

ALBERTON BUILT BOAT ON TRIALS

Alberton fishermen expect good season

ALBERTON — As soon as the ice clears from Alberton harbor and the adjacent gulf water some 30 fishing craft will operate continually out of this fishing port.

The majority of the boats will first be employed for the spring lobster season, which gets underway May 1, but as soon as the season closes at the end of June the lobster traps and rigging will be stored and their crews will then turn their attention to fishing mackerel, cod, haddock and other types of deep sea fishing.

Last summer two brothers, Mont and Cecil Hutt decided to experiment in seining for mackerel. Their efforts proved successful, when they began landing single catches ranging as high as 31,000 pounds.

The cost of seining runs into the high brackets, costing as much as \$3,000 which is prohibitive for a good many average fishermen. Also to run the operation properly requires two boats working together trailing the large seine net between them.

But having got themselves equipped and following the success of last summer the Hutt brothers plan to resume the seining operations again this year.

In preparation for the coming lobster season, fishermen in the area are keeping a close eye on the ice awaiting the first opportunity to put to sea in order to fish herring, which is used to bait their lobster traps.

In the 1964 lobster season most fishermen reported the size of the catch was down from the previous year, but this was well offset by the considerably higher prices received, which resulted in most fishermen reaping a higher financial return for their labors.

In addition to lobstering and mackerel fishing a considerable amount of cod fishing is carried out.

Another phase of the fishing industry which started to catch on big last year is that of scallop fishing. Two of the larger boats from Alberton were equipped for scallop fishing and the brothers Roy and Upton Fraser acquired a large dragger which was used for both scallop and general fishing.

The main location to which the scallop fishermen go is located between Miminigas and the New Brunswick shore.

The two other fishermen who engaged in scallop fishing were Ralph and Dale Fraser. All four men generally landed their catches at a mainland port.

Reports from Alberton indicate that the Hutt brothers are anticipating another successful season of seine net fishing and the scallop fishermen expect to reap a good harvest, also another stable market with good prices is hoped for during the lobster season.

Connected closely with fishing fleet

ALBERTON — Boats of all types and sizes can be seen on the grounds at Alberton Industries Ltd. and more are coming out of the shop each week. They range from outboards to long-liners, fishing boats and pleasure cruisers the annual output is continually increasing: from the enterprising Alberton South plant which is owned and managed by Phillip Kinch.

Boats completed and in the yard ready for shipment are a 40 foot trap boat and longliner, two 35 foot cargo motor boats, two 26 foot and a 31 foot all for the Department of

Northern Affairs. Under construction for the same department are five additional 31 foot boats and two 29 footers.

In addition to government contracts a number of lobster boats are under construction and two pleasure cruisers, owned in Moncton, are on hand for annual overhaul and refit at an approximate cost of \$10,000 each.

A most important advancement in the boat factory is the installation of a 120 ton railway dry dock which was started last fall and is scheduled for completion by June.

Irish moss seen major West Prince industry

ALBERTON — An experimental Irish Moss Plant, costing in the vicinity of \$200,000 is scheduled for construction this summer at Miminegash in Western Prince County.

More intensive harvesting and processing methods in the moss industry was among the recommendations of the Arthur D. Little Co., Canada Ltd., following their recent economic survey of Prince County.

The Miminegash plant is expected to introduce new techniques for the use of moss in unfertilized fields and open up new markets through the modern facilities that will be provided at the new plant.

A wharf will be built on the south side of Miminegash Run for landing raked moss directly

at the plant which will be located on land formerly owned by Peter Murphy.

An estimated 2,000 persons harvest moss part or full time in the western part of the province where the bulk of the Island's production is gathered for truck transfer shipment to the United States. The two principal buyers are Marine Colloids and Kraft Foods.

Next to lobsters, Irish Moss is the main stay of fishermen in Western Prince County.

In January of this year Solicitor-General J. Watson MacNaught, MP for Prince County, announced that plans for the plant are about completed and he envisaged considerable improvement in the income of the moss gatherers in West Prince.

This work is being carried out by Crandall Dry Dock Engineering Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., under the supervision of John England. The project is receiving assistance from the provincial Department of Industry and Natural Resources.

