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Sad Day for Capreol and NRE Employees

Employees at NRE in Capreol were dealt a blow on January 11 when they were issued layoff notices. Due to the decline in locomotive sales and remanufacturing opportunities in Canada, the U.S., and internationally, the head office made the business decision to permanently close the Capreol operations effective February 27, 2017.

In making the announcement to staff and the union representative, NRE praised the workers for their hard work and contribution to the company.

Despite recent lulls in business activity, the company has resisted closure. Unfortunately, the situation has not corrected itself as it has in the past. The company attributes this to the reduced locomotive business available in Canada and the U.S.

During slower times, employees have remained busy doing maintenance of the facility and grounds. This year, they also gave a much-needed overhaul to Santa's float

which remains in storage at the NRE facility when Santa is at the North Pole.

While it is only a few days since the announcement was made, some employees have already started making plans. Regrettably, some families will be forced to move from Capreol to find employment in their field of expertise. Others are exploring their options locally.

There is no plan to reopen the facility. It will be put up for sale as of March 1, 2017.



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it is that nobody
need wait a
single moment
before starting
to improve the
world.*

*Anne Frank
1929-1945*

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