Quebec Studies
Oil Production

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Acadiana, through the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, has been slowly building ties of culture and friendship with the French-speaking Canadian province of Quebec. Now, those ties are extending into the petroleum industry.

Three young members of Quebec’s Ministry of Natural Resources visited Lafayette yesterday initiating a program of studying Louisiana’s methods of oil exploration and development.

Andre Marcoux, chief of cabinet of the ministry; Michel Bussiere, director of the ministry’s planning branch; and Philippe Hervieu, chief of the energy branch, toured various facets of Lafayette’s petroleum industry.

Check Oil Operations

Here at the invitation of CODOFIL and largely through the efforts of Leo LeBlanc, Quebec’s permanent governmental representative in Lafayette, the group will investigate Louisiana’s diverse oil and gas operations.

Today, the Minister of Natural Resources . . .

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The three members are: seated, left to right, Andre Marcoux, chief of cabinet; Michel Bussiere, director of the planning branch; and Philippe Hervieu, chief of the energy branch.

Hosting the group were: standing, left to right, Leo LeBlanc, Quebec’s permanent governmental representative in Lafayette; Dr. John McCampbell, head of the USL geology department; James Domeneaux, chairman of CODOFIL; and E. F. “Gene” Fullen, co-chairman of LAGCOE who acted as the delegation’s guide to the Acadiana oil industry.
Natural Resources for Quebec's Acadiana oil industry. "This is a good area for the diversified knowledge of the oil industry," Fullen said, "We have all types of service along with the university."

The Canadians said that there were no petroleum courses in Quebec's universities. A visit to classes specializing in knowledge of oil operations showed the group how education can help in development of an oil industry.

Fullen said the delegates would land on one offshore rig during Friday's tour, "for a view of how we operate offshore and drill these wells in various depths of water."

**Overall Picture**

"We hope to give them an all picture," he said, "subsequent trips can be planned for more detailed information."

In addition to seeing Louisiana's petroleum education system and an on-spot inspection of off-shore installations, the Canadian team will study Louisiana's governmental organizations regulating oil production, especially the conservation and general board.

The delegates plan to make contacts to interest possible developers in going to Quebec when their intensive program of exploration and development is started in the near future.

With only 6,000,000 people spread out over an area as large as a quarter of the continental United States, Quebec is just beginning to develop its potentials.

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