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VALLEY CAMP ORE DOCK OPENED FEB. 14

A new era opened in the Lakehead with the test running of the massive iron ore handling facilities of Valley Camp Coal Company on the Mission River.

A co-operative effort between Valley Camp and the CNR, the $5½ million complex has been an engineering first in Canada under the supervision of Swan Wooster Engineering Company Ltd.

Unit-trains of the CNR will circle the stacking area and continue through the unloading shed at a 3½-4 mile an hour walking speed for automatic unloading into a trench under which two speeding conveyor belts carry the ore to the main belting system.

A massive stacker picks the ore off the continuous belt and can either reload it on the belt for direct shipment to a waiting vessel or stack it in huge piles on the vast storage area, capable of holding 1,500,000 tons. This will allow segregation of special ores or pellets as desired.

At present only the unloading machines are operational and are being tested and adjusted with trainloads of iron pellets.

The ship loading portion of the complex is still being assembled but will be operational by the opening of navigation.

The primary user of the facilities will be the Steel Company of Canada transhipping ores from the Bruce Lake Griffith Mine.

BUY CANADIAN!

Canada spends $361 annually on U.S. goods for every Canadian whereas the figure for U.S. purchases in Canada is only $31 per head of population.

"IRISHMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TALK UNTIL THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD"

PIPELINE EXPANSION

News reports out of Duluth, Minnesota, express glee in anticipation of the great financial return to that city and state with the building of the Great Lakes Transmission Company Natural Gas pipeline entering the state near Emerson, Manitoba, and continuing through Wisconsin and Michigan.

The Lakehead Industrial Commission strenuously fought to have Trans-Canada Pipelines build the 36" Natural Gas pipeline in Canada and develop the north country while the gas was flowing to eastern Canada. It was stressed that the assumed lower U.S. construction cost was of little consequence when related to the long term benefits to Canada. Now it can be seen just how right the Commission was in the contention that new wages, new taxes, sales tax and material etc would far exceed the small anticipated increased difference in cost. We have lost forever the economic benefits of having an all Canadian route contributing for many years to the economy.

The Duluth report states over 2,000 high priced construction workers will be hired to install the line and after completion, 300 of these men will be given permanent jobs. The State of Minnesota alone will gain more than $66 million dollars in taxable property from the pipeline and related facilities. Other states will gain proportionately.

There is no need to cry over spilled milk. However, there is a lesson to be learned. Our economists are continually stressing the desirability of secondary industry participating to a greater degree in the processing of our natural resources before exporting them. Natural Gas is a prime example. At least we could retain the carriage charge for a lengthier distance before giving our competitors the full gain on our resources.

Canadian Government officials gave a commitment that the present 30" Canadian pipeline would be twined by 1970. A scant 22 months remain and this situation will be carefully watched.

It should also be noted that explorations are underway to create a pipeline to carry potash from Saskatchewan mines to a terminal at Duluth. Again it appears we are giving away our Canadian resources. Haven't we learned our lesson as good Canadians? —

POPULATION EXPLOSION?

Canada's population January 1, 1968 has been estimated at 20,630,000--an increase of 378,000 (1.9%) over the figure at January 1, 1967.

During 1967, Ontario established the greatest numerical increase of any province--174,000 (2.5%)

APPOINTMENT

A. J. Wing Construction Ltd. has been appointed Lakehead and area representative for Butler Metal Buildings.

NAME CHANGE

The Ontario Department of Economics and Development is planning to change its name to:--

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

TRADE COMMISSIONER'S VISIT

Mr. A. Johnson, South African Trade Commissioner is planning a visit to the area and is interested in contacting importers of commodities or mining machinery from that country.

Enquiries should be directed to the Industrial Commission Office 622-6364.

LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1968

No. of permits 1968	23
No. of permits 1967	28
Value of permits 1968	$190,967
Value of permits 1967	$481,660

LAKEHEAD AIRPORT STATISTICS 1967

Total number of passengers travelling on scheduled airlines	139,920
increase over 1966 of	23,887
Aircargo Air Express, Freight	2,548,350 lbs.
increase over 1966 of	132,161 lbs.
Aircraft Movements - Scheduled Airlines	4,825
increase over 1966 of	519
Commercial Aircraft Movement (Non-scheduled)	9,794
increase over 1966 of	853
Aircraft Movements - Military, training and Private	75,065
decrease under 1966 of	2,195
Total - all aircraft movements	89,684

In 1967, the record of continued accident free operation of the airport was maintained.