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Canada's North not all tundra

When Canada's North is mentioned many people conjure up visions of vast stretches of flat tundra with nothing taller than a blade of grass. While this may be true in some areas, the Yukon Territory also contains Canada's highest peaks — Mount Logan, at 19,524, is the highest — and some of the best hiking and climbing mountains in the world.

Monty Alford of Whitehorse (capital of the Yukon Territory), an internationally recognized mountaineer, believes the Yukon peaks offer as much and more than many of the more publicized mountains such as the Andes and Himalayas.

"The St. Elias mountains are definitely mountains of Alpine stature," Alford said. "They are Canada's Himalayas. But they have advantages that even the best locations in the world don't have such as long daylight hours, sparse vegetation around the approaches to the peaks and the fact that the mountains offer rock- as well as ice- and snow-climbing combined."

He said scores of teams of climbers come to the Yukon every year from the United States, Japan and Italy as well as Canada to challenge the rugged peaks of the St. Elias and to take on the less strenuous slopes elsewhere in the Territory.

Tucked up in the northwest corner of Canada, the Yukon is neither barren nor frozen. True, old man Winter, at those northern latitudes, has robbed a couple of weeks from spring and autumn, but summers are warm (up to 30 degrees C) with cool evenings. It's also true that Yukon has some muskeg and tundra, but the territory is predominantly forested mountain country.

Population of the Yukon is some 22,000 (more than half in Whitehorse). The remainder is in smaller communities throughout the 207,000-square-mile area. Its tourism industry, is now valued at \$25 million annually.

Firm to buy New York buildings

Olympia and York Developments Ltd., a privately-owned, Toronto-based real-estate company, has agreed to purchase nine large New York City office buildings from National Kinney Corporation of New York for about \$350 million. Paul Reichmann, executive vice-president of Olympia and York, said his company would pay about \$50 million in cash for the properties and would assume about \$300 million in mortgages. Included in the properties purchased are the ITT and American Brands Buildings on Park Avenue, the Harper and Row Building on East 53rd Street and the J.C. Penney Building on

Sixth Avenue. Also acquired — a 50 percent interest in the Sperry Rand Building on Sixth Avenue and a 51 percent interest in 55 Water Street in downtown Manhattan.

Crawley film wins top travel prize

Canada's Capital has won first prize in the 1977 Travel Film Festival staged annually at Anaheim, California.

The film, a musical romp through the four seasons round the national capital, topped entries in the category for the best foreign travel film from a government agency. It was produced by Crawley Films, Ottawa, for the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism. Pied Piping the viewer from skating on the Rideau Canal to the pageantry of Parliament Hill is the local Ayorama Wind Quintet.

The Ottawa film also won first prize in the 1975 National Canadian Film and Television Association competition. Because of its popularity as a travel film, it is being translated into German and Japanese for distribution in those countries.

Legal checklist published

The National Library of Canada has announced the publication of *Canadian Law Reports*, the first fascicle of *Checklists of Law Reports and Statutes in Canadian Law Libraries*. Data on holdings assembled during the survey of law-library resources in Canada carried out by the Resources Survey Division in 1974-75 are now being compiled and edited for publication; additional fascicles will be published.

This first checklist constitutes both a bibliography and a union list. Holdings of Canadian law reports in more than 60 Canadian law libraries are reported and, in order to make the bibliography as nearly complete as possible, all judicial court reports known to the editors at the time of publication have been included. Added titles have been recorded without holdings.

It is hoped that the checklists will be useful as a location tool for inter-library lending, as a bibliography for reference and research purposes, and as a guide for collections-development.