

CANADA GETS CANOL PIPE-LINES

As a result of negotiations between Canada and the United States, more than 570 miles of pipe-line in the Yukon Territory have been purchased by Canada, Northern Affairs Minister Alvin Hamilton announced recently. With the lines, Canada has acquired extensive storage facilities in Whitehorse.

Formal transfer of ownership by the United States Army, which has been responsible for the system, took place on March 31. F.H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon, represented Canada at a brief ceremony.

These lines were originally part of the Canol system, constructed by the United States during the war to supply fuel for naval operations in the Pacific. Source of the oil was Norman Wells, in the Northwest Territories, but the main line through the Mackenzie Mountains was dismantled as uneconomic in 1947. Another part of the system - the Canadian portion of the line between Whitehorse and Skagway on the Alaskan coast - was transferred to Canada in 1958. The remainder, consisting of petroleum-products lines running along the Alaska Highway between the Alaska boundary and Whitehorse and between Carcross and Watson Lake, are now owned by Canada as well.

Mr. Hamilton said that this purchase completes the acquisition by Canada of the Canol facilities.

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NEW WEATHER OFFICE

Transport Minister George Hees recently announced that a new weather bureau would be opened at London, Ontario, by the Meteorological Branch of the Department of Transport to provide specialized weather service and advice to city residents as well as to municipal departments, public utilities and agriculture and industrial interests in the surrounding community.

Mr. Hees said that the specialized forecast and advisory services provided would be of particular value to agricultural interests in southwestern Ontario. It would be very useful, he said, at the critical growing periods of the year, such as the frost and harvesting periods, when advance warnings would make it possible to take protective measures against excessive losses.

The regional forecasts for the separate Ontario areas will continue to be provided by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Toronto, but the weather forecasts provided by the London office will be adjusted to take into account local factors of topography and climate. The London weather office will receive a continent-wide coverage of weather information by high-speed teletype and will be connected to the National Weather Facsimile Network on which weather charts and data are received simultaneously by 60 offices from coast to coast by land wire and radio.

NORWAY FIRM HONOURS CANADIANS

Captains E.L. Kelso and Robert Marchand of the Department of Transport have been honoured by the Norwegian shipping firm of Halfdan, Ditlev, Simonsen and Co. Ltd., for the part they played last August in saving the fire-swept vessel "Vingnes" from being wrecked in Hudson Bay.

Both mariners received engraved silver cigarette boxes from the ship's owners, bearing the inscription "In remembrance of valuable service to MS. 'Vingnes'."

Captain Kelso is the Department's ice-information officer at Churchill, Manitoba, in summer and is at present serving in a similar capacity at Halifax. Captain Marchand is master of the Department's icebreaker "Ernest Lapointe".

The Norwegian ship, her radio, navigation equipment and lifeboats destroyed by a blaze that took the life of a crew member, was two days overdue at Churchill when her company's agent asked for help in locating her. Captain Kelso, in the Transport Department ice-reconnaissance plane, found the ship, lost and drifting helplessly into shoal waters. He radioed for the icebreaker and circled the stricken vessel until Captain Marchand's ship had reached the scene. Although the steering-gear of the "Vingnes", was damaged, she could steam slowly and was able to follow the "Lapointe" to Churchill. Funeral service was held there for the dead crew member and the ship repaired sufficiently to enable her to return to Norway.

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CAMPBELL IN "PINAFORE"

Douglas Campbell, one of the original members of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival company and one of its leading actors for the past seven years, will make his first appearance on the Canadian musical stage this summer as the Boatswain in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," opening July 15 for a three-week run. He joins Eric House, Marion Studholme and Andrew Downie, previously announced for the roles of Sir Joseph Porter, Josephine and Ralph Rackstraw respectively in the Festival's revival of the popular old operetta.

This will be the first season since 1953 that Mr. Campbell has not acted in a Festival Shakespearean production. He will, however, direct "A Midsummer Night's Dream", with Tony Van Bridge and Kate Reid in leading roles. Immediately after that play's opening on June 28, he will report to the Avon for rehearsals of "Pinafore."

Mr. Campbell, a baritone, has frequently appeared in musical productions in England and has sung in several of the Shakespearean presentations in the Festival Theatre. This will be the first time, however, that he has taken a principal role in a musical on this continent.