



Ridgemount Quarries employees John Carver in front and Randy Bushell pushing from the rear, unload a wagon used to haul gravel more than 80-years-ago. The wagon will likely be put on display after a bit of repair work is completed.

Piece of quarry history Nov 93 rolls out of barn after 50 years

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Tucked away for more than 50 years at the back of a barn, a gravel hauling wagon used in the early part of this century has been resurrected to serve as a reminder of times gone by.

The wagon has been purchased by Ridgemount Quarries who, according to superintendent Jerry Pirson, want to fix up the relic and put it on display at the local quarry and possibly use it in parades.

Mr. Pirson said Ridgemount was interested in the find because this type of wagon was the first of its kind used to haul stone out of the quarry.

The wagon, originally purchased by Wilson Teal in 1911, was used at the Teal family farm where Mr.

Teal would hand-dig stone from a gravel deposit on the property for use in such local construction projects as the paving of Garrison Road and foundations for local cottages.

Lawrence Teal, who's family has owned the Garrison Road farm since 1822, contacted the quarry about buying the wagon after he was approached by a few people interested in acquiring the antique.

Described by the owner's brother-in-law, Clem Ervine, as "a horse-drawn, wooden, belly dump crushed stone box," the wagon's box opens underneath to allow for easy dumping of a load, especially useful with a payload of heavy stone.

The timeworn cart was last used in 1940 when it was parked in the family's barn and forgotten.