

# Bus Firm Expands, Sale Hill Supplier

There have been important local business changes recently with major expansions by a Thornhill bus company; conditional sale of a large Richmond Hill plumbing supplies firm, Quality Utilities Limited; and purchase of a Canadian firm by a U.S. owned Vaughan Town company.

Quality Utilities has been sold to Western Supplies Limited of Edmonton, a wholly-owned Canadian public company and one of the largest plumbing and heating supplies distributors in the country. The sale is subject to one undisclosed condition to take place March 20.

Local operation is to continue with the present owners to be involved on the board of directors. Quality Utilities has 32 employees here and in branches at Oshawa, Lindsay, Orillia and Collingwood. The owners are president and Vice-president Ernie Abraham of Oshawa and Fred Abraham of Cambray.

**FAMILY INTEREST**

The Abraham Family began their interest as minority shareholders in the firm when it was founded 25 years ago on Villiers Street in Toronto as a subsidiary of Canadian Ice Machine Limited, Toronto. The firm moved to Yonge Street North here 15 years ago. The Abrahams have owned it for the last eight years after moving to the present 8,000-square-foot company-owned building at 157 Crosby Avenue here.

Amount and nature of the offer by Western Supplies for all the issued "A" and "B" shares of Quality Utilities wasn't revealed.

Travelways Limited of 120 Lancaster Avenue, South York, has made two recent expansion purchases.

**BUY 3 BUS LINES**

Recently announced was purchase of all the issued shares of Algar Coach Lines Limited and LaRue Bus Lines Limited, plus all the assets of Stamp Bus Lines. In addition, Travelways school Transit Limited, a subsidiary of Travelways Limited, has purchased the Mississauga division of G. A. Fox Limited. This purchase consists of 37 school buses with an estimated annual revenue of \$400,000.

Commenting last week on the shares of Travelways Limited, Merrill Lynch, Royal Securities Limited said the shares of Travelways are a good purchase at current market levels for speculative accounts geared to medium to long range growth objectives.

**AGGRESSIVE FIRM**

Travelways' aggressive acquisition policy, combined with its solid profit base from its school bus opera-

tions and the growth of the bus sales division, make the shares attractive, said Merrill Lynch. The shares were then trading at about \$6.50. The price earnings multiple was about 8.9 on the estimated 1973 profit of 73 cents a share, up from 52 cents a year earlier.

Higher fuel prices are expected to have only a minimal effect on profit as fuel costs constitute about 11 percent of Travelways' total costs. "We believe that bus lines may to some extent benefit from higher fuel prices, as persons who normally travel by car may find the bus a more economical alternative," said the securities firm statement.

**BIG SALES RISE**

Travelways said its recent acquisition of the three bus lines is intended to complement existing services and operating authorities in the Lindsay, Haliburton and Minden areas. The firm estimates the acquisitions will add about \$500,000 to sales in 1974.

Another major recent business deal involves Crown Cork and Seal Company Limited of Keele Street in Vaughan Town. This firm has announced the acquisition of Canada Varnish Limited of Toronto.

Crown Cork and Seal is 70 percent owned by a firm of the same name in Philadelphia, U.S.A. Canada Varnish has been a privately owned Canadian firm.

**U.S. TAKEOVERS**

This purchase by a U.S. firm is one of several that has taken place since the Foreign Investment Review Act was passed by our federal government. This act comes into effect in a few months. The Crown Cork and Seal purchase of Canada Varnish was made in spite of interim guidelines set by Federal Industry Minister Alastair Gillespie.

It was the government's hope foreign firms would behave as good corporate citizens and not rush in ahead of the new Foreign Investment Review Act without consulting the industry ministry first, according to official statements.

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| <b>HOSTESS - PLAIN OR RIPPLE POTATO CHIPS</b><br>10 OZ. PKG. 59¢  | <b>LIBBY - FANCY SMALL WHOLE BEETS</b><br>14 FL. OZ. TIN 21¢            | <b>BATH SIZE - WHITE OR PINK DOVE SOAP</b><br>5 OZ. PKG. 27¢                             |
| <b>MOTHER PARKERS HOT CHOCOLATE</b><br>2 LB. PKG. 87¢             | <b>VAN CAMP - IN TOMATO SAUCE BEANS WITH PORK</b><br>28 FL. OZ. TIN 49¢ | <b>SUNLIGHT - TWIN PACK - PP 99¢ LIQUID DETERGENT</b><br>PKG. OF 2x24 FL. OZ. CONTS. 79¢ |
| <b>RIDGWAY - ORANGE PEKOE TEA BAGS</b><br>16 OZ. PKG. OF 120 1.49 | <b>ASST'D VARIETIES DAD'S COOKIES</b><br>16 OZ. PKG. 48¢                | <b>PEPSODENT 100 ML TUBE TOOTH PASTE</b><br>DISCOUNT BARGAIN 67¢                         |

