INTRODUCING CANADA

(This is the third in a series of articles on "Introducing Canada" to our readers with the hope that all of us will become better acquainted with this great country.)

A CHANGE IN THE INVESTMENT PICTURE

With the view to imperial markets and the advantages enjoyed by products in Canada, who shipped to those markets, industry in the period between two wars was financed by United States business interests. On December 31, 1945, American capital investment in Canada amounted to approximately five billion dollars and represented at that time about 70 per cent of the total growing investment in Canada. From 1919 to 1946 about 27 per

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THIS IS OUR BUSINESS

The Portland-Montreal Pipe Line is our business. Anything that is our bread and butter is our business. Likewise, we are a part of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line and without us it would not function.

Anything that is our business is of vital importance and we usually make an effort to know as much as possible about it. Each of us has a part in the lifeline of our company. Each of us produces something that makes our organization tick. When we stop producing the organization slows down. If we all stopped producing the pipe line would stop pumping oil. After our day's work on the pipe line, we should feel that we have done something worthwhile and take satisfaction in the fact that we have participated in the co-operative effort that makes

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MAIN LINE PROJECT STARTS

With arrival of slightly warmer breezes, there is a feeling of spring in the air and with the coming of this welcome season, the Portland-Montreal Pip. Line's big project of building a new line is getting underway. Much of the preliminary work has started and the hiring of specialized construction personnel has become an item of major importance. The first out-of-town contractor has set up offices in South Portland to be near the scene of their point of operation.

The Latex Construction Company of Georgia has opened up headquarters in one of the buildings at the U.S.W.C. shipyard in South Portland as of March 27. They have leased the major portion of one of the large fabricating buildings for use as a pipe and manifold

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"SPRING-AROUND THE CORNER!"

Here it is the middle of March with Spring just around the corner and the weather still unpredictable.

I am reminded of the diagnostic remarks of one of our Oxford County farmers who states: "Spring is just around the corner a-winkin' at you. But don't get careless boys for Old Man Winter can still hit you with three cracks behind the ear, and a lift in the seat of the pants."

Again he quotes: - "The smell of skunk in March is a true harbinger of Spring, but don't forget boys, the skunk is a potential stinker and so is March."

I am in absolute agreement with the old boy. March comes in like a lion and has been acting like one so far this month.

While passing through Norway last Friday, I parked behind an automobile that had run afoul of a skunk. The odor was powerful and the owner was wretched. Desiring to "break the ice" with an optimistic remark, I referred to the skunk as a harbinger of Spring. From there on the conversation became unprintable and I beat a quick retreat.

On arriving home I enjoyed a nice supper, took the family down to the Home Town Minstrel Show; and then went to bed with stars a-shinin' on the mountains.

In the morning, I headed to work in a March Blizzard which proceeded to whoop her up all day long, then cleared off with an all night's wind blow.

The old farmer sure hit the jackpot for March 1950 up in this neck of the woods.

Red Perham

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cent of the income from American direct investments all over the world was received from just one country --- Canada. It is clear from the size and importance of this investment that the United States has played a major role in the progress of Canadian industrialization.

Nevertheless, since 1946 the amount of new United States investments in Canadian enterprises is noticeably declining. It is increasingly clear that many of these investments were made under conditions which no longer prevail and under assumptions that are no longer valid. This expanded industrial investment had one major base other than the British preferential system and that was the convertibility of sterling obtained from exports to other British countries. With sterling no longer freely convertible and with many other so-called soft currencies unsatisfactory means of payment, a vital market for Canadian goods has declined in relative importance. Nevertheless, dependence on the dollar area for essential imports has continued so that the problem of export-import ratio is complicated by imports from areas, principally the United States, which can no longer be financed by shipments to the sterling currency countries. In fact Canadian dependence on the dollar area is much greater than before World War II. To aid in price control in Canada, to avoid passing on some of the increases of some American prices to the Canadian consumer, the Canadian dollar which during the war had been stabilized at a value of 90 cents, was raised to par in July of 1946.
MEETING THE MONEY PROBLEM

From time to time, it has been necessary to impose certain restrictions on foreign exchange transactions but few of these restrictions were considered too severe. In August of 1947 the United Kingdom had to suspend sterling convertibility. Canada continued to accept sterling, but could no longer convert it to the United States dollar, and the United States dollar balance was thrown more severely out of gear. The inevitable happened when the Canadian government was forced to impose very tight restrictions on imports from the United States and luxury taxes on many everyday items.

