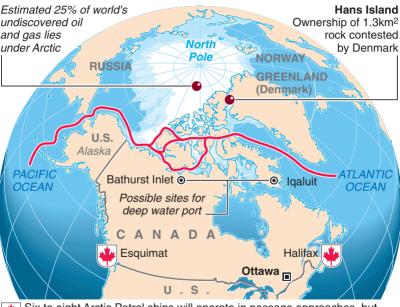
## **Storm brewing in North West Passage**

Canada is to increase its military presence and build a deep water port in its Arctic north in an effort to assert sovereignty over the North West Passage – or the Canadian Internal Waters as it is also known – an oil-rich region which the U.S. and EU claim is an international strait

— North West Passage: First sea traversal in 1906 by *Roald Amundsen*. Now, as global warming melts Arctic ice, opening up as viable sea lane



Six to eight Arctic Patrol ships will operate in passage approaches, but only during summer months. U.S. and Russia have heavy icebreakers able to operate year round