

"If the great barrier of U.S. tariffs against Canadian oil can be lowered or eliminated, the 1954-55 market for our oil could be much larger than 280,000 barrels and the market could expand greatly."

Four Provinces Sign New Pension Act: Ottawa, February 4 (CP) -- Four Provinces -- British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec -- have concluded new agreements with the federal Government for sharing the cost of pensions to the needy between 65 and 70 and to blind persons 21 and over. In announcing the new agreements today, the Department of National Health and Welfare said negotiations with several other provinces are expected to be concluded shortly.

New Brunswick, for instance, has concluded an agreement covering the payment of pensions to the needy. It is anticipated that an agreement relating to the blind will be signed soon. All provinces have indicated that they will eventually sign agreements. However, officials said, if some did not it would mean no federal contribution to any 65-to-70 and blind pensions in those provinces. The agreements, retroactive to January 1, were concluded under the terms of legislation passed last year by Parliament and by various provincial legislatures.

Parliament passed one act providing for pensions of \$40 a month to all Canadians 70 and over, regardless of means, who have lived in this country for at least 20 years. The first cheques were mailed last week to more than 600,000 persons. A second act was passed authorizing the federal Government to share on a 50-50 basis with the provinces the cost of \$40-a-month pensions to the needy between 65 and 70.

A third act passed by Parliament provided for \$40-a-month pensions to blind persons 21 and over.

Canadian Handicraft Show In New York: New York, February 4 (CP) -- Canadian craftsmen, who sold \$12,000,000 worth of handicrafts to American tourists last year, put their wares on display in Rockefeller Centre today and attendants immediately had a rush of orders. The display of handicrafts from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec opened in the South Concourse of the R.C.A. building in mid-town Manhattan. The two stores housing the exhibits, ranging from plaids and tweeds woven in Cape Breton Island to delicate wood carvings from Quebec, caught the eyes of hundreds of passers-by.

The internationally famous pottery of Kjeld and Erica Deichman of Clifton Royal, N.B., took up a good part of the exhibit. Examples of Eskimo handicraft were displayed by James Houston and his wife, the former Alma Bardon, a Halifax newspaper woman, who brought back sculptures of animals and birds carved from stone and walrus tusks from Canada's Eastern Arctic. Dr. Ivan H. Crowell, Director of Handicrafts for New Brunswick, said that during the eight-week show various craftsmen from Canada will give demonstrations of their work. A loom will be set up during the course of the show for Quebec weavers to show New Yorkers how their work is done.

The display is sponsored by Canada's Department of Trade and Commerce with handicrafts officers of each province on the organizing committee.

Across Canada: Strike votes will be taken by two Toronto printing trades unions at special meetings to be held next Sunday as the result of breakdowns in negotiations between the unions and the commercial printing trade in Toronto....Department store sales reached a new high total of \$901,940,000 in the calendar year 1951, an increase of 3.4 per cent over the preceding year's figure of \$872,-680,000....Two Canadian warships, the frigates Beacon Hill and Antigonish, have just concluded a four day visit at Lima, Peru.