



AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO 'DO IT NOW'

Maritime Electric Begins Pump House Construction

Going all the way with the current "Do It Now" campaign spirit, Maritime Electric Company has embarked on a long term expansion program by starting construction now during the winter months for its pumphouse extension.

Company officials state it is expected this extension will be followed by a major extension of its Charlottetown plant and generating facilities, resulting in an estimated expenditure of over \$1,500,000 within the next two and one-half years.

The pumphouse extension, scheduled for completion this summer, will eventually house equipment pumping 30,000 gallons of water per minute over and above the present capacity of 15,500 gallons per minute.

Revamping of the present plant facilities is being considered in readiness for the ever-growing use of electricity so obvious in this province and the rest of Canada. Statistics show this country is the second largest per capita user of electricity in the world, with Canadian power companies doubling their output of power during the past 10 years.

Contribution greatly to this upswing in the use of electricity in this province are the homes served by rural extensions constructed since 1954 under the government rural electrification program. With nearly 600 miles of line built, over 75 per cent of the occupied farms on the Island enjoy the benefits of electric power, a proportion which surpasses many other provinces.

The Charlottetown plant is 22,500 kilowatts and the installation of the new steam turbine and generating capacity of the pre-generator would result in an additional 10,000 kilowatts, officials say. Changes in the general equipment would also entail the installation of complete new high-voltage switch gear and station-service switch gear.

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constructed next year, for improved service to its customers in that area. This construction would necessitate the erection of a sub station in the Borden district and installation of a major power transformer in Charlottetown.

Construction of a second transmission line is proposed for 1961, running from Summerville to Dingwell's Mill with sub station installation at Dingwell's Mill.

Collie Finds His Way Home 250 Miles Away

KINGSVILLE, Ont. (CP) — Fritzie, a year-old collie, took six months to find his way from Chesley, Ont., back to Kingsville — about 250 miles — but he finally made it.

The dog was born in Kingsville. His first home was with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Wright, who moved from Kingsville to Chesley, near Owen Sound last spring. They left Fritzie, then a pup, with Mr. Wright's brother, Gerald.

In August, the Chesley Wrights came to visit the Kingsville Wrights and take Fritzie back with them. In Chesley, Fritzie pined. He watched his first chance and took off.

Last weekend, Gerald Wright saw a dog that looked like Fritzie but he couldn't coax it into his truck. He went home and told his wife.

Mrs. Wright and her daughter, Muriel, got into a car and went to check. When the dog got a whiff of Muriel's mitten, his travels were all over. It was Fritzie, all right, and he jumped into the car without being asked.

His tail hasn't stopped wagging since.

Native Projects For Northland Are Envisaged

OTTAWA (CP) — Small, simple native co-operative enterprises for the north are envisaged in legislation discussed Monday by the Northwest Territories Council.

But assurance was given that the federal government has no intention of encouraging them to compete unfairly with the private enterprise northern trader.

The legislation discussed Monday will enable the co-operatives to be organized among Indians and Eskimos to sell carvings, catch fish or to make other contributions to their own economy.

The territorial government will make small loans in some cases to get such enterprises started. A fund for that purpose has been in operation for several years.

It has financed snowmobiles, boats, hunting equipment and the like for individual natives and partnerships.

The draft legislation is the second attempt to write effective machinery for co-operatives by northern natives. The council at its last session found proposed regulations too complicated for the people involved.

Fisheries Dept. Officers Meet

HALIFAX (CP) — Maritime officers of the federal fisheries department opened their annual conference in Halifax Monday with discussions on protection and conservation.

Loran E. Baker of Halifax, Chief protection officer presiding at the meetings which continue through Friday.

All phases of fisheries administration in the Maritimes will be reviewed. The inspection service will review its work on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday's meetings will feature annual reports from various departments.

Scientific reports on work at the fisheries research board's stations at St. Andrew's N.B. and Halifax will be presented.

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