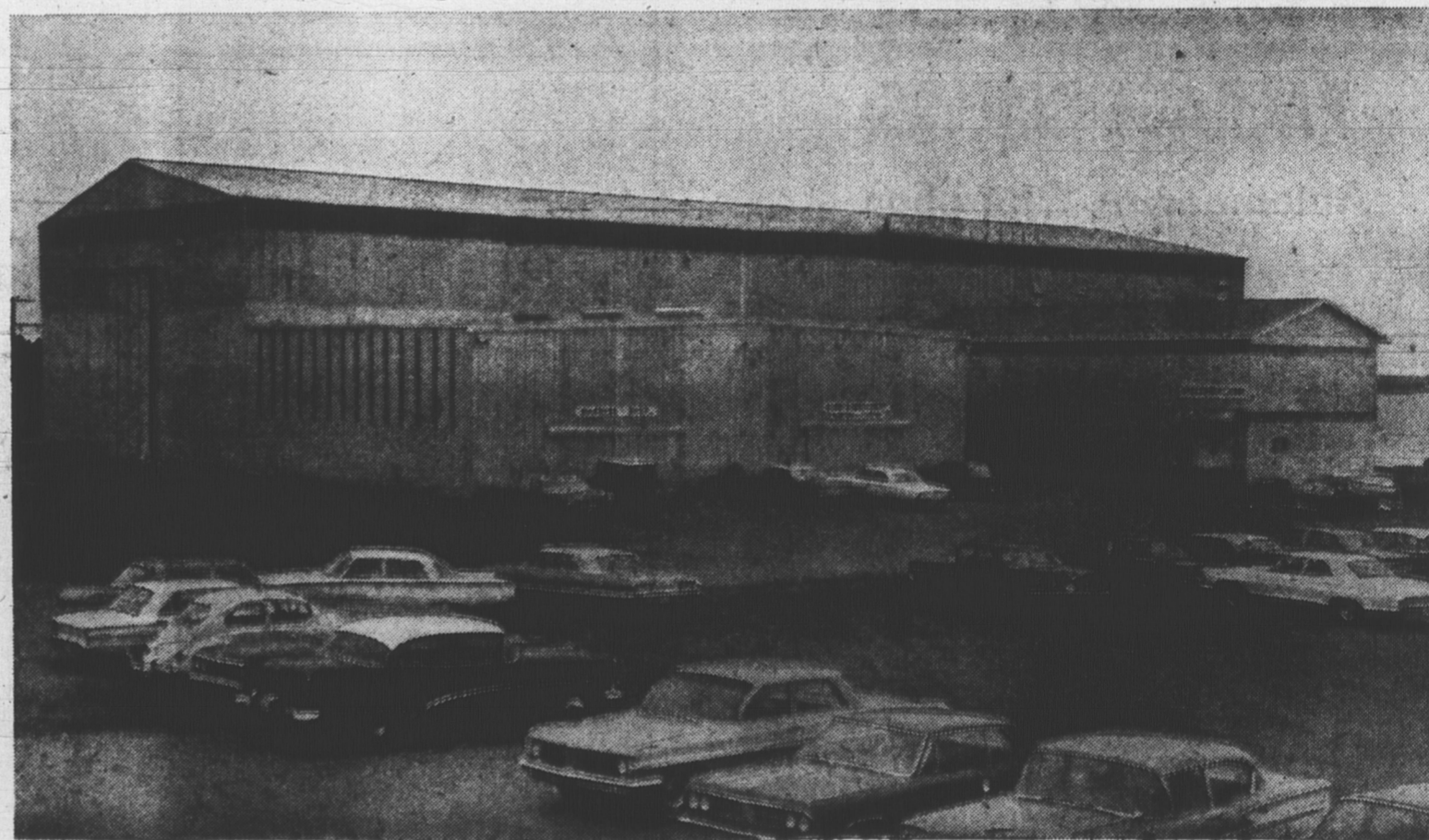
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