



WINTER AND SUMMER supplies for the \$200,000,000 Ungava iron-ore project are carried across this tote-road. Vehicles buck the snow and cold at Mile 82 camp, one of the stops on the route from Seven Islands, Que., to the centre of Labrador-Ungava. CP PHOTO.

### Black Flies Real Problem

## Life Rugged at Ungava Project

Editor's Note: Living in the wilderness country of Northern Quebec and Labrador isn't easy. The weather is one of the problems. In this story, Forbes Rhude, Canadian Press business editor, interviews a man and wife who have spent five years there, to give you their picture of frontier life.

**By FORBES RHUDE**  
Canadian Press Business Editor  
Norman Delmage has lived since 1947 in the heart of Labrador-Ungava. Let's listen to him talk about the weather in that frontier area which iron ore is opening.

Now Burnt Creek, Que., near the Labrador boundary, where he lives with his wife and small

daughter, has electric lights and running water. By 1954 vast surface mining will have started pouring the natural riches of the area on world markets at a rate of 10,000,000—perhaps later 20,000,000—tons a year.

"There were no conveniences here five years ago," he says. "During the first winter there were days when he had to take crews off the job to cut firewood and haul it in to keep from freezing."

**SNOW IN SEPTEMBER**  
"There is cold, dirty weather after August, and sometimes as much as a foot of snow in September. By the end of October the lakes begin to freeze. Generally there is not much snow until December, but from mid-December we can expect anything.



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"The toughest part is the wind. It can be 40 below zero and blowing 40 miles an hour at the same time.

"It's not that there's so much snow, but what we get blows off the hills and piles up in the valleys. Drifts reach the tops of buildings. The more you plow, the more it piles in. You're only asking for trouble to try to cut through it. So, on the winter roads, we try to stay on top—or travel over it.

"Three winters ago we had our worst siege, 40 and 50 below zero for weeks on end, and an occasional 60 below. That year we installed a central heating plant, and nearly froze to death doing it. The last two winters have been comparatively good.

"There is not much break until April, and the first real thaws are in May. June and the fall bring the best weather. July and August tend toward wet and fog. Some summers it has dried up enough to raise dust.

"Black flies are the real summer problem, along with mosquitoes. Those flies get in your ears, your hair, crawl under anything, take chunks right out of you. The men get used to it, but the women and kids suffer."

**A WOMAN'S VIEW**  
After hearing that, I asked Mrs. Delmage what she thought about it. She came to Burnt Creek as a bride in 1948 from

Normetal, Que.  
"We had two rooms between the rafters above a machine shop," she said. "But it was kind of cute."

Sometimes she found the winters "depressing" but after a few trips outside she feels that Burnt Creek, where she now lives in a new house with modern fittings is "home."

Her daughter, Lynn, is two years old, and was hailed when she was born "as the first production of the Iron Ore Company in Labrador." Mrs. Delmage says the baby wasn't actually born in Burnt Creek; she went out to Mont Joli.

"When we go out, we go on a buying spree—like men going berserk on drink."

Her ordinary winter costume is parka and ski slacks, a kerchief, woolen mitts, fur-lined boots.

She told about last Christmas at Burnt Creek.

"Six of Norm's men came around, and played with Lynn and her puppy spaniel. We had a Christmas tree. We made ice cream—somehow, we get a craving for ice cream up here—and we had turkey with all the trimmings. We got out the guitar, and the five other families here dropped in for a sing-song."

**COME OUT BY AIR**  
She said air transportation is provided when one wants to visit outside.

"But we feel guilty taking it. It means that some supplies won't be delivered. Once when I was catching a plane at the last minute, I saw them take off enough lumber to make up for my weight."

Brides coming to Burnt Creek are welcomed by the women already in residence, who call around with cakes and refreshments. "People are helpful here—they have to be."

Mrs. Delmage, an attractive brunette, is the former Yvette Noel, who was born at Cutler, Ont., when it was a lumber town between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. She met her husband when both were working at Normetal, Que.

Delmage is an example of the powerful call of the big jobs which are pushing back Canada's frontiers.

He was born at Ochre River, near Dauphin, Man., and worked at northern mining camps in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Then, in 1947, he thought he'd try something different and went to Vancouver. Within six weeks he got a telephone call. He has been there since, first as asking him to go to Labrador, master mechanic, and now as manager, for Iron Ore Company.

**HEAVY LOSS**  
More than 200 five-cured tobacco kilns were destroyed by fire in Ontario in 1951. Loss was \$500,000.

## Surplus of \$262 Million Shown in First 3 Months

### Personal Income Taxes Big Money Producers For Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government's budgetary surplus for the first three months of the current fiscal year totalled \$262,475,000—almost 30 times more than the surplus forecast for the year.

