



# Souris Making Preparations For Big Year In Fisheries

Souris, now the largest fishing centre in the Province, is humming with preparations for the biggest year in its history. Both the Eastern Packers, and the new company, the Griffin Fisheries, will be forced to bring in workers from the mainland to assist in staffing their plants. The Griffin Fisheries, with one of the newest and best equipped plants in Eastern Canada, will go into full scale operation for the first time, on or about May first.

Last Friday the first dragger from Souris to sail for the fishing grounds this year, the Harry G., put to sea under Captain Ray Griffin. Two other draggers, the Virginia Ann, skippered by Dickie Power, of Souris, and the Marjorie and Mary-Belle in command of Rollie MacDonald, of Souris, were ready to sail on Sunday, and should now be at sea also. They will be joined soon by the Murray Harbour No. 1, owned in Murray Harbour.

All of these draggers will fish for the Griffin Fisheries but will likely land their early catches at the P. J. Cadegan plant, Glace Bay, since the new plant at Souris will not be fully staffed until May 1st, and is not yet ready to process fish.

**FURTHER ADDITIONS**  
Four other draggers from Caraque, New Brunswick, will join the group a little later, and there will be further additions to the fleet from New Brunswick, when the season gets in full swing. The Griffin Company has also arranged to bring to Souris some skilled filleters from Canso and Guysboro, and hope to get more from Caraque. The company has further plans to bring in some experienced female help, to assist in processing and packing.

An efficient plant foreman, Mr. George Munroe, from Canso, Nova Scotia, will supervise the staff of more than one hundred people. At the present time twenty people are employed making ready for the busy days ahead. There may be a definite shortage of fish-plant workers in Souris this spring and summer.

**NEW FISH CONVEYOR**  
An unusual feature of the new Griffin plant is the method of conveying the fish to the assembly line where they are processed and packed. Usually fish are carried to the workers on moving belts. These belts must be washed and thoroughly cleaned periodically, to preserve good standards of sanitation and to guard against bacteria. At the new Souris plant the fish are conveyed to the assembly line in a metal trough, through which flows a regulated stream of sea water. The same sea water carries the offal from the processors to storage tanks, later to be converted into fish-meal at a plant three miles from Souris, owned by the Souris Sea by-Products Company. The continuous supply of sea water, which is so skilfully put to use, comes from a well one hundred and sixty feet deep, which was originally bored in the hope of striking fresh water. When the well proved a failure as a source of fresh water, Mr. Albert Griffin manager of the plant, conceived the idea of using the sea water to carry the fish in troughs to the workers awaiting them. A new well yielding fresh water was successfully bored only a short distance from the salt water well.

The new plant, modern, roomy, and with exceptionally large refrigeration facilities, was planned by its manager, Mr. Albert Griffin, and carried through to completion without the aid of blue prints. All fish arriving at the new establishment are carried direct from the draggers at wharfside on a continuous chain of containers, and from this chain they are dumped into the sea-water troughs already described.

The first schooner load of herring to be used for bait for lobster fishing was due to arrive in Souris yesterday. Some herring bait was also expected to arrive from Western Prince County shortly.

# 20 Employees Have \$20,000 In Mine Reap One Million

TORONTO (CP) — Twenty-six employees of a Toronto exploration company, who pinned their faith and \$20,000 of their savings on a geologist's mine report two years ago, have reaped a \$1,000,000 fortune.

An accountant, a receptionist, secretaries, geologists, draftsmen, physicists, technicians and executives—all on the staff of underground Explorations, Ltd.—received a \$1,000,000 cheque this week from the Steel Company of Canada.

H. G. Hilton, Stelco president, decided to take up its option on the group's 36-claim iron-ore section, 35 miles north of Kapuskasing.

The employees, turned down when they tried to sell for a small return shortly after their original investment, harvested a 5,000-per-cent profit. The investors each put in \$50 to \$500 originally.

But it was geologist Lloyd Leach they toasted most.

In 1953 Mr. Leach pointed out an interesting river formation north of Kapuskasing to Sten Lundberg, a pilot for the explorations company.

The following spring the pair decided to fly over the area on a flight north to James Bay. They passed over the site, the aircraft instruments gave a "terrific kick."

On their return to Toronto Mr. Leach told the company about his find. The company, however, was not much interested but said the employees could have full rights if in return for the use of company aircraft, time and equipment the company would get 10 per cent of all profits.

The geologist sounded out his fellow-employees, getting \$50 from one, \$75 from another and \$500 from others. Eventually sufficient funds were obtained to stake the claims but there still was not enough money to develop the site.

## MOOSE RIVER SURVIVOR

TORONTO. — Alf Scadding, survivor of the Moose River mine disaster, looks over a stamp collection in a Toronto department store where he heads the philatelic section. Twenty years ago he became a national figure when he was entombed in a Nova Scotia gold mine with two others for 10 days. Herman Magill died in the mine before Scadding and the late Dr. D. E. Robertson, Toronto surgeon, were rescued.

The developing story of the rescue kept millions reading the headlines or listening to their radios. Scadding still feels pain in his feet which were in danger of being amputated as a result of the exposure he suffered in the mine. (CP Photo)

## Special French Medal Goes To Montreal Newspaper Editor

TORONTO (CP) — Ambassador Francis Lacoste of France Wednesday presented a special medal to Herve Major, managing editor of Montreal La Presse, in recognition of his accomplishments in the service of the French language and French culture.

Mr. Lacoste singled out the work of Mr. Major, then president of The Canadian Press, in the establishment five years ago of a service in French by the national news-gathering co-operative.

