

# Revenue says no to GRE

by Paul Barnsley, staff reporter

OTTAWA - The federal government is not ready to help Grand River Enterprises create sixty jobs on Six Nations. The Ministry of Revenue has denied GRE's application for a permit to buy Canadian grown tobacco for their cigarette processing plant in Ohsweken.

Revenue told GRE that they would have to pay excise tax on the tobacco, citing the precedent set by the Montenet tribe on the Point

Bleu reserve in Quebec who agreed to pay taxes on their business. GRE refused, saying that the Quebec precedent is not at all similar to their situation.

"Point Blue is an eighty per cent white-owned bagging plant, not a tobacco manufacturer," explains GRE spokesman Jerry Montour.

"Revenue had no choice under the excise tax laws," Haldimand-

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*"I just don't see how there can be a place called Canada for First Nation people.*

*How can two nations live side-by-side peacefully when one nation controls all the commodities?"*

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*Jerry Montour*

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