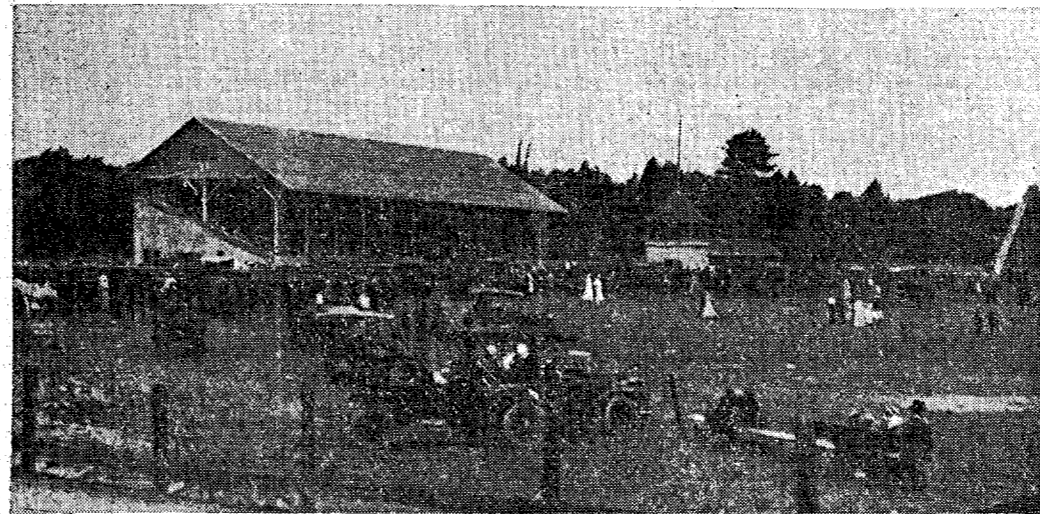


# In The Days When The Fair Was The Big Summer Social Event



In the olden days of big hats, flowing skirts and parasols, the annual Houlton Fair was the big event of the summer. People gathered from near and far, some coming by automobile, to view the sights. These two views show scenes within the racing oval at Community Park during a busy day at the Fair.

# Various Railroad Schemes Cropped Up in The Nineties; Burleigh Plan Soundest

FROM THE AROOSTOOK TIMES, SEPT. 13, 1890

Another scheme for a railroad into Aroostook is being formulated. It is as follows: that the towns interested in the road and along the line of the proposed road issue bonds for the amount required to build and secure themselves for such issue by a mortgage on the road when built, then the bonds will be sold and with the proceeds the road realized and then leased on the best possible terms. Such, in short, was the scheme to be sub-

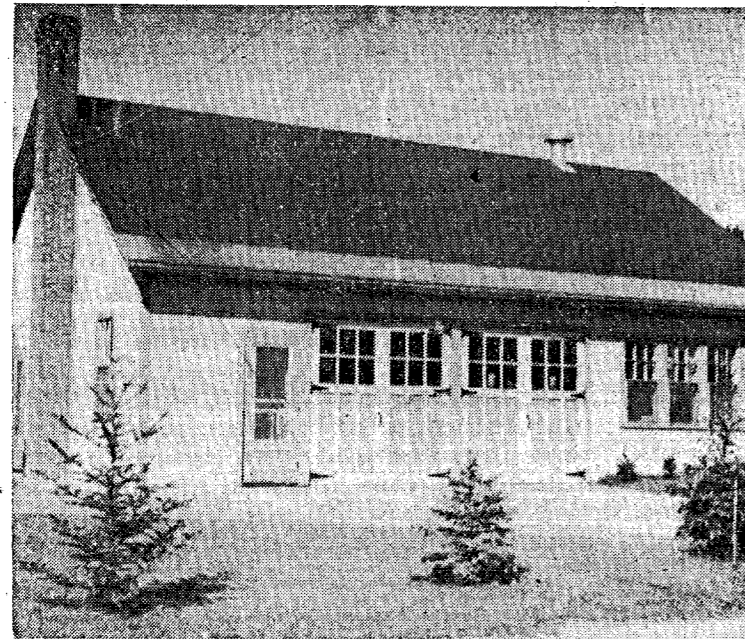
mitted for the consideration of the citizens and on the warmth of its reception depends the chance of having a railroad built through the southeastern part of the county with the prospect of the future extension to the northern towns.