In his budget speech last April, Finance Minister Abbott forecast a surplus of \$9,000,000 for the year ending March 31, 1953. He had forecast a surplus of \$30,000,000 for the 1951-52 fiscal year and ended with \$335,000,000.

For the three months ended June 30, revenues amounted to \$996,379,000 and expenditures to \$733,904,000. In the corresponding period of last year, revenues totalled \$886,744,000 and expenditures \$583,702,000, leaving a surplus of \$283,042,000.

In a statement accompanying the treasury report, the finance department said:

"Expenditures of the department of national defence and defence production do not yet reflect the full magnitude of the defence program. For April, May and June they amounted to only \$306,000,000, or an average of \$102,000,000 per month compared with estimates of \$2,215,000,000 for the fiscal year as a whole.

The department noted, too, that so far the expenditures have shown no payments to the provinces under the tax-rental agreements. Eight provinces, all except Ontario and Quebec, now are negotiating new agreements for a five-year period to March 31, 1957.

When the agreements are signed four quarterly payments must be made in nine months instead of 12.

Revenues generally were ahead of those in the previous year. Personal income and corporation taxes were again the big money producers.

Personal income tax yielded \$320,347,000 in the three-month period compared with \$256,763,000 in 1951-52, an increase of \$63,584,000.

Corporation taxes produced \$295,505 compared with \$230,745,000.

### Nation Urged To Guard Against Fires

OTTAWA (CP)—Governor-General Vincent Massey appealed today to Canadians to safeguard the nation's forests from fire.

In a fire prevention message released through the Canadian Forestry Association, he noted official records indicate that four-fifths of forest fires are due to carelessness.

"Although government and private agencies apply the most modern methods of forest fire detection and suppression, the final decisions on fire control in Canada rest with us all," he said.

"Every acre of Canadian timberland in recent years has grown in value as a source of raw material for our expanding industry. New techniques are being applied to take full advantage of our forests. Our ideal must be to ensure an undiminished use of Canada's forest treasure by future generations."

### No Cinch

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—Before applicants can become members of the African Witchdoctors Association, they must divine the future by throwing the bones and show a knowledge of secret herbs. Recently formed, the association has applied for official recognition.

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### Employment Picture Improves

Canada's employment picture has a dark spot here and there but shows general improvement on the crest of a seasonal upswing, increasing defence production and a buoyant economy.

The Labor Department reports that unemployment decreased by 18,000 during June. However, most of the decrease came in the first three weeks of the month. After that it levelled off because of the heavy registration of students and rapid deterioration of the labor market on the Pacific coast.

Job applicants registered at National Employment Service offices at July 3 totalled 198,500 compared with 212,600 at June 5. The department said recruiting for work on defence projects in Newfoundland and Labrador has been absorbing large numbers of surplus construction workers.

The department said effects of the United States steel strike, now settled, "may cause some reduction in manufacturing employment this month, but most plants are trying to continue operations at a slightly reduced rate until they close for holidays."

Job applications in the Pacific region were up almost 8000 in June in the wake of strikes by logging, lumbering and construction workers. The figures showed that more than nine per cent of the Pacific region's total wage and salary workers were out of work, more than 17,000 of them in Vancouver alone.

The department noted that about 350 workers a week are going to the Aluminum Company project at Kitimat. A heavy fruit crop and upswings in fishing and fish processing is absorbing a substantial number of other workers.

Pacific coast strikes affected the prairie picture as well. Job applications in the prairie region fell slightly during June but increased by 2000 during the week ended July 3 because of the influx of job seekers from strike-bound B.C. industries.

Job applicants at July 3 in B.C. totalled 33,400 compared with 25,700 on June 5.

### Police Seek Royal City Check Artist

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) A man, usually dressed in overalls, who writes \$10,000 cheques—always worthless—for the purchase of a new car and a house, is being sought throughout the lower mainland.

He paints a glowing picture of his financial status, and, when he first appeared at Port Coquitlam, told his victims he was a CPR official.

The victims have included real estate dealers, a car salesman and two contractors with whom he worked out a "deal" for reining ships for grain cargoes.

He gave the contractors a worthless cheque for \$12,000. Then he borrowed \$50 in cash. He was known to the contractors as a shore captain representing Lloyds of London.

The man, about 60 years old, also arranged for large amounts of beer to be delivered to the dockside "to keep the boys happy."

During the "negotiations," he was entertained by several visiting skippers, including a group of Japanese ship officers.

### Steel Industry Debate Looms

LONDON (CP)—The government Monday unwrapped plans to turn the iron and steel industry back to private owners—but with continued state "supervision."

The fight for the steel industry, which the late Labor Government nationalized February 15, 1951, is expected to provide the principal fireworks of the present parliament.

**Missionary Dentists**  
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