

“No Oil in Alberta”

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Why would Imperial Oil be interested in Western Canada? Their Jersey parent had ample offshore supplies of cheap crude.

1914: Two Jersey geologists badmouthed prospects for Alberta

1920: Do Link (Imperial Oil) drilled on a seep at Norman Wells, NWT. This pool supplied a small seasonal refinery to keep the river traffic and airplanes going.

1945: Ray Walters, Jersey's geophysicist, was sent up to Calgary to dismantle Imperial's exploration department.

April, 1946: Council of War in Toronto grudgingly okayed two last ditch tests – Provost and Leduc.

No wonder Imperial Oil was going to construct a Fischer-Tropsch synthetic plant in Edmonton, using eastern Alberta natural gas.