

HORTON CBI, LIMITED
FORT ERIE, ONTARIO

COMPANY HISTORY

The Canadian Chicago Bridge & Iron Company started a plant in 1913 at Bridgeburg, Ontario with a sales office in Toronto, Ontario. This was to take care of the fabrication of railroad water tanks for the transcontinental railroads that were being built.

1916 - the company was incorporated.

The plant did war work - fabricated storage tanks during the First World War.

1919 - saw the establishment of a sales office in Montreal, Quebec.

The plant burnt down in December, 1923. It was rebuilt with a 303' steel building. In 1928 an addition was made to the main building doubling its length.

During World War II the operations of the plant were on contracts for war industries or work related directly to the war.

A 60' x 227' machine shop and new office building were erected in 1947. Additions were added to the office in 1951 and 1955.

1953 - a sales office was established in Calgary, Alberta.

1955 - a manufacturing plant was erected in Lethbridge, Alberta. The 200' length was later extended to 500'.

1956 - erection warehouse was established in Edmonton.

An experimental welding laboratory was built and equipped at Fort Erie, and approval by the Department of Labour for work handled through this facility was given.

1958 - heavy bending rolls and 1500 ton brake press were installed at Fort Erie and a new stores building was built.

1959 - erection warehouse was established in Montreal.

1961 - stress relieving furnace was built at Lethbridge.

1962 - stress relieving furnace built and in operation at Fort Erie.

1963 - celebrated 50th Anniversary with Open House for employees and the public.

1965 - enlarged the Edmonton warehouse

1966 - Montreal shop for burning and rolling shells started operations.

1966 - Additions - 30000 sq. ft. to the Fort Erie shop and a new 21000 sq. ft. office building were constructed.

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1968 - purchased land at Boucherville, P.Q.

1970 - opened a plant at Vancouver (Delta), B.C.

1971 - The Montreal warehouse was closed and sold in 1972.

1972 - The Lethbridge plant was closed and sold in 1973.

1973 - The name of Horton Steel Works, Limited was changed to Horton CBI, Limited.

1973 - The property at Burlington Ontario was sold.

1975 - A new construction warehouse was built at Fort Erie.

1975 - A ~~paper~~ company for operating in the province of Quebec was formed - Construction Metallique Limited.

1977 - Montreal Sales office moved

1977 - property at Boucherville, P.Q. was sold

1978 - Toronto and Calgary Sales offices moved to new locations.

1979 - The plant at Delta, B.C. was closed.

1980 Fort Saskatchewan property purchased
1981 Phase I Fort Saskatchewan