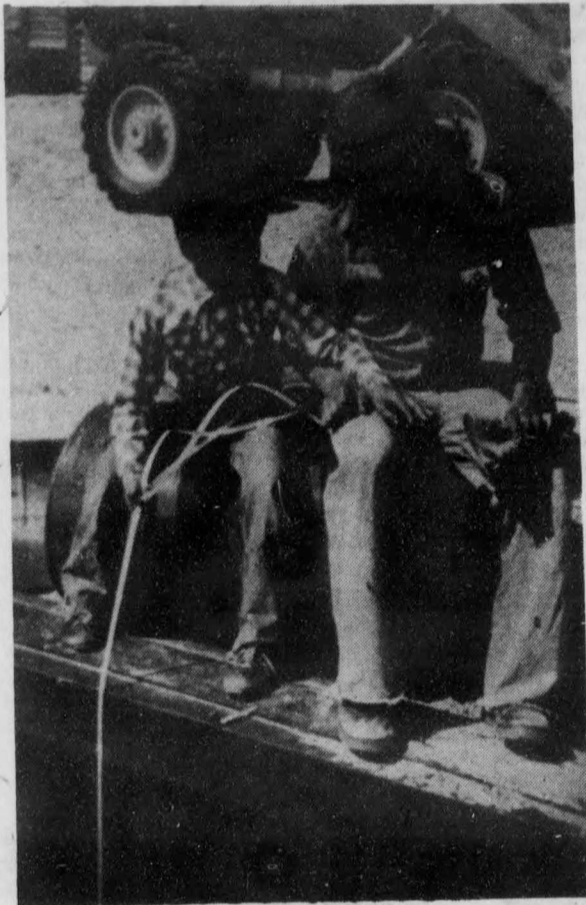


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Inuit brothers fishing

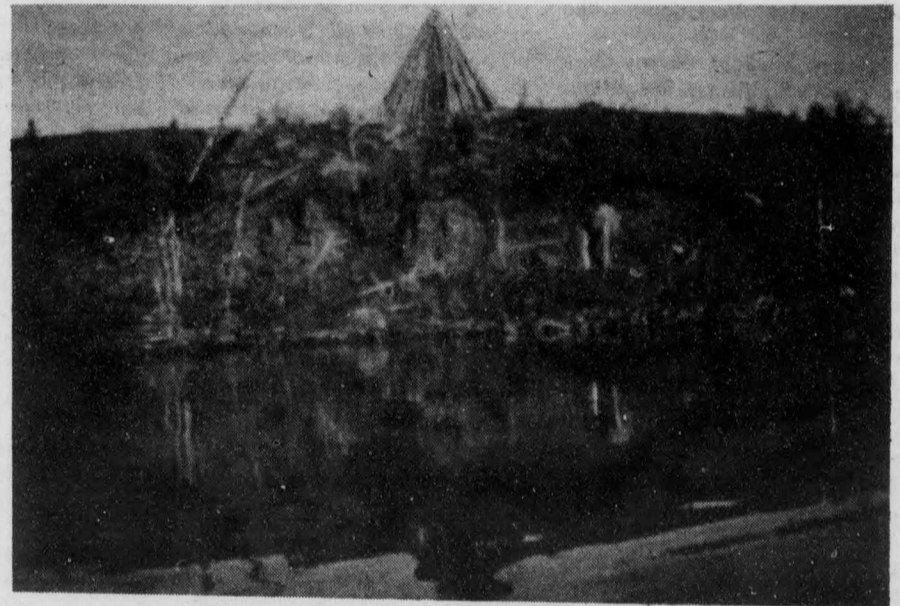


Inuit hunters with white whales

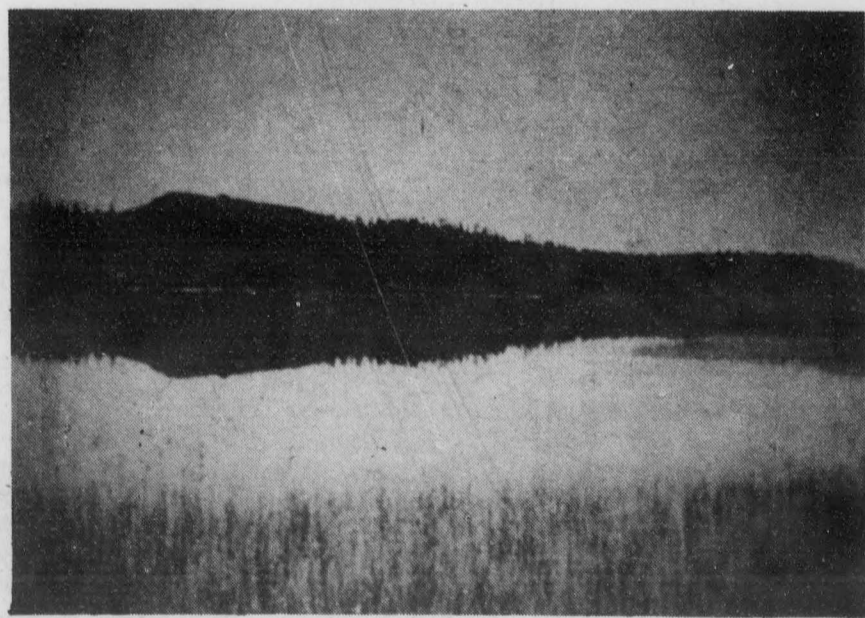
Our North is an unseen and forgotten land for most Canadians. Historically the Indian and Inuit people were the only inhabitants of the northern portion of our country. Until recent times the white people did not think that the northern land was worth settling on.

During the last ten to fifteen years the search for more resources and new energy has pushed us north. New mines have opened, oil drilling is being done where it was never thought possible, and new hydro-electric projects have been built. This has been done by encroaching on previously owned Indian and/or Inuit territory. The native people and the ecological environment have not been neglected however. For example, the Quebec-Hydro Corporation has an environmental section which does studies before and during any projects they conduct. Since mistakes are bound to happen, the various levels of government in our country are very strict with the standards required for any company or organization developing and working in the North.

The major difference between the beautiful northlands and other parts of the country is the effect modern civilization has on the land. There are vast areas of unspoiled beauty in the North, and as access is limited, it is difficult to see. Yet anybody also has a chance to visit the north should not be discouraged by this. The Native people are friendly and understanding, the air is clean, and the land is beautiful. No words or pictures can fully describe the great and virtually undiscovered frontier of the north. If you want to escape civilization this summer, go North!



Inuit teepee on Guyer Lake



Great Whale area



Inuit workers