LCBO cutting back

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) announced the elimination of 142 surplus positions and the introduction of an optional early retirement program.

Because of a bumping provision in the Collective agreement with the Ontario Liquor Boards Employees Union, this will lead to movement of bargaining unit staff within the organization. The end result will likely be a reduction in the number of hours worked by casual staff as opposed to the layoff of large numbers of fulltime employees.

"These steps have been taken to reduce operating costs in the face of declining sales," LCBO Chair Andrew Brandt said. "The beverage alcohol industry is not recession proof."

Employees whose positions have been identified as being surplus have been provided with details of the LCBO's comprehensive Special

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ment Opportunity Pro-Retire This program includes retraining and special counselling and is modeled after similar Ontario Public Service early retirement initiatives.

In 1987, the Provincial Auditor identified a surplus of staff at the LCBO. Since then, attrition has been used to reduce the staffing complement.

But the recession and other factors such as cross-border shopping, smuggling and competition from other beverage alcohol retailers have forced the LCBO to introduce these new downsizing measures.

Did you know that . . .

·About 20,000 years ago, Ontario was covered by a great

glacier, the fourth such glacier in this region within the past million years. The meltwaters from these gigantic ice-sheets filled the Lake Superior basin and progressively developed new drainage patterns, gradually lowering the level of the

As the waters receded from the old shorelines, more recent deposits produced a succession of terraces, separated from one another by escarpments or shore cliffs formed by wave erosion.

Flat terraces, composed mainly of sand and gravel deposits, are found at various places around Lake Superior's shoreline, and their prominence gave Terrace Bay its name.

•Steel River falls 550 ft. in a distance of four miles

·Pancake Bay has one of the longest and widest sandy beaches on Lake Superior

•The Prisoners of War taken from the Battleship The Bismark were brought to Neys POW Camp. The camp itself held only commissioned officers from Germany.

The camp closed in 1946, and was renovated in 1948 into an Ontario industrial farm for short term prisoners, mostly from the Thunder Bay area. The farm was closed in 1952.

Today, around 40,000 people visit Neys Provincial Park each year.

•In 1939, Rossport was preparing for a visit from our King and Queen

·Jacques Cousteau, the famous french underwater explorer, travelled to Rossport to view the Gunilda, a sunken

yacht located off McGarvey Shoal, five miles east of Rossport.

> Source: Tourist Information Centre

Community calendar

· Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 pm at the Community Church in Terrace Bay.

•The Catholic Women's League meets the second Monday of each month at St. Martin Church bsement at 8 pm.

•The Chimo Club holds its regular meeting every third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm.

•The Disability Action Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm at Birchwood Terrace in Terrace Bay.

orthern

NOTICE Gord Fletcher has taken the position of manager of Schreiber Northern Store.

He comes from Dryden, where he has worked as sales manager for the past 4 years.

Gord invites you to come to Northern to get acquainted and to check out new fall arrivals.

No markets for chlorine-free paper

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variety of items, the largest being the aerated stabilization basin," he says. "But we've also done in-plant containment efforts to make our process more efficient, and that adds up to less of an environmental load."

Provincial regulations currently stipulate that discharge levels of chlorinated organics (AOX) at Ontario's mills to be below 2.5 kg/tonne of bleached pulp.

Those regulations came

into effect Dec. 31, 1991, and the industry has committed to lowering that level to 1.5 kg/tonne by 1996. Kimberly-Clark currently operates at an AOX level of about 1.9 kg/tonne.

"We have a plan entailing a \$48 million expenditure that would put us well below the 1.5 limit," says Grimm. "If the government decides to do something else, we'll have to go back and examine whether or not there's technology available to meet the regula-

tions and whether it's economic to continue operating."

He says that the North American market for bleached pulp is about 13 million tonnes, compared with only 500,000 tonnes for chlorine-free pulp.

"We can turn off the chlorine in our mills and still produce pulp," says Grimm, but we wouldn't make pulp that anybody wants to buy."

But Perks says that there are mills producing high grade kraft pulp.

"The technology is at least six months to a year old," he says. "I'm just astonished at how backward

the industry has this argument. Right now, their own trade journals-Pulp and Paper International and Pulp and Paper Week- are running editorials with titles like 'Totally Chlorine Free —there's no holding back the tide."

Perks says that the unwillingness of the mills to invest in the new technology indicates that they don't want to invest their profits in Ontario.

"It's an issue of whether or not the people of Ontario have a right to make large companies that are making a profit put some of that profit back into the province."

"The fact is, we don't know how to produce a marketable product without using some chlorine compounds," says Grimm.

"And it would be very difficult for us to implement it on a stand alone basis. If everyone was doing it, then there would be a level playing field. But if we do it in isolation, companies in Brazil, Scandinavia and the U.S. will be laughing at us while we struggle to figure out how to compete."

DOUBLE THANK YOU

Our hearts were alive and happy on Sat., Aug. 8th, as Frank and I were surrounded by family and friends to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary

Thanks to those who attended, sent cards, flowers, gifts, or contributed to the "pot of gold". It was a very memorable day and enjoyed by all.

Our hearts were saddened on Mon., Aug. 17th, as Frank left us so suddenly, with all his family present. Although the shock was severe, it was always his wish to make a fast departure from this earth. Many thanks to: Dr. Hurst and attending nurses of McCausland Hospital, who worked so diligently to make his final hour as comfortable as possible. King Funeral Home for your guidance and assistance. Father Campbell for conducting the memorial service, Women of the Moose for the lovely lunch, all those who came to visit, phoned, sent food, baking, flowers, mass cards, sympathy cards, and donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Lung Foundation and the McCausland Hospital.

Special thanks to wonderful neighbours & close friends for ALL your help and kind acts throughout the above: Deanna and "the little guy" and family, Ken and Ricki, and Captain Joe & Admiral Jeanne of the "Tug Of The North", who were very special to

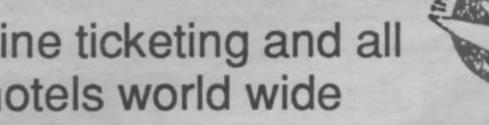
We are all so fortunate and blessed to live in these communities, where everyone rallies at a time of need. We will all miss Frank, but one day will be reunited and our hearts will once again be alive and happy.

> Sincerely, Minnie Woodruff & children: Bill, Jim and Linda & Families





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