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**Sand Oil Field Still Provokes Pro-Con Debate**

By ENID NEMY  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
EDMONTON, May 30 — (CP) — Famed for more than two centuries, the bituminous sand deposits of northern Alberta are regarded as one of the province's most valuable possessions by government officials and as one of its biggest headaches by opposition members of the legislature.

Reports of their existence and usage were brought by Indians to trading posts as far back as the early 1700s. Toward the close of the 18th century, mention of the deposits was made by such explorers as Alexander Mackenzie, Peter Pond and David Thompson. The sands have been estimated by the federal mines and resources department to contain 100,000,000-000 barrels of oil. The United States bureau of mines places the figure at 260,000,000,000 barrels — 10 times the quantity of the world's proven reserves.

The saturated sands cover an area of at least 10,000 square miles in the McMurray district, 500 miles northwest of Edmonton and 700 miles south of the Arctic circle. There is a probability that the area might extend over as much as 20,000 to 30,000 square miles. Of this, however, the area in which the sands are at present accessible for mining is less than 20 square miles, estimated to contain 1,000,000,000 barrels of oil.

Bituminous sands, usually dark brown or black in color and with a strong asphaltic smell, are an aggregation of fine sand particles, each of which is enveloped by a film of soft, sticky bitumen. The problem of separating the sand from the bitumen, cheaply enough to make it feasible, has confronted the Alberta government for many years.

Oil Content Varies

Oil content of the bitumen varies in weight from nothing to 25 per cent, with some of the outcrop areas carrying from 100,000 to 125,000 barrels an acre. It is estimated that approximately 175 barrels of crude oil is recoverable from 250 tons of sand.

To date, the provincial government has appropriated \$500,000 for development of the oil sands, \$100,000 of this amount during the last session. The money was appropriated for a pilot plant now being built by Oil Sands Limited, 40 miles downstream from Fort McMurray, site of the Dominion government's Abasard plant. The Abasard plant, ravaged by two major fires in the last eight years, now is being rebuilt.

There are many arguments heard against the development. Some say the whole idea is not feasible; others that if the operation is successful, the provincial government will have lost \$500,000 of the taxpayers' money.

The government believes the idea is workable and quotes Canadian and American experts. The government says that Alberta and Canada oil production has been decreasing steadily and a new source is essential.

Another product of the sands is asphalt. The asphalt produced at Fort McMurray to date has been ranked as among the best in the world and officials stress this point by showing a road in the grounds of the Alberta parliament buildings. It was laid with Mc-

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**Boston-Yarmouth Service Resumed**

MONCTON, N. B. June 2 — J. P. Johnson, regional vice president and general manager Canadian National Railways, F. L. Dougan, general passenger agent, and P. R. Sayer, public relations officer returned to the city yesterday after making the inaugural trip in the resumption of the Boston-Yarmouth service of the Eastern Steamship Lines, which was discontinued during the war.

Tourist bookings through the travel agencies are heavy, stated Mr. P. L. Dougan, indicating that with the travel restrictions removed following the war and the improvements in tourist facilities, holiday visitors can be looked for in greater numbers than ever tourists being able once again to satisfy their desire to travel without the inconvenience and restrictions brought about by the war and immediate postwar conditions.

The various resorts, it was learned, are booked to capacity and the Maritimes along with the rest of Canada can look for a growing volume in visitors from the United States, they said.

The trip from Boston to Yarmouth was very delightful notwithstanding that this was a first trip and the tourist season in the United States does not properly get under way until the latter part of June or the first part of July, there was a good booking of passengers. The ship the "Yarmouth" has recently been turned back to the company by the United States Government, it having been in war service in the Pacific and has been recommissioned throughout.

The Canadian National Railways train meets the boat on its arrival at Yarmouth and makes connections for passengers for the south shore of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and other parts of the Maritimes.

**Hey Kids!**



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**OKAY NEW WHARF**

KINGSTON, Ont. — (CP) — Rebuilding of the Wolfe Island wharf here was approved in the House of Commons after its inspection by a federal government official. Construction is expected to begin soon.

**EDINBURGH, Scotland — (CP) —** Mrs. J. F. Bruce, speaking at a British Women's Temperance Association meeting, called for the abolition of the navy's rum ration.

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