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Smallwood Firm Announces Departure From Acton

At a meeting late Tuesday afternoon S. G. Smallwood announced to a group of employees of the Company, W. A. Knippel, field representative of the I.U.E. Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) and Mayor E. Tyler, R. E. Ryan, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and G. A. Dills, editor of the Free Press, that the company would terminate operations at the end of the month.

Following is the text of the announcement which Mr. Smallwood read. Copies were supplied to all present.

Text of Statement
"I have invited you to be present today in order to convey personally an announcement to you and to your community.

"Because of the severe competitive conditions which exist within our industry, we find ourselves unable to continue manufacturing operations in Acton. As a result, the plant will be closed on or about September 30, 1955, and the building and land will be offered for sale.

"Every effort will be made to terminate operations in an orderly and an equitable manner, consistent with the problems with which we must contend. We will endeavour to lay off employees in accordance with their seniority in so far as is practicable.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks on behalf of myself and my colleagues to those who have endeavored to make our stay in Acton an enjoyable one. We are deeply grateful for your kindness, and we shall carry with us pleasant memories of our association."

Not Fault of Town or Union
Questioned by the group following the announcement, Mr. Smallwood assured them that the move had not been precipitated by any action of the union or citizens of Acton, or their representative. He said the relationship with union officials and in Acton generally had been all that was desired. He had secured more space in Kitchener in the building and planned to resume operations there.

For some months operations had been carried on in both Kitchener and Acton. The trained help in Kitchener for this type of industry was available and had not come to Acton with the plant as anticipated. The company was busy and did not have time to teach new workers the various operations. It was also said there had been a large turnover in the workers here.

Mr. Knippel drew it to the attention of Mr. Smallwood that the union he represented had certification only in Acton, and that the I.U.E. union has certification in Kitchener. He said he would give attention to the work here in seniority and other matters incidental to the change.

The union was certified in Acton the first of June and has had five meetings to arrive at an agreement for the Acton plant. Mr. D. Allan Page, industrial relations consultant of Burlington has acted on behalf of the company in the negotiations. Mr. Knippel said a meeting of the Acton employees had been called for Thursday when the matter will be discussed.

Asked if he had made any arrangement for sale of the building, Mr. Smallwood said the decision had been made so quickly that this phase had not been yet considered. There had been no time to evaluate the building and the renovations which had been made since moving in, he said. When this had been done he agreed to advise the Mayor of the decision. Mayor Tyler said this information was desired so that employment could be provided for residents of Acton and district.

The company purchased the building and started to move to Acton in February. At present there are 75 on the payroll which includes the plant personnel from Kitchener.

Regret was expressed that the plant here was being left. The three storey and basement structure is admirably suited for light manufacture. It was owned formerly by the Stover Glove Co. which had carried on business for over 80 years. — Acton Free Press

Four Scholarships for Terra Cotta Student

Eddie Farrar, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Farrar, proprietors of Terra Cotta Inn, was the winner of the greatest number of awards in the history of Brampton high school this week. Eddie, who will enter the University of Toronto's first year Master Physics and Chemistry course, was awarded \$1,200 the J. P. Bickell scholarship. After his initial year, Eddie will major in Geophysics. He was also the recipient of the Thomas A. Russell Scholarship, a Dominion and Provincial \$500 bursary and the P. W. Martin prize from Brampton district high school.

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