Gradually the tide began to turn and dollar reserves increased. It is true that the advancement was not great but it did indicate a growing export from the United States and a curtailment of American imports which was not seriously affecting Canadian business. Since that time improvement has been small but steady. That there is a general feeling of confidence in the Canadian economic future is demonstrated by the fact that on July 13, 1948 three United States insurance companies combined to loan Canada 150 million dollars on 3 per cent basis payable over the next 15 years. This money was used to pay for the export-import bank loan and the remaining balance deposited in the United States dollar reserve fund.

Economically, Canada has been wise. At the beginning of the war she froze her foreign exchange. She put rigid controls on prices and wages. As long as those controls could be maintained she held the cost of living down. She kept her taxes high and froze a great percentage of her war expenditures as she went along. As a result, her per capita debt, which before the war was much higher than the American, is now lower.

TWO GREAT NATIONS THAT MUST KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

The United States has a real stake in Canada. She has billions of dollars invested in Canadian enterprises. Canada is her biggest customer. Canada could never export to the United States enough to pay for her imports and to pay returns on American capital investments. Canada was forced into an austerity program to protect her own economy.

It is indisputable that Canada and the United States know and understand each other. For a long time much of the civilized world has leaned on the United States and the British Empire. Canada is part, and a real part, of the British Empire and stranger things have happened than that some day our two countries will have no one to lean on but each other.

An individual makes a profit by rendering to others services for which he received more than the total he pays others for services rendered him. This profit is a symbol of the plus-contributions he makes to society beyond what he demands of society. He invests it as savings in the efforts of others to render service at a profit, and he gives it to worthy causes which contribute to the over-all good of society.

The continuous making of profit is possible only when it is made fairly, shared equitably, and used wisely. The making of profit by underpaying for services received, or over charging for services rendered is not continuous. Society has ways of taking care of people like that quietly and effectively.

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MAIN LINE PROJECT STARTS
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fabricating shop and for storage of materials.

Mr. H.D. Zerfass is temporarily acting as Superintendent for the Latex Construction Company and will, at a later date, go to Montreal where he will be in charge of all Canadian work for the Latex Construction Company. Mr. B.F. Preston, Timekeeper, Mr. C.V. Wedding, Shop
Foreman and Layout Welder, and 3 welders have already arrived for the Latex organization. The Latex Company advises that fabrication of piping and manifolding will actually start April 1.

 Practically all of the 30" diameter pipe for use between the Terminal and Tank Farm and the 24" pipe for the Tank Farm lines has arrived and been stored in the shipyard fabricating building in readiness for the coating operation which should start shortly after April 15. Several loads of flanges and miscellaneous pipe fittings have been received and it is anticipated that a steady flow of piping materials will be coming in for the next six weeks.

 The Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills made their first delivery of structural steel for the pump station additions at South Portland, North Waterford and Lancaster, today, March 31.

 The Chicago Bridge & Iron Company now have one low bed truck and driver in Portland and have delivered a portion of the tank bottom steel to the Tank Farm. Actual erection of the four new steel tanks is expected to start in April.

 Specifications and drawings have been issued to the various New England building contractors for the construction of the pump station and manifold building additions at the South Portland North Waterford and Lancaster Stations. Bids, covering this work, are to be received at midday, April 12, and the successful bidders will be starting work on or before May 1st.

 Widespread interest in the construction of the new line has been shown throughout greater Portland. The Portland office has been the scene of a great deal of increased activity on job inquiries and organizations interested in supplying the company with materials with which to complete the project. It is expected that at the peak of construction, during the summer, the actual employment of temporary construction workers by the contractors will probably be considerable. In the fall, however, as this work nears completion, employment will taper off. The Portland Pipe Line, itself, will do relatively little hiring excepting for additional office help that is needed and inspectors that will be required along the line.

