Manitoba Training Program Supplies Garment Workers

WINNIPEG (CP)—A government-sponsored in-plant training program is starting to produce its first additions to the supply of skilled workers for Manitoba's garment industry.

R. E. Grose, deputy minister of industry, said Tuesday about an hour in Winnipeg and 70 cents in rural areas during an eight-week training period. The federal and provincial governments together pay half the wages, and also pay instructors.

Industry Minister Gurney Evans said the program was 200 girls and women were now being trained in 30 plants in the province. The program is expected to produce some 600 skilled workers a year.

The trainees are paid 75 cents launched as a result of a recent report of the committee on Manitoba's economic future, which said the garment industry is a rich area for increased job opportunity in the province.

PLEASED WITH PROGRAM

John Guyot, production engineer for Winnipeg's Monarch Wear and its subsidiary, Beausejour, was now thinking of doubling the size of its plant there.

SIX SKILLED QUICKLY

Although the first eight-week training period is not quite over, he said, six of the trainees had already been taken off the government-supported hourly rate, since they had become skilled enough to earn more money at the company's regular piecework rates.

Mr. Guyot said it usually takes six months for a worker to achieve full proficiency in the trade, and the government requires that each of the trainees be taught four different needlecraft operations.

He said the program now had been introduced in two of Monarch Wear's Winnipeg plants. But its greatest effect would probably be in promoting light industrial development in rural areas where the supply of skilled labor has been shortest.

AREA INCREASES

Facilities at Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Ontario are to be expanded to 742 acres from 112.

Appointment Made By CNR

MONCTON (CP) — E. Lorne Hewson, a native of Kamloops, B.C., who joined Canadian National Railways as a car checker 21 years ago, has been appointed general superintendent transportation for the CNR's Atlantic Region.

The CNR announced Tuesday that Mr. Hewson would succeed Robert H. Tivy, with headquarters here.

Ball Action At Souris

SOURIS— The second league game in the Souris town league was rained out last night.

On Wednesday a game was rained out and last night a game between the Downtowners and Uptowners was cancelled.

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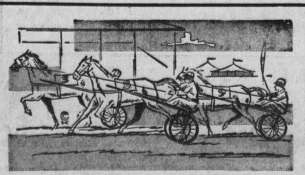
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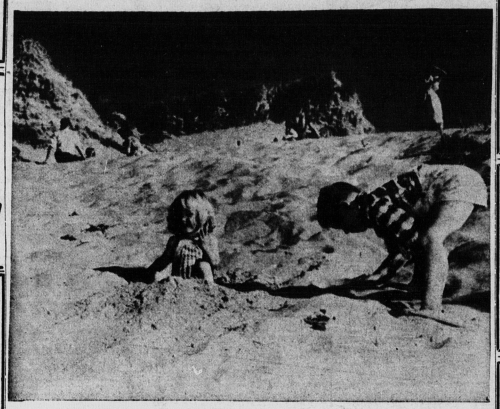

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