

## The Maritime Region

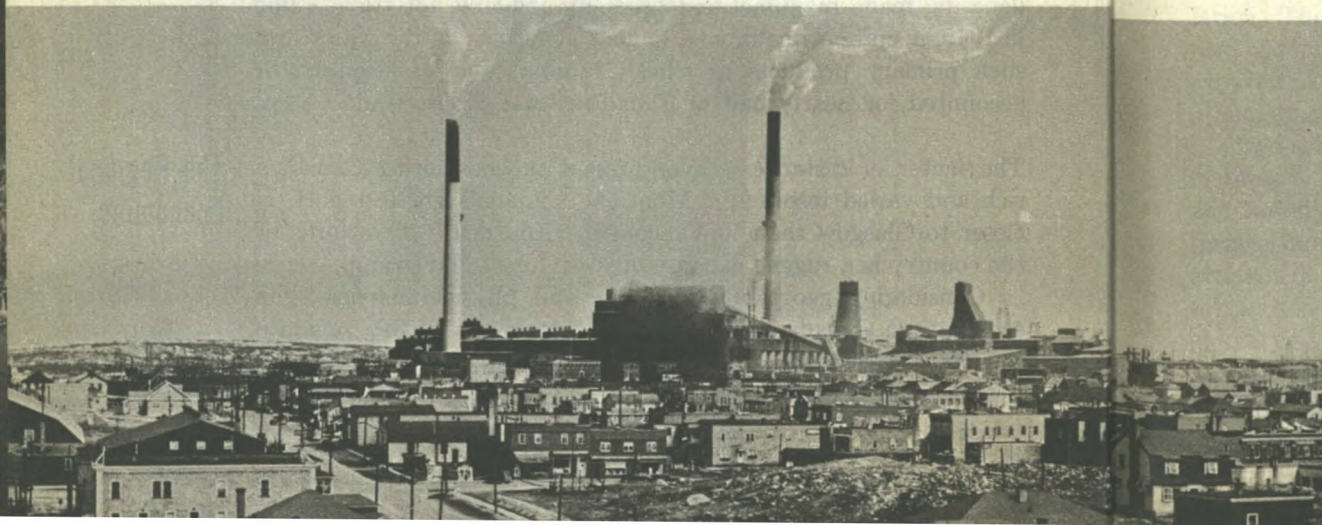
Canada's Atlantic provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland—experience alike the effect of the sea and its resources; but against the background of this common circumstance, a great variety of economic interests is apparent.

The economy of Newfoundland rests primarily upon three industries, fishing, pulp and paper, and mining. Although considerable economic diversification has taken place in the past decade, at least one-half the population depends directly for its livelihood upon the fishing industry. Exports of pulp and paper increased substantially during the war, and thriving new communities have developed in connection with this industry. One of the world's largest deposits of red hematite iron ore is worked at the Bell Island mines, and there are smaller deposits of lead, zinc, and copper ores, and fluorspar and limestone, in the province.

The resources of Labrador—the mainland part of the province—have not yet been thoroughly surveyed, but huge water-power potentialities and substantial stands of timber are apparent. Already vast deposits of high grade hematite iron ore have been discovered in the area bordering northern Quebec: one development company, with its concessions only partly explored, has proved the existence of over three hundred million tons of high grade iron ore. Work on the first railway has begun, and the construction of ore docks at its sea terminal is projected.

The major industries of the other three Atlantic provinces are based on farm, forest, and sea. Lumber, pulp and paper, cod, haddock, lobsters and oysters are leading products. But agriculture is also of considerable importance, although farms in this region had to be won, for the most part, from the forests, and are small. Potatoes, apples, and dairy products are the staples, and there is a considerable fur farming industry. Many farm

Smelter stacks rise over the twin mining cities of Noranda and Rouyn, northwestern Quebec.



Hard-rock miners chip samples off a drift at the 1900-ft. level.

A helicopter picks up surveyors working on the new Labrador iron ore development.

