Mining

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• Resource extraction is shaped not just by global factors, but by local and regional concerns
Uranium City

- Mining development favoured by Tommy Douglas’s CCF Saskatchewan government
  - As a welcome way to diversify the post-1945 Saskatchewan economy
  - Embraced a planned approach to mining by crown corporations
Labrador Trough

• Iron ore mining vital to the provincial economy of Newfoundland & Labrador
  • And to Labrador City
• Politically difficult for St John’s to oppose mine schemes
Northern Quebec

• Development of iron ore mines in northern Quebec part of Quebec’s nationalist aspirations

• Placement of industrial towns of transplanted southern Quebecker a form of nationalist colonization
  • Gagnon, Fermont, Joutel
Labrador Trough

• On the Quebec side the Iron Ore Co of Canada [IOC] was a major local employer
  • Iron mines in Schefferville, Mont Wright, Gagnon
• Local voters sent Brian Mulroney, IOC executive to Ottawa, and PM’s office
  • Despite IOC’s closure of Schefferville
Northern Ontario

• The mineral resources of Ontario’s northern shield country lead to some major mining booms
  • Silver in Cobalt
  • Gold in Timmins
  • Nickel & copper in Sudbury
• Boosts Toronto’s banks & stock markets
• Part of the basis for Toronto’s international status as a centre for mining finance