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Building waiting to be sold

Provincial Papers closed forever

By JANET BAINE

Only a watchman and a couple of maintenance people are left at Provincial Paper Products in Georgetown.

Operations at the mill have been winding down throughout the month. The parent company, Abitibi-Price, announced in February that the division would close, throwing 49 people out of work.

Mill supervisor Fred Aggiss, who has been with the company for 33 years, said he is sad to see the mill closing down.

"It's difficult for everybody. But it's life. We're not the only people going through this kind of thing," Aggiss said. Like the other employees, he won't be placed in another job at another division of the company, but he is retiring.

"Nobody is going to be here except the watchmen and a couple of maintenance people until it's sold," Aggiss said. About eight employees were in last week, cleaning up and getting the company ready to sell. Anyone who wants to put a bid on the building or machinery can do so, Aggiss said.

Jane Nixon is a former employee on a committee which is helping to find Provincial Paper workers new jobs.

"We've sent out over 2,000 letters to companies in the region," telling them about the skills of the laid-off employees, she said. Some companies have shown an interest in the office workers, but so far no one has been placed in a job.

One of the founding companies in Georgetown, the mill was established by John Barber, a former reeve and member of a prominent local family. He constructed the mill in 1905, and sold it to the Provincial Paper Company in 1911.

It is the last of Georgetown's three founding paper mills to close: Domtar closed in 1976. During the 1970s, Provincial Papers employed 200 people.

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Fantastic Flowers!

The ASSIC Flower Show, created as a fundraiser by Rev. Tom Cullen, was spectacular. Held last weekend at the old Town Hall in Acton the offices were transformed into a magical garden with fountains, arbor, walkways, windmills and very happy people. Above, in the arbor is Pat Giguere (left) and Grace Robertson. Photo right, J.D. Hartnagle is restrained by mom Kathleen.

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