

Marching Along With Progress

Far-sighted and talented William Scully, the founder of the firm which bears his name, first hung up his sign on Leader Lane, in Toronto in 1877.

Thirty one years later — in 1908 — Scully and two of his three sons set up an all-inclusive plant on University street, in Montreal, thereby advertising and asserting that they would equal the select products of a number of British Royal Warrant Holders. They proved right and prospered.

Vincent Scully, to-day's on-going President of William Scully Limited, joined the firm in 1930. From thereon, he had his hands into the making of Uniform Caps, Cork Helmets, (in their day), Bearskin Caps, Busbies, Seal Wedges and Muskrat Yukons.

A few years ago, ceding to the pressure of constantly growing patronage, William Scully Limited acquired a larger, more modern establishment located on Moreau street in Montreal's bustling East-End.

In one of its departments, the firm cuts steel dies and tools, hubbed, stamped, soldered and plated brass badges and crested buttons, adding vitreous enamel to some.

In yet another department, a full staff spends the daylight hours producing gold and silver hand embroidery for fine gentlemen in Uniform, or producing Regimental Stands of Colours.

Not so far back, the firm "rounded up", for its work-line, a world-class hand tailor — a craftsman of rare ability — who was happiest planning a garment on paper, cutting it and then sitting cross-legged on a table with needle flying, produce Canadian "Firsts" — one of which included a Lieutenant-governor's Dress Uniform and which also involved two women busily engaged in hand gold embroidery work, for eight months.

Very important people VIPS — have patronized Scully's. Lord Alexander of Tunis, was the first Governor General to have his uniforms made in Canada by Scully's.

Among prestigious patrons, were General MacNaughton and Montreal's gargantuan Mayor



VINCENT SCULLY
President
William Scully Limited

Camilien Houde, who favored modish suits and capes.

Vince Scully will never forget a certain night visit by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, which resulted in Scully spending the rest of the night cutting, and hand-sewing a Sam Browne belt down to size. For this, he was given a gold Ethiopian coin and an order for uniform headwear.

William Scully Limited "Firsts" in Canada were Bullet Proof Vests, Finger Print Equipment, Chemical implement and Speed Control Traps.

For years, this old and respected concern made and carried a greater range of items for people in Uniform than any firm in England or the U.S.A.

Over the last century, there have been countless small and large changes in the uniform regalia and accoutrement of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Scully (family controlled) company's continuing keen interest in quality, specification, and development, through these changes, has maintained its senior position as a source of Military items across Canada for Units, Officers, Other Ranks, and also Regimental Tailors.

Today, the Company's most important products are Uniform Headwear and badges. William Scully Limited, however, still deals heavily, and in a modern manner, with all of its historic lines currently needed by People in Uniform.