

Abitibi Quarter Century 28th annual meeting

A decision taken five to six years ago to convert the Georgetown mill of Abitibi Provincial Paper Limited to manufacture specialty papers may be the reason why the plant continues to operate.

Plant manager George Lockwood told the 28th annual meeting of the company's Quarter Century Club Saturday that "the decision that we made some five to six years ago to get into specialty papers such as wallpaper is the reason why we are operating today."

He said the local operation has a "great" future if all employees work diligently and conscientiously.

Last week Abitibi Provincial Paper Limited announced a reduction of 80 men (50 per cent) by April because of unstable market conditions.

T.H. Birchall, general manager, in a letter to members urged that there is no reason "for doom and gloom" noting that low markets had occurred before and business will improve.

President Tom Bell said the year had been less than could have been hoped for following the ending of the longest strike in the company's history. Diligent dedication to the company's goals would make the future successful, he added.

Three members of the local coating mill staff were also

inducted into the Quarter Century Club Saturday in a special ceremony.

William Hanson and William Hewitt both were presented with timepieces to mark the occasion. Harvey Chappel, who was absent, received his gift earlier.

John Buss, a retired technical consultant told the meeting he has not progressed far in attempting to have Abitibi support a project commemorating the first generation of electrical power in North America at Georgetown.

He presented Mr. Lockwood with two sketches of the Provincial Paper Limited plant here circa 1910.

In other business Trevor Williams was elected president of the Quarter Century Club at the Georgetown mill replacing M.J. Beaumont. Ralph Thompson remains as treasurer while vice-presidential and treasurers posts remain vacant until further appointments are made.

Mr. Lockwood said following the business meeting that talks will continue this week between Canada Manpower and company officials to seek employment for the workers affected by last week's announcement.

The workers, all with up to nine year seniority, will be laid-off in a phased manner

ending in April.

Last week Abitibi container division officials visited the

plant. There is optimism that some employees may be transferred, he said.



ABITIBI PLANT MANAGER GEORGE LOCKWOOD WITH TWO SKETCHES OF THE GEORGETOWN PAPER MILL CIRCA 1910 PRESENTED AT THE ABITIBI PROVINCIAL PAPER QUARTER CENTURY CLUB ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY.



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Halton Region council turned down a suggestion by retiring Oakville Coun. Gord Brown that an administrative document outlining projects undertaken by the region in 1976 be advertised.

A partial list of those projects follows:

SITE F
Drilling on Site F for data supporting or rejecting the site as a potential solid waste landfill area. Site F located at Tremaine and Britannia Roads in Milton has been the centre of emotional controversy since it was designated the only site to be drilled for second stage investigations. Eleven initial proposed sites have been eliminated from consideration unless data from

Site F proves negative.

HEADQUARTERS
Contract tenders for architectural work on the regional headquarters was completed and occupancy is projected to March, 1978.

WATER RATES
A water rate study was completed but held until the new year when council will "re-examine the question of uniform water rates, or to establish rates for those water areas where revenues are not presently meeting the needs of the system." Chief Administration Office Ernest Reid says.

STUDY CALLED
A research paper was instituted into the take-over of ministry of environment water

pollution control plants within the region. Action is expected next year.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
The success of the mosquito abatement program is impossible to assess and it is possible that the weather played an important factor in keeping the cost down. Mr. Reid estimates the program cost about \$28,000 and covered a 35-acre area. A subsidy of about \$3,000 is expected.

SURPLUS?
A modest surplus is expected in the operating budget set last year. \$22.17 million of the \$32.94 million budget had been spent by Oct. 31. It represents about 67.3 per cent.

WORKS PROJECT
Among the capital works

projects in the public works department are the following North Halton capital projects: Action water pollution control plant operational in January, 1978, following a \$938,000 expansion; water supply to Norval and storm sewers for the village costing a total of \$645,000 (The design work for water supply is about 60 per cent complete.); water mains in Acton costing \$57,500; water mains in Georgetown costing \$184,000; \$55,000 for the Weber Drive sanitary relief sewer in Georgetown; the transfer of the Acton water billing officer at a savings of about \$15,000.

DAY CARE
Social services department spent \$183,000 in Halton Hills

this year to build a day care centre.

MEETINGS
Clerk's department personnel attended more than 100 regular meetings this year not including the 71 additional meetings for special purpose bodies such as the Bill 151 Review. This work takes up a large portion of the workload in the clerk's department, the report adds.

MICROFILM
More than 2,000 microfilm images have been made of the estimated 3,300 written communications handled by the region in 1975.

PERSONNEL
The region now employs 642 people, an increase of 18 over 1975.

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