

OIL GOES BY WATER - A trim tanker lies at British American Oil's Clarkson pier as

the navigation season opens, ready for another busy season on the lakes. Pipeline, tanker

trucks and water navigation all form part of B.A.'s area transportation system.

BA\$4 Million Wages

Adding greatly to the indus- ported. Since then the capacity tillate" desulphurizer to be in-

dustrial plants in southern On- two and a half acre warehouse tario. They represent an annual and an IBM order handling and payroll of more than four mil- scheduling system for streamlion dollars and steady year- lining customer service. which continue to contribute to adjacent to the lube plant. the prosperity and development

of the area. Ideally situated with regard To make Clarkskson refinery a son refinery is a familiar sight petroleum products, an \$8 mil- Canada. Its two stacks, both 250 feet which just two decades ago was booming "Golden Horseshoe" in- nia to Clarkson, the refinery be- pollution control engineer. dustrial belt which extends gan using domestic crude oil along the shores of Lake from Western fields in Alberta Measures introduced in re-Ontario from Toronto to St. and Saskatchewan. Catharines.

WAR FUELS

cessing capacity was 8,250 bar- market.

refineries across Canada. | ments across Canada, was ad- diesel fuels. The refinery's storage tanks ded in 1948. An expansion to the and towering columns represent lube plant, completed in 1959, MODERNIZED more than one of the finest in- cost \$2,500,000 and included a

son, and other areas, benefits in North America, was built

CRACKING UNIT

cessing facilities were com- sume excess gases and a biopleted, adding 40,000 barrels a oxidation unit to remove phenols The first units at the refinery day to the refinery's capacity from water being returned to were completed in 1943, just in of 21,500 barrels daily. A cataly-time to produce fuels and lubri- tic reforming unit, also built Lake Ontario. cants for Canada's fighting that year, provided a greater Last year, a new three-quarforces during World War II. In supply of high quality motor ter million dollar fuel gas those days, the crude oil pro- gasoline to the Central Ontario scrubbing plant was constructed

Petroleum Research Project Newest Major BA Enterprise

British American Oil's most a fleet of cars to thoroughly recent major investment in the test new and improved product Forming a vital part of the Oakville area is the company's formulations. new \$4 million Reaearch and The B-A Centre, and the

est and best-equipped industrial the leading industrial centres for scientific and technical research facilities in Canada, was the first to be completed search in the world."

Willister John Tobarts, one of the built in 1962 at a cost of \$350,
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B-A's Clarkson garage w a s built in 1962 at a cost of \$350,
OOO. Regarded as one of the which industry and the Ontario OTHER INSTALLATIONS

four main buildings, an Analy- Oakville vicinity. Last year, the heavy repair work, and three tical Research and Development company paid out approximate for light repairs and one full Building, an Engine Fuels and ly six million dollars in wages Lubricants Laboratory, a Pilot to the nearly 900 employees Plant and an Administration who work in these facilities. Building. The Centre's staff of The most prominent of B-A's 85 use the latest scientific equipment and laboratory technisis the huge, modern, expanding The distribution facility is the Clarkson branch, an arm of B-

SEEKING SECRETS

produces product samples for community.

Development Centre on the North Sheridan Way, just west of the Fifth Line.

The Centre, one of the largest and best-equipped industrial

The B-A Centre, and the many others scheduled in the many others scheduled in the many others scheduled in the payroll of one and a quarter million dollars.

The Centre, one of the largest and best-equipped industrial the leading industrial centres.

Government are planning to de- British American Oil and the leum vehicle maintenance garvelop into one of the worlds lakeshore communities are in lages in Canada, it handles maleading research communities. fact "partners in progress." jor repairs and overhauls for Annual payroll is well over over the years, B-A has chosen 300 vehicles in B-A's Ontario three quarters of a million dol- to locate a number of facilities, fleet. ars.

The B-A Centre consists of pany activity, in the immediate through service bays, three for

ted engines in 14 test cells, and integrated oil companies.

trial output of Oakville and has multiplied more than seven stalled in Ontario was added. other lakeshore communities, times, to 61,500 barrels daily.

and one of their largest taxpayers is British American's has since been expanded to capacity of 8,000 barrels a day, Clarkson refinery, the biggest supply most of B-A's total mo- served to further upgrade the in the company's chain of nine tor and industrial oil require- quality of B-A heating oils and

As Ontario's automobile population soared, the demand for high octane gasoline continued to increase. To keep pace, B-A round employment for almost In 1953 a grease plant, one of decided to construct an alkyla-600 people from Oakville, Clark- the most modern and efficient tion unit at the refinery to manufacture h i g h octane components for premium gasoline. This unit, which went into operation in the summer of 1960. to water, rail and road trans-portation, the landscaped Clark-

to motorists on No. 2 highway. lion catalytic cracking unit for In addition to this continuous the production of high octane expansion, B-A spent more than high, are landmarks in an area gasolines went on stream in three million dollars on pollu-1954. Three years later, follow- tion control at the refinery and largely agricultural. Today, the ing the extension of the Inter- is one of the few oil refineries refinery is in the heart of the provincial Pipe Line from Sar- in Canada employing a full-time

Also in 1957, additional pro- tanks to prevent vapor to con-

to extract sulphur from fuel gas rels a day, and it was all im- In 1959, the first "middle dis- burned in the refinery. This plant has eliminated most of the sulphur dioxide impurities previously discharged to the atmosphere from its various refinery stacks.

> British American's transportation and distribution facilities just outside of Oakville represent a substantial investment. company's operations in Ontario, these facilities employ more

most modern and largest petro-

bay for vehicle washing. There is also a body repair shop, a paint shop, and a chassis dyna-

ques to carry out its two main Clarkson refinery. Adjacent to Clarkson branch, an arm of Bfunctions - Analytical Resear- the refinery, are the Clarkson A's Ontario marketing departch and Product Development. branch marketing office, and ment. It is "home" to some 117 the Clarkson garage, built in drivers who deliver B-A prod-The Analytical Research gr. 1962, and latest addition to the ucts to an area encompassing oup probes the secrets of pet- company's enterprises in the Hamilton on the west, the Bruce roleum and associated materials. New and improved fuels, community, is the new Reseation Peninsula to the north, and Peterborough on the east. Specoils, greases and asphalts are Over the years, the tax rev- ial products, such as molten developed in special laborator- enues from these properties sulphur and jet fuel, are delivies and in the Pillot Plant and have poured into lakeshore tr- ered to areas in the Niagara Engine Fuels and Lubricants easuries, helping to build the Peninsula and east to Trenton. Laboratory. In addition to eva- necessary schools, roads and Key men in this operation are luating possible process impro- other facilities required by a the dispatchers, who make out vements, the Pilot Plant also progressive and forward looking routes for the drivers and avoid needless and time-conperformance testing. The En- British American Oil, celebr- suming 'back tracking." Drivgine Fuels and Lubricants Lab- ates its 60th birthday next year, ers keep in touch with these ratory employs 30 bench-moun- as one of the country's largest dispatches by telephone during various stages of their route.



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