

Presses moved after



30 years in Tweed

Loading the presses

A work crew loads the presses from Quinte Web Press Ltd. onto a flat bed truck to be installed at the new location of Essence Communications Group in Belleville.

It's the end of an era as presses were moved out on Friday to be relocated on

Belleville. Quinte Web Press Ltd. on Victoria Street in Tweed was recently sold to Essence Communications Group in Belleville who, in turn, are

moving into a state of the art production facility right next to the 401 on Hanna Court, just north of Bell Boulevard. Quinte Web Press Ltd. printed several

newspapers, including *The Tweed News*, *The Bancroft Times*, *The Brighton Independent* and several others in between. They also have a job printing facility.

Quinte Web Press Ltd. was started in 1972 by Clyde Bell, Eldon Kemp, Bob Hanna and Lynn Jones and was housed in the back of *The Tweed News*. A Goss Community Press from Chicago, Illinois, was purchased and at that time the Canadian dollar was at a premium of six

over the American dollar. The first week of December 2, the first newspapers were printed on a one unit press. A lot changed during the next 30 years as more units of the offset press were added and in 1983 Quinte Web Press purchased the Ontario Hydro Building on Victoria Street and moved into much larger quarters than what were available in *The Tweed News*. Quinte Web continued to

grow and in late fall of 2002 the remaining owner, Eldon Kemp, sold to Essence.

In October of 2002 Essence purchased a 22,000 sq. ft. building, while extensive renovations have been in progress over the winter months. This location is four times larger than the location in Tweed. In this location Essence will offer full colour printing, complete in-house design, book publishing, internet solutions and copy services.

Crews from Tillbury and Newmarket moved the five units of the press and the stacker out of the Tweed location by fork lift. Once it is housed in Belleville two more units will be added. Quinte Web Press was the first to move into the new building with the remainder of the Essence business to be moved by mid March. Essence will be fully up and running by mid April. Mike Visser,

Production Manager of Essence, explained that it will be nice to have everything under one roof and will be more efficient. When the presses were moved, crews had two days to set up the presses again with levelling to be done as well as pouring concrete around the presses. Repairs to those units were also done at this time. It was a hectic schedule for the crews as it all had to be done so as not to interfere with the schedules of the newspapers that are printed. *The Tweed News* was the first newspaper printed at the new facility. The employees of Quinte Web Press Ltd. in Tweed kept their jobs when the business was sold.

After 30 plus years in Tweed it's sad to see another business leave town, but Essence offers a wide range of business experience in the printing and publishing field.