

# Mining In Northland May Be Near Upturn

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TORONTO (CP) — Every body talks about the mineral riches in northern Canada but, says Murray Watts, no one wants to do much about them. Now, backed by an arctic iron ore deposit recently described by Northern Affairs Minister Laing as the best in the world, the 55-year-old prospector hopes a breakthrough is imminent. His three-year-old discovery on Baffin Island may be the lever.

"It wasn't too many years ago that people thought of Baffin as wilderness," he said in a recent interview. "But when they discovered gold there, the country was opened up and people started living there. It may be the same, now in the Arctic."

The iron ore lies in four gantic pockets near the north end of Baffin Island. Exploration of one deposit, including drilling to 5,000 feet, has indicated 116,000,000 tons of ore grading an amazing 68 per cent of iron.

The other pockets would raise the find to an estimated 180,000,000 tons.

**IMAGINATION NEEDED**  
Because of the richness of the ore, there would be little trouble in finding customers—if it can be shipped out. That's where some imagination and understanding of the Arctic is needed, says Mr. Watts, who first ventured there prospecting 33 years ago.

He makes no bones about his feelings that Canada has lost valuable time by not exploring the north and ways to develop it.

"If you want to get information on Arctic shipping, you have to go to Denmark, Russia or Norway. Here we are with these resources in our country, and our shippers say the season up there is three weeks."

"The others work in similar conditions for three months."

The only information about it people in southern Canada have, he says, is based on novels and movies.

"They don't realize what a wonderful place it can be, if you accept it as it is."

Mr. Watts, the first prospector to explore hundreds of miles of the Arctic back in the 1930s is president of Baffinland Iron Mines Ltd. which holds the deposits. He believes the property could be in production within five years.

The company is reported to be thinking of annual production of about 1,500,000 tons a year, with work starting May 1 and finishing for the year Oct. 1.

to when he lived in that room in 1915.

The same sentiment was expressed in a note Pearson sent his daughter Patricia in 1964 when his grandson Paul, was born. A warm welcome to my little grandson," he wrote, "who by now no doubt has already expressed vocally his opinion of the world into which he has been ushered. We will have to work harder to make it a better one than it is now."

This notion of working hard for a better world is at the core of the creed that drives Lester B. Pearson.

The trials and tribulations the Liberals have suffered in parliament — and the continuing daily feud between Lester Pearson and John Diefenbaker — is the subject of tomorrow's installment.

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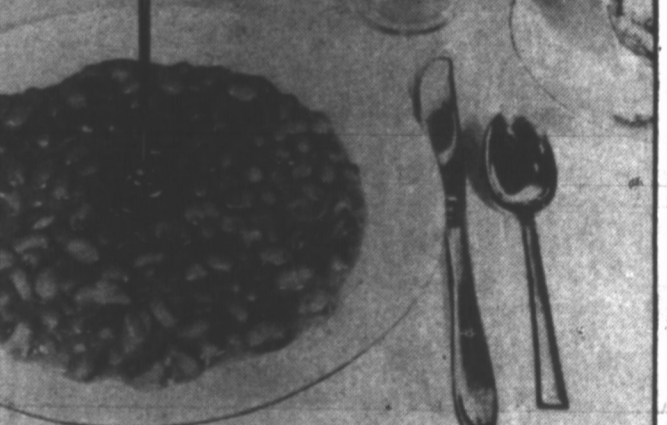
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An unidentified college boy calls for an ambulance for a fellow demonstrator who was hurt when mounted patrolmen routed them in Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday. In background an injured girl is carried away. Early reports said at least two demonstrators were injured badly. Mounted sheriff's deputies rode into their ranks swinging clubs, canes and ropes. (AP Wirephoto)

## Subtle Motivations Of Mike Pearson

By Peter C. Newman

One of the minor prerogatives of Canadian prime ministers is to hang in the East Block office where they work, the official portrait of their party's patron saint. Within hours of being sworn in, every recent Tory incumbent has quickly despatched the painting of Sir Wilfred Laurier (done by J. Colin Forbes 1946-1925) to the building's basement and ordered from storage a Forbes portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald. Liberal prime ministers have just as swiftly reversed the process.

But in April 1963, when Lester Pearson moved into the office which has housed most of his 13 predecessors, he broke precedent by ordering that both paintings be hung. Now he receives callers with Laurier behind him and Macdonald on his left.

Pearson's gesture in so honoring both men no doubt reflects his feeling for Canadian history, but it also shows the curiously ambivalent attitude he maintains toward partisan politics. It's this air of elusive detachment which has prompted many Canadians to think of Pearson, the man, as being somehow separate from the massive changes that have occurred during his brief but eventful stewardship. It's as though he were an agent of forces greater than himself.

Yet the Liberal Government's every major policy initiative — from the nuclearization of our armed forces to the adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag — has been the direct result of Pearson's personal convictions. It is vital that we know and understand what motivates the man who lives behind the breezy surface of the Pearson personality. If we are to comprehend the kind of national image he hopes will emerge from the political convulsions he has set in train.

**LOOKS TRANSPARENT**  
Bruce Hutchison, who knows Pearson intimately, has written: "Of all the politicians known to me in nearly half a century, none was so easy to like and so hard to understand as Mike Pearson. He looks transparent when the colors of his disposition are heavily opaque, his intellectual processes more complicated than any electrical computer."

The main difficulty in trying to pin down the Pearson ideology is that his public — and even his private statements — are very rarely revealing. (When the Liberals assumed office, he predicted confusingly during a 1962 campaign rally, "the government will make changes which may justify the opinion that we are left of centre. But we may also have to resist changes which would be harmful or premature, and this may leave us open at times to the charge of being right of centre.")

While serving in External Affairs under Mackenzie King, "Pearson's training was not so much in explaining policies as in covering up for the lack of them. From King, Pearson must also have learned that a politician with strongly held convictions is less free to move with the tides of power than a leader who maintains a philosophy coherent enough to give his party momentum, yet fuzzy enough to permit a variety of interpretations. Jack Pickersgill, who has worked closely with Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent and Pearson declares that the present Prime Minister is "the least ideological of the three."

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