

Plant No.3



New Kilns



New Warehouse





MAJOR RAY J. S. JOBSON, OFFICER COMMANDING THE HONOR GUARD WHEN THE Queen and Prince visited London last June, retires from the Canadian Armed Forces today, Thursday, Jan. 31st, after 21½ years service, 19 of which were with the Royal Canadian Regiment. Friday he will join his father-in-law, Wolfgang Leipmann, and brother-in-law, Winn, at Milner-Rigsby Co. Ltd. Ray is the husband of the former Dagmar Leipmann. They have three children: Roger 11, Jane 10, and Catherine 3, all of whom will be moving to West Lorne as soon as possible. Ray is the son of Col. Roger and Mrs. Jobson of Saskatoon, Sask.

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ERIE FLOORING & WOOD PRODUCTS LTD., in WEST LORNE, ONT.

The Company was founded and brought into operation in August 1940 to manufacture Hardwood-Flooring in the plant of the former Seaman-Kent Co., in West Lorne. The plant, which was idle for 10 years, was bought from the village of West Lorne, has been thoroughly repaired and considerably altered. It succeeded in a short time in producing first class flooring for the general market, later also for Government purposes.

The Company maintains a Wholesale Branch for Flooring and Hardwood Lumber in Toronto.

Since March 1942, the Company had been engaged exclusively in the manufacture of Army Crates for Chrysler Corporation of Canada.

The Company was controlled and managed by three brothers, Dr. Arthur, Robert and Alexander Haas, who came from Czechoslovakia.

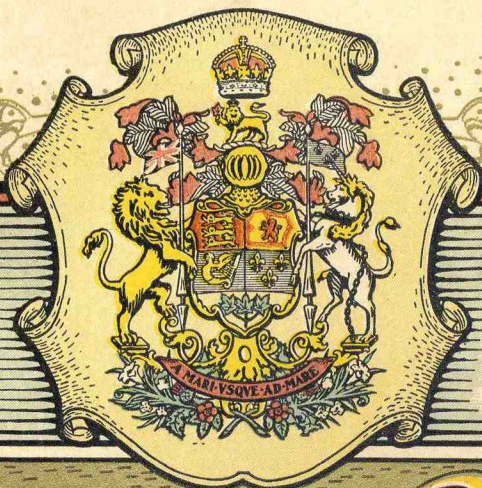
The Management and 150 employees - all Canadians - did their best for the War effort.

Erie Flooring

FOURTH
1941
GOLD
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SECOND
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War Finance
Committee



Pay Roll
Savings Division

Honour Roll

This is to Certify
that the employees of

Erie Flooring & Wood Products
Limited
West Lorne, Ontario

are making a meritorious contribution to
Canada's War Effort by the regular purchase
of War Savings Certificates and Bonds

BASIS OF AWARDS

- Gold = 100% of employees participating
- Silver = 90-99% of employees participating
- Bronze = 75-89% of employees participating

J. H. Dickey
MINISTER OF FINANCE



PROVINCE OF
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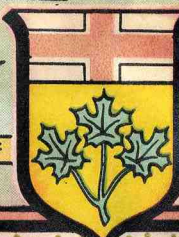
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FAIRBANK STUDIO

Founders of Erie Flooring



Untimely loss

Gabriel Gat, 53, Erie Flooring manager, dies of heart attack

Gabriel Gat, 53, of 536 Chiddington Ave., London, passed away Friday, April 25th, in Victoria Hospital, the result of a heart attack.

He was vice-president and general manager of Erie Flooring and a highly respected citizen by everyone who knew him.

Born in Czechoslovakia, he came to Canada in 1950 with his wife, the former Stephanie Hartman. They have two sons: Gabriel Jr. and Douglas, both of London.

He was employed first as manager of West Lorne Lumber Co. until it was sold in late 1962. In 1958 he became vice-president of Erie Flooring and Wood Products after the death of Dr. Haas, and became manager of the plant following the death of Mr. Por in 1965.

He was a charter member of West Lorne Kiwanis Club, joining shortly after he came to the village. Since then he has been interested in every worthy cause in the community.

Mr. Gat was a member of several flooring associations.

During his managership Erie Flooring expanded considerably in the number of employees, products and production.

After expanding the plant greatly the past few years for block flooring production, with new equipment, new buildings, etc., he was working on plans for even greater expansion at the time of his death.

His death will be a great loss to the company, its employees, the community and his family.

The body rested at Prevent Funeral Home until Saturday at 2.30, when Rev. John Scharner of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, former pastor of Grace

Lutheran Church, West Lorne, officiated at the funeral. Father E. Boday of St. Stephen's Church, London, offered prayers. Miss Vicki Gibbard of St. Thomas, sang, "When does death overtake me."

Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Tyrconnell.

Pallbearers were: Wolfgang Liepmann, Tom Por, Robert Walker, Norman Walker, Newton Walker and George Berdan.

Business associates, friends and relatives attended from Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto, Kitchener, Tillsonburg, London, St. Thomas, Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham Rodney, Dutton, West Lorne and community.



Gabriel Gat became Vice President of Erie Flooring in 1958 after the death of Dr. Haas, and became manager of the plant after the death of George Por in 1965. He was manager until his death on April 25th, 1969.

Erie Flooring



Company car



General Manager
Robert G. Walker
1969 - 1991

