

Canada's newest goldfield

Hemlo, Ontario, on the north shore of Lake Superior, is now firmly on the map as Canada's newest goldfield.

About 30 drilling set-ups are at work in the area and there have been 15 000 claims started so far. Estimates of what have been found are quoted as in the region of 14 million tonnes of ore averaging about 7 grams of gold a tonne. This at current world prices would be worth some \$2 billion (US), and the volume would equal about 2.5 times Canada's existing annual gold production.

The first mine to produce ore is expected to be in operation by next year, with production costs of less than \$200 an ounce, which compares with the current gold price of \$620 (Cdn).

Gold was first discovered in Hemlo in 1945, but it was not until many years later that large-scale mineralization became apparent. In this sense the deposits are unusual in that they are more like the reefs of South Africa's rand than the structurally complex deposits of the Canadian Shield.

Water bombers fight fires



Two of these CL-215 water bombers have been added to Ontario's fire fighting fleet. Capable of delivering 4 500 litres of water to a forest fire a trip, the aircraft's chief advantage lies in its ability to scoop a load of water in ten seconds as it skims over a suitable lake or river near a fire. There are 15 such planes in operation in Quebec and three in Manitoba. They are also being used in France, Italy, Greece, Thailand, Spain, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

The Forest Scene

Ten million Canadian scouts and former scouts honoured

A commemorative stamp honouring the ten million Canadian scouts, scouters and former scouts and commemorating 75 years of scouting in Canada was recently launched at a ceremony at the start of the fifteenth World Scout Jamboree held at Kananaskis Country Recreation Area, halfway between Calgary and Banff, Alberta.

"The World Jamboree setting in Canada's Rocky Mountains is the perfect site to launch a stamp honouring a group that is so much associated with the outdoors," said the Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation André Ouellet. "Scouting offers young people all over the world the opportunity to develop human and spiritual values and to learn self-discipline while serving their communities."

President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post Corporation R. Michael Warren added: "We at Canada Post Corporation feel strongly that this particular commemorative stamp does more than mark an historical occasion. This stamp signifies our support for the qualities scouting stand for — service to the community, good citizenship and leadership."

The World Scout Jamboree in Alberta this year will be the culmination of celebrations marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of scouting world-wide. Some 15 000 scouters and scouts from about 100 countries attended the Jamboree, the second to be held in Canada in the history of the scout movement.

In developing the stamp, Canada Post Corporation organized a nation-wide poster design contest among members of the scouting fraternity. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers between the ages of five and 17 were asked to submit posters on the theme "What Scouting Means To Me."

From nearly 5 000 entries, the judges selected 47 regional finalists. Each winner will receive a special certificate and prize. The national finalist was scout Marc Fournier, aged 12, of Edmundston, New Brunswick, whose winning poster illustrates an evening flag-lowering ceremony at an overnight camp. Montreal graphic designer François Dallaire turned the poster into a stamp design.

The poster design of runner-up Michael Timms, a six-year-old Beaver from Delta, British Columbia will be incorporated into the artwork of a special First Day Cover featuring the scouting stamp.

Canada Post Corporation is also producing a special postcard featuring a full-colour reproduction of the drawing that won the national poster contest and graces the commemorative stamp.



Agreement signed to improve international jute markets

Canada has signed the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982, which entered into force July 1, 1983. The Cabinet decision was announced by Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs and Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade).

The main element in the agreement is the establishment of an International Jute Organization (IJO) which will sponsor projects in the fields of research and development, market promotion and cost reduction, designed to improve the competitiveness of raw and processed jute. The IJO will also aim to improve trans-

parency in the jute market by better data collection and information exchanges between exporters and importers. Project financing will be sought on a grant basis from various national and international sources. Raw jute, a vegetable fibre, is used principally for the manufacture of cordage, woven carpet backing and burlap for bags and sacks.

The IJO will be headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh. That country, and India, Thailand and Nepal, are the main exporters of raw and processed jute. The agreement benefits Canadian importers of jute by providing assurances of supply through improved market transparency.