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## ON FIGHT

## AUGUST 8

## Man Then

## Simonhouse

## Road May

## be Changed

asked to comment on reports a change was being considered in the route of the Simonhouse-Snow Lake road, Honorable R. D. Robertson, Manitoba's minister of Public Works told THE NORTHERN MAIL this week, "the only definite is that we are proceeding on the first 15 miles this year."

The road was the subject of a survey two months ago before factions favoring a more direct route, north of Cran-Portage to Chisel Lake, rather than the southern road favored by the Government and to cross the limestone ridge. The road is 60 miles and is expected to continue to Thompson, site of the \$175 million development by International Nickel. It will start at Simonhouse, 10 miles south of Cran-Portage on No 10 highway. The route favoring the north would pass through more potential. The Government's projected rail line will

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## ed \$275.

Bobyk on the night in Simon, and later in a taxi cut control wagon off while taking in.

King Murphy case of snatching liquor for sale was mandated to Thursday with a warrant issued for a mis-crown witness.

## Lamb Records First "Moose" Cattle Sale

It was hard to decide what was the biggest attraction here Monday — The Midway which had just arrived into town, or a barge load of Hereford Cattle from Tom Lamb's 7 Bar L Ranch at Moose Lake, 40 miles east of here.

Both were a main attraction, depending upon how you looked at it with the cattle probably drawing a few more wishful thinking cowboys than the shows.

It was in 1953 that Tom Lamb moved by barge into his 2000 acre farm at Moose Lake, his first herd of Herefords—28 head all told. Last year he took in another 30, plus three prized bulls he bought at the Brandon Fair. Today his herd numbers 298 less the 29 steers he shipped to Winnipeg market Monday by truck.

The shipment marked the midway point of a plan Tom began to devise in 1953, when he came to the conclusion that the area bordered by Moose and Cedar Lakes to the east and the Saskatchewan River to the south to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border on the west was ideal cattle country. Up to then he had been known as the man who had persuaded the Government to go into the Summerberry Marsh program just east of The Pas where Lamb himself had 54,000 acres devoted to his muskrat ranch.

The decline in muskrat prices suggested to Tom Lamb that the area was too big and profitable to just leave to muskrats. Also catching his keen eye was tall wild grass—Red Top and Blue Joint, growing as far as the eye could see. He suggested to the Manitoba Government that the area could be developed into one of the richest cattle regions of the west and that an attempt might be made to get the Indian interested in small land developments along the banks of the Saskatchewan and Sum-

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## RCMP Seize Second Craft

RCM Police at Flin Flon, Tues-

## 7 Bar L Steaks

Residents of The Pas and Flin Flon will be eating 7 Bar L Ranch steaks within a week. Swift's where the Tom Lamb shipment of cattle was made earlier this week has arranged for six of the 29 carcasses to come back to Northern Manitoba, four for The Pas and two for Flin Flon, where they will be sold over the retail counters.

In one sense this will be accomplishing what Tom Lamb dreams and schemes about—to develop a farm belt north of the 53rd parallel to feed the north.

The one thing that bothers Mr. Lamb is the \$1.27 cwt he pays to ship his cattle to Winnipeg, and the additional \$2 to ship the carcass back up again.

The "7 Bar L" brand represents the "six Lamb Brothers and Tom."

## Horticultural Show Aug. 21

The Pas Horticultural Society will hold its annual summer show on August 21, to coincide with the visit to town of the 2nd of two Churchill Excursion trains. Exhibits will be displayed in Guy Hall.

It was a number of years back that a few gardeners of The Pas pledged themselves to form a local Horticultural Society and to stage an annual show of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Those early beginners wanted to encourage local gar-

## The Pas Prov. Building OK

The Manitoba Government is still planning to go ahead with a Provincial Building at The Pas, Honorable R D Robertson, the Province's Public Works Minister told THE NORTHERN MAIL this week

The Minister said the Province was still prepared to take the CNR park site across from the CNR station at a price of \$5000 for the construction of the building. The lot is one of the choicest in the community and in the heart of town.

