

The Offshore Story

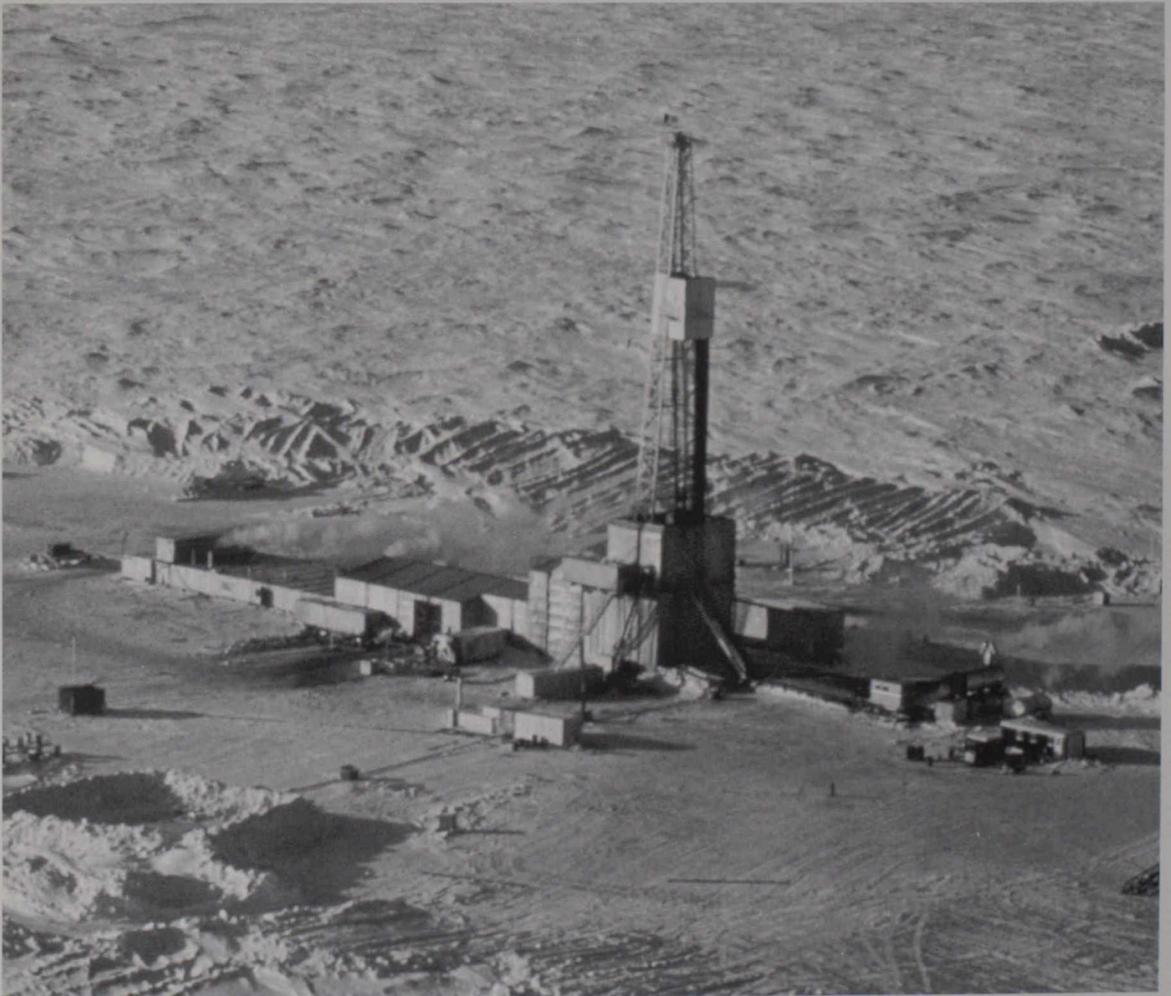
Finding Canada's reserves of elusive oil and gas requires great patience.

Men have been looking in the Arctic and North Atlantic since the mid-1970s, using tools that are ingenious and costly—ships and rigs that are among the largest, most complex and most expensive machines ever made by man.

The work is only now approaching fruition—the first wells should go into production within four to six years.

The work is dangerous and difficult—the men, the drill ships and the rigs are buffeted by hurricane winds and hundred-foot waves and threatened by ice. Last winter eighty-four men died when the rig *Ocean Ranger* tipped, capsized and sank off the Newfoundland coast.

In this issue of CANADA TODAY/D'AUJOURD'HUI we describe the tools, the risks and the results, and tell you how to build an artificial island and what you can do with it when it's done.



Aerial view of Panarctic rig at Whitefish.

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