

# Alberta Gov't Oil Revenue Hits New High During 1963

EDMONTON (CP)—The Alberta government received a record \$130,578,716 from the petroleum and natural gas industry in 1963.

Spurred by a 41-per-cent increase in receipts from sales of Crown reserves—to \$46,647,386 in 1963 from \$33,132,970 in 1962—1963 revenue boomed to \$144,150,549 the amount received since the Leduc oil discovery in 1947.

The industry's 1963 payment, which in addition to revenue from Crown reserve sales included a record \$2,660,073 in royalties and \$7,792,439 in rentals, broke a 1962 record of \$128,000,050 and exceeded 1963 receipts by \$10,558,964.

The province, which owned about 81 per cent of all mineral rights in Alberta, has received between one-third and one-half of the total revenue each year from the petroleum and natural gas industry.

Crown reserve sales have accounted for 47.7 per cent of the total revenue since 1947—\$68,760,233.

A host of such gains are held by public tender each year. Record cash take in one year was in 1958 when \$72,660,073 was received including a record single sale total of \$33,283,864 May 22, 1958.

**PAYS BONDS**  
Such sales involve exploration and drilling rights. A company pays a bonus for the rights or reservations and a per-acre rental fee on the land involved.

Rentals have brought in \$70,945,358 since 1947, paced by a record \$38,475,000 in 1962.

After winning an exploration reservation the successful company must present the minerals department with a proposed development plan within 90 days. While exploration continues to the department's satisfaction the company is required to spend for additional permits of six months.

When the reservation holder discover encouraging evidence of oil he may apply for a lease. In granting a lease, the government retains one-half the reservation as a Crown reserve which it later offers at a public sale.

In 1962, the government reduced the length of such leases to 10 to 21 years and altered the reversion clause to include only those areas in the lease where it felt adequate drilling was being conducted.

**GEORGETOWN**  
Mrs. Eugene Delory of Newport was a recent visitor to Georgetown, where she visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Delory.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Murphy and Mrs. Thomas Murphy of St. Mary's Road, visited Georgetown recently and were guests of Mrs. Thomas Murphy's daughter, Mrs. Frank Lavandier and Mr. Lavandier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGon met and family of Charlottetown moved to Georgetown on Sunday and were guests of relatives and friends.

Friends of Miss Bernadette Batchelder are pleased to hear that she has returned home from the Kings County Memorial Hospital where she has a permanent residence.

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being done. Companies holding leases must begin drilling within a year of the effective date of the contract.

**MUST DRILL**  
Drilling reservations, offered only on explored land, require a firm to drill to a specific depth within a year. If the gov-

ernment is satisfied with exploration on land on which a lease has already occurred, four such sales are held each year.

The largest bid in such a sale was made Jan. 28, 1954 by Teco Inc. Eaton Co.—\$13,000,125 for a lease on 92,180 acres in an area in the Rich Pembina oil field.

Royalties are based on actual production and range from a ceiling of 16.25 per cent to a minimum of eight per cent. The minimum was raised to eight from five per cent in 1962 which may account for the record 1963 return. The current royal scale is effective until 1972.



**GOOD TO THE LAST DROP**  
The morning, Really, he's hamming it up for a Toronto photographer. T. who weighs a little more than a pound, sleeps in a slipper. (CP Wirephoto)

# Maritime Railroad Survey Lit Confederation Fires

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—One hundred years ago this month the government of Upper and Lower Canada took a decision which probably was the spark that brought the long-smouldering fire of Confederation into flame three years later.

The government, which then had its capital at Quebec City, decided to push the exploration of a route for a railway linking the settled parts of Quebec with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

What's more, the decision was that the route should be surveyed at the "sole expense" of the government of the Canadian of that day.

# WCTU Seeks Ban On Cocktail Bars

By JACK MORRIS  
VANCOUVER (CP)—The old corner saloon was had enough, says the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, but now it's fighting a far more "insidious enemy"—the cocktail bar.

Cocktail bars are far more insidious than the old saloon ever was, says Mrs. William Watson, whose organization is recording secretary for the WCTU. "More people are drinking today, especially the women, and these bars springing up everywhere in Canada just encourage this."

But if the enemy has changed its shape, so has the WCTU's approach to the fight.

"Hatchets"—as Carry Nation called her hatchet attacks on the old saloon in the United States—have long been supplanted in the WCTU vocabulary by something the organization considers more effective.

"Our education program, particularly among the young, is the best answer," says Mrs. Watson, whose organization in Canada distributes films, pamphlets and other publications in an attempt to curb drinking.

**CAN'T HALT DRINKING**  
"There is no doubt that social drinking is on the increase. It has become acceptable among many Canadian women. These people just don't realize that alcohol is a narcotic that is potentially habit-forming."

Mrs. Watson says the WCTU motto still is abstinence "of all our members stick to this pledge," but the organization does realize that drinking is, probably, the best way to stay sane.

"We aren't fanatics; we're quite reasonable people. We have to be realistic. There always has been alcohol and there always there will be. But drinking can and should be greatly reduced."

She says the WCTU has never wavered in its 90-year battle against liquor. But membership in Canada has dropped to a bare-crust of about 10,000, which is less than it was 25 or 30 years ago.

The WCTU estimates there are more than 200,000 alcoholics in Canada, and about 4,000 more

are being added every year. Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia have the highest rates of alcoholism.

**WANT PRICE BOOST**  
In Ontario, for example, there are 2,600 alcoholics per 100,000 population," says Mrs. Watson. The lowest rate is in the Maritimes and this is because there are fewer cocktail bars and other liquor outlets there."

Mrs. Watson believes provincial governments should move to close down some of the cocktail bars and other liquor outlets at the same time increase the price of liquor.

She describes cocktail bars as "troubling places for many women," and says the appearance of bartenders in Winnipeg is "a terrible thing—would you want your daughter to be a bartender?"

Campaigns against smoking "obviously a menace to health," gambling and crime comics are continuing but the WCTU emphasizes always has been and always will be on drinking.

"Many people don't realize that alcoholics are found not just on Skid Row but everywhere in business and industry; the professions—everywhere," says Mrs. Watson.

"It is an exaggeration to say that alcohol in many cases has become a part of our daily lives."

**BUSY IN AIR**  
Businessmen using British airline planes can dictate as they fly, using battery-powered portable dictating machines.

ent proposal for a union of the Maritime provinces alone, had long been discussed, debated, endorsed and rejected in turn. PLAN FOR UNION  
Work was prepared by Sir Edmund Head, who was first a lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick and later a governor-general of Canada.

In 1851 he prepared a secret memorandum for the colonial office in London suggesting a federal union of the British provinces in North America to make "a powerful and independent state under the British crown."

As he saw it, the new union would have a uniform currency, a mint of its own, a distinctive flag and a "national destiny."

But Head's thinking was running ahead of the times—particularly on the question of a distinctive flag. He stored his secret memorandum away and supported the idea of a union of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Newfoundland was regarded as a possible fourth member of the union, but it was widely regarded as too remote from the other colonies to be really much of a consideration.

Nova Scotia was anxious for the Maritime union, dreaming of it as the old colony's historic destiny made manifest — the younger settlements in P.E.I. and New Brunswick, in effect, returning to the Nova Scotian fold.

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