



Photo by Ron Ward

The UNB library, sucking back the kilo-watts of power and absorbing all kinds of heat each day. Just the cost of heat going up \$.05 a gallon could cost UNBF AND UNBSJ a total of \$125,000. UNB will have to take its own steps with regard to using less energy, such as leaving windows closed in the winter and turning down its thermostats.

Gas and heat prices increase

By PETER LANGILLE

The following are the highlights of Energy Minister Donald MacDonald's speech on energy in the Commons Monday night.

Gasoline and heating prices will increase four to five cents per gallon for Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces beginning December 1st, 1973.

All homeowners are asked to turn down thermostats to 68 - 70 degrees and five degrees cooler at night. This 5 - 7 degree drop will produce a saving of 375,000,000 gallons worth \$125,000,000.

There will be no new mandatory speed limit on highways. Motorists will be asked to cut speeds from 70 to 50 m.p.h.

The government wants Canadians to confine full Christmas lighting to the few days around Christmas only.

Temperatures in federal buildings will be reduced to 68 - 70 degrees by day and will be set at 63 - 65 degrees in off hours and weekends.

There will be a system of rationing of energy supplies at a wholesale level by a special energy supplies allocation board which will set priorities on fuel allocation with top priority given to hospitals, schools and industry. This rationing is expected to start in January.

NB may suffer winter oil cutbacks

By TOM BENJAMIN

New Brunswick may have as much as a 20 percent cutback in oil supplies this winter said Premier Richard Hatfield.

Hatfield discussed New Brunswick's energy crisis during a debate in the provincial legislature on Tuesday.

He proposed voluntary reductions in fuel use to prevent shortages in the province this spring. Some suggestions for individuals to cut gasoline consumption were:

- decreasing usage of motorcycles, motor boats and snowmobiles;
- reducing highway speeds to 50 mph and keeping car engines well tuned;
- restricting driving by eliminating pleasure driving and using car pools.

Hatfield said failure to reduce gasoline consumption now could result in shortages during the summer.

He stated heating oil was an even more serious problem, with

possible shortages later this winter.

Hatfield suggested conserving heating oil by improving housing insulation and lowering temperatures in the home.

He said that if use of heating oil is not reduced oil stocks may decline to less than one-quarter of their normal level. This could result in serious consequences a year from now.

Significant increases in retail prices are inevitable, he said. Gasoline and home heating oil costs may raise two or three cents a gallon beyond increases already announced. Increased prices for heavy fuel oil will result in higher costs for electricity.

He said the government's first priority is to keep homes and institutions comfortable and to keep industries in operation.

Canada's problem at present is to move energy resources from where they are produced to where they can be utilized, he said.

Hatfield said this continent will

be facing an energy crisis for at least 5 or 6 years.

He suggested nuclear and tidal power, as well as coal, as potential energy sources.

The Saint John Deep development would provide the urgently needed deep water berthing facilities needed by the oil industry.

He said the present abnormal oil supply conditions in Canada offers an opportunity for a reversible pipeline from Saint John Deep to Montreal. This would transport foreign oil to eastern Canada in the safest and lowest cost manner. It would also give the Atlantic Provinces access to western Canadian oil in abnormal circumstances.

The Saint John to Montreal pipeline system could also handle the transmission of oil from any offshore discoveries to the rest of Canada.

Hatfield mentioned Saint John Deep is important not only because of the economic development opportunities it will present but also to ensure the lowest cost of fuel for the Coleson Cove power plant.

He said the Fundy Power Review Committee is examining the price levels Fundy power might command in New England markets, as well as reviewing construction costs of the project.

He called on the federal government to remove administrative obstacles and to speed up the

settlement of the uncertainties surrounding the administration of off-shore mineral resources, particularly off-shore oil.

Following Macdonald's advice

City to help relieve energy crisis

By TOM BENJAMIN

Fredericton city council decided Tuesday night to follow suggestions made by Donald Macdonald, federal energy minister, to help relieve the energy crisis.

A committee was formed to study the situation and to accept recommendations for the city's use of energy.

Councillors suggested that the city should set an example for its citizens by restricting its energy use. This includes cutbacks in Christmas lighting.

The committee will also study recommendations made by the Chamber of Commerce which included having no Christmas lighting, restricting store hours and lowering temperatures in public buildings.

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