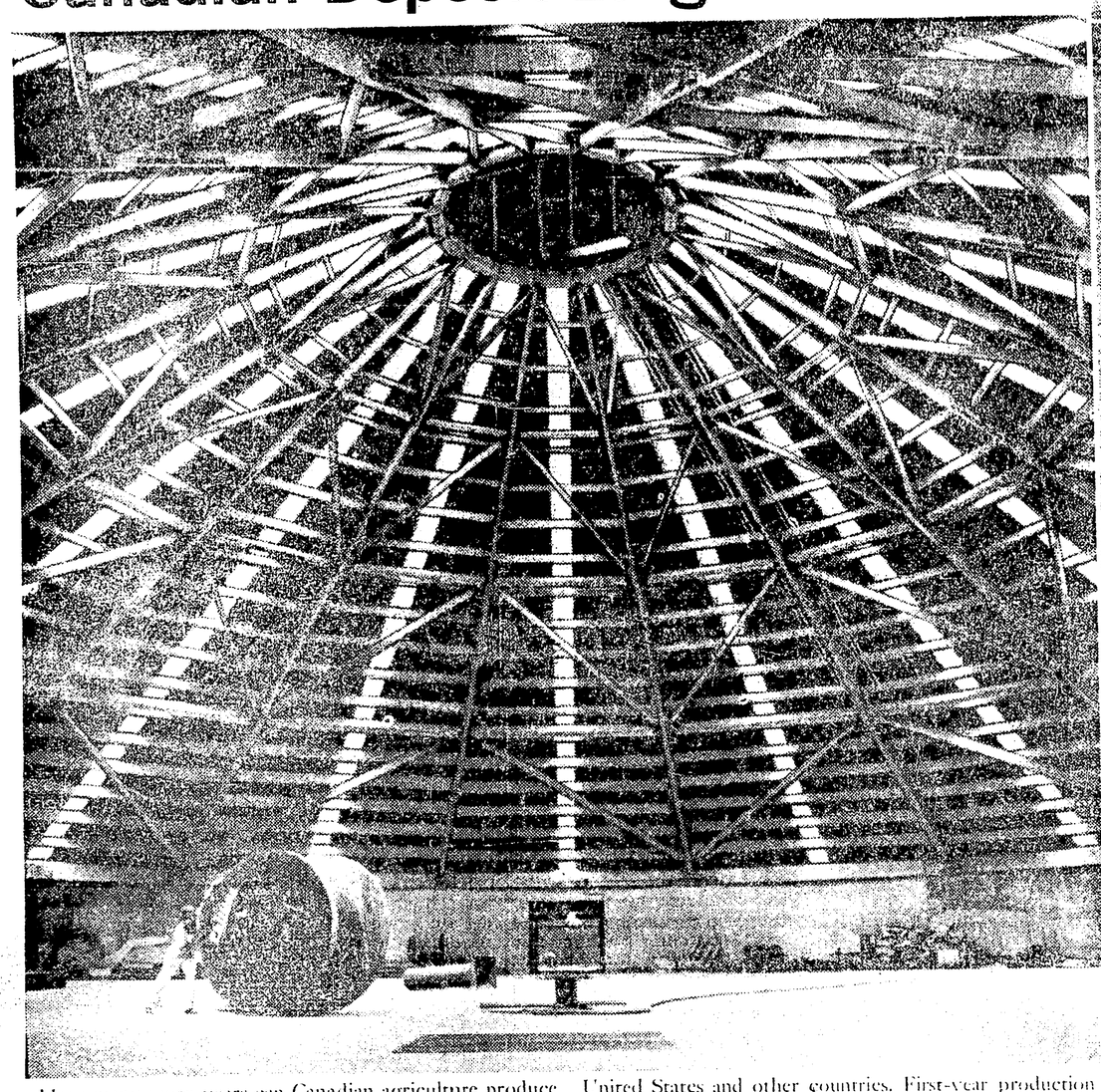
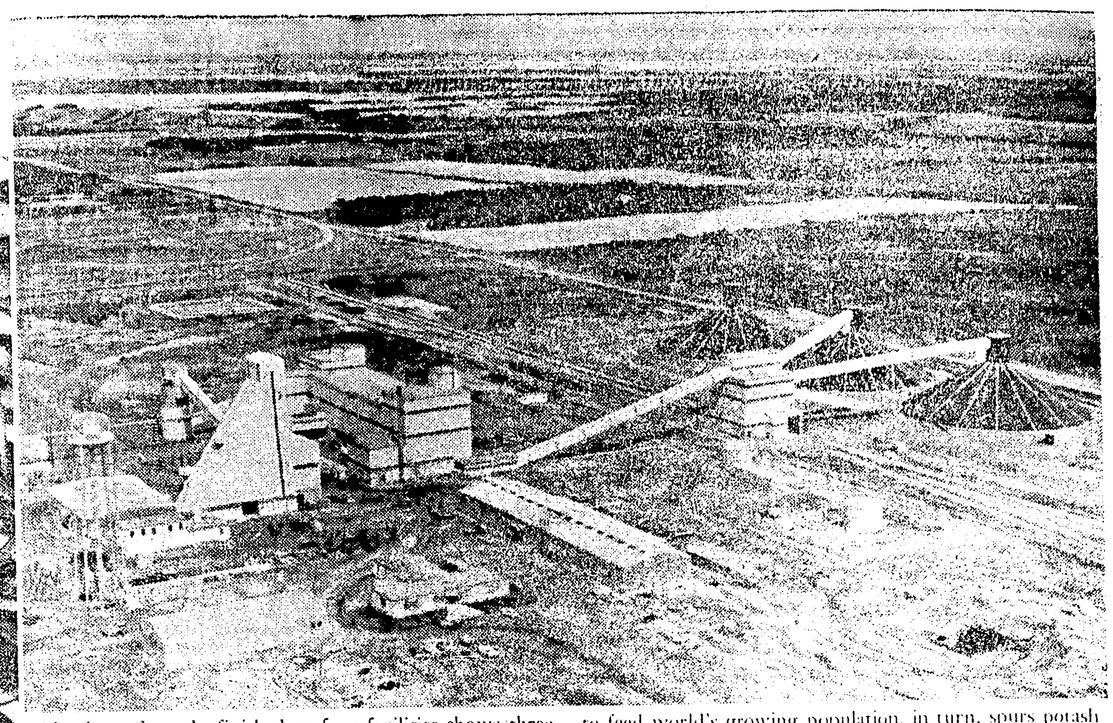