 Some office help has already been engaged and we have been happy to welcome several new members who have already temporarily joined our organization. We would like to mention them in the following order:

 Mr. J.A. Barbee, Electrical Technician from the Humble Pipe Line Company, is back with us once more. Many will recall our pleasant association with Jim when he came up from Texas to be with us on the preliminary layout work for the electrical installations back in the summer of 1949. Jim came to town on the toes of a February blizzard and, unfortunately for him, it hasn't warmed up much since. He expects Mrs. Barbee and his daughter to join him as soon as there is a little more Texas weather in the air.

 Mr. Joseph A. Rizzo has been engaged as a Material Inspector. He will be in charge of material checking at South Portland. Mr. Rizzo has had considerable experience in construction work, having formerly worked for W.H. Himman, contractor; U.S. Army Engineers; and was with the Seabees of the U.S. Navy for 4 years.

 Miss Mary A. Keyes has joined our Engineering Department as a Stenographer. Miss Keyes is a graduate of Masson College and has had considerable experience in teaching and secretarial work. Before assuming her present position, she was with Hannaford Brothers - a local produce firm.

 Miss Olive M. Welch has joined our Purchasing Department as a Stenographer. Miss Welch attended Gray's Portland Business College and prior to coming to our company, she was employed with Potter's furniture company.

 Mr. Gordon F. LaBay has joined our Accounting Department to assist on con-
struction accounting details. Mr. Labay has had considerable accounting experience. He attended Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, Portland Junior College & Northeastern University in Boston. Prior to coming with us, he was an assistant accountant with the Wright Spinning Company in Westbrook.

Miss Dorothy M. Caswell started in our Engineering Department on April 3. She will assist the other young ladies of the Department and will be in charge of the production of blue prints. Miss Caswell is a graduate of Portland High School and prior to working with us, was employed with C.M. & H.T. Plummer. She also served as secretary in the Camp Fire office during 1946 and 1947.

We extend a warm welcome to all of this new group of temporary employees and we hope that they enjoy working with us.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTING UNIT SET UP

In order to take care of the ever increasing volume of construction accounting, a separate unit has been set up for this work headed by Frank Abbott. So this work may proceed efficiently and without confusion, a separate office has been assigned to the construction accounting unit. Mr. LaBay is the first temporary man to be assigned to this division with Frank Abbott.

Their work will consist of keeping the construction accounts and co-ordinating the materials work which will fall under the supervision of Lee Wescott. Additional personnel may be needed on this work later on in the spring. Lee will have several material checkers assigned to his division to cover the construction project from South Portland to the Canadian border. Since his work will tie in closely with the construction accounting unit, Lee has been assigned a desk in the same office with the construction accounting group. It is expected that a great deal of his work will keep him in the field locations.

As the new main line project gets into full swing, it is anticipated that several more temporary personnel will be added to the office force and field work as well.

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our organization the successful one that we feel it is.

The ultimate result of our efforts is to pump oil to Montreal and, in order to allow us to look back upon the result of our efforts each month, the PIPELINER introduces a new column for its readers. This column will be known as "WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH". It means just that - for it will show us what our efforts produced each month on throughput (on which our business depends) and our terminal activities.

Of course, if we are interested in our own business, we are interested in what our business does for us. Here is our first report:

WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH

Tanker Arrivals
At South Portland..................20
Barrels of Crude Received
At South Portland..................2,228,757
Barrels of Crude Delivered
At Montreal.........................1,892,921
Average Barrels per Day
Delivered............................67,601
Barrels pumped since
November 1941.....................146,099,674

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ACCOUNTING OFFICE
SOUND PROOFED

Earlier this month, the Accounting Office had an added improvement which will turn out to be very desirable.

Soundproofing of this office has cut down a great deal on the noise of typewriters and adding machines and this will prove to be particularly desirable since additional personnel have been placed in this room.
TERMINAL

With the major portion of heavy weather behind us, we can now turn to our seed catalogues and adapt our minds to thoughts of Spring. It's a good thing we don't get two Februarys in a row. This 1950 version had just about three months of winter wrapped into one.

Marshall Ball, of Lunenburg, N.H. who holds the title of "Canasta King" of Coos County is visiting his daughter and son-in-law Shirley and Bob McKaig. Marsh has been in great demand as a Canasta partner and consultant since arriving in Portland.

