

Nemanishen Contracting Ltd...

Earth Moving Family An Enterprise

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE state of the Canadian family, given the madcap world we live in these days, look only to the Nemanishen family for comfort in knowing that despite rumours of its demise, the family as a functioning, viable enterprise, is alive and well.

Nemanishen Contracting Ltd. is a major force in the Saskatchewan earthmoving

and Irene started in business with another partner, but that dissolved and Nemanishen Contracting Ltd. was incorporated in 1966 when sons, Rick, Randy and Perry were 12, 9 and 7 respectively.

Today, the three sons are shareholders and directors in the company, which now performs all types of earthmoving projects. This includes highway and grid road construction, city street development, elevator sites preparation, lake construction, and railway upgrading and derailment emergency work.

Irene Nemanishen still does the accounting work for the firm, however a grandson is being trained. "We trained the boys to take pride in a job well done," she said. "Each of them has a solid work ethic and that is evident in the grandchildren as well."

Peter has always been oriented towards the equipment side of the business whether it is operating, purchasing or maintenance. "I do not like equipment neglect," he stated. "CAT is just as good a machine to care for as run."

THE NEMANISHEN FAMILY



The Nemanishen Family: Top row, left to right - Brandon, Jason, Darcy and Cody standing at the front. Bottom row left to right - Perry, Rick, Elaine, Peter, Irene, Damaris, Shane, Janet and Randy

business, owning 30 pieces of earthmoving equipment, the most recent additions being two new CAT 631E Buggies. It's hard to imagine that Peter and Irene Nemanishen began the family business in 1963 bulldozing bush for farmers.

Based in Langham, Saskatchewan, Peter



Business has changed much since those early days, and Peter knows the difference. "There's a lot more cost today," he said. "Before it was fuel and wages. Now there are ever increasing cost for fuel, wages, insurance, maintenance, vehicles, different types of communication, etc. Also much more paper work is required to run a business these days."

That does not deter the Nemanishen family from persevering. With a fleet of over 30 earthmovers, crawlers, graders, backhoes, packers, as well as trucks and gravelling equipment, no job is too large to handle. The Nemanishen family pride themselves on the motto that no job is too large to handle, and no job is too small to accept.

Everyone works long, hard hours especially during the summer months. The company has eight full-time employees and about 30 seasonal workers are brought on each year. Most return year after year. Currently, the grandchildren of Peter and Irene are beginning to join the crew of workers with the company. It seems certain that with such a family lineage at work, the future of this earth moving business is secure for the foreseeable future.

