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Control order negotiations favorable says Lavallet

Jack L. Lavallet, president of K-C of Canada, returned from a meeting with government officials on Jan. 23 concerning the new control order and he told the *News* that the government was amiable.

Lavallet said last Friday that negotiations are continuing through the weekend and that he expects a wrapup by this week. He said he believes the end is in sight.

The negotiations have been favorable and both sides are optimistic about reaching a conclusion, he added.

Environmental Minister Jim Bradley has said that the new control order, expected by today, should not result in the mill shutting down.

Losses down

Concerning profits and losses, Kimberly-Clark of Canada Limited reported in a news release an \$8.1 million operating loss on its Terrace Bay pulp mill and supporting woodlands in 1986.

This loss is before charging any of the interest paid to finance the facilities, stated the Jan. 21 letter.

Lavallet, president of K-C of Canada and general manager of the Terrace Bay mill, said that the 1986 loss compares with the \$17 million loss posted in 1985.

"This improvement reflects in part the action taken in late August when the company announced the Survival Plan for its Terrace Bay mill," Lavallet said in the release.

Lavallet told the *News* on Jan. 21 that there has been "incredible in-

terest" from Progressive Conservative Leader Larry Grossman's office about whether the mill lost money at the end of 1986.

An independent auditor concluded this so and also that K-C cannot afford the millions of dollars on pollution controls it had been ordered to install by Oct. 31 of last year.

Lavallet congratulated employees and staff in the letter on the strides the Terrace Bay operation has made since the Survival Plan was announced in late August.

"However," he added, "we still have a long way to go, particularly in the area of wood costs, which must be reduced if we are able to make this a viable, on-going operation, providing meaningful employment for some 1,600 people in this part of Northwestern Ontario."

Lavallet also stated in the letter that since 1978, the loss from operations has been \$86 million even without considering the interest paid to finance the huge investment in the new mill and related woodlands in the 1970s.

Woodlands layoff

Dateline Longlac-Kimberly-Clark announced on Jan. 21 the layoff of 19 permanent and one temporary salaried employees in its woodlands operations.

David H. Linton, vice-president of K-C's woodlands operations, said that the layoff, part of the woodlands Survival Plan, would take place over the next few months.

He also announced a major change in woodlands operating methods, under

which the company's current tree-length haul and centralized slashing system would be switched to a bush slashing and short-wood haul system.

At present, trees are trucked to the processing centres at Longlac, Exton and Terrace Bay, where they are cut into 8-foot lengths suitable for use in K-C's pulp-making operations at Terrace Bay.

Under the new system, which will go into effect during 1987, all wood will be cut into 8-foot lengths at roadside and transported in that form.

Linton also reported that the company was meeting with officials and local union stewards of the lumber and sawmill workers' union to discuss the implementation of the change and further ways of reducing K-C's high wood costs.

Linton could not be reached for comment.

No job losses- Pouliot

MPP Gilles Pouliot (Lake Nipigon) wrote to Premier David Peterson and Minister of the Environment James Bradley and asked for a guarantee that no job losses will take effect because of the pollution problem facing Kimberly-Clark.

In the Jan. 16 letter, Pouliot said that everyone recognizes that pollution problems must be addressed in a serious manner. It should also be stated he wrote that in this particular instance, K-C must be given the opportunity to address the problem without any disruptions in its work force.

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Amazing Grace

Shown above is Bagpipe player John Robertson from Thunder Bay who came to add his special sound and talent to the Terrace Bay Masonic Temple's birthday celebration of Scotland's Robert Burns. Burns was born 228 years ago on January 25, 1759 and he died at the age of 37 on July 21, 1796. Bagpiper Robertson said he has been playing the pipes for 20 years. (More information and more pictures on page x. Photo by Ken Lusk).

Many celebrate birthday of poet and songwriter Burns

The Masonic Temple in Terrace Bay was filled with birthday celebrators last Saturday night to commemorate the 228th birthday of Scot Poet and Songwriter Robert Burns.

The event is an annual one that everyone who participates looks forward to all-year long.

Many of the men wore kilts as did John Robertson, the bagpiper who came from Thunder Bay especially for the occasion.

After the symposium hour (attitude modification period), emcee Thane Walton welcomed everyone to the party.

Rev. Bill Le Grand then said grace which was followed by the Selkirk Grace read by Duncan MacKay.

Then it was the piping of the Haggis led by Thunder Bay Bagpiper John Robertson, after which was the toast, the "Dram"- To Piper and Haggis.

Robert Douglas then read the Address to the Haggis and the meal followed.

Haggis

The Haggis is a Scottish dish which contains lung, heart, etc. of a sheep or calf that is mixed with suet, seasonings and oatmeal. It is then boiled in the sheep's stomach.

All the ingredients are ground and mixed together. There is more oatmeal in the mixture than anything else.

By the time the people at the last table were able to fill their plates, there wasn't much Haggis left.

There were plenty of others foods to choose from- chicken, lasagna, meatballs, perogees and vegetables.

During the meal, Walton called Mike Kenny to the front in order that he eat some of the Haggis. Kenny does not like the Haggis. He managed to eat a few mouthfuls of the mixture.

This was followed by two toasts, one by Rev. Bill Le Grand and the other by Mason Roy Teniuk.

Teniuk said, "Brother Masons assembled, as Brothers should be, in

worth, truth, and harmony's cause; my toast is a theme truly noble and free, and founded on Masonry's laws. Like the sun-star of day is its lustre supreme, a lustre no foe can destroy; and this we'll insist on, whatever folks dream, our laws are the fountains of joy. O, yes, and this fountain, so crystalline bright, to preserve is each Mason's endeavor; and now for my toast, 'tis a toast of delight, here's Masons, Freemasons for ever!!"

Introductions and History

Emcee Walton then said that everyone must see faces that they don't know. He suggested everyone stand up and introduce themselves. Each couple stood up and was introduced by the male.

That was followed by a history of Robert Burns by High School Teacher Wilmot Hamilton.

Hamilton said everyone was gathered to celebrate the honor and memory of Burns.

He was born on January 25, 1759, in the middle of the 18th century, and died on July 21, 1796. He was born to William Burness and Agnus Brown, Hamilton said.

Burns was a poet and songwriter who was concerned with man's virtues and who defended the right to joy. He also defended the poor against the establishment.

Burns worked hard at manual labor and loved women, Hamilton said.

Burns joined the militia and eventually became mildly famous and mildly wealthy.

He then worked as a tax gatherer and wrote militia songs and poetry.

Burns loved a woman named Mary Campbell and she died giving birth to a child- most likely his, said Hamilton.

Burns enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and the country but also enjoyed being able to escape from life.

On the subject of war, Burns once said that he would rather be responsible for the creation of one life than the slaughter of 20.



First place winners

The annual men's curling bonspiel was held at the Terrace Bay Curling Club last weekend with teams from Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Thunder Bay, Manitouwadge and Nipigon participating. The Hodges rink, above, from Thunder Bay took

first place. Curtis Desrosiers presented the trophy. They had first choice from close to \$3,000 worth of prizes. They were sponsored by Belluz Realty. (More pictures on page 9).