While we are on the Canasta subject the Hotel Gilbert will be the scene of a Canasta endurance and marathon tournament May 1st to 31st. Rain checks will be issued during foul weather, as the roof still leaks.

Did you know that if the tanker Imperial Alberta pumped into a 20,000 gal. storage tank in your back yard, assuming that you live in this area it would take only one minute pumping time to fill the tank, and 20,000 gallons of fuel will heat an average home for twenty years at a cost of approximately $2,000. All for one minute's pumping time.

If any of you sport fans really want to know what actually happened during the Dempsey-Firpo fight at the Polo Grounds, New York, September 14, 1923, consult Pipeliner Sonny Richardson. He was one of the lucky fellows to eyewitness this great classic.

Duffy Lewis was burning up the highway between Portland and the Lewiston Armory, the week of March 5th. Cheering and pulling for his old Alma Mater, South Portland High School, - whose basketball squad gave their all in the State Basketball tournament before bowing out to Portland High, whom South Portland had defeated in two seasonal games at Portland.

Dolly Delivers: Somewhere on the high seas between Portland and South A-
merica, Dolly, the famous mascot of the Finnmark gave birth to four pups. Her master presented one of our pipeliners with one of the pups, and it is appropriately named, "Sailor". The nationality of Sailor is still open to dispute, being born on the high seas under a Norwegian flag makes it a subject of Norway and Sailor eventually will have to apply for citizenship papers. I'm no authority on International Law, but that's the way I interpret the case.

Oscar Flink has stepped up into the heavy car division and is now driving a smart-looking Buick.

Jerry O'Carroll is sporting a 1950 Ford.

Benny Norton hasn't a new car, but he has a new "man" baby. Adrienne and Ben became the proud parents on March 14 of Joel, a bouncing baby boy. If there was any question in the Norton household as to who was the boss, Joel has taken over the reins and will run things from now on. Ben came through the crisis in good fashion and passed out the cigars.

Mrs. Fennel is recuperating nicely after being hospitalized early in the month at Portland.

George Flavin looks good and has added a few pounds to his weight since his operation.

February 27 was the coldest day for that date since 1900. 13° below, and believe me, the pipeliners did not enjoy it on the dock that day.

Jim, "Chas. Martin", Lunn informs us that business at his ticket agency is good. Scattered orders are coming in for the Red Sox opening game with the Yankees, April 18th. R. M. need not apply.

Len Darling reports seeing the original "Brother of the Old Wild Goose", passing over Tank #1 and headed North, at an altitude of 1,000 ft. on March 12.

Martin Jensen is the owner of a new set of handcuffs. They were presented to Martin by a party who playfully handcuffed himself and could not remove them without consulting a locksmith.

Bill Spear has installed a new souped-up jet carburetor on his Chev.

Frank Hunt, Jr., reached the ripe old age of twenty-two on March 13th.

Frank Wagner has been using the same razor blade for the past year. After shaving, he strops the blade on his forearm and sharpens it for the next shave. Mr. Gillette will not be happy to hear that news, but it works 'cause I've experimented myself and find that it works OK.

On March 17th, Lawrence Fennel, Gil Cuskley, Ole Brudevold, Leo Sampson, and Frank Ivers, visited Frank Labounty who is a patient at the Mary Hitchcock hospital at Hanover, N.H. Frank is putting up as great a battle as any champ ever did.

We hear that the Raymond Rockets ball club will be one of the best, also best dressed, teams in the league this year. Is the Gorham club on your schedule this year, Harry?

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Jr. celebrated their third wedding anniversary March 22nd.

The vacation list is posted on the Pipe Line Bulletin Boards, and the boys are selecting their dates. Won't be long now, before the first take off.

The Ivers clan has been eating quite high on the pig the past few weeks. Mrs. Ivers had her name pulled at a lucky drawing that entitled her to a twenty-five dollar wholesale grocery order. The following night she hit a Beano game for a check for ten dollars. The luck some people do have.

Warren Leighton received his G. I. insurance dividend check. The total sum was invested in his hot water heating system at home.

If any one has any doubts as to the
honesty of the Rafferty family consult Lawrence Fennell.

