

Sixty-four Canadians appointed to Order of Canada

Sixty-four Canadians have been appointed by Governor-General Edward Schreyer to the Order of Canada, Canada's highest distinction. The appointees will be invested during a ceremony at Government House this autumn.

At the top of the list of those appointed to the Order's three levels — companion, officer and member — are former Supreme Court of Canada judge Louis-Philippe Pigeon of Ottawa, professor and head of the University of British Columbia's physiology department Dr. D. Harold Copp of Vancouver, and novelist, playwright and essayist Roger Lemelin of Cap Rouge, Quebec.

Mr. Pigeon, 75 retired from the Supreme Court after 13 years on the bench. He has also been legal adviser to Quebec premiers and vice-president for the Quebec wing of the Canadian Bar Association.

Dr. Copp, 64, is president of the Academy of Science and Fellow of the Royal Society of London. His work in endocrine regulation of calcium metabolism led to the discovery of the new hormone calcitonin, effective in the treatment of Paget's disease of the bone. Recently he discovered a second hormone, teleocalcin, which appears to be involved in calcium regulation in fish.

Mr. Lemelin, 61, is the creator of the television series *Les Plouffes* and author of the novel *Au Pied de la Pente Douce* (*The Town Below*).

Those appointed officers of the Order include: Judy Lamarsh of Toronto, lawyer, author and former federal Cabinet minister; F.R. (Budge) Crawley of Ottawa,

founder and president of Crawley Films; Donald Harron of Toronto, host of the CBC radio program, *Morningside*; Mel Hurtig of Edmonton, president of Hurtig Publishers; Guy Lafleur of Baie d'Urfé,



Roger Lemelin

Quebec, member of the Montreal Canadiens hockey team; and Lois Smith of Toronto, former prima ballerina of the National Ballet of Canada.

Those named members include: Roger Doucet of Boucherville, Quebec, official anthem singer at the Montreal Forum; Dorothy MacKinnon of Vancouver, former president of the Canadian UNICEF Committee; and Maxwell Bates of Victoria, artist, author and architect.

Arctic oil tests promising

The latest exploratory results from the far north appear to confirm the presence of crude oil in commercial volumes in addition to natural gas already close to the threshold reserves needed to begin deliveries by Panarctic Oils Limited of Calgary.

The annual report of the 32-member consortium states that a pair of wells drilled in 1979 on the western flank of the Sverdrup basin "encourages Panarctic to believe that there will be a major accumulation of oil".

The same wells (Char G-07 and Balaena D-58) drilled from reinforced ice platforms also have penetrated multiple layers of gas-prone sands below horizons already found to be prolific producers elsewhere in the Arctic archipelago.

In the past year, Panarctic recorded an increase in "proved and probable" inventory to 16 trillion cubic feet from less than 14 trillion.

By comparison, Panarctic reported about 12.7 trillion cubic feet of gas in the same categories at the end of 1977.

Charles Hetherington, president of Panarctic, forecast that given the current success ratio and even a part fulfillment of the expectations at the vast Whitefish offshore structure, found about a year ago, proved and probable gas reserves in the far north could be 25 trillion cubic feet by 1981.

The emphasis and the tempo of far northern exploration have changed considerably since the creation of Panarctic in 1967. It remains the only active operator on the top of the world and will likely benefit most from eventual commercial developments.

The federal Crown corporation Petro-Canada holds a 45 percent stake in Panarctic. The rest of the equity is held by Canadian companies and individuals.

Panarctic last year drilled ten wells. At least four of the nine completed wells served to delineate known gas finds.

Insurance program reviewed

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission will undertake a review of the principles and objectives underlying the unemployment insurance program.

Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy said the items to be reviewed include:

- the simplification of the benefit entitlement and qualifying provisions including those relating to regular and special benefits for sickness, maternity and retirement;
- the role and impact of regional extended benefits;
- the use of unemployment rates in determining claimants' entitlement to benefits;
- the treatment of people who voluntarily quit their jobs without just cause;
- coverage and benefits for workers in highly seasonal occupations; and
- the impact of unemployment insurance on income distribution.

Mr. Axworthy said he would be releasing details of the terms of reference of the review shortly. He indicated there would be full consultation on the review and said he expects legislation to be tabled early in 1982.



Guy Lafleur