

Jade

Canada, where every known mineral is mined, where more nickel, potash, nepheline syanite, silver and zinc are dug than in any other country, where 5.7 billion dollars worth of minerals was mined in 1970 and more than 5 billion of it was exported, this Canada which ranks third in mineral production, behind the United States and Russia, is also a major producer of one surprising rock: nephrite, the dark green jade.

Jade is often found on the gold-washed gravel bars of the Bridge and the Fraser Rivers, but 100 years ago only some canny Chinese workers recognized the rocks for what they were. They quit the Gold Rush

to ship the valuable jade to China in trading ships, disguising it as ballast.

Today up to 100 tons of jade, worth from \$800,000 to a million dollars, is exported every year, some as jewelry but most cut down from boulders into a rough working size. A fair percentage goes to Idar-Oberstein, a German town that is the largest gem-cutting area in Europe. Occasionally buyers from Hong Kong or the People's Republic of China fly to Vancouver, drive nine hours (or fly in one) up north to Smithers, "the end of everything," for a spectacular charter flight by helicopter and an on-site inspection of the boulders. (A nice

James Bond scene.) The P.G.E. Railways, which will expand its routes by the end of the year, should simplify the boulder removal problem enormously.

To find out more about your prospects for prospecting jade, or any other mineral, write to John L. Bonus at the Mining Association of Canada, Suite 2170, Place de Ville in Ottawa for the free booklet: Mining. It's considered their best issue in thirty years.

For jade especially, there are several concerns. For example, Jade Queen Mines, Ltd., 1520 Albernie St., Vancouver, has a catalogue of rough and finished pieces, from relatively cheap to relatively dear.

Mobile Homes



Canada generally makes good mobile homes, built to be comfortable for a long winter. Information is available from the Canadian Mobile Home and Travel Trailer Association. In the east, write Mr. Frank Young, Executive Secretary, Suite 512, 55 York Street, Toronto 1. In the west, write Miss Tim Wheeler, 3809-6th Street, Calgary 6, Alberta.

A report called "The Mobile Home in Canada" is available from Information Canada, Ottawa.

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You Buy Our Stuff, But What Do You Think of Us?

The Canadian government recently had a Gallup poll taken of U.S. opinion about Canada. Some results were expectable, and some were mildly surprising.

According to the poll, virtually all Americans had a "favorable impression" of Canada. Four per cent had a negative impression—one per cent with a highly unfavorable attitude, mostly pointing to Canada's acceptance of draft dodgers.

Friendliness, beauty, recreation and snow were on people's minds. Seventy-two percent said they might consider visiting.

Americans with relatively more formal education saw relations between the U.S. and Canada getting worse (*below*).

Most Americans did not share the Canadian view on last year's tax surcharge on foreign imports.

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RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA

	College	High School	Grade School
Improving	28	31	33
Getting Worse	42	29	17
No Difference	23	28	27
No Opinion	7	12	23
	100%	100%	100%