The ice left the harbor on March 16. Just about everyone in the South Portland Station and the Terminal witnessed the Sportsman Show at Portland the week of the 19th. After seeing the show, our boys figured that we have picked up enough pointers to increase our catch of fish, and possibly deer, during the 1950 season.

The harbor trout have started to run that is a sure sign of Spring.

Bye now and don't let any one trip you up on "April Fools Day".

Frank Ivers.

TANK FARM

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Norton on the arrival of their son Joel via Mr. Stock on March 14. Although our suggestion of Horace Lafayette was spurned, we feel that he's gonna be a mighty fine Joe.

Harry Phillips is on a special assignment in Montreal for two weeks.

"Rapid Robert" is taking Harry's place as Chief Geuger while he is away.

George Flavin has returned to the Tank Farm on Light Duty after his operation.

Carl Emery is relieving George until he returns to duty.

Jerry O'Carroll is the proud owner of a new Ford.

Oscar Flink has also made a quick change, a Buick no less.

Wot Happened to Sam? Caught - Flatfoot?

"Sump-pump Lewis", has returned after a weeks relief dispatching, "Sludge Oil" Jensen met him with "Open Arms" and

"If I had known you were coming, I would have baked a cake".

"Pale Face Cuskley" is going around saying something like this: (A Stock holder?) The Pipe is a-coming hurray, hurray! The Pipe is a-coming today, they say! The Pipe is a-coming and things will be hum-min.

Soon more oil we'll be pumping hurray!

Incidentally, at this time we wish to announce for Mr. Cuskley that there will be a Stockholders meeting at a very early date at the Hotel Gilbert.

John - The Rafferty has one question to answer for The Gang at Gorham. "When are they going to receive the new Coffee Pot?" What happened to the other one John?

Action speaks louder than words and there's plenty of activity in South Portland; pipe for the Dock Line is coming in daily; steel for the new tanks is coming in every day; Power lines for the welders of Chicago Bridge have been installed.

In closing for this month's news I would like to use "Big Chief" Walt White's famous words, "If yer can't smokem -- chewem, phht! phht!"

D. C. Emery

RAYMOND

Albert Bowerman, our very handsome and talented young neighbor had the leading male role in Windham High's annual senior play. Albert is to be congratulated on a job well done.

There might be a Ford in your future, but Gus the Plummer is looking after the present. He has acquired thru the proper channels a very nice looking 1950 Ford sedan.

A guy spends a few years in the Army and he automatically acquires knowledge of many things. The guy that I
have in mind, happens to be induced into a so-called gentlemen's game at the downtown club, the other night. He figures, that he can hold his own in a nice friendly game. But no, low and behold as soon as he manages to get a few peanuts ahead some city shyster says, "Boys on this deal we will be playing one-eyed jacks". That wasn't too bad, but when they got to playing "Widow" that's when the country boy lit out for home. George there is no reason why you can't manufacture a game to suit yourself, your buddies seem to be getting away with it. Why not call it Win, Place and Show.

Myron is now gumming it. The last of his ivories were removed during the later part of February. The ordeal put Myron and scripts for a few days but he is once again in circulation. He expects to have new artificial choppers sometime in July. Myron stated that he didn't mind having all of his teeth removed in two sessions but when the jaw bone followed the teeth out he really lost loose.

My wife and I took a holiday away from it all on Sunday, March 5th. We parked the kiddies at my mother-in-law's in Westbrook, and journeyed to Berlin, N.H., where we witnessed the North American Ski Jumping Championship. We also enjoyed a visit with the home folks at Gorham. After returning back to Westbrook we found Ma Conant still very much in command of the situation but weakening fast from the vigorous antics of the Corrigan tribe.

Congratulations to West Paris and its gallant little crew of High School Basketeers. All of your many rooters were happy to see your boys win the Western Maine Championship, and were slightly disappointed when you dropped the Maine State Championship Game. Success is an accumulation of many things. Much credit for your success is due the Perham family. Red was very instrumental in acquiring the services of your very good Coach Reid. Joe Perham was high scorer in most of the Tournament Games. Congratulations Joe, but did you have to score those 2 points for the other team.

