

CRUDE OIL PIPE LINE: The following are excerpts from the address of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, at the inauguration by Interprovincial Pipe Line Co. of the movement of crude oil from Edmonton, Alberta, eastward to Regina, Saskatchewan, on October 4:

"The turning of the valve that will send Alberta oil to Regina, 450 miles from here, is a Canadian event of the first order, but this is only part of the story. Before many months go by, this pipe line will have been extended to the nearest tip of Lake Superior, a distance of nearly 1200 miles. After that, Alberta, rather than the United States, will be the major source of supply for petroleum products consumed in the Province of Ontario....

"This pipe line, which makes Canadian crude oil available to important sections of our country, is more than an enterprising business venture. It is an essential factor in our preparedness programme for the defence of Canada. As a Canadian business venture, it will stop a drain on our economy of at least 150 million United States dollars a year that we are now spending for foreign crude. In time of war, it will diminish our problem of obtaining imports of petroleum, when petroleum is usually almost impossible to obtain....

"I often wonder how many Canadians have an appreciation of the present rate of growth of our Canadian economy. Those attending this ceremony will have an appreciation of one gigantic project now nearing completion. Others will understand the impact of the great iron and titanium projects now being developed in northern Quebec. Others are aware of the development of iron ore in Ontario. Those visiting the West Coast will know about the new pulp mills and other spectacular developments in that area. I wish that every Canadian citizen could have my opportunities of travelling about Canada, and thus becoming familiar with the great developments now under way. This is no country for pessimists. Those of us privileged to live in this great land are the most fortunate people on earth."

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ARMY SENIOR APPOINTMENTS: Five new appointments for senior officers of the Canadian Army, two including promotion to the rank of colonel, were announced on October 4 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton.

Col. Roger Rowley, DSO, ED, 36, of Ottawa, present Director of Military Operations and Plans, becomes Director of Infantry at Army HQ. He replaces Col. J.G.G. Charlebois, recently appointed military attaché to France.

Lt.-Col. Cliff H. Cook, ED, 38, also of Ottawa, is promoted to the rank of colonel and appointed Director of Military Operations and Plans.

Col. Ernest Charles Brown, OBE, ED, 44, officer in charge of administration at HQ Western Command, Edmonton, becomes commandant of the Northwest Highway System in December, with headquarters in Whitehorse, Y.T. He suc-

ceeds Brig. A.B. Connelly whose appointment to command Saskatchewan Area was announced last month.

Col. Ross MacAulay Bishop, OBE, ED, 38, of Ottawa, Director of Staff Duties at Army HQ, succeeds Col. Brown in Edmonton as officer in charge of administration.

Lt.-Col. George C. Leech, OBE, 39, formerly of Winnipeg, is promoted to the rank of colonel and becomes Director of Staff Duties early in October, succeeding Col. Bishop.

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U. OF T. TOOTH DECAY STUDIES: A statistical study of the incidence of tooth decay among children is being carried out by the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Toronto as part of a national programme of research into public health problems the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, has announced.

Until recently, he noted, few attempts have been made to analyze dental data statistically, and most of what has been done was limited to the averaging of mass surveys, with no attempt to qualify the accuracy of the conclusions by estimating the standard errors in sampling. Studies in Canada, the United States and Norway have shown that the amount of dental decay varies according to age and to the tooth surface involved. These investigations have produced at least two methods of estimating the incidence of tooth decay among large numbers of persons.

The present study is being carried out by Dr. R.M. Grainger under the supervision of Dr. G.T. Mitton, Associate Professor of Dental Public Health.

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ARMY APPOINTMENTS: Col. John B. Allan, 36, of Saint John, N.B., commandant of the Canadian Army base at Fort Churchill, has now been appointed officer in charge of administration at Prairie Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced at the same time the appointment of Lt.-Col. Donald Frederick (Don) Forbes, DSO and Bar, 43, of Sydney and Halifax, N.S., as commandant at Churchill, and his promotion to the rank of colonel.

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SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA REPORT: The Commonwealth Consultative Committee on South and South-East Asia completed its work on October 4 and adjourned. Its draft report was adopted unanimously and will now be considered by the individual Commonwealth Governments concerned. If the report is approved by Governments it will be published.

The Committee assembled on Monday, September 25, under the chairmanship of the Right Honourable Hugh Gaitskell, C.B.E., M.P., Minister of State for Economic Affairs. The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Mayhew, was the leader of the Canadian Delegation.