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**COURT
 RADIATOR
 PLANT
 LIMITED**

NIAGARA DISTRICT'S POST-WAR PROSPECTS

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In these days when the words enterprise, know how and progress are in the public limelight it is timely to consider the accomplishment of the Court Radiator Plant Limited.

It will be 27 years next month in a humble workshop that the busy Court plant of today was born. The workshop was situated on Mary street which, when the St. Catharines Welding Shop was formed, was the centre of the blacksmith, carriage and wagon industry of St. Catharines.

It was chiefly a shop where acetylene and thermit welding, then largely in its infancy in Canada, was utilized to repair broken wagon springs, ploughshares, the occasional auto springs, and other steel and Castiron articles which could be repaired by the new process.

Welding has made rapid strides since that era, and with it the Court Radiator firm has developed. Today, welding is an important part of the firm's business, but electro-plating reflects the company's great expansion and the company is now equipped with the most modern and efficient plating machinery in Canada. The shiny finish on your new toaster, the headlight of your auto, or the cadmium finish on the wrench in your tool box was probably applied in the Court Radiator Plant.

For the company's growth has enhanced its prestige beyond the borders of St. Catharines, and today a variety of products, not only those produced in St. Catharines, but in practically all of the manufacturing centres in Ontario, are shipped to the Court firm to be plated and buffed.

The St. Catharines Welding plants of the 1919's occupied 600 square feet of floor space, and remained in that location until 1924, when the development of the auto age brought about the repair and manufacture of radiators. The name was extended to St. Catharines Welding and Radiator plant, and the floor space was increased to 4800 square feet.

The original plant employed three persons, including William Court, founder of the firm, and president of the Court Radiator Plant Limited. When the firm was enlarged in 1924, the personnel was increased to seven, and it is typical of the firm's stabilized employment record that four of the seven employees of that period are employed with the present firm.

In 1929 the radiator program involved the manufacture of automobile radiators for replacements of all makes of automobiles and trucks which were shipped to all parts of Canada and exported to South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Keeping pace with the general expansion and modernization of Canadian industry electro plating was introduced by the welding and radiator firm in 1931. The quality of workmanship for which the Company has been noted permeated the new undertaking and within two years larger quarters were required.

The plating program included chrome, cadmium, copper, chrom-arding, and buffing of gauges, tools, hardware, and appliances of many types. In 1931, new quarters were occupied on Queenston street, and the company was re-organized under the name of the Court Radiator Plant Limited, a name which it retains today. In 1941 the company moved to present quarters on Frank street, and 15,000 square feet of factory and office space are now in use.

In 1941 when Canadian industry was called upon to devote full production to the allied war effort, Court Radiator Plant Limited and its employees were geared to play an important part in the combined effort for which St. Catharines industry attained international recognition.

Accepting war sub-contracts, and gradually increasing their personnel up to a peak of 130 persons, the Court Radiator Plant fabricated steel

chrome plated cylinders for the undercarriage of Lancaster and Mosquito bombers, and all types of parts for army trucks, radar, marine, guns and tanks. From the experience in the manufacture of radiators the Court Radiator Plant was also called upon to repair oil coolers and radiators for all types of Fighters and Bombers for the R C A F and shipments were made from all R C A F depots in Canada for repairs. Experience in polishing all types of metals developed a new depart-

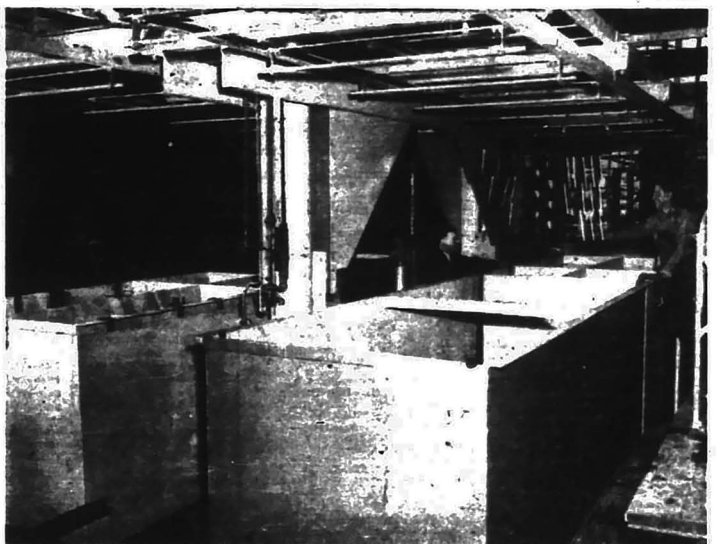
ment in the business and the Court Radiator Plant again assisted in the war effort by polishing stainless steel hardware for parachute harnesses.

Thus, with the excellent war program completed, Court Radiator Plant Limited is now swinging into a post-war program, which, based on the reputation and skills of nearly 30 years' of experience and progress presages a bright future.

Today approximately 65 employees together with those to be employed

in the company's future operations enjoy the benefits of sound employee relations, such as group insurance, hospitalization, and employees with long employment records who leave the company's service for retirement are also provided for.

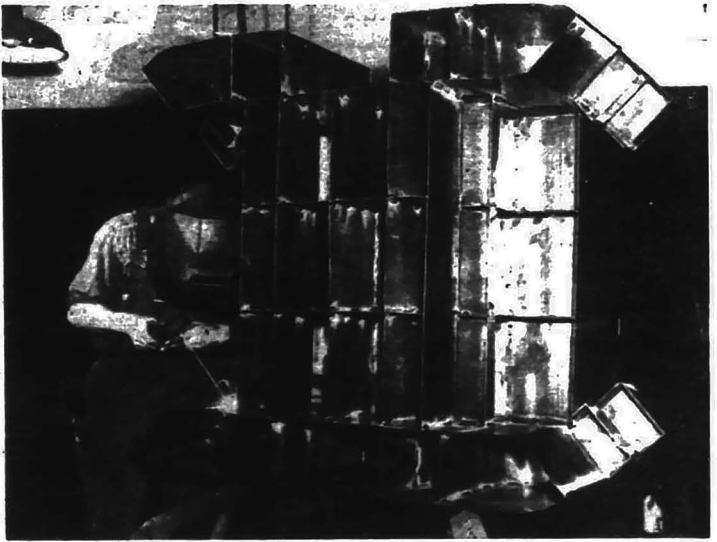
Court Radiator Plant Limited, a wholly owned and controlled St. Catharines firm, and the employees who have prospered with the firm, are timely examples of enterprise, know how and progress in the Canadian industrial world.



Court Radiator Plant Ltd. has recently installed the most modern in plating equipment in Canada. Above is a section of a fully automatic plating machine, one of several new types of equipment installed at this busy plant.



The polishing and buffing department is an important section of the plant. Here a workman examines a plated article which he will buff.



Electric welding still constitutes a large part of the business of the Court Radiator firm. Here a workman welds a stock bin section which has been fabricated at the St. Catharines plant.

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