

### New discovery by Imperial Oil

Further potential oil and gas resources of the Arctic offshore was confirmed recently by Northern Affairs Minister Jean Chrétien in commenting on the announcement by Imperial Oil of a discovery of a multi-zone oil and gas well in the Mackenzie River Delta region.

The Imperial Adgo F-28 well is the second exploratory one drilled by Imperial from a man-made island constructed in the shallow waters of the Beaufort Sea. It is a forerunner of more drilling ventures to be conducted, commencing in 1976, from floating vessels in deeper Beaufort Sea waters, following completion of environmental studies.

The Adgo discovery is the most recent of a series of more than 15 separate oil or gas discoveries in the Mackenzie River Delta region and will contribute toward the vast reserves required to justify construction of pipeline transportation facilities. The Minister emphasized that these multiple discoveries resulted from prolonged exploratory efforts made in the region over more than a decade.

Similar long-term efforts will be required to assess the potential of oil and gas of the deeper offshore region.

The Minister believes that the Adgo well, the most seaward discovery of oil and gas to date, gives both the industry and the Government confidence to press forward with these exploration programs required to meet at the appropriate time, the nation's future energy requirement.

### Cost-saving caps

Ultra-white caps — for nurses and catering staff — made in Ontario from a special synthetic material that is cleaned simply by wiping off with warm water and soap, are now being marketed in Britain.



Called 'Perma Cap', they were developed in Canada by McCallan and Associated Ltd, North Bay, which claims significant cost savings compared to the use of paper disposable or linen-laundered caps.

The cap is permanently shaped, guaranteed to stay white, needs no laundering or starching and, say McCallan, a single Perma Cap will replace 78 paper caps or six linen caps and laundry costs for 18 months.

There are 400 different styles to choose from or caps can be produced to individual designs if ordered in quantity. Each one is fitted with a self-adhesive washable band with a choice of colours to show rank or position.

### Hope of finding 1812 warships

The search sponsored by the Royal Ontario Museum for two United States warships sunk in Lake Ontario during the 1812 War may be close to success. This was revealed recently by Dr. Daniel A. Nelson, director of the search, in a paper presented to the Canadian Hydrographic Conference in Burlington. He reported finding a sunken ship at about 300 feet.

"Evaluation of the side-scan sonar record," he stated, "indicates that the feature is a sunken ship, 15 to 20 metres in length with the exposed portion rising about three metres above the bottom. The vessel appears to be constructed of wood and the presence of a degree of sedimentation leads to the opinion that it is reasonably old."

The measurements correspond substantially to those of the lost warships.

The side-scan sonar records were studied by Dr. P.G. Sly, Head of Lakes Research, Canada Centre for Inland Waters, who concurred in the speculation.

The search for the two ships, begun in 1972, is believed to be one of the most comprehensive and sophisticated archaeological deep-water operation ever attempted.

The basic survey was conducted with magnetometer equipment. Confirmation of magnetic findings was accomplished with side-scan sonar. It is hoped that certain confirmation will be achieved this summer, using closed-circuit TV.

Should the finding prove to be one of the warships, concludes Nelson, the other will undoubtedly be found nearby.

### Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development to study Canadian educational policies

A study of Canada's educational policies will be made by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, announced recently. This study, which is part of the regular activities of the OECD and is similar to reviews by the OECD in the United States, France, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden and West Germany, will be supported by the Canadian Council of Ministers of Education.

A co-ordinating committee of the

Council of Ministers of Education, composed of one representative each from the Western provinces, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, will direct the study. Two representatives of the Canadian Government will also participate in the committee's activities.

One of the major objects of the review will be to acquaint the OECD member states with Canadian educational developments, while subjecting provincial, regional and national policies to external examination and

criticism. The final report will provide an overview of the status of education in Canada.

The review is also intended to promote internal study and analysis of educational developments and policies regionally, and to identify areas for long-range planning which individual ministries or the Council of Ministers of Education may wish to explore in the interests of provincial and/or inter-provincial planning and co-operation.

The OECD reviews normally comprise three distinct stages. The first