A Col. Green was present at a meeting held in the Heywood Opera House Sept. 19, 1890 and presented a plan to build a railroad from Bancroft to Houlton and thence to Presque Isle and Caribou. The idea was suggested that the towns along the line of the proposed road issue bonds for the amount required to build and secure themselves for such issue by a mortgage on the road when built, then the bonds will be sold and with the proceeds the road realized and then leased on the best possible terms.

In the issue of the Aroostook Times for Nov. 20, 1890, appeared this new proposal: The latest proposition in relation to a short line into Aroostook county comes from Hon. A. A. Burleigh of Houlton. He proposes the county raise 5 per cent on its total valuation, which would be \$500,000, expend that amount on the road and mortgage bonds sufficient to complete and equip the road. If this was done the county should appoint a board of railroad commissioners selected from different sections of the county. With competent and faithful commissioners and with F. W. Cram, Esq., as general manager, Mr. Burleigh thinks Aroostook would be well provided for.

# Progress!

1938



It was in this modest wooden building that the first pasteurized milk in Aroostook County was processed by us in 1938.

1957

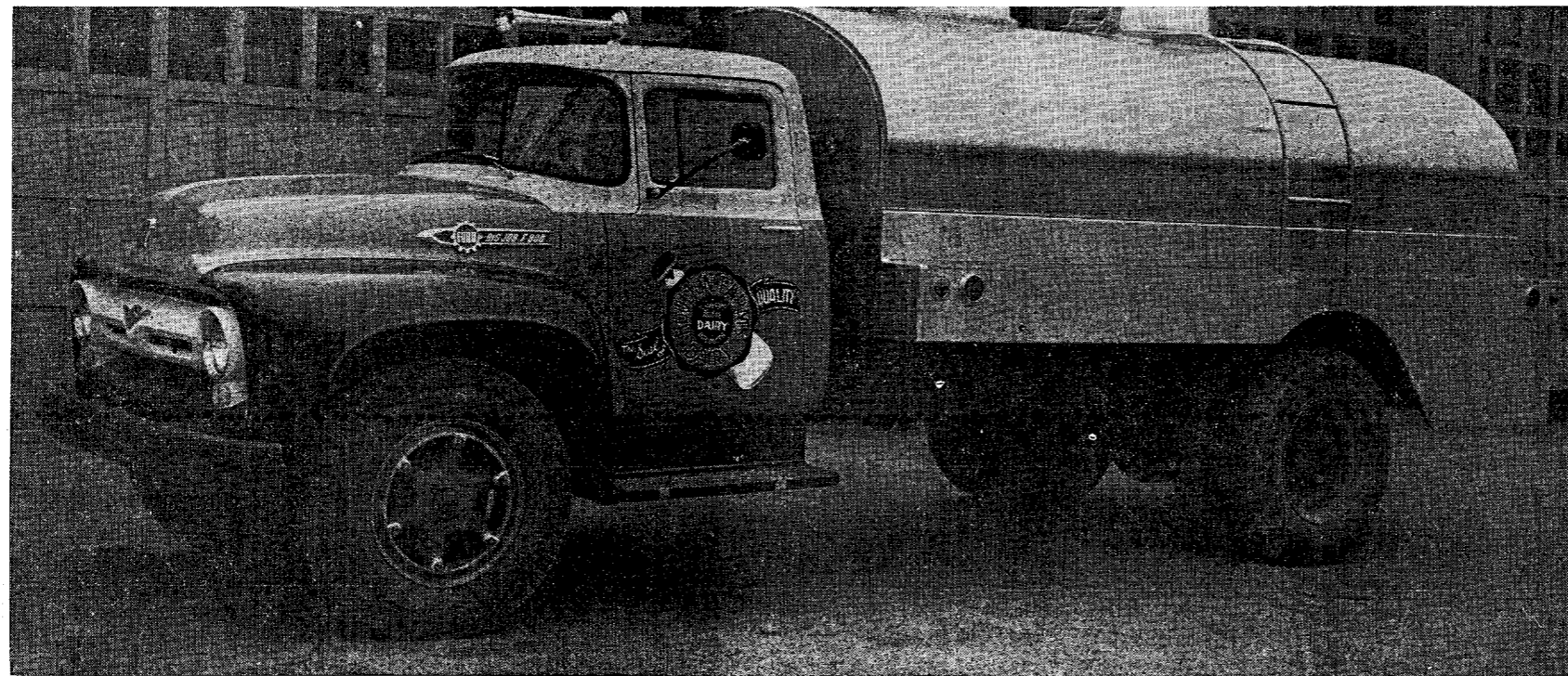


This is how our modern and efficient dairy looks after the latest enlargement, added during 1957.



