

YUKON PARADISE

Teslin Lake in the Yukon is 85 miles long; hence its name, from the local Indian word meaning "long waters". One's first glimpse of the lake is obtained as one approaches Mile 802 on the Alaska Highway. The region is filled with long, sparkling fjord-like lakes and the snow-capped peaks of the Coast Range. This wilderness area is teeming with wildlife and the lakes have a bountiful supply of lake trout.

The original Indian village at Teslin is on the shore of Nisutlin Bay; the name "Nisutlin" means "quiet waters". This delightful native village is an excellent subject for photographers, with the homes and the old church built of logs. The food-caches are high off the ground on stilt-like bases. Brightly-coloured wild flowers and a beautiful view of the lake complete the picture.

At Mile 804 is the growing community of Teslin, with its trading-post store, telephone, telegraph and post office, the Teslin Lake motel and coffee shop and Teslin Motors. A trailer court, campground and lodge are being constructed further along the lake shore at Mile 806.

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GUIDE TO ATLANTIC SEA SHELLS

A 72-page illustrated guide to 150 kinds of sea shells found along Canada's Atlantic coasts has been prepared by Dr. E.L. Bousfield, zoologist of the National Museum of Canada.

The book is intended to serve as a reference for both amateur and professional shell collectors. Through illustrations keyed to the text, sea shells can be identified and their normal environment located.

"Canadian Atlantic Sea Shells" is one of the first sea-shell guides published in North America that provides accurate pictorial descriptions, up-to-date information and a comprehensive coverage of the sea shells of a particular region in an inexpensive format. Advice is also given on collecting shells.

Copies of Dr. Bousfield's book are available from the Queen's Printer at \$1.00.

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PROVINCIAL FUNDED DEBT

Direct funded debt, less sinking funds, for all provinces at March 31 this year was estimated at \$2,909 million, an increase of \$123 million from the corresponding total a year earlier, according to the annual interim report on direct and indirect funded debt for provincial governments by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Total indirect funded debt (guaranteed bonds or debentures), less sinking funds, rose by \$410 million to \$2,937 million at the close of the fiscal year.

Gross bonded debt (direct) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1960, declined from a

year earlier in Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia and rose in the remaining provinces. All provincial governments except Newfoundland retired bonds during the year to the value of \$255 million, including \$84 million which was called or cancelled prior to maturity by four provinces. All provinces except Alberta and British Columbia floated new bond issues, of which 27.8 per cent were sold outside Canada as compared to 42.5 per cent in the previous fiscal year.

The amount of guaranteed bonds was greater in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1960, than a year earlier in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Indirect debt consists mainly of bonds issued by municipalities and schools, and various private authorities.

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NEW CANADA-NEW ZEALAND TIE

The following is the text of an exchange of messages between Prime Minister Diefenbaker of Canada and Prime Minister Walter Nash of New Zealand on the occasion of the opening of commercial traffic on International Telex between Canada and New Zealand, September 1, 1960:

"Here in New Zealand today we are opening for commercial traffic for the first time International Telex. This modern, new service links our country with yours and is a further communications link to bind more strongly together our two countries.

"Thus, on the first day this new service operates I am sending you over International Telex from a machine in the Parliament Buildings this message of friendly greetings on behalf of the people of New Zealand.

"May this service foster to even greater strength the cordial relations between our two countries, and may it, too serve as a means of fostering greater trade and commerce between us.

"Later this year the Telex service will be further strengthened when we together open two New Zealand-Vancouver radio Telex channels.

"Further strengthening of our overall communication links will come when the Trans-Pacific telephone cable is opened in 1964 and we here in New Zealand look forward to that event.

"Please accept my warmest personal regards and my very best wishes.

Walter Nash, Prime Minister."

"I acknowledge with pleasure your message sent over the new International Telex Service linking our two countries.

"In thanking you for your friendly greetings on behalf of the people of New Zealand I wish to reciprocate them and extend sincere good wishes on behalf of the Canadian people.

"I look forward to a strengthening of the already close and friendly relationships between New Zealand and Canada through this new means of communication, which I am sure will prove of great benefit to both our countries.

"With warmest personal regards.

John G. Diefenbaker."