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Halton cable looks for 15,000th subscriber

Halton Cable Systems in Acton considers 15,000 to be a "magic number."

The cable company expects to reach this number of subscribers sometime at the end of this month or early April and to mark the occasion, the 15,000th subscriber will win a long weekend in Las Vegas complete with limousine service, air fare and accommodation for two, says general manager John De Jong.

"We don't know on what date subscriber number 15,000 will sign up but we are fewer than 100 away from the magic number," said Mr. De Jong. "We expect it will be in late March or early April."

The cable company's operations manager John Ollivier attributes the company's growth over the last 10 years to the continued expansion of Halton Hills and Milton and to some innovative low cost packaging of the cable service.

Halton Cable Systems was one of the first cable companies to offer premier cable channels such as

TSN and Arts and Entertainment as a package which, in turn, enabled the station to offer the channels at lower price than other cable companies, said Mr. Ollivier.

And Mr. Ollivier said that since the company started selling cable channel packages in 1987 many other companies have been following suit.

Ninety-two per cent of television owners in the urban areas of Georgetown, Acton and Milton subscribe to the cable service, said Mr. Ollivier.

Mr. Ollivier said the packaging of channels solidified the customer base.

The 15,000th subscriber will also be asked to assist town Mayor Russ Miller at the ground breaking ceremony when Halton Cable Systems begins construction on the company's new building later this year, said Mr. De Jong.

As part of the festivities several other prizes will be drawn including a VCR, a cordless telephone, coffee maker and con-

The taxpayers of Halton Hills paid almost \$130,000 in salaries to the mayor and town councillors last year.

Mayor Russ Miller received a salary of almost \$24,000 last year while the 12 councillors were each paid just under \$9,000.

The mayor spent just over \$2,000 to attend seminars and conventions in 1989 - the most spent by any of the town politicians.

Local politicians spent almost \$7,000 on conventions and seminars last year.

The mayor attended a convention on road improvement, one on the organization of small urban municipalities (O.S.U.M.), another hosted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M.) in Vancouver and the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Councillors Rick Bonnette, Joe Hewitt, and Pam Johnston were the only other politicians to attend more than one seminar last year.

Coun. Bonnette spent just over \$1,265 to attend the F.C.M. conference in Vancouver and the International Conference on Housing.

Coun. Hewitt spent just over \$800 to attend the Good Roads Conven-

tion and the O.S.U.M.

Coun. Johnston spent just over \$1,400 to attend the F.C.M. in Vancouver and the International Con-

ference on housing.

Coun. Robert Heaton spent \$35 on conferences and seminars - the least of any councillor.



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WANT TO APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT?

You still have time to appeal your 1989 assessment if you feel your home or business property has been improperly assessed. Your assessment is important because the amount of property tax you will pay in 1990 depends on it. The assessed value of your property is multiplied by the municipal and school mill rates to determine your property taxes.

Notices of Property Valuation were mailed to property owners and tenants whose assessments have changed since last year. Open house information sessions were held in your area to give you the opportunity to ask questions and correct any errors.

The Assessment Roll was delivered to your municipality on February 27, 1990 and will be used to calculate the taxes you will pay in 1990. You can review the Roll at your municipal office during regular business hours. If you believe your property has been improperly assessed and you have not yet registered an appeal, you still have until March 20, 1990 to mail or deliver your appeal to the Assessment Review Board. *And remember, even if you did not receive a Notice of Property Valuation, you still have the right to appeal.*

Appeal deadline: March 20, 1990

The Assessment Review Board is an independent tribunal under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. It is intended to provide you with an additional opportunity to have your assessment reviewed if, in your opinion, it is not fair and equitable with the assessment of similar properties in your area. The Review Board is more informal and relaxed than a regular court of law. You may present your own case, retain a lawyer, or ask a relative or friend to speak as your agent.

To help you in filing your appeal, Notice of Appeal forms are available from the Assessment Review Board, your Regional Assessment Office, or your municipal office. You can also use the reverse side of a Notice of Property Valuation, or write a letter giving the property address and roll number along with your reasons for appealing. Appeals should be forwarded to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board at the address shown below.

