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FACTORY EXPERTS

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THETFORD MINES, Que. (CP)-Business is booming in the land of the man-made mountains.

Sparked by the most powerful housing spree the inited States or Canada has ever known, tens of millions of dollars are being laid on the line each year to boost production of a mineral that not so long ago was considered little more than a freak of nature.

1 producer,

The original Johnson Company

The asbestos country is a 50-

In the rolling wooded country that hugs the Quebec-Maine bor- of finished fibre are shipped to der in the Eastern Townships, manufacturers in Canada, the men probe deeper into the earth. United States and all over the 🔈 to gourge out the ore whose fire- world. More than 6,900 workers constant qualities have won it are employed in the 12 producing thousand and one uses in hous-mines and last year the total are defence and automobile pro- wage bill topped the \$21,980,988 mark. Canada is the world's No.

For this is asbestos country. COISCOVERED IN 1876

The day in 1376 that Joe Fee- -still a Canadian-owned outfitthem a Franch Canadian farmer is one of the industry's big conto trapper, stumbled on the cerns with mines at Thetford and traine rocks in Thefford town. Black Lake a few miles to the hip he could not have foreseen south.

A shift it would lead to. de mought his curious find to mile-long rectangle reaching ; 🚆 from which to the experience 🚾 Andy Johnson, a shrewd general from Shipton township near Nothing to it Jet, or a master keeper in a nearby Scot. Danville, Que., in the southwest' the width and loogh & ish-Canadian settlement, and to Coleraine, Black Lake and 🗰 They're made for von by 🖪 Johnson came down from the Thetford in the north. From 📕 Canada's impere empery 💆 all town of Inverness to found that pocket comes 65 per cent of inchirt successful asbestos mine the world's asbestos, some of it trucks are needed even in the scrapers or slushers and the Today more than 900,000 tons underground and the rest shov-

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elled from huge open pits. MOUNTAINS OF TAILINGS process the rock. Mountains of grey-white tail- The industry now is undergo-; The Jeffrey mine is an underings or east-off by-products and lng a \$75,000,000 expansion pro- ground city. It has lunchrooms, deep circular gashes in the earth gram and the most recent plant goodern washrooms, a repair mark the area.

Near Black Lake, 118 miles east. Normandie mine at Black Lake. of Montreal, where the houses cost \$16,000,000 alone. At As- below in a three-shift operation. cing precariously to the hill-bestos, Que., in Shipton town- Five times as many more are sides, trucks haul away the side ship. Canadian' Johns-Manville needed for topside processes. of a mountain for grinding and is building the world's largest as. separating in the mills. A few bestos mill. Only half complete, dollar-spinner in Quebec it meets miles north at Thetford Mines the Jeffrey mill is as high as a criticism from the economic napart of a town of 17,000 which 14-storey building and nearly tienalists. They say that the squats on an asbestos deposit is 150 yards long. being moved to make way for VARY IN SIZE future production.

At Asbestos proper, one-third The Jeffrey mill will produce Asbestos Corporation formed in of the world's "grey gold" is be-625,000 tons of fibre a year, al-the 20s out of an amalgamation ing blasted from a hole big most two-thirds of the industry's of more than 100 small enterchough to store all the cars that 1954 output. But to get that out- puses, and the privately-owned had been produced in Canada in put it has to be fed nearly 3,000.- Johnson Company -- are really the last 50 years. It is 300 feet 000 tons of rock annually.

deep and almost a mile wide. A silky substance—with—a rock at the mills that has forced SHIPPED OUTSIDE loughness that would blunt a abandonment of many mines knife, asbestos has been known and obligated others to go below for more than 2,000 years. Marco the surface. Polo in the 13th century told how 'Even a king-size hole like the bulk of the fibre is shipped to ha found the Chinese weaving Johns-Manville pit, which once outside concerns near the big

still further back the ancient Ro. noy millionaire. Tommy Man-sumes only a fraction of the outmans used it in funeral shrouds ville-now unconnected with the put and the bulk of it 95 per , to preserve the ashes of dead company --- eventually becomes , cent-is exported. heroes in the Forum.

was fashioned by fire and pres-tion made the move underground port taxes or similar devices sure in the bowels of the garth at the big Kling mine at Thet- would probably lose Canada the more than a billion years ago, ford. Today three mines in the strategic U.S. markets. Today it is used in construction Black Lake-Thetford region are. Towe may be riding high today insulation, for roefing shingles, underground and even at Johns- but if we make our product more car gaskets and brake linings, in Manville where the pit still is expensive than that of our comprotective clothing for firefight. probed from the top, more than petitors, especially the Russians, cas and in jet aircraft.

an Canada near Thetford Mines, burrowed out by miners 750 feet cheapest form of production—"muck" carried by an electriopen plt mining-and millions of cally-routed underground raffdollars are required for mills to road to elevators which speed it to the surface.