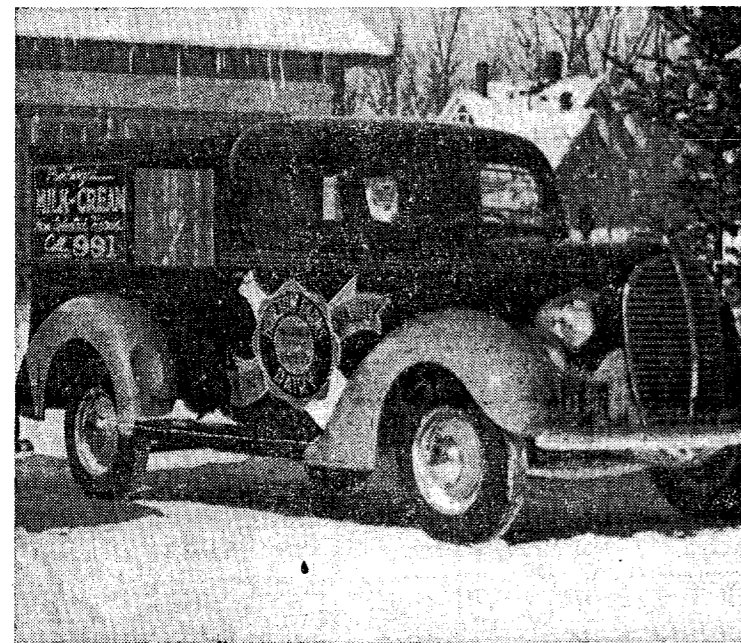
# International Plant Started Here In 1908

Back in 1908, the plant which was to become Aroostook's first fertilizer plant, and one of Houlton's leading industrial enterprises, was built. For years, it was operated as the Buffalo Fertilizer Works, and in the early twenties, following a merger with International, it became known as the International Fertilizer Plant.



A far cry from the old fashioned way of gathering milk from the farm in 20 quart cans, is our new 1500 gallon stainless steel, insulated tank truck that draws milk directly from modern, stainless steel, refrigerated tanks in farm milk houses.

1938



This was the first truck from which Houlton Farms Dairy products were delivered to Houlton consumers in 1938.

1957



Demands of distribution of Houlton Farms Dairy products now require this fleet of seven specially built trucks.

*Sesquicentennial Greetings from the Staff of the*

# HOULTON FARMS DAIRY

ated as the Buffalo Fertilizer Works, and in the early twenties, following a merger with International, it became known as the International Agricultural Corporation. In December of 1941, the corporate name was again changed to International Minerals and Chemical Corp.

Down through the years, it has provided thousands of tons of high grade commercial fertilizers for Aroostook's farms, and employment for many of Houlton's citizens. Until about 25 years ago, the company operated a large barrel factory, in conjunction with the fertilizer plant, and this enterprise, together with the fertilizer plant, gave year-round employment to from 30 to 50 men.

On the morning of February 23rd, 1910, a disastrous fire burned the plant to the ground, with a loss estimated at \$200,000. This was a very severe loss to the company, and to the Houlton community, and resulted in the temporary unemployment of from 30 to 50 men. Immediately after the fire, the debris was cleared away and, within a few days, construction of the new plant was well under way. It was completed in time to permit the shipment of fertilizer to Aroostook farms during the spring planting season.

The local plant is one of 26 such plants operated by International in various sections of the country. The company is a primary producer of two of the important constituents of commercial fertilizer. It owns extensive Phosphate Rock properties in Florida, and is also engaged in mining and refining Potash at Carlsbad, N. M.

The local plant has made a substantial contribution to the economy of Aroostook County, in the form of fertilizers to help produce higher yields of quality potatoes. It has furnished steady employment for three generations of Houlton citizens, and has made important contributions to the welfare of the Houlton community in the form of hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue.

The County Commissioners are laying out the ground and the foundation of the new jail and jail house. The old jail and the present jail house are to be taken down and the bricks and granite will be used in the construction of the new buildings. The commissioners are undecided on what to do with the prisoners while the work of building is going on.—Aroostook Times, May 23, 1889. The same paper, July 11, 1889, reported that the prisoners were lodged in the Bangor jail during