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Canadian Enterprise

IN RECENT years, many Alaskans have been saddened by the fact that our Canadian neighbors have been making such spectacular progress in developing their resources, while Alaska doesn't begin to enjoy such a boom.

Just across the border, Canadians are constructing hydro-electric projects, producing oil, and expanding mining. Since it doesn't seem likely that a man-made border had any influence on the manner in which the Creator endowed the north with natural wealth, we in Alaska can only assume that our economic climate doesn't match that of Canada, so far as attracting investments is concerned.

Therefore, it gives us a great deal of pleasure to see that Canadians are now making firm plans to expand their petroleum refining and distribution operations to Alaska. The Alaska-Yukon Refiners and Distributors, Ltd., along with the H. C. Flood Company of Canada and the Royalite Oil Company, also of Canada, are laying plans to finance and erect a refinery at Haines, install bulk storage plants in Alaska centres, and enter "aggressively into the oil distribution picture in both Alaska and the Yukon Territory."

Certainly, this development is bound to spur Alaska's economy, and quite possibly bring a reduction in the cost of living. Certainly, nobody in Alaska will find the slightest fault with the fact that this development is being sponsored by people of Canada.

So, we doff our hats to the Canadian enterprises who have a major program of petroleum expansion in Alaska. We welcome them heartily, and we earnestly hope that their venture is a complete success.

—Fairbanks News-Miner.

A Long Jump Ahead

A NEW tactic in geological surveying, little noticed by the public, has resulted in new information about a vast area of British Columbia and successful completion within one summer of a job that ordinarily would have taken 20 years.

By using two helicopters to move men and supplies in the almost unknown country south of the Yukon border, a party of federal geologists was able to survey nearly 30,000 square miles of territory and gain a fairly complete knowledge of its mineral resources. It was the first time that helicopters had been used in this way in Canada, and the achievement opens up a new era for larger regions hitherto considered almost inaccessible.

Maps based on the summer's work are now being completed and will be of great value to mining companies looking for likely sites. The work was undertaken at the request of the B.C. government, and in the words of the leader of the party, Dr. Ernest E. Roots, the survey "encourages the belief that northern B.C. is a treasure house of minerals."

Technical advance has broken another barrier which long had impeded exploration and development of the more distant wilderness areas.

—Victoria Times

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OTTAWA DIARY

By JAMES R. NELSON

All roads lead today to the big oval-shaped Coliseum at Ottawa's fair grounds, Lansdowne Park, where—as one political reporter describes it—Canada shows its fat cattle and picks its political leaders.

The Conservative National Convention, which opened formally yesterday, is being held in a hall which has made a grudging nod to the existence of television. Blue and white are the predominant colors, ones that show up well on TV screens. At least, one might think those colors were picked for the convenience of TV technicians. But actually, they are the colors of the Conservative party itself, and blue and white have always predominated.

When the Conservatives last held their convention in the Coliseum—in 1948—they fell heir to the Liberal party's decorations. They simply bought, hoh-hoh, the decorations the Liberals had put up a few weeks earlier for their convention, when they picked Louis St. Laurent as leader.

Part of the purchase were two huge portraits of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and W. L. Mackenzie King, perhaps 12 feet tall, which had formed the backdrop of the Liberal convention rostrum.

Portraits of Laurier and King were hardly appropriate for a Conservative rally, so the Tories simply painted them over, hung some bunting over them, and let the Liberal leaders go into eclipse—they hoped. It was something like turning the faces to the wall.

This time, a huge cut-out of a maple leaf dominates the convention rostrum. Behind it, colored lights—white, green, gold and red—flash alternately. If you want to be cynical about it, you can note that that symbolic maple leaf is most predominant when it shows autumn coloring, rather than the greenness of spring which might be regarded as a rebirth of Conservatism.

This Conservative convention can be accurately described as the biggest ever. Actually, the basis for selecting delegates is the same as it was in 1948, three voting delegates and three alternates from each riding, plus all Conservative MPs and MLAs.

With recent Conservative victories in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the overall number of Conservative MLAs has increased—although the number of Federal MPs now (50) is down from what it was when the 1948 convention was held (65).

Mercury Drops To 60 Below Near YT Border

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—It was 63 below zero Wednesday at Northway, on the Alaska highway near the boundary of Canada's Yukon Territory. It was one of the lowest temperatures ever recorded in Alaska in December.

Wages in B.C. Up \$4 Per Week

VICTORIA (CP)—Average wages and salaries in British Columbia have risen by almost \$4 a week over those recorded a year ago, Trade and Industry Minister Earle C. Westwood said Wednesday.

Latest figures show the average weekly wage is now \$70.98 compared to \$67 last year. Mr. Westwood said the figure, as well as a 10.5 per cent increase in employment figures, indicated continued boom conditions in the province.

OPEN SPACES

The Australian government estimates Australia could support a population of 25,000,000 nearly triple the present figure.

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Lutheran Minister Coming To Seek Aid For College

Pastor J. F. Haugen of Ponoka, Alta., Congregational Visits Chairman for the Camrose College Fulfillment Fund, will visit St. Paul's Lutheran church in Prince Rupert next Sunday, Rev. A. S. Olson, pastor of the church announced today.

Mr. Haugen is expected to arrive a few days before Sunday Camrose Lutheran College, at to organize and train the visitors for the carrying out of this solicitation.

The Camrose College Fulfillment Fund was established in October, 1956, with a fixed goal of \$200,000, the sum needed to erect a modern classroom building that will accommodate the college library, the science laboratories and at least five teachers' offices. This increase in the physical plant of the school is being sought as a necessary material step toward achievement of Junior College status.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, with headquarters in Saskatoon, seeks the addition of one more academic year to the higher education curriculum presently offered by its two schools: the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, at Outlook, Saskatchewan, and

The Editor, The Daily News:

Even at this late date I feel I must answer yesterday's advertisement of the Northern B.C. Power Co.

The advertisement asked where the information regarding rates came from. In reply I would state that this information came from myself, Mr.

Crosby, the chairman of the Commission, may be quoted correctly when he answered the question, "What did tell him was:

"That the rates for Prince Rupert would be similar to Port Alberni's rates that I, as a layman, would not be able to tell the difference." He later agreed to get the Yacht Club to move to another location.

In this same conversation that the increase would be "around 20 per cent."

Further to this advertisement, the area should be kept vacant

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