> -at the Asbestos Corporation's shop and its own plant to crush the rock. More than 400 work But although asbestos is a

OPEN PIT MINE a like rows of scale in an open-air arona are the ledges which reveal the suc-

cessive levels in the Jeffrey open-pit asbestos mine at Asbestos, Que. More asbestos comes from

this pit and a neighboring underground mine than from any other single area, in the world,

bulk of the mining companies age American or British-control. Mines and mills vary in size, led, and that only two the big Canadian firms,

It is this insatiable demand for

Few mines Johns-Manville is on exception—operate their own manufacturing plants and the fabric from the mineral, while provided the funds for play- population centres. Canada con-

> two-thirds of the ore now come, we'd be driven out of business when times got tough," one executive said.

THETFORD MINES ASBESTOS

uneconomic to work from the Industry leaders say attempts MADE BY, FIRE top. by Canada to force processing on Geologists say the scoapy fibre. In 1934, the asbestos Corpora- this side of the border by exby Canada to force processing on

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MONTREAL

ASBESTOS COUNTRY A 50mile-long rectangle lying south of the St. Lawrence river between Montreal and Quebec city is the source of most of the world's a bestos. About 65 per cent of the world's asbestos supply is either burrowed out by miners underground or shaveiled from huge open pits In this area. At Asbestos, Can adian Johns-Manville are building the world's biggest plant for milling the asbestos. (CP Photo)

May Mar Geneva Conference

 $oldsymbol{ ext{T}}$ ONDON $oldsymbol{\phi}$. The British gover unsettled internally, is ready for $\{ \}$ Froment is worsted about the such elections. complicated stuation in Indo-| Camidlan officials have pri-

ehtma, particularly Lucos d next week's summit confer government, ence in Geneval the first annial. The emburrassing situation in '

the Communist Victoriah and office. non-Communist Viet Nam were! Canada is concerned as one of : to arrange a conference by July! three countries represented on , 20 this year for free elections the Imperational supervisory throughout the country not inter-commission, entrusted with seethan July 20, 1556. There is no-bling that terms of the ceasefire: thing to indicate that Viel Nam, agreement are observed.

-vately expressed disappointment There are fears that these dif- that Viet Nam apparently has flenities. If they persist, intibit; been unable to unity its part of create an undriendly almosphere; the country and provide a stable :

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Mr. Champion Finesses Against King and Jack 🌃 Yesterday's column illustrated a double fins

lagainst the adversely held king and queen of and l'oday Mr. Champion made a double finesse again the adversely held king and jack of the trump suk Mr. Dale was on lead against |

wen the first two tricks with the suit. king and ace of dlamonds. A have held the first me third diamond lead was ruffed trick. Dummy could then by Mr. Champion with the six of been entered with the

East dealeg. Both sides vul- covering any card played his nerable.

WEST

NORTH Mr. Mastern **A** 8 5 3 ♥ A K B 7 5 • J 5 4 ♣ Q 3 EAST Mrs. Reen Mr. Dale A 3 2" **♥** J 0 4 2 ♣ Ö 10 ◆ Q 8 7 6 & 10 9 6 5 4

SOUTH Mr. Champlon A A Q 10 7 6 * A K J 7

West North East South Pass 2 💙 Pass 1 🛕 Park 3 🛦 Pass 2 🛦 All Pass Pass 4 🛦

He crossed to the queen of clubs and led back dummy's trey of spades. When Mrs. Keen played low, Mr. Champion properly played the ten Mr. Dale woo with the king but that was all for the defense.

Of course on this particular hand Mr. Champion would have [rot exactly the same result by finessing the queen of spades on the first lead of the suit, since the jack would have fallen automatically under the ace on the second round.

BEST CHANCE

But Mr. Champion made the right play nevertheless. He was Dibb Printing merely giving himself the best chance. If Mrs. Keen had held both the king and the jack of spades plus one small spade, the l play of the ten on the first round would have eliminated the neces. Use Want Ads-Iter's

the four-space contract, and he sity of losing any tocks had

in that case the ten thearts and another small will freturned, Mr. Champles

It, on the first round of sign the ten had lost to the int Mr. Dale's hand, Mr Charle would have led another

from duminy as soon as his gained the lead and finessis queen. The chances were to one that Mr. Dale world hold both the king and the Even If he should hold honors, the double finess ecdure would lose a trick pured to other procedures when he held the king and

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