

Businesses, individuals, recognized at dinner

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demands of today's industries. Offering both sales and exemplary service, they now repair, rebuild, manufactures and provides industrial supplies for companies throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Laurie Tranter of Canadian Partner presented Gilbride and Bell with their award.

In the one to 25 employees category, Miller Technology

Incorporated, of North Bay, was Company of the Year. Company President Ron Miller accepted the award from Charles Gagnon, TEMBEC Director of Corporate Relations. Tembec sponsored the award.

Miller Technology was founded in 1979 as a one-man operation. Today, it employs 24 people and has grown steadily throughout its 13-year

history. Gross sales totalled \$13 million in 1991, an increase of 15 per cent despite the overall recession.

The company specializes in producing specialized underground mining equipment. Their 14,000 square foot plant is capable of heavy fabrication, machining and assembly.

Although Miller is a big exporter to the U.S. market, it brags of a 50 per cent Canadian content in most of its products.

In addition to the company awards, three individuals were identified as 'movers and shakers' in Northern Ontario.

Frank Dottori received his Executive of the Year award in front of a large contingent of people from Spruce Falls Inc. and TEMBEC. Dottori is presi-

dent and CEO of both companies. Tom Syme, president of sponsor Air Ontario, presented the award to Dottori.

His leadership, experience, knowledge and fierce determination to save Spruce Falls, was the driving force behind the success of the company's bid to save the Kapuskasing company. Under his leadership, Spruce Falls has embarked on a \$350 million capital improvement program to ensure the long-term viability of the company.

Vic Prokopchuk, President of Superior Rock Bit Canada Inc., Atikokan, was honoured as Entrepreneur of the Year. Jack Elms, vice-president of lending operations, represented the sponsor CIBC, and present prokopchuk with his award.

Prokopchuk started his business career in May, 1955, when he designed and built one of the first cable TV systems in Canada.

Since that time his interests have led him to sell rotary drill bits all over Canada and the USA. Prokopchuk and two other shareholders built and operated the White Otter Inn in Atikokan, a million dollar motel and dining room operation that caters to business and tourist travel. In 1982, Prokopchuk and a partner bought out the Atikokan Printing Ltd., which publishes the weekly community newspaper, the Atikokan Progress.

All this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes this man's achievements and interests.

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year was given to Doug Nadorozny, owner of the Sudbury Branch of the AMS Group. this award is sponsored by Peat Marwick.

Nadorozny purchased the Sudbury operation in 1989 and since then, he has established DDN Holding Northern Ltd., which operates the AMS Group.

The AMS group provides microprocessor sales, service, support and training to businesses and organizations in Northern Ontario. Its specialties include networking and computer-aided drafting/engineering. Its training division operates as the Oncourse

Learning Centre.

Nadorozny's most notable achievement has been the rapid growth of The AMS Group. In 1991, revenues exceeded \$4 million.

An active corporate citizen, Doug Nadorozny sits on the Board of the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce, and supports the Sudbury Minor Hockey League, the Manitoulin Children's Foundation, the Sudbury Head Injury Association, Valley East Waves, the Sudbury March of Dimes, the World Cup Hockey Challenge, the Telemedia Children's Trust Fund, and the Sudbury Technological Studies Support Group.

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