If you appealed your previous assessment, it will be necessary to lodge an appeal against your assessment with the Assessment Review Board each year, if the appeal against your previous assessment has not yet been settled, or your 1989 Notice of Property Valuation does not reflect the most recent decision of the Board.

In those parts of Ontario designated for French Language Services, you can appear before a bilingual (English/French) Appeal Board. Please check the space provided on your appeal form if you wish to use this service.

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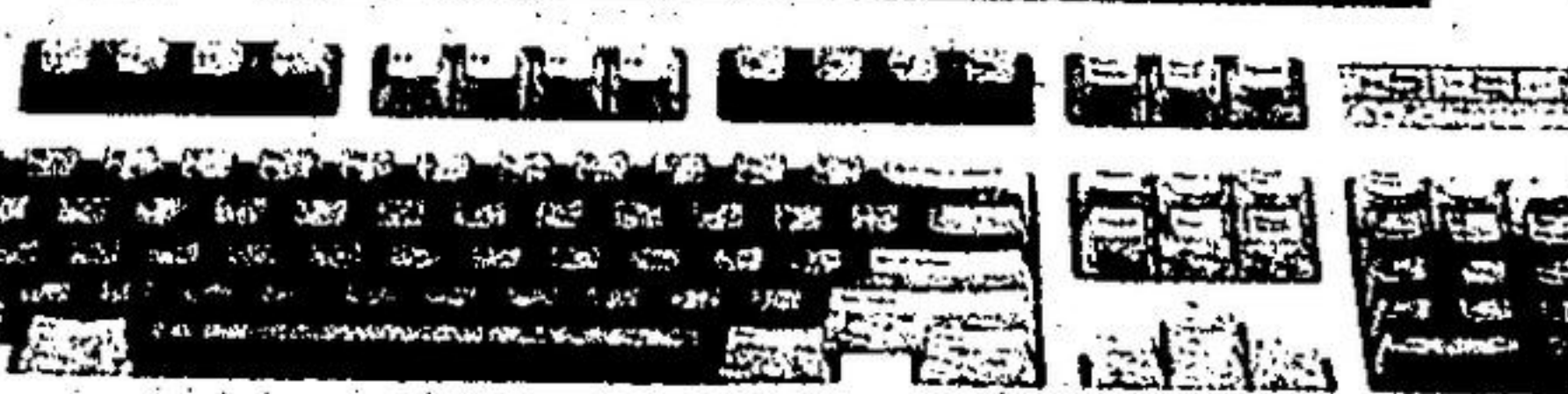
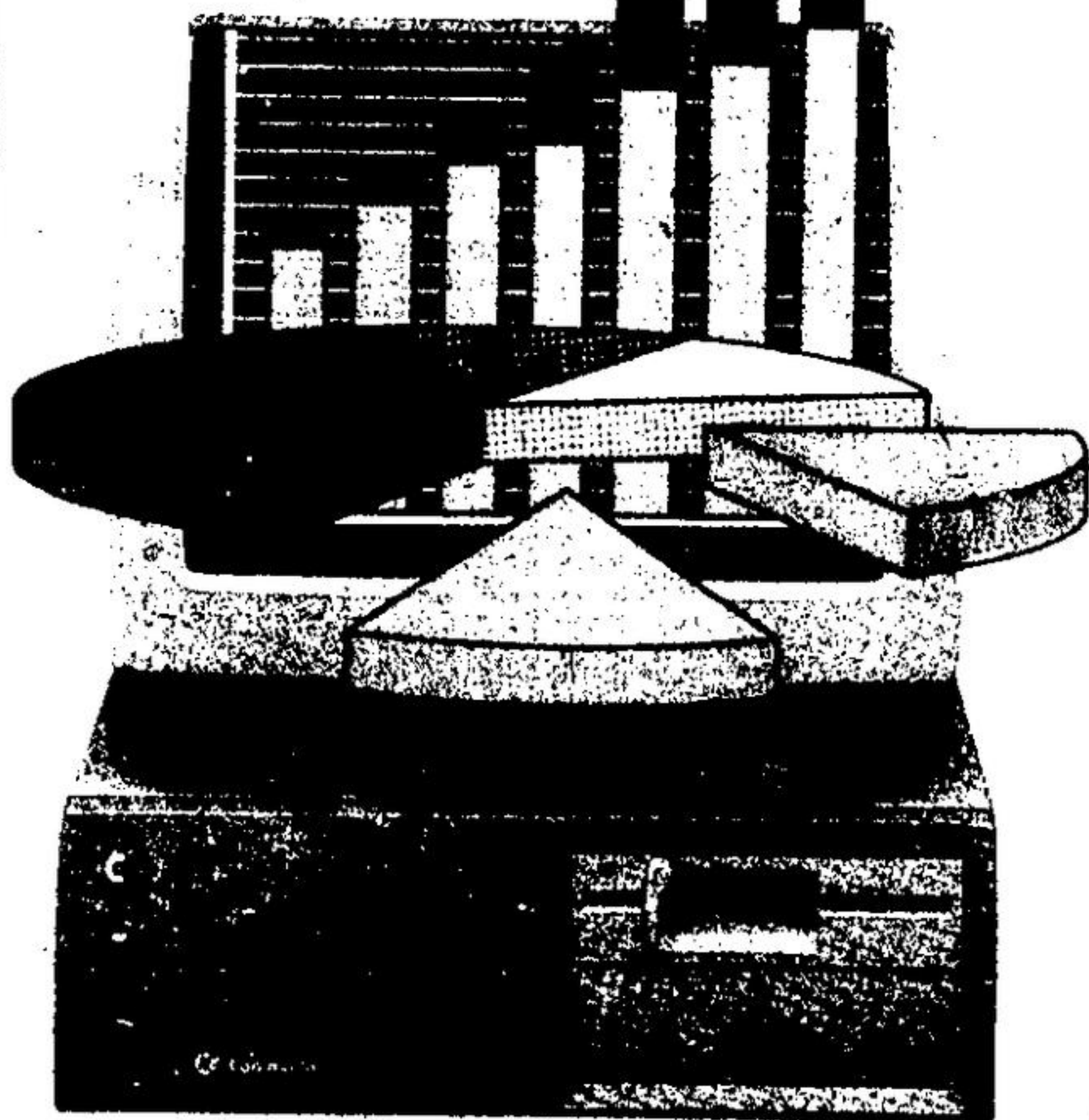


