

An all electric northern city

Mount Wright, about 480 miles north-east of Quebec City, is a mountain of iron! Under a thin layer of rock, there is enough of the ore to keep the Quebec Cartier Mining Company busy for at least 100 years, but the company has to encourage workers to come and live in the far north of Quebec. To make northern life pleasant and to avoid the continual migrations that weaken the efficiency of the operation, the company decided to encourage its employees and their families to come and live near Mount Wright.

And so Fermont was created – the only all-electric city in Quebec. Even the service station in Fermont is entirely heated by electricity. (This is said to be the only one of its kind in Quebec.)

Fermont is regarded as the most beautiful city in northern Quebec. Everything has been planned so that workers, their wives and their children can live at a latitude where, without special provision, the cold and the wind would make any sort of human existence impossible.

The windshield

Several miles from the iron mountain, Lake Daviault was located in a depression formed by a group of hills arranged in a horseshoe and opening into a corridor toward the north. The site seemed to be the perfect location for a city, provided that a way could be found to cut down the north winds,



Part of "The Windshield". The whole building is nearly a mile long.

which at that latitude sometimes lowered the temperature to -100 degrees. The planners therefore decided to construct a huge building nearly one mile long, which would shelter the houses in the city by cutting them off from the northern valley. This building, in the shape of a giant arrowhead (to deflect the winds toward the outside of the city), is aptly named "The Windshield".

In The Windshield are located municipal services, stores, sports facilities, schools, and a large number of housing units. It is believed that in the dead of winter, 35 per cent of Fermont residents would be able to live in the immense labyrinth without

having to take a single step outside the building – living at -100 degrees with no coat, no hat, no boots.

Expensive houses going cheap

The houses in Fermont are all alike – all magnificent. They cost the company about \$50,000 each, and are offered to married employees on a ten-year purchase plan, with payments of about a \$100 a month. The number of children determines the size of the house the employee is offered, regardless of his rank in the company. So up around the 53rd parallel, there are houses selling for a little over \$10,000 that are worth five times as much!

Fisheries pact signed with Poland

Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen announced on March 25, the conclusion of an agreement between Canada and Poland on fisheries matters, effective immediately.

Based on negotiations held in Warsaw last January and in Ottawa in November 1975, the agreement establishes short-term arrangements concerning the conduct of present Polish fishing in waters off Canada's Pacific coast. It includes provisions for 1976 covering the species to be caught, quotas, closed areas beyond present Canadian jurisdiction and co-operative arrange-

ments to ensure compliance with the agreement. There is also a provision relating to Polish loading and unloading operations.

Both delegations also agreed to submit for approval the text of a wider-ranging, jurisdictional agreement which, on approval by both countries, would permit Polish vessels to fish in areas to be brought under Canadian jurisdiction beyond the present limits of the Canadian territorial sea and fishing zones, under Canadian authority and control, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. This proposed agreement is under consideration by both governments and is expected to be signed shortly.

Former Queen's principal Deutsch dies

Dr. John James Deutsch, fourteenth principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and eminent Canadian economist, died March 18 at age 65. Principal Ronald L. Watts paid special tribute to Dr. Deutsch as a member of the Queen's family: "I know I speak for everyone in the University when I say that our loss is profound and peculiarly personal. Prominent in national affairs, he was, nevertheless, always drawn back by an irresistible affinity for Queen's to be successively a student, a teacher, vice-principal and principal of Queen's. He looked upon Queen's as his home and its commu-