

Mass Layoffs 2nd KO Punch For Nobel Men

NOBEL — (Special) — When Orenda Engines fired 188 men here, 10 miles north of Parry Sound, it was the second time in 15 years the town has faced hardships because of mass layoffs.

Two-thirds of the town's working force was employed at the Orenda plant where afterburners and engines were tested.

At the end of World War II, thousands were laid off as the explosive plant producing most of Canada's cordites reduced operations.

Orenda manager here, Jack S. Armstrong, said one-third of the men in town still have jobs at the CIL explosive plant.

"It's certainly going to hurt Parry Sound too." Most of us do our shopping there."