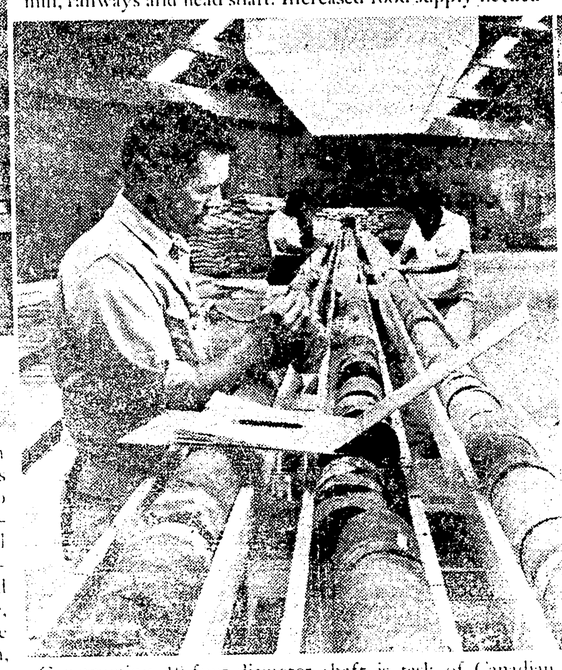
Canadian Deposit Largest in World





