

## Around the Maritimes

Halifax's new Pier B was opened this week by Premier R. B. Bennett.

The Maritime Electric Company of Fredericton is seeking to have a conference with city officials with regard to the rates charged by the company, so as to make some settlement without recourse to the Supreme Court.

Asking the fixing of the wholesale price of milk at eight cents per quart and the retail price at ten cents, the Moncton Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at a meeting last week, decided to petition the government for decision to this effect.

A resolution requesting the Atlantic Fisheries Experimental Station to investigate the "deplorably" small lobster catches during the past two years, was passed at a meeting of the canners' branch of the Maritime division, Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Halifax. The meeting was presided over by Fred Magee of Port Elgin, N.B.

Somewhat over 1,500 birds, mostly turkeys, are entered in the Antigonish poultry show, under the auspices of the Antigonish Poultry Association. The show, which started Tuesday of this week, is the outcome of a trial movement last year, when Antigonish farmers sold 200 graded turkeys on the Halifax market.

The Best Yeast Company, of New York, is to erect a yeast factory on the property of the Mersey Paper Company at Liverpool, N.S. The factory will make use of waste sulphite liquor from the paper mill. This waste is put through various processes and made into a malt. Construction will be begun as soon as plans are completed.

A report from Truro states that milk producers of that vicinity, resentful at price slashing in Halifax and alleged unfair treatment at the hands of certain dealers, have demanded of the Milk Commission a regulated marketing and standard wholesale and retail prices, with a premium for quality set by the provincial government, similar to the system followed in the Province of Quebec.

### BUILDERS' ANCIENT ART

For four thousand years gypsum has been used as a building material. It formed the basis of the plaster in the Pyramids. Today the building trade still supplies its chief market, but other applications have been made possible by recent discoveries. Gypsum is abundant in Canada as is also the related mineral anhydrite. Canada normally ranks fourth among gypsum-producing countries, being exceeded only by the United States, France and Spain. The chief market for Canadian gypsum in the past has been furnished by the United States, though recently considerable shipments have been made to Great Britain. Exports are mainly in the raw form, but the export trade in gypsum plaster and other gypsum products is gradually increasing.

### CAVE MEN'S PAINTINGS

Most of the paintings of cave man are found at considerable distances from the entrances of the caves and often deep in the interior of the hillsides far removed from daylight. Some form of artificial light must have been used and lamps made of stone

have been discovered. It is supposed, however, that generally the skull of an animal was used for lamp and the fuel was probably

some sort of fat or marrow, the wick of some kind of moss. A lamp not unlike this was used until recent times by the Eskimo

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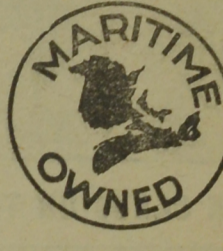
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