

# Burgoyne Valley farm turns to paper

## Roger Hughes cuts back on glass

On March 7 of this year, Burgoyne Dairy made its first delivery of milk packaged in plastic-coated cartons. Until then, the Fulford dairy was bottling all the milk, other than

that which was sent to Victoria in bulk. It was a glass bottle operation while he could get the bottles.

Operator of the dairy, Roger Hughes, has installed some impressive new equipment to handle the cartons. Where it took two people to handle the bottling operation, it takes only one to run the new machinery.

The cartons, which come flat, are placed in a stack at one end of the machine. One at a time, they are taken from the stack and opened up. The bottoms are folded in and sealed by a heating element that melts the plastic to make the seal.

From there, they are filled with milk and the tops are closed and sealed in the same manner as the bottoms.

**10 EACH MINUTE**

The cartons come out of the machine at the rate of 10 per minute; a little faster than the speed of the bottling machine.

The new machinery has not been trouble-free. The cartons



have occasionally become jammed in the works and Mr. Hughes has spent many hours working on the machine since it was acquired in March.

The switch from bottles to cartons is largely due to the fact that the bottles are no longer being made.

Their production was discontinued more than two years ago. Since then, Mr. Hughes has been obtaining used bottles from wherever they have been avail-

able. Dairyland ceased using bottles last year and Mr. Hughes was able to get some from them. He has been paying from 20 to 30 cents for a bottle.

The cartons, however, cost him six cents a-piece after the initial cost of having a plate made to print them.

### STILL SOME GLASS

The total milk production of Burgoyne Dairy amounts to 1,500 lbs. a day, 40% of which is shipped to Victoria. Bottles have

**Roger Hughes is seen taking the finished product from his new packaging machinery at Burgoyne Dairy.**

not yet been completely phased out. The dairy is producing 600 bottles a week and 1,100 cartons in the same period.

There are only two other dairies in the province still bottling milk in bottles. One is in Victoria, and the other on Cortez Island.

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