

**Investments of more than 1 B\$ in progress or foreseen in the Canadian Northeast Region (North Shore and Labrador) :**

Aluminium plants :	Alouette, Seven Islands	1.5 B\$
	Alcoa, Baie-Comeau	1 B\$
Hydroelectricity :	Toulnostouc (dam)	1 B\$
	La Romaine (4 dams)	5 B\$
	Petit Mécatina	5 B\$
	Sainte-Marguerite 3 (dam)	2 B\$
	Lower Churchill Falls	
	Gull Island	4 B\$
	Muskrat Falls	2.8 B\$
Mines :	Iron Ore (project started in 1997 and suspended)	1 B\$
	Voisey's Bay Nickel Co.	2.9B\$

**Canadian Northeast Region**

**TOTAL of known projects of more than 1 B\$ 26.2 B\$**

Other projects of less than 1 B\$ are announced or in progress and although they have not been considered in the framework of this text, still represent large investments, particularly in the mining sector.

The government of Newfoundland and Labrador initiated an ambitious project (500 M\$) a few years ago aimed at linking the communities of Labrador, from Labrador City to Blanc-Sablon by road. Phase 1 of this project is completed between HappyValley and Labrador City, phase 2 between Red Bay and Cartwright on the Atlantic coast was completed in 2003 and the final phase 3 starts in 2004 with the construction of a bridge over the Churchill River near HappyValley and will be finished in 2009, after having completed a road section of 145 km between Cartwright and HappyValley, thus opening up Southern Labrador to the continent. From then on, all major communities of Labrador will have access to the continental road network and should be able to cross the Saguenay River by the 138 by way of highway 389 (Manic 5) in order to gain access to the larger cities of the country and the rest of the continent.

The achievement of phases 1 and 2 of this project will increase traffic at the crossing of the Saguenay River. In addition to the transport needs related to the major projects announced, the opening of the Trans Labrador Highway will increase travelling by the people of Labrador and Quebecers in the eastern part of the Lower North Shore towards the large cities.

Moreover, it will allow the villages of Blanc-Sablon, Middle Bay, St. Paul's River and Old Fort at the extreme east of the Quebec North Shore, to be linked by road to the rest of

the province.

Foreseeable investments of more than 26 B\$ in the Canadian Northeast are an incentive for governments to ensure the safety and smooth traffic flow of this road network with the rest of the country. The door to the region should be opened by the rapid construction of a bridge over the Saguenay at Tadoussac. The prosperity of the region as well as the prosperity of Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada itself depends on it.

The Society for a Bridge over the Saguenay, November 2003.