

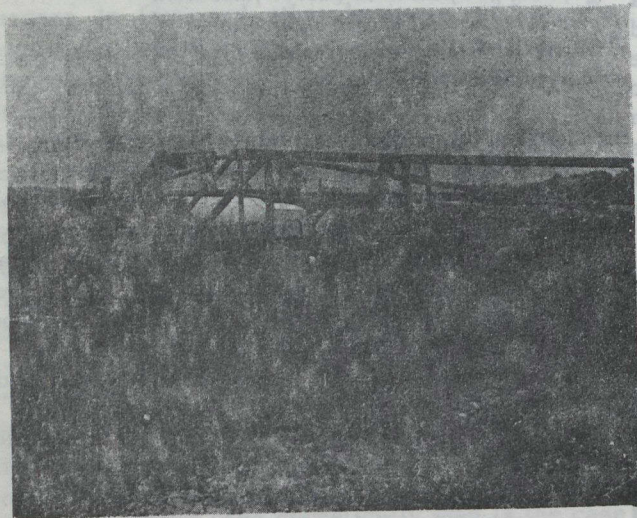
PESTICIDE REVIEW PROGRAM

The Canada Department of Agriculture is giving increased attention to the management of pesticides through the expansion of its pesticide-review program, carried out by the Control Products Section under the Pest Control Products Act. This act requires that products must be registered before they may be offered for sale in Canada.

The purpose of the program is to re-evaluate all pesticides in the light of current criteria and data and to provide for the orderly modification of the uses of pesticides in Canada.

Many compounds in use for a number of years have become part of pest-control programs in agriculture, forest-management and public health, and in structural domestic and industrial situations.

The order of review of compounds is determined in consultation with advisory agencies. The scheduled lists reflect the various disciplinary and regulatory concerns. The review program therefore involves the co-ordination and evaluation of information from industry and agencies involved in pesticide research, environmental control, wildlife and health in both the federal and provincial governments.



This machine is applying pesticides, which have become an integral part of Canadian agriculture.

Virtually all pesticides are developed, manufactured and distributed by private companies. The economies that produce registered products scheduled for review are alerted at the outset so that they have the opportunity to participate fully in the program.

Requests for review from provincial authorities are directed through the regulatory officials of the provinces concerned, and through their interdepartmental committees to the Control Products Section. These committees usually include health, wildlife, water and forestry as well as agricultural interests, so there is a multi-disciplinary approach at the regional level.

At the federal level, the advisory agencies include the Food and Drug Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Department of the Environment and the Pesticide Technical Information Office of CDA's Research Branch.

The national committees on pesticide-use in agriculture, weeds and grain diseases are also consulted in the review of products that fall within their terms of reference.

The review program is an expanding one. In response to the increased workload, the Control Products Section has added staff, changed its organization and adopted new procedures to expedite the processing and assessment of information related to the program.

In 1970-71, 21 compounds were reviewed – hexachlorobenzene, quintozone, endosulfan, carbaryl, malathion, diazinon, azinophosmethyl, dicofol, arsenical herbicides, chlorobenzilate, Perthane, Strobane, calcium arsenate, lead arsenate, captan, Thiram, folpet, metiram, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T and fenoprop. About 20 compounds are scheduled for review during 1972.

NEW GAZETTEERS OF CANADA'S NORTH

Seventy-Seven Pup, Deadmans Gulch, Tinhorn Gulch, Headless Creek, Tenderfoot Creek, Pickhandle Lake – where would one find names like that but in Canada's fabled North, the land of Dawson City, the Klondike, Whitehorse, Coppermine and Yellowknife?

They can all be looked up, along with thousands of others, in two new gazetteers published by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, one of the Yukon and the other of the Northwest Territories, the first since 1958. Published by authority of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, the new gazetteers contain the names of more than 11,000 places, with their precise latitudes and longitudes.

The 22-page, *Yukon Gazetteer* lists more than 2,500 names, including 550 official changes and additions. The 74-page *Gazetteer of the Northwest Territories* lists more than 8,500 names, including 4,550 official changes and additions.

A departmental spokesman says: "Administrators, traders, petroleum engineers, exploration companies, prospectors and police officers working in the North will find these updated publications invaluable, as will anyone anywhere doing business with the North or studying the geography or history of this part of Canada."

The *Gazetteer of the Yukon* sells for \$1, the *Gazetteer of the Northwest Territories* for \$2. Both are available from the Department's Map Distribution Office, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada.