Spruce Falls stud mill in Kapuskasing due to close

By Don Umpherson

Kapuskasing- Officials from the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company Ltd., this community's largest employer, have announced they intend to shut their stud mill and slash the work force by 12 per cent in efforts to stem loses from

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a predicted slump in the lumber industry.

Fred Campling, president and chief executive officer of the company, told employees April 21, that 219 jobs would be eliminated at the stud mill when the operation closes in August.

Currently, the mill supplies primarily construction timber for homes.

Campling said the 15 per cent surtax on softwood lumber exports to the U.S., coupled with a fluctuating Canadian dollar, has been forcing the price of lumber down while limiting the market in the United States.

However, Len Wood, president of the local chapter of the Canadian Paperworkers Union, said following the announcement that the union is not accepting the company's claim to financial hardship and is insisting company executives open their books to an independent auditor in efforts to justify the layoff.

The company is offering an early retirement incentive package to employees who are over 60 years of age in efforts to reduce the number of younger employees facing layoff.

Employees over 60 years of age, with 30 years experience, are being offered a full pension plus an

FUNERAL

Funeral Services for Mr. Joseph Alban Kennedy, of Terrace Bay, Ontario. Who passed away May 5th., 1987, were held at St. Martin of Tours Church, Friday morning. The Funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Campbell with scripture read by Mr. Bill Cavanaugh, the Church Choir was in attendance, Gabrielle Bruyere as organist. Pallbearers in attendance were John Graham, Bill Cavanaugh, Bill Kirkpatrick, Les Cannon, Joe Marcella, and Lionel Waghorn.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 223 conducted the memorial at the graveside service and were led by Predident George Churney and Comrades Clarence Mercier, John Falzetta, John Ropchon, George Ramsey, Rollie Sinotte, Aldea Churney, Ladies Auxillary President, Lillian Belliveau and Past President, Addie Beaulieu.

Prayers were offered Thursday Evening and Lunch was served by the Catholic Women's League. There was a luncheon after the funeral mass for friends and relatives convened by Mrs. Kay Graham and women of the community.

The Immediate family in attendance were Joseph's ten children, six sons Jerry and wife Lori, Patrick, Kenneth, James, Richard and Joseph. Four Daughters Lynda, Mary Jo and Husband, Guy Mageau, Carol and Husband, Mike Koshowski and Dorothy. Joseph's sister Mary and her husband Neil Hinsperger, and Joseph's brother Bartholemew.

Out of town visitors included. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kukko and daughters Barbara and Raili, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Whalen, Mrs. Glenna MacDonald, Mrs. Joan Anne Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Les Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Al Chisolm, Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Sinotte, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirkpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Mrs. Jeanine Desrosiers.

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The company also says it may reopen a dormant chip mill which

will provide 57 jobs for those laid off when the stud mill closes.

The company employs 1,800 in Kapuskasing.

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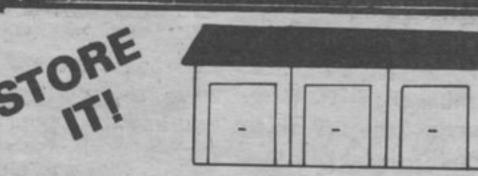
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