On completion the marine slip will enable the plant to build and overhaul boats up to 65 feet in length and also facilitate the beaching and launching of boats of all types.

Since acquiring the old Alberton Elementary School several years ago the firm has recently added a 60 by 30 foot extension by purchasing the old Alberton Parish Hall for lumber storage and mill work.

In its brief history the Alberton plant has established a reputation for sturdy dependable construction and has built a large number of boats for service in the far north.

Employees range from 15 to 20 depending on work available.

Fish processed in various ways

Not all fish is put up in the bright packages you buy at the local markets. A small per cent of the fish landed is sold fresh, either at your local market, or by fish peddlars. But, each year, a great deal of fish is salted locally. Usually, the kind of fish salted is cod and hake.

In this process, the bones are removed, and the fish put into vast tubs or vats. First, a layer of salt, then a layer of fish, and so on, until the vat is filled. In some instances, the fish is later placed in the sun to "dry" as it is called. Salt fish is eaten mainly during the winter, when the fresh fish practically disappears from the market.

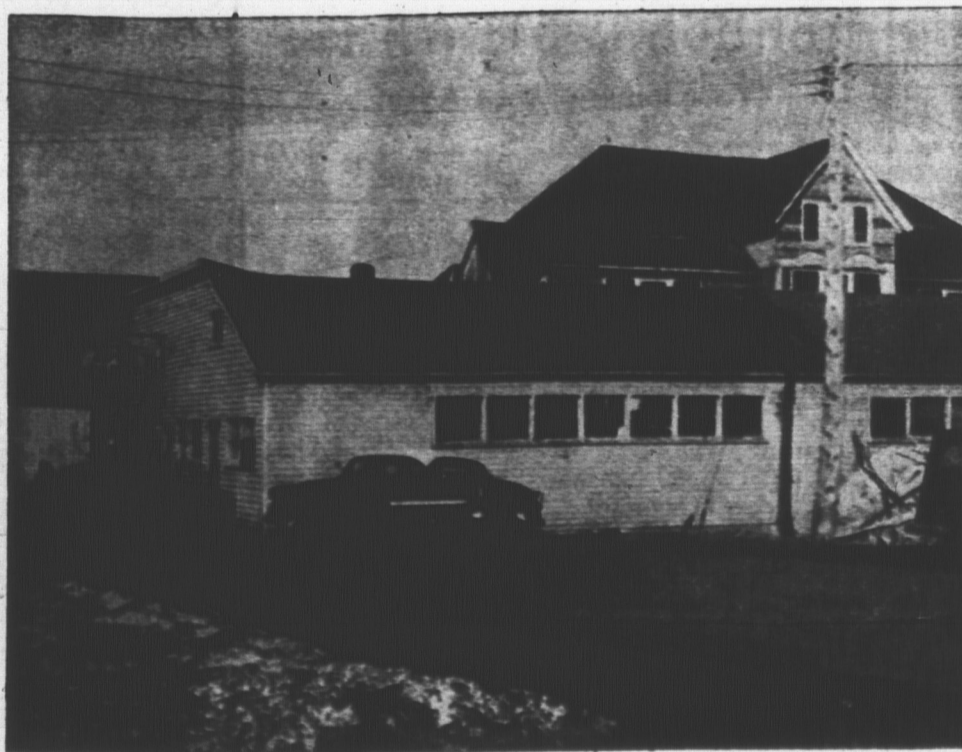
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Boats For The Arctic Built By

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Five small boats, especially built by Alberton Industries Ltd., for work in northern waters were loaded aboard the CCGS Wolfe for transport to various Northern ports. Shown above is one of these vessels during the loading process.



New Extension to meet the demand of the Boating Industry

Alberton Industries Ltd. has added a 60' x 30' ft. extension to its establishment at Alberton South. Shown at left the building, formerly the Alberton Parish Hall, will be used for lumber storage and a small machine shop. Philip Kinch, general manager, stated that business continues to expand with more boat orders on hand than ever before. Extra men are being hired weekly and a part of the plant formerly used for repair work is being changed over for new construction. A new marine railway dry dock is expected to be in operation this June enabling the firm to work on much larger fishing and other vessels and provide additional employment.

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