

News briefs

The federal government has approved construction of a new natural gas pipeline from North Bay to Morrisburg, Ontario. The project will provide additional pipeline capacity between Northern Ontario and Quebec to supply the Montreal area and new markets to be opened up as the gas pipeline is extended to the Maritimes. Communities in the upper Ottawa Valley will also have access to gas as an alternative heating source to more costly oil. Transcanada Pipelines Limited of Calgary, which will begin construction of the more than 380-kilometre line this summer, expects to complete the project by the summer of 1983 at an estimated cost of \$403 million.

The Manitoba government has authorized grants totalling \$77,000 for 14 self-help projects overseas. The money goes to the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation, which co-ordinates requests and allocates funds. The province matches dollar for dollar — to an approved maximum — the contribution from Manitoba-based agencies. These combined grants are then matched by the Canadian International Development Agency. The money will go to projects in Indonesia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Benin, Peru, Kenya, Swaziland, Nepal, Colombia, Guatemala, Upper Volta, Ecuador and Costa Rica.



Cycling is a year-around sport for Roy Fowler of Ottawa and regardless of the weather the staunch member of the Ottawa Bicycle Club goes for a spin on his three-wheeler every day since he has retired.

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Energy, Mines and Resources Canada has approved the drilling of an exploratory well, 400 kilometres east of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The well, named Petro-Canada et al Banquereau C-21, will be drilled with the drilling unit *Bow Drill I*. This is the first well in Canadian waters for this vessel, the first semi-submersible wholly-owned by a Canadian company, Bow Valley Industries of Calgary, Alberta. Petro-Canada will be the operator for the Banquereau Group of companies.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$7-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support a sale by Dominion Engineering Works Limited (DEWL) of Montreal to Fundidora Monterrey, S.A. of Mexico. The sale involves the supply of four grinding mills for use in an iron ore concentrating plant being built on the site of the Hercules iron mine in northern Mexico.

COM DEV Limited of Cambridge, Ontario has received \$926,000 in federal funds to help it become the Canadian supplier of surface acoustic wave devices. Surface acoustic wave devices process communications signals in a variety of ways for satellite communication and radar systems. The technology to be used by COM DEV Limited was developed by scientists at the Communications Research Centre of the Department of Communications.

Health and Welfare Canada has announced that Young Offenders Agreements with the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and the Yukon Territory are being renewed for 1981-82. Under these agreements, which came into force in 1974, the federal government shares in the cost of care and services provided young offenders under the control of correctional authorities. Such care and services are comparable to those provided by child welfare authorities.

The third ship in Canada's fisheries patrol fleet to carry the name *Cygnus* was christened recently at the Marystown Shipyard, Marystown, Newfoundland. The new 63-metre, \$13.6-million *Cygnus*, which is due to go into active service with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans this year, will be based at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and will undertake fisheries patrols within Canada's 200-mile Atlantic Coast fishing zone.

Pierre Harvey of Stoneham, Quebec won a 30 kilometre international cross country ski race in Castelrotto, Italy recently. Richard Weber of Cantley, Quebec finished ninth.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has released a book that deals with Pacific coastal waters. The 291-page book, entitled *Oceanography of the British Columbia Coast*, deals with the physical aspects of the sea as exemplified by the Pacific Oceans and the coastal waters of British Columbia. Although principally devoted to waves, currents and tides, the book covers a broad spectrum of topics ranging from meteorology and marine biology to past and present marine geology.

International Minerals and Chemical Corporation (Canada) Limited of Estevan, Saskatchewan, and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan are planning a \$250-million joint venture mine expansion that will raise potash production by 1.3 million metric tons a year by 1983. The planned expansion is still in a preliminary stage.

An association of Canadian co-operative financial and marketing institutions has signed an agreement-in-principle with the federal government which will enable these institutions to participate in a joint venture with the federal government in the oil and gas industry. Under the agreement, the Canadian government will match investment funds generated by the co-operative organizations over the next five years to a maximum of \$100 million.

The Canadian equestrian team won the Nations Cup at the recent festival of Sydney show jumping championships. Owing to stringent quarantine regulations, the Canadians were unable to take their own horses to Australia and were compelled to ride with borrowed mounts. Jim Elder of Aurora, Ontario, Mark Laskin of Edmonton, Alberta, and Kim Kirtton of Inglewood, Ontario edged out competitors from Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland.

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