

Today, the loading and unloading of the rutabagas are done by tractors, loaders and forklifts, and the wagons have been replaced with tandem trucks and self unloading boxes. Inside the plant, the rutabagas were topped and dipped in paraffin wax heated to a temperature of 120 degrees Celsius. The rutabagas were either hand-dipped with a pick and then labeled or conveyed in and out of a large rectangular tank containing the paraffin wax. Today, the second method is used. Once the wax coating was applied, the rutabagas were packed into paper or burlap bags before being shipped for delivery to domestic and foreign markets

In 1967, Hill moved on to pursue other interests. At that time, Lloyd Siemon joined the company and formed a new partnership with Stovel. In 1970, the company's name was changed to Stovel-Siemon Ltd. The change from wagons to single-axle or tandem trucks, made it necessary to build a 25-foot by 50-foot addition to the east side of the main building here in 1972. This area is where bulk rutabagas are brought for washing and processing.

In 1975, the company erected the first of two housing units for seasonal harvest workers. The second unit was added in 1988. In 1988 Stovel retired from the business. Lloyd's sons joined the company, purchasing Stovel's shares and portion of their father's shares. A much needed addition was built in 1990, when the main building's roof was raised and new grading system and a number of refrigeration systems were installed, doubling the capacity of the plant.

In 1991, the Siemon's bought the rest of the land on this lot, expanded the yard to the west and built two loading docks and cold storage facility. About four acres of the property were served from the rest of the farm in 1994, to allow for the building of a water storage system. The water used in the rutabaga washing process is pumped to two settling tanks behind the plant, which holds 1.5 million gallons of water. The pits use a settling method approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Today, Stovel-Siemon Ltd. Grows over half the rutabagas needed to fill customers demand. The remainder is purchased from other producers. While rutabagas are the company's primary business, it also deals in other commodities such as carrots, cabbage, romaine lettuce, red and white potatoes, hot house tomatoes, cluster tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. Now that brings us to the present, with more expanding ever day.