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in 1957 wiped out the whole plant. The present plant is equipped with a sprinkler system to prevent history repeating itself.

When the Arnprior born brothers started the operation they chiefly served the local market with a complete wood-working service.

With this extra operation and with the old methods of production, the company at one time employed up to 80 men. Now the staff runs from 20 to 25 men. However, the company is producing more now than it ever has.

The Scheel brothers use all British Columbia cedar for their windows. Mrs. Scheel said that this cedar eliminates warpage and rot, thus meeting the demands of the market. For this reason, the company has not used pine for many years.

Arriving in rough two inch-planks, the timber is ripped, planed and moulded in the back of the shop. The company does all its own work "as far as the finished manufacture of lumber is concerned."

The lumber then goes through the double cut off saw which trims it to the required lengths

"Ninety-five percent of our operation is stock items," Mr. Scheel explained.

The shop may run several thousand sills at a time and then run the same number of head and jam members.

This mass production technique speeds up the company's production.

After the lumber is machined, it is dipped in a preservative and then put into the stock racks. The racks constantly have about 10,000 pieces of window frames on them at one time.

As the orders come in, the carpenters in the shop take the so pre-cut pieces and merely assemble them. Mr. Scheel commented that a hardworking team of two carpenters should be able to produce up to 150 windows in a day.

Mr. Scheel explained that the company tries to keep the manufacturing process as simple as possible in order to speed production.

The glass, which is cut and ground on the premises, is packed separately in cartons with the screens. The metal department makes the screens.

The finished product is shipped mainly to wholesalers. Besides their own fleet of trucks,

the company also uses various transport companies to deliver their windows.



MR. WARD PATTERSON is the salesman for the Scheel company.

