

as Monseigneur Joseph Octave Plessis, covering the period 1806-1820, Monseigneur Panet, dated April 9, 1832 at Quebec City, and Monseigneur Ignace Bourget (1846-1850). These pieces are extremely rare, the oldest being *Soli Deo Gloria*, the pastoral letter of Monseigneur Jean François Hubert, published in Quebec City in 1788.

There is also a great deal of documentation on education in Canada between 1900 and 1950, especially in Quebec and the Laurentian Mountain region.

### Mineral development in Newfoundland

A federal/provincial agreement representing a second major step towards full development of Newfoundland and Labrador's mineral resources was signed last month in St. John's. It is the thirteenth subsidiary agreement to be concluded between the federal department of Regional Economic Expansion and the province since the Canada/Newfoundland general development Agreement was signed in 1974. It will provide \$12,458,000 over five years for the identification and further development of the province's mineral resources. The Federal Government, will contribute 90 per cent of the agreement costs; the provincial government will contribute the remaining 10 per cent.

The agreement provides funding for three major programs: mineral evaluation, mineral development, and mineral resources management.

The mineral evaluation program consists of surveying and detailed mapping of several regions of the province. Priority will be given to areas with the highest known mineral potential.

The data produced from these surveys will help stimulate greater exploration

by the private sector, and will aid in the selection of target areas for more detailed mapping.

The mineral development program provides for the assessment of mineral deposits on crown land, and evaluation of their development potential. Market studies will be carried out for the province's most promising mineral resources, and where justified, promotion activity will be initiated to interest the mining industry in the commercial prospects of particular mineral deposits.

An information system for the storage and retrieval of mineral resources data

will be developed in co-operation with the technical staff of Energy, Mines and Resources, and four buildings for mineral sample storage will be constructed in strategic areas of the province.

The mineral resources management program will undertake research in the fields of mineral resource planning, land tenure, mineral taxation, and more stimulation of local processing of mineral resources. It is expected to result in government policies which encourage exploration and development while providing maximum social and economic benefits for Newfoundland.

### News briefs

- Canadian Ambassador to the United States J.H. Warren and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Julius L. Katz, signed on January 26 an agreement between Canada and the U.S. concerning transit pipelines. This agreement, which was initialled by chief negotiators in January, would confirm in both countries a regime of non-interference and non-discrimination for existing and future pipelines carrying oil or natural gas destined for one country in transit across the territory of the other.
- Parliament re-opened on January 24 following a 32-day Christmas break. Among other things, MPs will debate whether their deliberations should be televised.
- Premier Ed Schreyer of Manitoba has suggested that a federal Royal Commission study the storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel if this were found necessary to help allay public concern. He told a staff seminar at the Atomic Energy of Canada research establishment on January 11 that nuclear generation of electricity appeared an alternative energy source. If this alternative is meeting public resistance in some quarters because of concern or mis-information about potential hazards of this form of energy production, then a Royal Commission approach, with full fact-finding and analysis capability, should be undertaken, he said. "Then we can get on with the job of substituting one mode of energy to replace our grotesque overdependence on oil and natural gas."
- Details of a \$65-million program

expected to result in almost a quarter of a million jobs for Canadian students were announced by Manpower and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen on January 18. By mid-February more than 300 Canada manpower centres for students will be in operation throughout the country to solicit summer job orders from employers and accept registrations by young people. Last summer on a budget of approximately \$24 million, the program placed about 200,000 young people in temporary jobs in the private sector and created 12,160 jobs in the public sector. This year, approximately the same number are expected to be placed in the private sector and some 37,000 students will find jobs with federal projects.

- Housing starts during December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 296,000 for all areas according to preliminary figures issued by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The November rate was 302,800. Actual starts in urban areas in December were 17,140, a decrease of 13 per cent from the 19,758 recorded in December of last year. During the 12 months of 1976 starts totalled 209,244 dwelling units compared to 181,846 a year ago.
- Quebec food scientists have come up with rivals for Switzerland's famed Gruyere and Netherlands' Gouda cheese. The new cheeses, labelled Quebec Gruyere, Quebec Gouda, and Richelieu, were developed by Dr. Marcel Gagnon, director of the Research Centre for Applied Science at the University of Quebec in Montreal. Dr. Gagnon became interested in developing cheese in Quebec because that province has 52 per cent of all the cows in Canada.

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