

TERRITORIAL GAS PURCHASE

Announcement of a contract involving the purchase of gas to be developed in the southern Yukon and Northwest Territories was welcomed recently by Mr. Arthur Laing, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The contract resulted from negotiations between Westcoast Transmission Company Limited, Vancouver, and the Pan-American Petroleum Corporation of Calgary. "This contract is another sign that the confidence of Canadians in the tremendous potential of Canada's northland is justified," Mr. Laing said.

Gas to be purchased under the terms of the contract will be taken from reserves being developed by Pan-American Petroleum Corporation in the Beaver River-Pointed Mountain area, overlapping sectors of the Yukon, Northwest Territories and British Columbia. The contract calls for purchase by Westcoast of up to 200 million cubic feet of gas daily, and will require the construction of a new \$15-million, 110-mile, 20-inch pipeline from Westcoast's present gas-processing plant at Fort Nelson, B.C., northwestward to Pan-American's gas reservoir in the Beaver River area.

UNTAPPED GAS SUSPECTED

Pointing to the gas discoveries in the area covered by the contract, Mr. Laing noted that an apparently substantial gas-pool had been discovered at the Pan-American Pointed Mountain P-53 wildcat well, located in the Northwest Territories near the Yukon border and 20 miles north of the Territory border. "I anticipate that other geologic structures in the immediate area will, when tested, prove to contain additional large gas reservoirs," the Minister said.

He pointed out that his Department's territorial oil and gas regulations and policies were designed to encourage the sort of development results contained in the contract announcement. "They have been both lenient and flexible to encourage extensive land acquisitions and exploration activities," he said. He was hopeful that the gas-purchase agreement would induce those oil companies holding territorial land in the Beaver River-Pointed Mountain area to step-up exploration programmes currently under way and scheduled for next winter.

VISITOR CENTRE FOR ST. JOHN'S

The Federal Government has awarded a \$266,910 contract for the construction of a Visitor Centre on the historic hill overlooking St. John's, Newfoundland.

The Centre will be the initial step towards making Signal Hill one of the outstanding national historic parks of Canada. Its design adapts contemporary lines to the requirements of the rugged sea-coast location.

The stone and reinforced-concrete structure will be a few hundred feet from Cabot Tower, site of the historic Marconi transatlantic radio experiments. The park, which overlooks the harbour of St. John's, preserves and commemorates a long history that

dates back beyond 1790. The Visitor Centre will give the federal National and Historic Parks Branch the opportunity to acquaint visitors through word, picture and exhibit with the full potential of the historic heritage involved.

Mr. Laing's Department hopes to have the Centre fully operational by the latter half of the 1968 tourist season.

OLIVIER AT EXPO '67

Three of the greatest hits of the London stage will be seen in Montreal this year when the National Theatre of Great Britain appears from October 18 to 28 at the Expo '67 World Festival of Entertainment.

The company's celebrated production of *Othello* will open the 11-day engagement in the new 1,300-seat Théâtre Maisonneuve at the Place des Arts, with Sir Laurence Olivier in the role of the Moor of Venice - probably the most widely-discussed stage performance of recent years. The production will be repeated on October 20, 24 and 26, and will not be seen elsewhere during the company's tour of Canada, its first visit to North America.

Love for Love, the Restoration comedy by William Congreve, will be performed on October 19, 22, 25 and 28. On October 21 and 27, the company will present Georges Feydeau's farce, *A Flea in Her Ear* - a production that was hailed as the big success of the 1966 London theatre season.

TRADE FAIR SCHEDULE

Trade and Commerce Minister Winters recently announced a programme that would introduce Canadian products at 67 international trade fairs and expositions in 12 countries on five continents. The 1967-68 trade fair programme would, he said, lay increased emphasis on the development of markets in Eastern Europe, France and Latin America.

The programme period, which will extend to June 1968, will include fairs in Britain, Czechoslovakia, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the United States, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

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This programme is by no means completely effective when you consider that we expected to spend some \$3.5 million on mobility in the first ten months of operation of the programme, but succeeded in putting out only \$900,000. This indicates a need for governmental authorities to persuade people to take advantage of mobility benefits. The adequate