As much as we of the Operating Di-

vision dislike the odor of Arabian Crude we all must admit that it also has its merits. It does produce a bit of comedy now and then. Once in awhile an operator feels like eating his lunch while pumping the stuff (but very seldom) when he does he invariably takes his baloney sandwich apart to make sure that the mustard is really mustard. When a visitor comes calling he always looks at you as if to say "When is the last time you had a bath Bud". On arriving home with the odor, the wife immediately sheds a few tears for the cat whom she insists has crawled between the partitions and has been dead for many days.

Baseballs have replaced most of the corpses in local bloodstreams. Everyone seems to be pulling for the pennant buying Red Sox. This column picks them to win the Junior League Pennant. If they can't win with what they have got they'll buy the best that the Browns and White Sox have to sell. In the Senior loop it looks like the Braves will run, scrap, and fight their way to another championship. So what if they have lost 9 out of 10 Grapefruit League games. Southworth is doing a little psychological (my what a big word) maneuvering. His psychiatrist of last summer may have given him a few angles.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Walter Simmons had been sidelined for a few days during the latter part of March. Ben Bowerman pinched hit for him. -- The new 1950 model moth showed up recently, sporting a new style full cantilever wing and hydraulically operated flaps. -- Oh! for the rugged furniture of old. The modern furniture owned by local pipeliners took a beating as 2 chairs and 3 beds were broken during the past month.

Harry E. Corrigan.

NO. WATERFORD

This is the score of a West Paris try at the State Championship in Basketball:
West Paris 50 vs. Clinton H.S. 42 on February 23rd.
Second game - West Paris 46 vs. Besse H.S. (Albion, Maine) 36 on February 26th.
Third game - final, West Paris 57 vs. Wiscasset 51 on February 25th.
West Paris - Western Maine Champs.

Red's son, Joe Perham, collected only 13 points in the first game so Red gives him a pep talk. Joe collects 20 points in second game - a fatherly pat from Red, gets 23 points in the basket for Joe in the third and final game.

A big day was Monday, March 6th for the Portland Pipe Line employees here - "Waterford Town Meeting", which was attended by Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. and Mrs. Murray. One of our neighbors closely.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perham attended South Paris meeting and helped to keep the school for West Paris.

Mr. Creed and Mr. Blanchard were our very welcomed visitors March 16th.

Red Perham dropped into the Police Station at Lewiston March 2nd on business leaving the car out front. Red we think you should explain your reason for going back into the Police Station the second time.

Messrs. Colledge, Curtis and Brackenridge, Chief Engineers with Interprovincial Pipe Line Company, were our guests the afternoon of March 20th.

Bob Lewis and welders Bud Cormier and Merle Tenney, were here March 20th and 21st on a minor repair job.

Fred Stearns' Aunt, Mrs. Sadie Horr of South Paris, Maine, aged 76 years, passed away March 14th. Funeral services were held at the Hull Funeral Home March 16th.

Bill Smith assisted by Bob Hicks has been very busy remodeling 73 pump and we can say a very good job was done in making it leak-proof.

Doe C. Hutchison
Mrs. John E. Barber and daughter, Carolyn, stayed with Johnny's folks while John was in White River for his check-up.

The twins, Dennis and Gerrish White observed their first birthday March 12th.

Tommy Corrigan.

Montreal East

Friday, February 10th. Today Gordon Ritchie left to be married, the event to take place February 11th at 2:30 p.m.

Before leaving to be married and spend two weeks combined holidays and honeymoon in New York City, he was presented with a lovely coffee table by Gordon Maclean, on behalf of his fellow employees at Montreal East.

It was a coincidence that the date of the presentation fell on the same day as the Joint Industrial Council Meeting, therefore, the Elected and Selected Delegates from both St. Cesaire and Highwater were at the presentation.

After an appropriate speech by Mr. Maclean and the acceptance by a very nervous bridegroom-to-be, refreshments were served by the Ladies of Montreal East Office and once again a good man was on his way to sail the seas of matrimony. Good luck to the happy couple from his Pipe Line friends.

E. C. Irwin Leaves for Superior, Wisconsin

A banquet in honour of Eddie Irwin was held in the Blue Room of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Friday, February 24th, where his many friends from Montreal East gathered to present him with a gold wrist watch and show their true appreciation of all the happy years of association with the oil industry.

