



Aerial View of New Acton Limestone Quarries Just Opened For Production This Week

\$2,500,000 Acton Limestone Quarry Begins Operation; Produce Monday

A two and a half million dollar investment became more than speculation this week as machinery started to hum when production began at Acton Limestone Quarries, two miles southeast of Acton. The site lay dormant for a number of years until speculators saw possibilities for one of Canada's largest quarries.

The former lime kilns have been growing up in grass and weeds for over 30 years until last year, when a clearing program began to remove the wooded area and level the ground, under the name of the new owners, Acton Limestone Quarries.

Dream Come True
Scottish born and educated, John Moore saw a dream come true as Canada's newest, largest and most modern, fully automated limestone quarry began producing crushed stone for the construction trade. Mr. Moore has spent months and months at the drawing board designing equipment and layout for the new plant.

The good natured Scot has designed three other plants, but Acton Limestone Quarries is the largest to date. Barber-Greene Company did the engineering on the crushing plant, which is designed for 100 per cent duplication in the event of expansion.

Constant Vigil
Mr. Moore has been on hand daily since the first ground was broken and equipment began to arrive and along with vice-president and general manager John B. Regan, has been keeping a close watch on the development of the plant. Both men have had years of experience in the construction field.

Started in 1959
Exploratory work began on the site in late 1959 when a diamond drilling program was carried out to determine the tonnage and quality of limestone underlying the property. At this time, an independent geologist's report

indicated that out of the 250 acres involved, 180 acres are underlain by dolomite limestone, estimated to total over 40 million tons. It is estimated in the company prospectus that an additional 30 million tons are indicated on the remaining 265 acres.

The 250 acres owned by the company include parts of Lots 23 and 24, concession 4, Esqueping, which were bought from Ian Moore, Toronto. This property previously formed portions of the William Stalker farm, Harvey Kirkwood farm and the former lime kilns. Under option at present are approximately 100 acres from Thomas Ritchie; approximately 100 acres from Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perry; and approximately 65 acres from the McDonald family.

Big Daddy
In most operations of this size, there are always the men behind the scenes and president of Acton Limestone Quarries Limited is none other than Frederick G. Gardiner, well-known former chairman of Metropolitan Toronto. Other officials include Mr. Regan; John D. Mingay, vice-president; and John J. Fitzpatrick, O. C., secretary-treasurer.

Before the large, expensive machinery can be fed with huge chunks of rock to be crushed, drilling and blasting takes place. This rock is loaded into four huge trucks by a fully electrically operated power shovel for transfer to the primary crusher capable of crushing 2,000 tons of rock per hour.

Tunnel Under Stockpile
From the primary crusher, the stone is fed onto a 54-inch conveyor belt by syntron feeders at the rate of 2,000 tons per hour and dumped into a surge pile (5,000 tons) over a large tunnel. From this stockpile, the material is recovered by a 54-inch conveyor belt by two syntron feeders.

It is weighed automatically and dumped onto a scalping

screen. At this point, everything minus four inches drops onto one conveyor and plus four inch material is dumped into the secondary crusher.

These two belts carry the respective material to the tertiary

crusher building, where it is screened again, all dirt and foreign material taken out, and dumped on the west side of the building. From the tertiary crusher, material is carried on conveyor belts to the first screening tower, containing two screens. At this stage, two and a half inch minus material are transferred to two 50,000 ton stockpiles and all material over two and a half inches is returned to the tertiary crusher again, where it is broken down to the proper size.

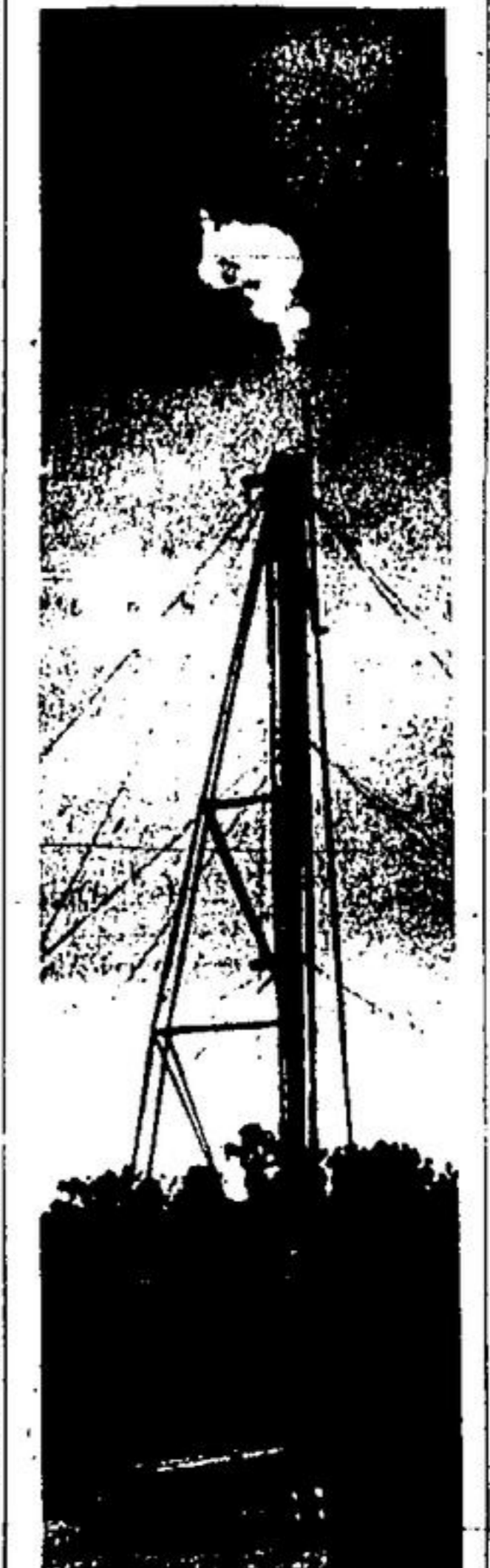
Down to Smallest
From the first screening tower, stone is carried to the second, where two grades of stone, minus one inch and minus three quarter inch, are piled in two 50,000 ton stockpiles. By the time the third screening tower has been reached, five-eighth inch and three-eighth inch material is stockpiled in 50,000 ton piles.

