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Earl's Hydraulics

From farms to factories

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TRENTON — The dictionary defines hydraulics as the science of mechanical properties of liquid in motion.

Anything that runs on fluid power is hydraulic, and no one understands that better than Earl 'Butch' Douglas.

The owner and operator of Earl's Hydraulics on Frankford Crescent, Douglas's firm is a "one-stop shop" that not only makes components such as hydraulic hoses, fittings and gauges, but sells and services them.

Operating since the fall of 1996, the company builds hydraulic systems used by businesses and industries across Ontario and as far west as

British Columbia.

Farm tractors, woodsplitters, components in factories: they all

run on hydraulic power, and that's Douglas's specialty.

He's also involved a prototype for a Canadian shipping company, and is now busy building 21 of the systems over the next year.

The systems will also be shipped to a Chinese firm, and he'll travel there later this year to work out the details.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I do travel quite a bit for business, but



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Work can be done at Earl's Hydraulics, or Douglas offers a mobile service for companies that need installation or repairs done on site.

The firm also makes high performance stainless steel hose and aluminum fittings for auto racing applications, as well as custom tube bending, Douglas said.

Even if they didn't build, install or sell it, Earl's Hydraulics will "service or repair any hydraulic equipment,"

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