

Water Line Project West Tsi Snaihne

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The water pipes are just about ready to span the St. Regis River from the shore of Tsi Snaihne to the banks of St. Regis Village. As well, the digging for the roadside waterline has been progressing well and in a timely manner. The project is being handled by Mitchell's Construction and a large crew of hard working men and women.

The markers (poles) have been set in the water across the river as a guide for the pipes to follow. The amphibex machine you see in the picture has to dig into the ground underwater about 5 more feet. The purpose of this is to protect the laid pipes from the ice pile up in the Spring. By lowering the pipes, there is less chance of ice damage. Another phase of this project is to

line up and place the pipes at the site to be fused together. Watching this take place is very interesting. The "fusion" will take place with this machine after pipes are laid at each end. The machine is set at 500 degrees and actually takes about a good ten minutes to complete fusion of two pipes once they are placed inside. The polyethylene pipes will need to be melted about 1/2" at the tip of each pipe to be ready to seal. Once it reaches that point, the company or person in charge will place a seal or stamp bearing his name. If problems arise, they can be contacted. They shouldn't be too hard to find because I was told "he" is one of the six across Canada that does this type of fusion techniques. The company is Landale, Inc. from Chateaugay, Quebec and operated by Claude.



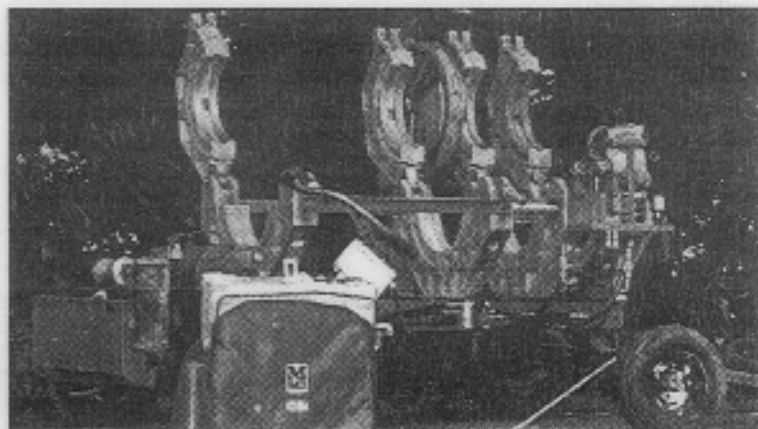
Machine digging trench under water.



Claude of Landale, Inc. from Chateaugay, Quebec and Ralph Cree.



Pipes at each end.



Fusion Apparatus.