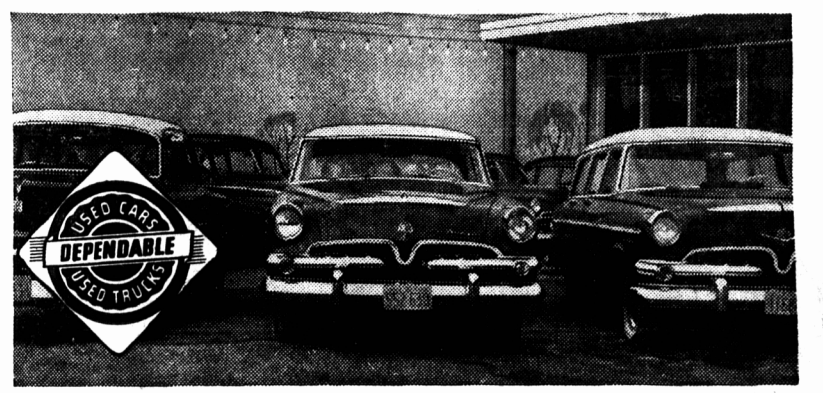
"Since 1951," Mr. Lacoste said in a brief address, "Canada has been equipped with one of the most modern press services in the French language in existence anywhere—not even existing in my own country."

## RELIEF FROM HACKING COUGHS

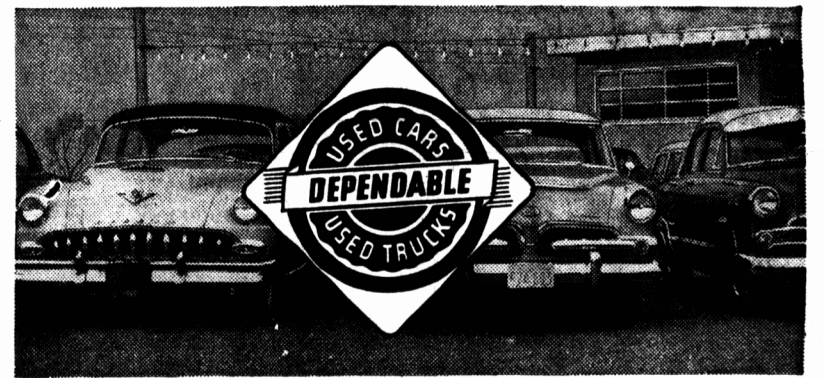
"This bilingual instrument is in a large measure due to the vision and to the labor of Mr. Major. And for that most important achievement we feel that we, too, owe him a debt."

To express France's gratitude to Mr. Major, Mr. Lacoste presented the Montreal editor with a medal bearing the effigy and name of Michel de Montaigne, one of the forerunners of modern French journalism. The presentation was made here where the CP annual meeting is being held.

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## EASTERN GUARDIAN

**ICE AT LOWER MONTAGUE**—The Montague River is clear of ice except for a half-mile stretch at lower Montague where a band of ice reaches from shore to shore to prevent access to Georgetown harbour which is entirely ice free. This year may prove to be one of the latest openings for many years and may retard to some extent the spring shipping. However, should the river clear by May, and it will quite probably do so, then all will be clear for Newfoundland ships to make port at Montague to open another shipping season. The harbour at Georgetown right to the wharves has been clear for some time, and at no time was seriously frozen over, which would serve to indicate once again that Georgetown has perhaps the best all year around harbour in the Province.

## SAVES TWO HUNS

Several weeks ago Mr. Millburn Stewart, Murray Harbour South, found two Hungarian partridge in an undernourished and weakened condition. Since that time Mr. Stewart has fed and cared for the two birds, and yesterday Game Warden John White released the two Huns in good coverage in prime condition.

## LORNE VALLEY

The Rev. D.A. Campbell conducted the service and the hymns were: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall", and "Rock of Ages, cleft for Me."

Mrs. Peter MacLeod and daughter Judy spent a few days in Charlottetown during the past week. They were guests of Mrs. MacLeod's mother, Mrs. Annie MacLeod.

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## PISQUID EAST

Mr. Wallace Woolridge, employed on the government dredge spent the weekend with his family in Pisquid East.

Mr. Kenneth MacDonald, Covehead spent the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay.

Miss Isabel Birt, Charlottetown, was a weekend visitor at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Birt.

His many friends were saddened to learn that Mr. Fred Leard had passed away at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Monday morning, April 16. Deepest sympathy is felt for his wife his son Bobby and daughters Linda and Sally.

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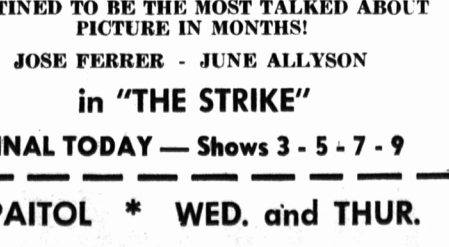
## DESTINED TO BE THE MOST TALKED ABOUT PICTURE IN MONTHS!

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## Funeral Of Louis Byrne

The funeral of Louis Byrne was held from his late residence Byrne Rd. Friday morning, April 13th, to St. Lawrence church, Morell Rear at 10 o'clock. Regium high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Eric Robin P.P. who also officiated at the grave.

The pall bearers were: James Byrne, Lawrence Clarkin, Wm. McCullough, Anthony Dunn, Thomas Kenny, Joseph Kenny; hearse driver, Francis Connelley.

## TWO CHILDREN DROWN

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP) — A bid by a seven-year-old girl to save her little brother from drowning led both to death Sunday.