From the time material begins to flow through the first to the third screening tower, six stockpiles have been made over a 1,200 foot tunnel equipped with 12 syntron feeders. This enables the company to mix any specification of material called for by a contractor or architect.

Concrete retaining walls 20 feet high and approximately 160 feet long prevent different sizes of material from mixing. Stockpiles measuring 208 feet at the base come out to 80 feet at the top.

Load at Sliding
As the orders come in, material is selected and mixed automatically, carried through an elevated tunnel on conveyor belts to four large bins with a capacity of 1,800 tons over a railroad siding where four cars are loaded at one time. After loading, the cars are moved over an automatic track scale and the weight recorded on tapes. The scale is one of three in existence and will be owned outright by the company, with the exception of intricate parts on.

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Staff Photo

Smash Two Windows At School Breakin
Two windows were smashed and doors opened to admit thieves during the weekend at the Robert Little public school. Thieves apparently left empty-handed after ransacking the principal's office.

A small window in the door of the kindergarten class was smashed to allow the robbers to reach in and unlock the door from the inside. After gaining entrance to the school, the principal's office was the next target and the window in the door was smashed in the same manner, to allow entry to be made.

Discovery of the incident was made by teacher Keith Martin, who visited the school Monday morning to do some work during the holiday. Police were called immediately and fingerprints were obtained. Principal G. W. McKenzie reported this week nothing had been taken that he could ascertain.

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In the arena portion of the building there will be seven speaker system. Additional speakers will be located in the auditorium, the lobby and in the basement section. Making the installation more difficult are the sheet metal walls and roof which cause acoustical problems. The new system has been designed to minimize these problems. Figure skating classes were authorized by the board with 55 registered last week. The figure has climbed to 65 this week. A general meeting of interested skaters will be held Tuesday evening. Classes will be held Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 when preschool children and mothers will do the blades. From 7:00 to 10:00 the intermediate and senior classes will move in. Fees have been set at \$6.00 for preschool children, \$10.00 for intermediate and \$12.00 for seniors. Classes will be held for approximately 20 weeks.

Engage New Man
Albert Bard was engaged for the work staff and will begin his duties October 15 at a salary of \$67.50 per week.

Painting is nearing completion and advertising signs are being installed in the west end. At the east end of the arena the program is being held up pending the arrival of the new time clock.

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Total Town Assessment \$7,635,925 46.2 Per Cent Industrial-Commercial

Assessment figures presented at Council's Tuesday session still indicate a very favorable Residential-Commercial ratio. With 46.2 per cent of the total assessment Industrial-Commercial, the Residential assessment is 53.8 per cent. Total assessment is \$7,635,925, made up of land of \$875,055, buildings \$5,069,050 and business of \$1,072,300.

Residential assessment is \$3,774,815, Commercial \$1,070,790, Industrial \$2,170,800 and exempt \$619,520. These figures may be reduced by the Court of Revision. The \$200,000 increase over last year is accounted for by new building during the year. Assessment appeals must be entered with the clerk by October 14th.

Notice of increase in the cost of the contract with the O.P.P. for municipal policing was received. Under the contract for 1963 cost of a Corporal will be \$6,400, and constables will be at \$5,400. No increase in cruiser costs of 9¢ a mile is expected. Possibility of an increase in the size of the detachment will increase cost. In 1962 \$25,225 was budgeted for police costs. Council will have to either accept the contract with the increase or set up their own police department by January 1st, 1963. The contract has gone back to the police committee for a report. Notice was received from the

Department of Municipal Affairs that the council will be required, before January 1, to submit a five-year projection of capital costs. The department letter explained this would simplify and expedite approval of the projects. Included in the forecast

will be capital expenditure of the school board, the hydro commission, parks board and all boards authorized to issue debentures. The forms and letters are to be turned over to the budget committee and boards concerned. Approval of an Oakville resolution was given. The Oakville resolution calls for legislation to make parents of minors liable for payment in the case of vandalism. Under present legislation there is no recourse for payment. Mayor Gov expressed dissatisfaction with the wording of the resolution under which the property owner would be liable for damages if the tenant defaulted. However, the resolution was endorsed.

