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 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 Quebeckers 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 send 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