

Hazardous waste study

A federal-provincial report says a single regional incineration plant along with physical-chemical treatment plants and a network of collection stations in all four western provinces is the best system for managing hazardous wastes in western and northern Canada.

The recommendation is contained in a report by the Department of Environment and the environment departments of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

The document is the final report of a three-phase study into hazardous waste management.

Wastes would be gathered at a network of collection stations across the region and transported to the incineration and physical-chemical treatment plants by road.

The incineration plant would destroy organic wastes such as polychlorinated biphenyls and oily sludges. The physical-chemical treatment plants would handle inorganic wastes such as plating solution containing heavy metals.

The report said this system minimizes transportation of wastes and economizes by centralizing the most complex and costly treatments. It was selected as the best of 56 choices on the basis of efficiency, risk, cost, and environmental and social impact.

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The federal government has allocated \$8 million this fiscal year to help fishermen build their own vessels. Under the program, the government will pay 25 per cent of construction costs to a maximum of \$125,000. Conversions and modifications are also included under the fishing vessel assistance program, which is designed to help upgrade the quality and safety of fishing vessels.

The Canadian Forestry Association has been awarded the Golden Smokey Award. Dr. Max Peterson, chief of the United States Forest Service, presented the award to the association for "its cumulative achievement in fire prevention and a sustained effort which has been growing in effectiveness over time". It was the first time Canada had won the award since it was instituted in 1958. "The forest fire situation in Canada has



Governor-General Edward Schreyer (left) talks with Collin Fox at the annual garden party held this summer on the grounds of Government House. Mr. Fox appeared at the party dressed as Sir John A. MacDonald, a role he is playing for the Ontario Educational Television Authority's production on the life of the former prime minister. About 4,500 people from across Canada, and some from England and the United States attended the party. More than 30,000 sandwiches were consumed along with several hundred litres of lemonade and orange juice and thousands of pieces of chocolate, carrot and white cake and date squares.

improved tremendously over the last 30 years," said Doug Redmond of the Canadian association.

Gulf Canada Resources Incorporated will spend \$674 million to build and operate a full-scale drilling system on a 1.5 million-acre region of the Beaufort Sea, beginning in the summer of 1983.

The recent ninth conference of New England governors and eastern Canadian premiers ended with agreements to push for the creation of emergency oil reserves, promote natural gas pipelines across the international border and simplify commercial transportation laws. The oil reserve depots, to be located in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, would serve as a hoard for New England and Atlantic Canada.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced that during the quarter ending March 31, 1981, it paid out 51 insurance claims totalling \$2,412,613.73. Thirty-six of the 51 claims involved defaults; eight, insolvencies; four, transfers of funds; two, political causes, and one, repudiation. The claims by country were United States, 30;

Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana and Jamaica, two each, and Antigua, France, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Netherlands Antilles, Nigeria, Sudan, Trinidad, Britain and Venezuela, one each.

Placer Development Limited of Vancouver has agreed in principle to sell its Australian mining and conveying equipment manufacturer, Fox Manufacturing Company, to Clyde Industries Limited of Sydney, Australia, for about \$25 million.

The National Energy Board has permitted Ontario Hydro to increase electric power exports to the U.S. The board is satisfied that the utility's export pricing arrangements would recover all costs incurred in Canada and that export sales would reduce rates to customers.

The Ontario government has announced a \$30-million plan to aid beef farmers. Agriculture Minister Lorne Henderson said that beef farmers would be given \$40 for every animal they sent to market in 1980.

Health and Welfare Canada has awarded National Welfare Fellowships to 15 researchers. The fellowships are intended to help develop and increase personnel resources in teaching, research, policy planning and administration in the Canadian social welfare field. They are valued at \$10,000 each plus tuition and travel expenses and dependents' allowance.

Kathy Kreiner, Canada's leading woman skier over the past decade with six national titles and a gold medal in the 1976 Innsbruck Olympics, has retired from the World Cup skiing circuit to pursue a college education in the United States. Kreiner said she had accepted a scholarship at the University of Utah and would do some skiing for the Utah team but added that her interest in the sport at the international level has ended.

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