Mr Robertson said the Province was also prepared to give the Town adequate office space in the present Court House or Community Building where some Government offices are presently located. The Town has requested the entire main floor with the exception of the County Court Office

Mr Robertson said the new building still in the planning stage will surpass the original \$350,000 figure which was appropriated this year. He could not say by how much the increase would be. Plans were altered as originally planned when it became known nearly every department in the Government would require office space at The Pas, to handle administration matters for the north from this point. The Minister said suit-

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continuously amazed and astonished at the results local gardeners achieve. This amazement is no doubt brought on by the fact visitors from the south generally consider the area here as "real north," where growing conditions would not generally be expected to be ideal.

Each year competition at the show has increased along with the entry list. This year is no exception and Mrs. E. Chelmers, this

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**Lamb's Cattle**

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merberry Rivers, each with his own small herd of cattle.

Tom Lamb says he has not been as successful in selling the Government on the idea as he was with his muskrat plan.

So he has set out to prove his point first hand. After obtaining a 10 year lease on his 2000 acres,

from the Government, he started to turn the area into the appearance of a ranch. Dividing his acreage into fields, he provided necessary drainage. Some fields he left in wild grasses, some he sowed with tame grass where sweet alfalfa, broom grass and canary seed, grew up to the chin. He mixes some of the tame with some of the wild. He set aside 150 acres for wheat, oats and barley for the cows and calves. Last year his oats yielded 75 bushels, he claims, to the acre, and they grew six feet tall.

Implement and storage sheds were constructed. Farm and ranch equipment and material has moved in steadily and today he claims his investment stands around \$40,000.

**Plans Finished**

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try was known as the district of Keewatin, in the Northwest Territories.

Though this portage has been used for nearly 200 years as being on the route of the early "fur brigades" and known as the middle route, it has been traversed by a few explorers and adventurers in years gone by. It had remained nothing more than a portage until 1882 when the first free trader obtained his lease to operate a post here. However, it is not known whether or not this trader ever built a post on the portage road. However, the name of the celebration has now been set and its title has historical significance.

Its object is of benevolent nature, to raise funds for the building of a first class youth centre.

It is felt that the growing needs of the town, which is fast increasing in size, as once dreamed by old timers of the early settlement, demands that a special building be constructed for the specific use of the young people whose present

Two weeks ago, he decided it was time to make his first shipment to market with about 36 head. The river barge was made ready and when completed resembled a floating corral. Rounding up the herd two weeks ago today, four loose huskie dogs sent them flying in all directions. A second attempt was started a week ago and last Saturday 29 steers and four stow-away heifers began a trip up the river. Tom says the heifers sneaked in and he allowed them to go along and back for the ride. However when it came to loading time last Monday morning at The Pas River dock, the first up the loading ramp from the barge into one of the two Swan River-The Pas transfer trucks was one of the heifers. His three cousins made the return trip to Moose Lake without him.

The cattle was shipped to Swift's at Winnipeg. Tom says he doesn't expect to make any money out of his operation until his herd reaches at least 1000 head which he claims will come in the next two or three years.

"This country will support unlimited herds. It is comparable to any country in Saskatchewan or Alberta," says Tom Lamb, who would like to see enough cattle in the area to someday warrant a slaughter house at The Pas.

After his shipment had been loaded, Tom Lamb began planning for the next one. First he says he has to fence off a special 150 acre corral of alfalfa where he will place each shipment before loading them on the barge for The

Pas. No more round-ups leading straight for the barge. Then at The Pas he wants to get hold of another two acres where he will unload them from the barge, leave them for a little while, then in the middle of the night, or very early morning, have the trucks back in and the cattle loaded and away. No more three days for the cattle on the barge he says, as he computes the 29 head times the number of pounds he figures they have lost, times the cost per pound.

Helping him out in all his operations were his sons Jack, Dennis and Greg, the number one hands on this occasion.

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