Air view of nearly-finished surface facilities shows three "Beehive" storage bins, offices, warehouses, workshops, mill, railways and head shaft. Increased food supply needed to feed world's growing population, in turn, spurs potash demand. Combination of high-grade wheat and potash gives Saskatchewan top place as food provider.

How many more years can Canadian agriculture produce its rich, annual yield of food? How is the exploding world population going to be fed? The spider-web pattern of the storage bin, above, will soon be spread over a 35,000-ton answer to these questions. This cone-shaped, 200-foot-diameter bin, at Esterhazy, 120 miles east of Regina, was not built to hold a harvest of golden grain. It is one of three giant storehouses built to contain the first sizeable crop of potash — vital mineral fertilizer for all growing things — that will shortly be mined half a mile below the Saskatchewan prairie. *This deposit of potash — biggest in the world* — will help Canadian farmers harvest larger yields from less acreage and end reliance on lower-quality imports. In addition, large exports will be made to the United States and other countries. First-year production from Esterhazy is expected to reach 420,000 tons. This will be trebled the following year, in striking contrast to present annual imports of 150,000 tons — worth four million dollars. The Esterhazy mine shaft is one of several prairie probes that have battled through the surface formations, acting as mammoth, life-giving roots for world agriculture. The valuable potash they draw to the surface, made into chemical fertilizer, will boost the larders of the earth's hungry millions. And, for Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, *the mine development since 1957 has meant changing from* just another small, wheat-growing village on the prairie to: *Esterhazy, the Potash Town of Canada* and, some predict, potash capital of the world.



Constructing 18-foot-diameter shaft is task of Canadian hard-rock mining specialists. Preliminary rock-drill sample cores, here under examination, blaze trail for mine shaft.

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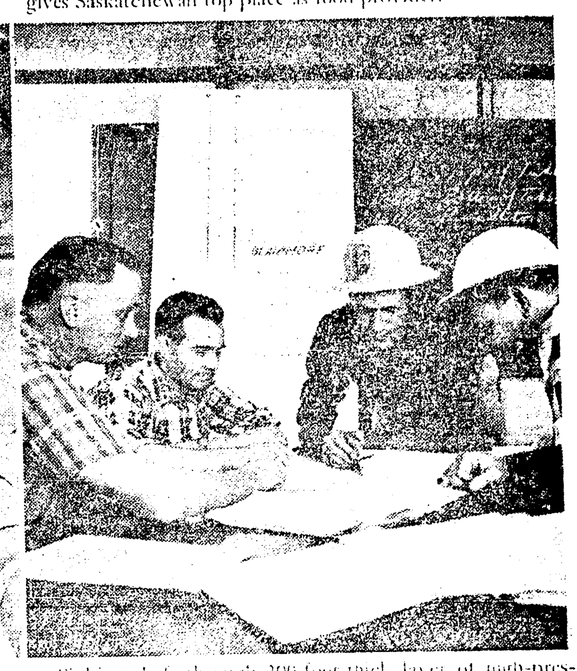

Sinking shaft through 200-foot-thick layer of high-pressure sand, clay and water, 1,300 feet below ground, was major engineering obstacle. Shaft engineers expect little further trouble in reaching potash beds at 3,150-foot level.

Police court fines down in December

Police court fines and costs netted the City of Prince Rupert a total of $1,741 in December, $200 less than in November's revenue of $1,971, Staff Sgt. W. J. Currie, NCO in charge of the city RCMP detachment said in his monthly report.

Other police court fines and costs saw $39 paid to the provincial government and $23 paid to the federal government.

The RCMP received and investigated 363 complaints.

They attended nine fires, reported five unlighted street lights, found four business places unlocked, investigated 35 liquor cases, recovered eight lost articles and four bicycles and received reports of seven adults lost and five bicycles stolen.

