



NSIS 150th Anniversary Free Public Talks

Burning Rocks: The History of the Petroleum Industry in Canada & the Maritimes

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From Abraham Gesner's early discovery of kerosene that marked the beginning of the end of the whaling industry, to Encana's new high-tech Deep Panuke gas development off the shores of Nova Scotia, both Canada and the Maritimes have led the world in oil and gas exploration. The first oil well in Petrolia, Ontario, led to the Canadian drill rig, a simple, sturdy structure of wood that could be dismantled and set-up in two days and was in use from the U.S. to Indonesia. Imperial Oil developed oil refining in London, Ontario. The latest advances in mapping the ocean floor using sonar technologies began in New Brunswick. This lecture will trace the development of oil and gas exploration in Canada and the people that have led us along the way.

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