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Crew from United Rigging installing seasonal dam at Riverside Park 'Wader' at left is Ray Finkle.

Realizing the hazards of the demolition job at the four corners, United Rigging ensured that all safety precaution measures were taken. "I'm very pleased that everything went so well," Ray commented after the job's completion. "There were no injuries, no accidents."

Like most contractors, Ray Finkle started with small jobs. "We started out moving and re-locating machinery," he says of their beginnings. "Then we added welding and fabricating jobs." United Rigging was employed to build a retaining wall in Belleville harbour where high waters in spring were threatening the foundations of a house. This was followed by construction of two attractive boathouses on South Front St. The versatility of United Rigging kept business growing: up and down, and at ground level.

A number of their jobs have been sub-contract work for Bel-Con Engineering who employed United Rigging for the steel erection in Union Carbide's new addition, and to pull down the old water tower at Corby Distillery. Changes and additions at Corby's also required the services of the Machinery Movers.

United Rigging has four certified scuba divers who do everything from inspection of underwater cable to salvaging sunken boats or recovering items for individuals.

"We've recovered watches, dentures, boat motors," says Ray. "Just name it and we've found it." Being a certified scuba diver has become a requisite for employment at United Rigging.

BRANCHING OUT

United Rigging & Machinery Movers found an ideal location for their business when they purchased a former auto body shop building at the Cannifton end of Maitland Drive last spring. The large lot provides room for an additional enterprise which they are presently developing: equipment sales and rentals which includes heavy equipment for construction and road building; pumps and compressors.