

# Scott Paper take-over only study

The much-touted Scott Paper Ltd. supposed to be taking over the Domtar empty plant is at the feasibility study stage, said Vice President and General Manager, Eastern Manufacturing, Mr. Goulet, in a telephone interview from Montreal, Monday morning. He said Georgetown is only one of several locations being studied.

His statement said, "It has come to our attention that reports in the press and in certain circles state that we will expand the Eastern Manufacturing facilities in the Domtar plant, Georgetown."

"We have no definite plans for major expansion at this time, nor have we considered any form of phase out in any of our existing facilities. As part of an on-going program Scott Paper Ltd. has examined several locations for expansion in various areas in Canada, including our existing facilities in Crabtree, Quebec, and Georgetown."

Continuing, Mr. Goulet stated, "Regarding Georgetown specifically, the services of a consulting engineering firm have been retained to carry out a feasibility study in order to determine whether or not this site fits into the future plans of the company. This report has not been completed to date, and when it is received it will have to be evaluated, along with similar studies on other locations."

He emphasized the company had no intention of moving out of Crabtree, Quebec, or any other facility. He pointed out the Crabtree plant had been in operation 20 years and was an up-to-date efficient operation.

Asked if the premature release of the possibility of the takeover of Domtar plant had hurt the town's chances, Mr. Goulet would not comment, but merely said the company would continue the feasibility study as they would have done whether or not there was an election campaign. He said they would continue to meet with Georgetown authorities.

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HALTON REGIONAL Police Constable Bob Ustrzycki checks the serial licence on Greg White's bicycle Saturday afternoon. Brother Jeff, centre, supervises the job. The constable donated his time free of charge so youngsters would have a chance to get their licences.

## 90 bike licences sold by volunteers

Ninety bicycle licences were sold Saturday by volunteers at the police station.

This was the second year for the special day for bike owners to renew or purchase a licence. Police Constable Tom Roduck set up the office in the police station last year, after realizing youngsters were in school during business hours of the town municipal offices, where the licences were normally purchased. Selling the licences on Saturday gave no one an excuse for not having done the job.

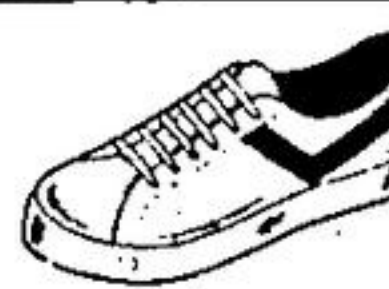
Constables Roduck and Bob Ustrzycki donated their time to sell the licences. Con Ustrzycki arrived at one p.m. to work the afternoon on a volunteer basis and then started his shift at six o'clock. His day was finally over at two a.m. when the shift was over. Pop Main was also on hand to assist in the selling.

Lorna Clarke looked after the bookkeeping. Prizes donated by local merchants were much appreciated by Con. Roduck. Connie Youman won a tent.

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over by Scott Paper Ltd. The mayor said the release of the name may have spoiled the chance of a new industry in town. He said the company did not want their name mentioned until negotiations were absolutely finished.

At a news conference Tuesday, May 31, Mayor Tom Hill at the P.C. headquarters of George Gray, said two gentlemen were negotiating and would make a recommendation to a Vancouver board of directors of a paper industry. At that time he said the plant would take lots of water, and would cover five-eighths of the property.

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### Gray's version

## Paper Co. toned down statement

George Gray, Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton-Burlington, who announced the possibility of the Domtar plant takeover by a paper company first at a Georgetown Chamber of Commerce meeting and later in more detail at a Georgetown Rotary Club meeting and subsequent meetings told this newspaper the president of Scott Paper Ltd. was very upset the news got out. "Because there is definitely a move involved with existing facilities, the president either denied or toned down the nature of their planned operation. In fact the only thing he admitted was the existence of an option to purchase."

Gray said he had been criticized for previous press statements where he indicated the terms of and conditions of the whole deal were all agreed upon. "I wish to reiterate this is still the case, because when an offer of purchase is made the conditions have to be known, otherwise you wouldn't know what you're buying."

He said his opponents attacked him on this issue at an all-candidates' meeting in Kilmorie where he replied by stating he hoped the publicity would not ruin the transaction. He pointed out this is a paper-making town with experienced paper-making labor, and said he still feels that Scott Paper Ltd. have a very solid definite interest in locating here.

Gray, referring to a press conference held last week, said it was called to discuss two other industries and the freeze on nursing homes, but the Mayor of Halton Hills brought up the subject of Domtar and talked about it, revealing it was a paper company and that the board

of directors were meeting in Vancouver to discuss the finalization of the deal. Gray insisted the two other industries are very much alive, and said he hoped they would be brought to a successful conclusion, within a matter of weeks. He said he had been working exclusively with only the management of Smith and Stone, and no one else knew of them. Gray said the N.D.P. are circulating a flyer condemning him as "holding out employment hopes." He said he would like to hear what either candidate has done to encourage in-

dustry to come to Halton Hills. "My whole candidacy is based on securing industry for Halton Region in order to improve the industrial-residential tax base, and thereby hold down property taxes, provide employment and save energy by lowering the distance people have to commute to work."

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## House in fire

A fire Sunday afternoon resulted in extensive damage to a house in Esquesing, according to fire chief Mick Holmes.

The chief said the fire, at the home of Ken McClure, R.R. 1, Acton, on 22 Sideroad, is believed to have started from faulty wiring in the motor of the refrigerator. No estimate of damage was determined at press time, Mr. Holmes said.

There was extensive damage to the kitchen and smoke damage to the remainder of the house, the chief says.

Mr. McClure and his family are living in their motor home on the property until repairs are completed.