Out-of-town guests were W. Luebeck, West Burke, Jim Crueden, Highwater, Harold Liot, St. Cesaire, Fred Curtis, Bill Collodge and S. Breckenridge, at present receiving special training on Montreal–Portland Pipe Line, also made the trip in from Highwater and West Burke.

When the turkey dinner was finished Pete Edwards acted as Chairman and called upon Gordon Maclean to make the presentation and remarks. Jim McCarthy, who had known Eddie during his many years at Imperial’s Montreal East Refinery, told of all Eddie's years of experience in the oil industry and how all his friends were sorry to see him leave Montreal East, yet how glad they were to see him receive a well earned promotion.

After the presentation had been made and all the guests gathered around in groups, many old time yarns were spun of days gone by and how Eddie would be receiving a number of visitors out west in the course of the next few years. If only a small number, who promised to go, make the trip he will always be having Montrealers on his doorstep.

To Eddie we wish success, happiness and good fortune in his new job as Terminal Superintendent at Superior, Wisconsin on the Lakehead Pipe Line.

Ken Leask.

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Two More Operating Supervisors Attend ESSO Training Center Sessions

Following closely after the return of Messrs. Luebeck, Andrews and Miles from the Training Center, at Elizabeth, New Jersey, Messrs. Flavin and Lewis spent two weeks at the Center where they attended the course in Basics of Supervision. George and Bob returned back to work on March 6, after reporting a very interesting and profitable two weeks attending the sessions.

The Esso Training Center has become a familiar byword for the supervisory group of the Portland Pipe Line as up to the present date, 14 of our group have had the pleasant advantage of attending courses at the Center.

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RED CROSS DRIVE CLOSES WITH OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

The Annual Red Cross Drive for 1950 came to a close on the 15th of March after topping all previous records. As usual the Portland Pipeliners faithfully rallied to this worthwhile civic cause to do more than their share.

The grand total contributions made by South Portland and Portland Office employees for the current year’s drive came to $239.50. Out of this total, the South Portland group contributed $66.00 and the Portland Office group, $173.50. In the drive for 1949, employees of both locations contributed $206.50, and in 1948, the total was $143.00.

This shows that the pipe line family is always at the front when it comes to supporting their community agencies and are ever striving to do a bit more each year. The Red Cross Campaign headquarters extended their heartiest congratulations to the Portland Pipe Line employees for the splendid record that they achieved in this year’s campaign.

76 employees made contributions to this year’s drive giving an average of $3.20 apiece.

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OPERATING SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE AT GORHAM

On March 30th, the 13th Operating Supervisors Conference was held at the Glen House, Gorham, New Hampshire, with 23 in attendance. Mr. Creed acted as chairman of the meeting and the morning session was devoted to three topics as follows:

1. Discussion of operating problems for the current year with reference to the main line construction project.
2. Discussion of problems with reference to overtime.
3. Discussion of company plan highlights and plan costs as related to pay roll and employee.

The afternoon session was conducted by a guest speaker, Mr. Philip M. Marvel, of the General Equipment Corporation, distributors of Ansul-Dugas fire equipment. Mr. Marvel gave a talk on the maintenance and operation of the Dugas fire equipment and invited the group to an outdoor demonstration on how effective this type of fire extinguisher is in putting out gasoline and oil fires.

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INTERPROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES VISIT PORTLAND-MONTREAL PIPE LINE

For the past six weeks Messrs. C.W. Colledge, G.F. Curtis, and S.R. Brackenridge have been guests of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line System, stopping at various locations along the line including the Portland Office, in order to study our operations.

These three men are to be assigned as Chief Operators on the Interprovincial system which is expected to start operations in the latter part of this year. They have had considerable experience and long service with Imperial Oil in various marine and refining capacities.

After spending the last week in March in the Portland Office where they studied our dispatching system under the helpful tutoring of Fred Seals and the Dispatchers, they were guests at the Gorham Conference on March 30th.

All three are slated to report at Regina, Saskatchewan, early in April where Imperial has a refinery.

Everyone on the Portland-Montreal line enjoyed the association of these 3 men and it is hoped that they may come back again someday to pay us a visit. The PIPELINE wishes them the best of luck and success on their new assignments.

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