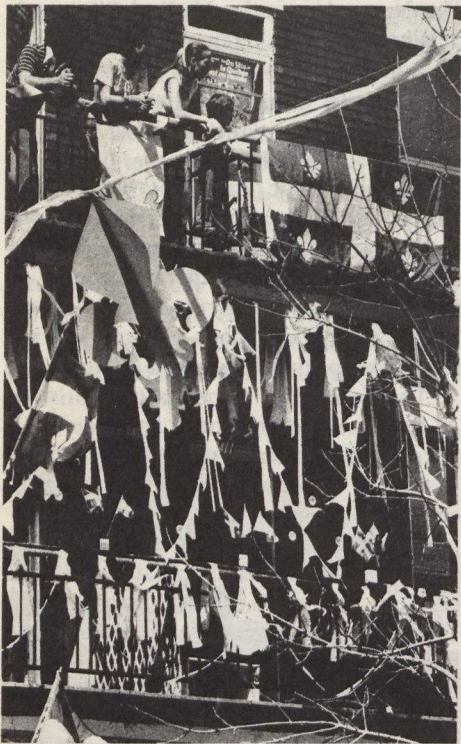


Quebecers make merry



Le Devoir

In celebration of "Saint-Jean Baptiste", a Quebec holiday, June 24, these Montrealers hang flags and streamers on balconies while watching parades, bicycle races and fireworks displays.

Major gas find

North America's largest natural gas formation may be in the Deep Basin in Alberta and British Columbia, according to John Masters, president of Canadian Hunter Exploration Ltd. of Calgary, which discovered the Elsworth field near Grande Prairie in northwestern Alberta in 1976.

In a scientific paper presented to the society's annual meeting, he said the Deep Basin, lying immediately east of the Rocky Mountains in northwestern Alberta and northeastern British Columbia, may have a potential resource basis of 400 trillion cubic feet.

Canada currently uses about 1.5 trillion cubic feet of gas a year.

By comparison, North America's largest existing gas field — the Hugoton Panhandle in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas — has 60 trillion cubic feet of reserves. Canada's largest existing field — the Milk River in southern Alberta — has nine trillion cubic feet.

New fish habitat laws

Federal Fisheries authorities have begun a campaign to alert the public and industry to the existence of new laws for protecting fish habitats under the recently-amended Fisheries Act.

"The new laws may affect anyone who owns waterfront property or proposes to build in an area which supports aquatic life," said Fisheries and Environment Minister Roméo LeBlanc. "That could include apparently useless-looking swamps or marshes, which are often essential food-producing areas for fish."

The initial phase of the campaign involves extensive distribution of a leaflet entitled *Planning Work Near the Water?*, which describes fish habitats and emphasizes their economic significance. It also outlines the various ways in which the habitats may be disrupted or destroyed — by dredging, landfill, wharf construction, removing sand or gravel from streams, foreshore log storage, seabed mining and some types of road construction.

The leaflet stresses that early consultation with fisheries officials before water-related construction or other work is started could avoid a fine of up to \$50,000 or a two-year prison term. In most cases where there is a potential problem, plans can be altered to accom-

modate the needs of all concerned.

Initial distribution of the leaflet will include government departments and agencies involved in administering the legislation, as well as national and regional organizations and groups whose members may be affected.

Deal with Gabon

The Export Development Corporation has agreed to establish a \$150-million confirmed line of credit with Gabon.

The corporation is ready to finance projects involving sales of Canadian goods and services to that country, including railway projects, port construction and resource development.

The line of credit was initiated during a visit to Canada in October 1977 by Gabonese President El Hadj Omar Bongo. Mr. Anchemey, Minister of Planning and National Development and Mr. Nze, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Economy and Finance, concluded the arrangements in Ottawa.

Gabon is a resource-rich West African country which gained independence from France 18 years ago. The country is developing its resources for continued economic progress and is expanding its social, educational and medical facilities.



Heidi, a St. Bernard in Prince George, British Columbia, watches the world through a hole cut in the fence for a dog's eye view.