

Heavy Tourist Trade Is Predicted For This Season

Maritimes Now Attracting Attention in All Parts of the Country.

Montreal, Que.—Indications are that tourist travel to the Dominion this season will be even better than last year when a 52 per cent. increase over the 1934 season was recorded, this estimate being based on the number of inquiries received, stated C. K. Howard, manager of the Tourist and Convention Bureau of the Canadian National Railways, on his return to Montreal from a trip to the Maritimes in connection with the development of tourist travel. One reason for this increased travel, Mr. Howard said, is the good work being done in improving accommodation and the fact that people are becoming more tourist conscious, coupled with the extensive publicity efforts of the transportation companies, travel bureaux and federal and provincial governments.

There is a growing interest on the part of the people of Ontario and Quebec in the Maritime Provinces as a summer vacation country, these provinces by the sea becoming better known for their holiday attractions, Mr. Howard further stated. Two new summer resorts are being opened in New Brunswick this season, one at New Mills and the other, Kent Lodge, at Bathurst.

"The Maritimes are also looming into prominence for conventions. Two, embracing all Canada, will be held in the East this year, the Canadian Bar Association which will hold a convention in Halifax, August 19-21, and the Good Roads Association in Charlottetown, September 13. The Nova Scotia Mining Engineers are

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LORD MAYOR TO VISIT CANADA



The Lord Mayor of London, SIR PERCY VINCENT, above, is to visit Canada in August when Vancouver celebrates the jubilee of the granting of its charter. He will be accompanied by the Sheriffs of London, and the Senior Alderman, and the Chief Commoner. Inset is SIR GEORGE TRUSCOTT, Senior Alderman of the British capital, who will attend the Vancouver celebrations.

Nature Is Against Montreal In Matter Of A Free Port

Saint John Could Better Serve the Country Because of its Open Harbor and All-Year Facilities.

Montreal, a free port, that is the ambition of sponsors of a bill that is now being considered by the Dominion Parliament. It has been set forth how Montreal would prosper if it were made a free port, but close observers find it almost impossible to see how that St. Lawrence River port

could find any great advantage in being a free port when nature has willed that the St. Lawrence is closed to navigation at least six months of every year.

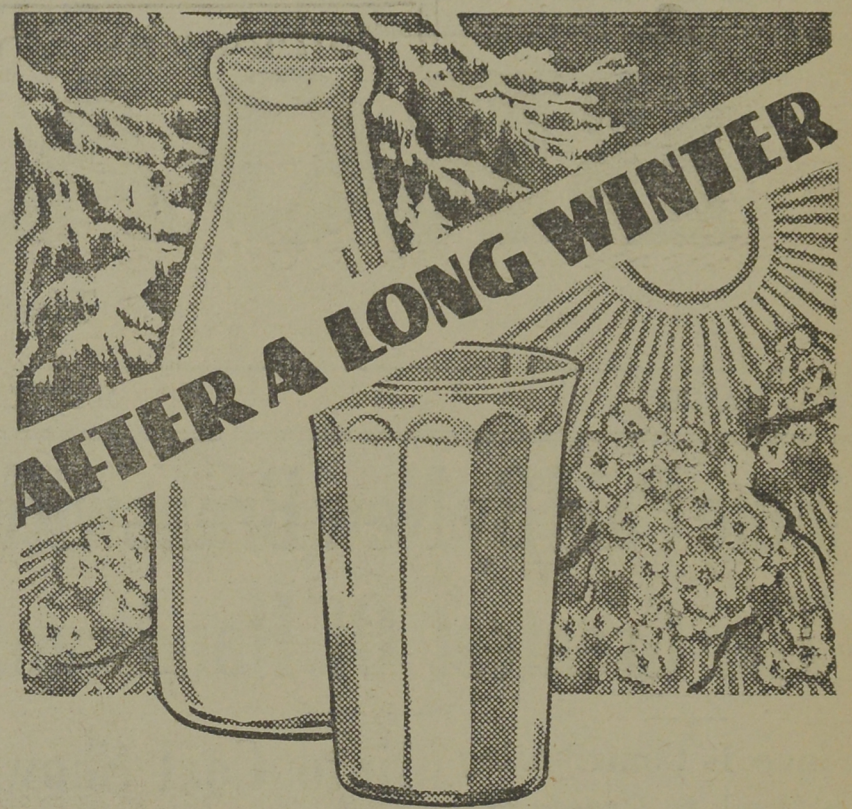
The chief attribute of a free port is the free entry and exit of goods at all seasons of the year. Then the port so designated

should be in a position whence distribution may be made at all seasons by the cheapest possible carriers. It has been demonstrated that transportation by water is the cheapest so far devised. Montreal fails to fulfill this necessity because for six months, at least, goods from Montreal would have to be transported by rail.

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