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| <b>ALL PURPOSE COUNTRY CLUB COFFEE</b><br>2 LB. CONT. 2.23 | <b>HEINZ - WITH GARLIC KOSHER BABY DILLS</b><br>32 FL. OZ. JAR 69¢   | <b>DOMINION - 25, 40, 60 or 100 WATT LIGHT BULBS</b><br>PKG. OF 2 38¢ |
| <b>HEREFORD CORNED BEEF</b><br>12 OZ. TIN 1.09             | <b>FRENCH'S - ASST'D VARIETIES CHICKEN FIXINS'</b><br>7 OZ. PKG. 59¢ | <b>SIFTO ICE SALT</b><br>25 LB. BAG 69¢                               |
| <b>PANTRY SHELF SOLID LIGHT TUNA</b><br>6 OZ. TIN 53¢      | <b>LAWRY'S CHICKEN NOODLESOUP</b><br>4 OZ. PKG. OF 2 29¢             | <b>UNICO - PURE VEGETABLE OIL</b><br>32 FL. OZ. BTL. 93¢              |

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| <b>DOMINION - FANCY - FROZEN ASPARAGUS SPEARS</b><br>10 OZ. PKG. 77¢         | <b>GLAD SANDWICH BAGS</b><br>PKG. OF 100 59¢                                 | <b>DISCOUNT PRODUCE</b>                                 |
| <b>DOMINION - FANCY FROZEN BABY LIMA BEANS</b><br>12 OZ. PKG. 34¢            | <b>JIFFY LUNCH BAGS</b><br>PKG. OF 20 17¢                                    |   |
| <b>YORK - FANCY - FROZEN FRENCH STYLE CUT GREEN BEANS</b><br>10 OZ. PKG. 31¢ | <b>SUNLIGHT - P.P. 83¢ AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER DETERGENT</b><br>35 OZ. PKG. 81¢ | <b>CALIFORNIA GARDEN FRESH CARROTS</b><br>BUNCH 23¢     |
| <b>HOWARD JOHNSON'S FROZEN MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b><br>7 OZ. PKG. 53¢       | <b>FLOOR SHINE CLEANER MOP MAGIC</b><br>37 FL. OZ. CONT. 1.69                | <b>MEXICAN GROWN FRESH TENDER GREEN PEAS</b><br>LB. 23¢ |

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- A FEW WINTER SUPPER SANDWICHES**
- Meatball Sandwiches**
- 2 eggs beaten
  - 3 tablespoons milk
  - 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 1 pound ground beef
  - 1/2 pound bulk sausage meat
  - 1/4 cup chopped onion
  - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
  - 1 cup water
  - 1 cup tomato sauce
  - 1/4 cup tomato paste
  - 2 teaspoons sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon oregano
  - 1/2 teaspoon parsley flakes
  - 1/2 cup crushed rye rolls
- Combine first 6 ingredients thoroughly and form into 24 (1 1/2 inch) meat balls.
  - Brown on all sides, remove.
  - Add next 3 ingredients to pan and cook until sausage is brown, remove excess fat.
  - Add next 7 ingredients and stir in meat balls; cover simmer 15-20 minutes (stir occasionally).
  - Remove top crust from rolls, scoop out centre and fill each with 3 meatballs and sauce.
  - Serve with a crisp salad.

- Turkey Round-Up - Serves 6**
- 1/2 cup salad dressing
  - 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped dill pickle
  - 2 teaspoons finely chopped onion
  - 12 slices Vienna or French style bread
  - 6 1-ounce slices Swiss cheese
  - 6 slices tomato
  - 6 1-ounce slices salami or bologna
  - 6 1 1/2-ounce slices cooked turkey
  - 6 tablespoons butter or margarine - softened
- Combine first 3 ingredients and spread on one side of bread slices.
  - Top six bread slices with cheese, tomato, salami, and turkey.
  - Top with remaining bread slice.
  - Spread butter on outside of sandwich. Grill slowly 10-12 minutes.
  - Serve with hot green beans and fruit dessert.

- Pizza Style Sandwich - Serves 6**
- 1 14-ounce package Pizza Mix
  - 1/2 cup (3-5 slices) salami, finely diced
  - 1/2 cup grated Mozzarella cheese
  - 1/2 cup (3-5 slices) boiled ham, finely diced
  - 1/2 cup cottage cheese
- Combine flour and herbs from pizza mix and prepare according to package instructions.
  - Roll dough on waxed paper 18" x 8" (rectangle).
  - Combine all ingredients except pizza sauce.
  - Spread evenly in dough.
  - Roll up (jelly roll fashion) cut into 3-inch rolls.
  - Place rolls seam side down on greased cookie sheet.
  - Bake in 425°F oven 12 minutes.
  - Heat Pizza sauce and serve hot with rolls.
  - Serve with a cabbage-salad and chocolate or vanilla pudding.

- A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE SMALL FRY**
- Little League Burger Sandwiches - Serves 8**
- 1 pound ground beef
  - 1/2 cup chopped onion
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 1/2 cup hamburger buns, split, toasted, buttered
  - 1 can condensed vegetable soup
  - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 cup cheddar cheese
- Brown beef and onion, drain excess fat.
  - Blend in next 4 ingredients and cook until bubbly.
  - Stir in cream, beat 1 minute.
  - Spoon onto bottom half of bun and replace top.
  - Serve with relish, and crisp vegetables milk and cookies.
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