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## Britain Looks to Canada For Oil In Wartime, Berlin Paper Asserts

Berlin, September 9. — (C.P. Reuter's)—Great Britain is looking to Canada as a source of oil supplies, according to an article in the Voelkischer Beobachter, official organ of the Nazi Party. The article says:

"The Committee of Imperial Defence has never given more than a partial approval to experiments for the extraction of oil from coal because it considers that England has complete command of the seas. The House of Commons, however, is agitating for the development of a proper industry for this purpose in case of war.

"There are several reasons for this. Iran and Iraq, whose oil fields are controlled by British capital, would prove almost useless in time of war because the Mediterranean shipping route would be threatened. The oil supply from Trinidad and Venezuela would not be sufficient

for England's needs. And the British Government has quarrelled with the Mexican Government over the expropriation of its concessions.

"For those reasons the British Government is taking an interest in Canadian oil fields in the province of Alberta and particularly in Turner Valley. The present rate of production of the 50 wells situated there is more than 40,000 barrels a year, or approximately 5,700 tons. This figure could, however, be increased at any moment to something like 9,500 tons a year.

"The project for a pipeline between Turner Valley and Port Arthur is also under consideration.

"But Turner Valley is not the only oil field in Alberta. There are others in the south of the province and also northwest of Edmonton. Moreover experts are hoping to develop important wells at Peace River and at Gaspe."

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