

Legate, John Harold
Foreman and Office Staff Honor
Canada Cement 'Boss' J.H. Legate
On Retirement Continued

process to the modern wet process.

Back in 1920 there were nine dry kilns at Point Anne with a capacity of about 4,200 barrels of cement per day.

Then the switch was made to the modern wet process and with the installation in 1936, Point Anne had the biggest cement kiln on the North American continent.

Since that time two additional wet kilns have been added, bringing plant capacity to its present 12,000 barrels per day.

Plant technique at the big cement plant has improved in the 37 years which Mr. Legate has been at Point Anne, and, in keeping with the times, also have living conditions.

"Everybody got around by horse and buggy when I first came to Point Anne," Mr. Legate recalled. "In fact there were only two automobiles in the whole village.

The trip to Belleville was made by villagers once a week and then by train. The track which ran from Belleville to Point Anne along the bay shore has long since been taken up.

MADE TRIPS BY TRAIN

It was in the day when transportation by automobile was still not too reliable and to make certain of arrival time, long trips were made by train.

"But soon everyone at Point Anne was driving a car and then the cycle changed with the depression years and nobody had a car."

Now the trend has again changed and once more everyone has a car.

"Point Anne is a good place to work," Mr. Legate noted.

Now with his retirement Mr. Legate's association with the Canada Cement Company will be ended, but the name Legate

will still continue with the company.

Three out of four of Mr. Legate's sons have followed in their father's footsteps and are associated with Canada Cement. His oldest son John is assistant superintendent at the Winnipeg plant; another son Douglas is at Woodstock, while a third son Ben is at the Canada Cement plant at Havelock, in N.B. His youngest son Robert is now attending Carleton University in Ottawa, but in this case Mr. Legate feels the chain will be broken.

One daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Matthews, lives in Belleville.

Although carrying heavy responsibilities of his post as superintendent and in recent years plant manager at Point Anne, Mr. Legate has still found time to offer his talents in municipal and church activities.

ON HOSPITAL BOARD

For many years he had been a member of the Board of Governors at Belleville General Hospital and also is a member of the Children's Aid Society.

He has been an active member of the Belleville Rotary Club, is a member of the Professional Engineers, the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Fish and Game Club, and is a former member of the Board of Management of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where he and Mrs. Legate are regular attendants.

For the future Mr. and Mrs. Legate hope to continue living in Belleville, but they expect to do considerable travelling.

"We haven't decided exactly, but for a start we will go south for the winter," he said.

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