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### OIL AND GAS IN THE YUKON

The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources has announced that the first discovery of oil has been made in the Yukon Territory and the first in the Far North since the discovery of Norman Wells (Northwest Territories) in 1920.

Oil and gas have been discovered at Western Minerals' Chance No. 1 Well, at present drilling at a depth of 4,415 feet in the Eagle Plain area of the Yukon Territory. The discovery was made in the interval from about 4,250 feet to 4,370 feet. On drill stem tests this interval yielded flows of gas of up to ten million cubic feet per day and light gravity oil from the lower part of the section. Drilling and testing are continuing at the well.

The discovery area is approximately 450 miles from tidewater on the Pacific Coast and is rapidly being made accessible by the construction of a resource development road originating in Flat Creek near Dawson. The closest airfields are at Dawson and Inuvik, both approximately 150 miles away.

The Minister expressed pleasure that the discovery had been made by a Canadian company and that its initiative, as one of the pioneers for oil in our northern territories, appears likely to be rewarded.

### CABINET CHANGES

Mr. David Walker, a Toronto lawyer and M.P. for Toronto Rosedale, and Mr. Pierre Sevigny of Quebec, M.P. for Longueuil, were sworn in by the Governor-General on August 20, as Minister of Public Works and as Associate Minister of National Defence, respectively.

Mr. Walker takes over the Public Works portfolio from Mr. Howard Green, who was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs on June 4, 1959, and has held the two posts since then. Mr. Sevigny is the first Associate Minister of National Defence in the Conservative Government.

Mr. J.M. Macdonnell, M.P. for Toronto-Greenwood, has retired from the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio. In making the announcement, Prime Minister Diefenbaker paid tribute to "this outstanding Canadian for his success in so many fields and for the service he has given as Minister of the Crown...." Mr. Macdonnell will continue to sit in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister also announced that Mr. Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will succeed Mr. Green as Government House Leader in the Commons and that Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, M.P. for Oxford, will act as parliamentary secretary to Mr. Green.