

preneur Sieur de Poutrincourt built the first mill in 1607. Nearby Port Royal was founded by the French in 1605, the first permanent settlement in Canada.

The building, which is larger than the original, is believed to bear a striking resemblance to Poutrincourt's mill in that the roof is covered with hand-split shingles and the exterior walls are faced with a type of brick used in the restoration of Louisbourg in Cape Breton - a brick type that was manufactured in Nova Scotia in the seventeenth century.

A working water-wheel, a gun emplacement and breastworks add to the realism.

MINING REGULATIONS LIBERALIZED

An amendment to the Canada Mining Regulations announced recently by Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, extends the time required for the completion of exploration work during the first period of a claim from one year to two. This change was made in recognition of the difficulties imposed by a short summer season in the Far North and the need to plan and mobilize to take best advantage of that working season.

Previously the holders of mineral claims located

north of the 66th Parallel were originally required to perform exploration work to a value of \$100 on each claim during the first year of the life of the claim. If such work could not be carried out within the year, the claim would be lost.

Under the new regulation, a claim-holder is permitted to plan work at any time during the first two years, though the amount of work done must now be valued at a minimum of \$200. The amendment applies only north of 66° latitude, and it will still be necessary to perform work on an annual basis after the second year.

SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC

Production of silver rose in December 1968 to 3,251,024 troy ounces from 2,864,139 in December 1967. Production for 1968 totalled 45,389,141 troy ounces, compared to 37,206,023 in 1967. Refined production of primary lead decreased to 17,987 tons in December from 19,266 tons in December 1967, but the 1968 total rose to 202,100 tons from 194,814. Refined production of primary zinc decreased to 37,692 tons in December from 38,465 in the 1967 month, but total production during 1968 rose to 426,933 tons from 405,098.