

Mail order company getting ready for spring

Free Press Real Estate MARKET PLACE

Rockwood Gardens, the mail order company owned by Don Tomlinson, has recovered from the 1975 Christmas mail strike far better than was expected.

At the time, Mr. Tomlinson predicted that it would take two years to come back but this last spring saw his business double, and the company is now expanding into a new building across the street.

This new building, now in the final stages of construction, measures 200 feet by 72 feet, and was built to allow for the addition of new extensions when they are needed. Part of the building is taken up by a refrigerator which covers an area 50 feet by 72 feet, leaving more than 10,000 square feet of new working space for Rockwood Gardens.

Employ 85
Here up to 42 women will work along the two conveyor belts, making up parcels for shipping to customers from coast to coast in Canada.

In all, Rockwood Gardens employs about 85 people, according to Mr. Tomlinson, and he is planning a gradual increase to 100. Right now the

entire operation is run out of the Tomlinson home and barn, but the new building will include office space to relieve the congestion.

The Tomlinsons have lived at their present address for 15 years, and started the business there four years ago. They now get flowers and plants from as far away as Holland, Texas, and South Africa. More than 200,000 parcels went out this spring alone.

Other mailing
Plants are not their only business.

They also handle packaging for other firms, sample work for such products as the beauty cream 2nd Debut and such supplies as canes, crutches and blood pressure units for medical supply houses.

Customers write from all over Canada to Rockwood for plants. In order to attract this many people, the company places advertisements in T.V. Guide, operates a direct mail program and uses "stuffers" in newspapers.

Ready for spring
None of their plants are actually grown on the property. "We buy and sell everything," says Mr. Tomlinson. Right now there



DON TOMLINSON checks the progress of the construction in Rockwood Gardens' new building. The building will help the company in its expansion, providing more working and storing space.

are 80,000 roses and 350,000 privets in refrigerators in the old barn.
Winter is a slow season for Rockwood Gardens. Except for Christmas there is very

little business done. "Basically we work about five months out of the year," says Mr. Tomlinson. This is when they start getting ready for the spring rush. All the advertising is prepared now

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ACTON HOMES

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PARK AREA - This classic 2-storey red brick older home is in immaculate condition throughout and offers 3 bedrooms, modern 4 pc. bathroom, 2 pc. washroom, formal dining room, extra large modern kitchen, sparkling hardwood floors, and it's set on a large lot on a peaceful tree-lined street with the rear yard overlooking the park. Asking \$59,900.

JUST MOVE IN - Everything's finished in this better than new 2 year old Tudor styled bungalow featuring 3 bedrooms, on suite bath, 2 pc. washroom, family room with stone fireplace, quality broodloom, spacious dining area, paved drive, double garage, and it's professionally decorated and landscaped. Priced at \$63,900.

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COUNTRY RANCHER - plus a 3 stall barn and 2 paddocks so you can have horses for the kids, this modern brick home is set on over half an acre and includes 3 bedrooms, large living and dining room, full basement and attached garage. Asking \$65,900.

COUNTRY SETTING in Rockwood. This custom-built brick bungalow is set on a scenic 1/4 acre wooded lot and features 3 bedrooms, large living room with fireplace, separate dining room, 3 pc. en suite and 5 pc. master bedrooms, a large living and dining room, full basement and attached garage. Asking only \$65,900.

ON ONE ACRE - This cozy country rancher south of Acton features 3 bedrooms, Hollywood kitchen, dining area with walkout, 2 fireplaces, rec room, and double garage with breezeway. Priced at \$73,900.

CUSTOM BUILT country rancher set on one acre overlooking picturesque countryside, minutes from Acton. Solid brick with all aluminum trim, double garage, 3 bedrooms, dining room with walkout, 2 fireplaces, broodloom, large workshop and recreation area. Asking \$76,500.

HOBBY FARM - Set on 20 acres with a spring pond and small barn, this spacious 4 bedroom 2-storey brick home features a separate dining room, 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, rec room and double garage. Ideal home for a large family. Vendor will hold large first mortgage. Priced at \$115,000.

LUXURY LIVING - Set on 10 acres, this 2,500 sq. ft. custom-built home will satisfy the needs of the most discerning buyer. A few of its outstanding features include 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, plus built-in stone bar-b-que, 2 balconies, 3 walkouts, built-in appliances and an inground pool. Illness forces sale, asking \$131,900.

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\$67,500.00. Spacious four bedroom side split with attached garage, main floor family room and off-white broodloom throughout.

10 ACRES
Bordering on Mountsberg Conservation area, all trees and 388' of frontage. Asking \$35,000.00 with financing available.

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