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New owners for Acton based tannery

The Acton-based tannery Frank Heller and Company Limited is set to find new markets and expand its existing markets, a recently released company press release states.

The Eagle Dominion Corporation will buy the manufacturing operations of the tannery effective May 1. And according to the release the size of the company combined with the leadership of Heller Co. in developing new leather products will prepare the company to "capitalize on worldwide trends in the leather industry during the 1990s."

Eagle Dominion is a combination of two tannery companies, the Eagle Ottawa Companies of the United States and the Dominion Tanners Group of Canada.

Eagle Corporation is a federally incorporated Canadian company.

Ron Heller and Fred Dawkins, owners of Frank Heller Co., have been contracted by Eagle Dominion to manage the Acton tannery "long into the future," said the press release.

According to the release, Eagle Dominion's involvement with the tannery will provide the Heller company with greater financial strength, more access to raw materials and more international contacts to find new markets and expand existing markets.

The tannery brings to the association its leadership in the research of poly-urethane coating technology, the release states.

Frank Heller Co. is 20 years old and during that time it has successfully developed markets in Canada, the United States and other countries throughout the world, according to the release.

Mr. Heller and Mr. Dawkins attribute this success to the efforts of the management and workers, most of whom live and were trained in the area.

The merger will "allow the company to broaden its horizons and deal with the growing trend towards internationalism during the 1990s while maintaining its strong local roots," the company says.