

New hotel opens in Arctic island

More than 400 miles north of the Arctic Circle, skilled hunters search for the plentiful white fox. Their success has made Sachs Harbour a prosperous trapping community. Now, a new hotel, the White Fox Inn has opened in the small settlement. (pop. 170).

The hotel began operation in early January 1976. Fred and Agnes Carpenter, long time residents of the area, are the owners. The hotel accommodates twelve people in four rooms. Central, modern bathroom facilities are down the hall.

Meals are available for guests in a small but comfortable dining room. Although there is no television in Sachs Harbour and radio reception from Tuktoyaktuk is sporadic, the barren rocky countryside in summer, and the assortment of stretched polar bear skins and freshly caught white fox, offer much more appealing viewing for visitors.

At this second most northerly hotel in North America, rates are closely tied to transportation costs into the isolated area. Room cost per night is \$50 and meals run at \$10 each.

Situated on the southeastern shore of Banks Island, Sachs Harbour has many attractions for the outdoorsman. In addition to the white fox, the area has seal, caribou and polar bears. Also, the community is located just outside the Banks Island Bird Sanctuary.

The owners of the Inn hope to obtain an outfitters licence so they can offer guests tours of the abundant wildlife in the area.

Sachs Harbour is serviced by weekly scheduled flights from Inuvik via Northward Airlines.