There were 21 parking tickets handed out, but no traffic tickets.

Prisoners' expenses and maintenance including meals amounted to $214 for the month. In performing their duties, RCMP covered 5,191 miles.

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Saskatchewan doctors condemn medical plan

REGINA — Spokesmen for the Saskatchewan medical profession said Tuesday a compulsory, state medical care plan would breed government control of doctors and destroy the intimate relationship between patient and physician.

It was the profession's turn to face the probing questions of the royal commission on health services, which earlier in the day gave provincial government officials the same treatment.

The medical profession, represented by the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Saskatchewan division of the Canadian Medical Association — is at loggerheads with the CCF government over the province's medical insurance plan.

It is supposed to go into effect April 1 but the doctors vow they will not co-operate in the plan.

Commissioner O. J. Firestone asked Dr. H. D. Dagleish — one of a battery of medical witnesses — why they did not favor extension of principles embodied in the federal-provincial hospital insurance program to the medical field.

Dr. Dagleish, president of the college, had stated in reply to a previous question that "in general" the profession supports the hospital plan — "we believe it has raised the quality of care for our patients."

EXPLAINS HIS STAND

The hospital plan is compulsory in Saskatchewan — as in most other provinces — in the sense that self-supporting citizens are compelled to pay premiums.

"The relationship between a doctor and his patient cannot be compared to buildings, furniture and other such things that go to make up a hospital program," Dr. Dagleish explained to Commissioner Firestone.

"One is a person and one a person-to-person relationship," added Dr. E. W. Barootes.

A compulsory plan, he continued, also "infers government control." The medical profession was against compulsion except in cases of national emergency.

Commissioner Firestone pursued a similar line of questioning with respect to the community program at Swift Current, Sask. which was compulsory, tax-supported, comprehensive and had proven acceptable to both doctors and the public. Why shouldn't this type of plan be extended to the rest of the province?

MOVIE COLUMN

Big stars who cause costly delays no better than thieves says director

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Big stars who cause costly delays on movies aren't colorful.

"They're no better than thieves who steal money."

That's director William Wyler, one of the industry's great moviemakers, speaking.

He was commenting on a rash of over-budget productions such as the costly "Mutiny on the Bounty" which is in its second year of production — and second $20,000,000 of cost.

"The industry is being hurt by a lack of professional attitude on the part of some new stars," says Wyler.

He cited the case of one top star who gets $1,000,000 a picture. When he didn't show up one morning, the studio called him. He explained that he couldn't find the keys to his car — also he couldn't remember where he parked it.

"The price of a taxi would have saved his studio thousands of dollars," says Wyler. "But he couldn't call one until the studio called him, hours after he was due at work.

HAD NO MONEY

"Even then he insisted that someone meet him at the gate to take care of the fare. He said he didn't have any money."

When such an attitude becomes chronic, Wyler says costs mount into the thousands.

The director says he has no trouble with non-professional stars.

"When I made 'The Children's Hour' for the Mirisch Brothers, I was hired first because the Mirisches put their money on the picture maker, not the stars.

"They believe that if you are going to cook a good dinner, you first hire a good cook. The waiters who deliver the food come second in their planning.

"I know before I start a picture that I will do it only with professional stars. If, half way through a picture, a star becomes non-professional, they know I walk out.

"I had two of the biggest feminine stars in 'The Children's Hour' — Audrey Hepburn and Shirley Maclaine.

"Both know their place as stars and what their rights are . . . Their performances were as professional as their attitudes."

Pound revenue $14 last month

Five dogs and four cats were destroyed during the month of December for a total revenue of $14, according to the monthly report to City Council by City Poundkeeper A. E. Vell.

There were also seven strays picked up, one dead dog, four dead cats and two wounded seagulls. Five strays were destroyed.