A by-law was passed appointing Murray Smith to the Committee of Adjustment to fulfill the term of office of Jack Doherty who has resigned.

New Councillor
Alex Johnson took the oath of office as councillor to fill the vacancy on council caused by the resignation of Frank Proutie.

A letter from the Community Programs Branch advised council it would be in order to have the Parks Board continue to act as a Recreation Committee until the end of the year, providing two members of council sit on the board.

The monthly police report showed 52 cases prosecuted and 42 convictions. The magistrate reported fines of \$688, collected, the town's share being \$236.17. Reeve Hargrave reported a request before County Council for two court rooms in the old court house was being considered. At the present time all cases are being heard in Oakville.

The building committee was instructed to prepare a report on the advisability of the purchase and renovation of the old post office as a municipal building.

Annual Dinner
Notice of the annual dinner of the Urban Board on November (Continued on Page Three)



Staff Photo

MR. AND MRS. W. MINO celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Monday at their home in Eden Mills. The couple were married in Rockwood Methodist Church parsonage and after retiring from the farm moved to their present home. They have four children, George of Toronto; Nelson, Guelph; Bill, Malton and Margaret (Mrs. Sid Barnes) of Brooklin, Ontario. The couple have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ballinfad Auction Boosts New Hall

Articles ranging from baking to antiques will go up on the auction block for sale this Saturday at Ballinfad as the canvass committee for the new Ballinfad hall are hopeful of boosting the fund.

Donors have given articles for the sale and this week the committee received several antique articles. Patrons will be able to obtain tea and sandwiches on the spot as they make a bid for their favorite article.

Progress on the new building has been held up temporarily but an additional list of donors to date is published below:

- Acton and Area**
Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brydon, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Allan, Rachlin Jewellers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holmes, Grant Motors, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert, Nellis Construction Ltd., Mr. Wm. Cassidy, Mr. O. Mullar.
- Ballinfad Area**
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swadlowhurst, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snow, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Belk, Mrs. Kay McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris.
- Georgetown and Area**
Towne Sewing Machine Centre, Miss Jean MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cleave, Dr. A. Mcintosh, Mr. Wm. Brown, Jackson's Bargains, Harris Floral, McCormick's Drug Store.
- Silvercreek Area**
Mr. R. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Healey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carriere, Mrs. D. Williamson, Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. B. Keip.
- Others**
Miss Lydia J. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Vaughn, Brig. F.-C. Wallace.

Fire Razes Garage, Truck \$3,000 Blaze at Flour Mill

Acton Firefighters scored a victory Sunday evening when flames and sparks from a burning garage threatened main buildings at Lindsay's flour mill.

An estimated \$3,000 damage was caused when Mr. Lindsay's tin garage, stake dump truck and other contents of the building were completely destroyed. It is believed that children smoking or playing with matches caused the near midnight blaze.

The fire was first discovered by a nearby resident, who didn't have a telephone in the house but ran to a neighbor's to raise the alarm.

When firemen arrived at the scene, flames and sparks were shooting skyward from the blazing building. Several lines of hose were hastily laid and streams of water played on the fire.

Spray Nearby Elevators
Nearby grain elevators were sprayed with water and the roof and sides of the main building wetted down to prevent sparks starting another fire. Explosion of truck tires startled spectators and it was believed the gas tank had exploded.

Firemen who were battling the blaze right inside the garage didn't realize till later that the

gas tank was still half full of gas which might have exploded spreading the fire to other buildings. To reach the flames, firemen knocked the tin walls of the garage over with pike poles from the truck.

Police were on hand to prevent vehicles from running over lines of hose laid out across the roadway and stop cars from hampering firemen. Many spectators followed the glow in the sky to locate the potentially very serious blaze.

The following morning fire chief Mick Holmes and constable Ron Rupert found cigarettes and a book of matches near the scene of the fire. Children are under suspicion and their parents have been contacted.

Thieves Steal Two Cars Later Found Abandoned
Car thieves broke into Beejay Car Sales, sometime after 1 a.m. Monday, ransacked the office drawers and files, smashed an empty safe and hurled it outside along with sets of car keys before making off with two company cars.

Abandon Cars
The thieves selected 1957 and 1959 model cars for their escapade. The two vehicles were recovered shortly before noon the same day. The '57 model was found abandoned in the laneway at the Albert Van Gil's farm on the second line and the later model was located in a ditch on a sideroad near Georgetown.

Police were called when the office was found in a shambles and constable Ron Rupert is investigating.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS visited Acton and district schools Wednesday morning and conducted fire drills during Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters also inspected schools for possible fire hazards and checked fire extinguishers. Pictured above are two of the junior grades from the M. Z. Bennett school as they hear an explanation regarding fire fighting equipment. The children were allowed to ask questions and some were able to sit on the driver's seat of the truck. Firemen on duty were chief Mick Holmes, Hilliard Price, Phil McCristall and Sam Tennant.