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Many Town Residents Attend 'Open House' at Paper Plant

TRENTON — Large numbers of Trenton residents attended the "Open House" held at the Hinde and Dauch Paper Company's Trenton plant on Wednesday afternoon. On arrival at the plant, they were shown the various processes which go to make paper, from the arrival of the huge piles of cut wood from the farm woodlot to the big rolls as they emerge from the mill.

Most of the paper made at the plant is what is known as "corrugating medium". This is the familiar crinkly centre which is sandwiched between layers of cardboard. The firm also manufactures several kinds of paperboard at the Trenton plant. About 130 tons of the product are made each day.

Visitors were shown several displays, among them a model of a farm woodlot, typical of the location from which much of the raw material for paper making is to be had. Among those on hand to greet visitors were the manager of the mill, George Boyce, who has been with the company for 14 years, three of which have been spent in the Trenton plant. Clarence Gillan is the office manager of Hinde and Dauch's Trenton plant; George Simpson is the production superintendent; James MacArthur is in charge of the beater room and Ernest Westlake is the pulp mill supervisor. Visitors received gifts as mementos of their visit.

In the making of paper, visitors were told, refined wood chips are mixed with waste paper in a hydra-pulper, where they are mixed to the desired consistency with water. The pulp is then treated against bacteria in another tank, and is refined again before being put through the beater chest. After several other processes, the paper begins to emerge from a machine known as a headbox. After being rolled onto an endless wire cloth, the paper is rolled on woollen felt, squeezed, rolled again, and finally emerges in familiar brown rolls which are the finished product.

The noise in the plant struck many of the visitors at first, but they were informed that workers grow accustomed to this.

The Hinde and Dauch Paper Company is one of the foremost industries in Trenton, employing more than 150 workers steadily.