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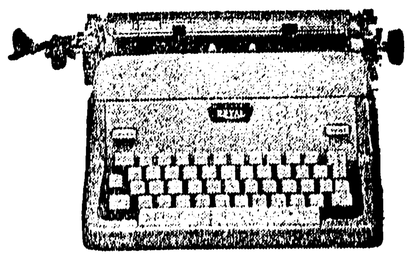

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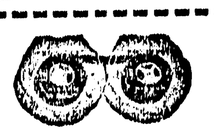

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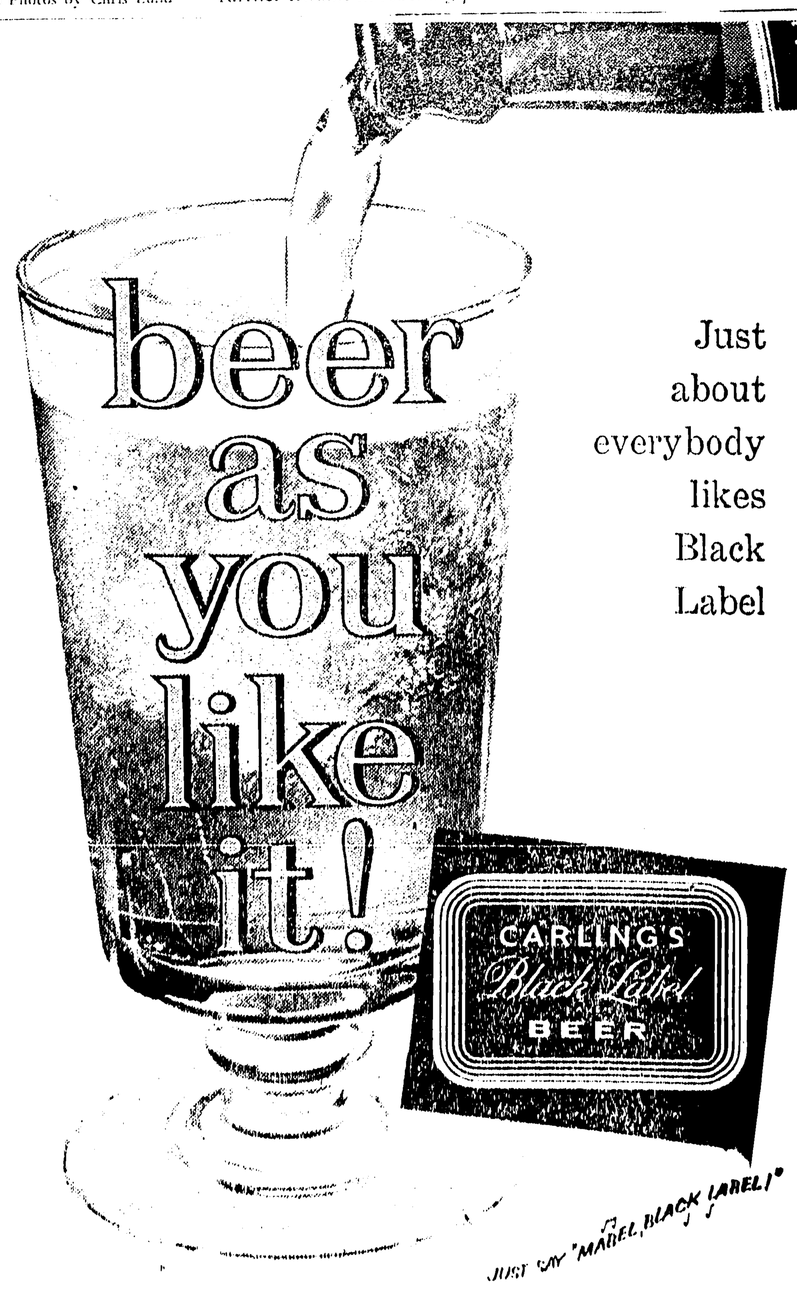

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