

tronics plant which will make telecommunications components, and to place more emphasis on food processing activities.

Since 1979 mining has been New Brunswick's fastest-growing industry. In 1981 mineral output was worth over 534 million dollars, with most of the value in zinc, lead, silver and copper. This value will rise substantially by 1984, when a 360 million dollar zinc smelter will be completed. The smelter will employ 400 workers. Exploration investment has risen steadily in recent years and both consortiums and individual prospectors are actively involved in seeking base metals, tungsten and uranium. The focus of most attention is a corridor of granitic rock running diagonally across the province from southwest to northeast.

New Brunswick also has hopes for two less conventional resources: peat and oil shale. It is the only Canadian province that has mapped and assessed its complete fuel peat resource, about 520 million cubic metres. A study completed recently for the province recommended that the peat could be used as feedstock for the production of coke and activated carbon, which is currently being imported into Canada. The province also wants to develop its oil shale deposits, which may contain as much as 20 billion barrels of oil, and is looking to the federal government for assistance in making a technological assessment and in providing support and incentives for production.

The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council has predicted good growth through the mid-1980s for New Brunswick, based primarily on its basic export commodities and assisted by a number of federal-provincial development projects for the region worth some 30 million dollars.

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LA VISITE PROCHAINE DU COMMISSAIRE DAVIGNON

Le Vicomte Etienne Davignon, Vice-président de la Commission européenne, se rendra au Canada du 24 au 27 mai pour des entretiens avec des ministres canadiens en matière de politique industrielle et énergétique. M. Davignon participera au Symposium mondial sur l'Amiante à Montréal, et visitera ensuite Ottawa et Toronto.

SIR ROY DENMAN IN OTTAWA

On April 19 and 20, the Director General for External Relations of the European Commission, Sir Roy Denman, visited Ottawa to discuss international trade questions with Canadian officials.

LE SYMPOSIUM MONDIAL SUR L'AMIANTE

Plusieurs scientifiques de réputation internationale et représentants gouvernementaux et syndicaux de haut calibre ont accepté d'être conférenciers et panélistes au Symposium mondial sur