

# INSIGHT



# ACTON



**THE OLD KNITTING-NEEDLE** approach applied to industry, is used to poke out the fingers in the gloves. There are pokers of different thicknesses for the fingers and the thumb. (Staff Photo)

## Superior leather gloves on the hands of industry.

Superior Glove on Vimy Street puts out close to 50,000 pairs of industrial gloves a year according to Frank Geng.

The plant, owned jointly by Mr. Geng and Julian Zajac, began in 1961. Since Acton was at one time a large glove centre with a number of different factories, there were trained girls available for hire. They now have a staff of 45 people.

The 'split' leather used in making the industrial gloves is a by-product of tanneries such as Beardmore and Company. The better parts of the 'splits' are trimmed off in the plant and the waste is shipped to glue factories.

A huge rotating drum fans and colors the leather and another dries it. Employees cut the tanned leather in the shape of the gloves to be sewn. The plant produces full leather gloves and gloves with just the leather palms.

A unique looking machine with rotating iron hands turns the finished gloves right-side-out, presses them and sends them down a conveyor belt to be packed and shipped.

Superior Glove promises to be at the hands of industry for years to come, with a progressive and expanding enterprise.



**SUPERIOR GLOVES** are sewn on heavy-duty machines with thick needles and heavy thread. Some are all leather and others have cloth backs and leather palms. (Staff Photo)



**METAL HANDS** work for Superior Glove. The gloves are sewn on the wrong side, then the machine flips them right-side out, presses them and flips them out on a conveyor belt to be checked and packed. (Staff Photo)

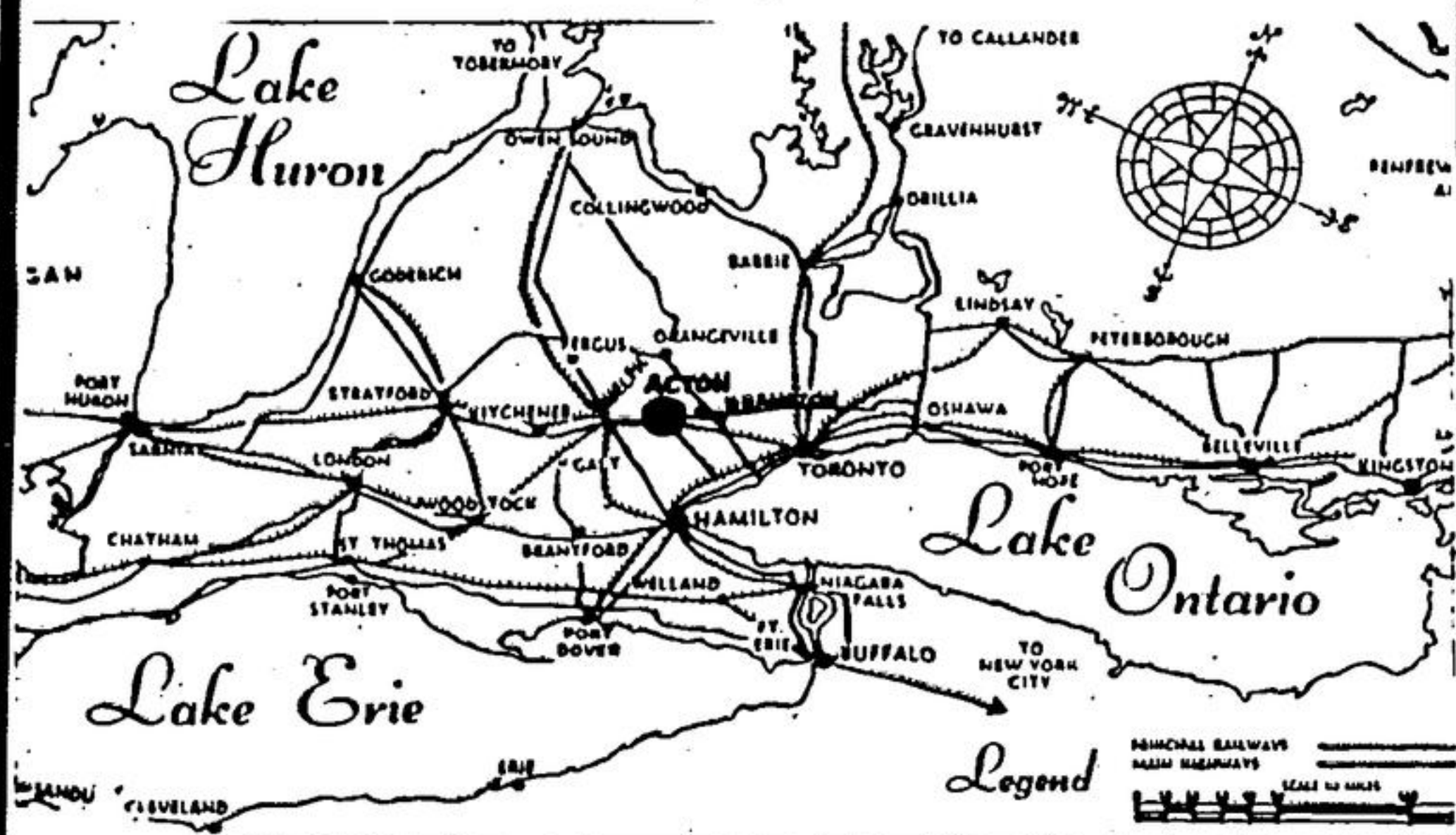


**JULKA TOPOLOVEC** takes the tanned leather and cuts it with iron moulds in the shape of the gloves to be sewn. (Staff Photo)



**PILES OF FINISHED** leather-palm gloves wait to be packed and counted by Mrs. Paupst. Superior Glove produces about 50,000 gloves a year. (Staff Photo)

## PRIME LOCATION FOR



### Approximate Highway Mileage From Acton

Buffalo	78
Cleveland	272
Detroit	212
Erie	171
Hamilton	35
London	92
Montreal	390
Niagara Falls	70
Ottawa	320
Port Huron	177
Toledo	275
Toronto	45

## INDUSTRY

### MacKenzie & Son New display room serving all needs

Mackenzies have been supplying Acton with building supplies for close to 60 years.

From their present location at 12 Church Street, J. B. MacKenzie and Son Limited sell the full range of construction materials from rough lumber to decorator panels, ceiling tiles, shingles, flooring and paint. For those finishing touches, they have

a wide selection of windows, doors, countertops, light-switch plates and door knobs.

In the extension now nearing completion on the end of the original building, Manager Mick Holmes intends to set up a more varied display. "We may get into more electrical lines, wall panels, and perhaps some bathroom fixtures," he adds.

The Acton office is a branch of J. B. MacKenzie in Georgetown. There are five employees from Acton.

The business deals in Allont building supplies which have outlets all across Canada. Through a catalogue put out by Allont Limited, one can select wood products like ladders, picnic

tables, garden fences and trellis, and even pool tables.

A good portion of the lumber sold is shipped in from the west coast.

With the present building boom in Acton, Mackenzies are always busy.

J. B. MACKENZIE & SON is on the move with everything from lumber to door knobs into their new display room addition this summer. (Staff Photo)



**IN THE ADDITION** now nearing completion at J. B. MacKenzie & Son Limited, manager Mick Holmes intends to set up a highly varied display of products, with more electrical lines, wall panels and perhaps more bathroom fixtures. (Staff Photo)



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