

# New brokerage opens its doors--service is prime aim

*52 Queen St*

"Every client is Client Number 1."

With that, Patrick Mines opened his own brokerage firm, March 29 at 52 Queen St., Fort Erie.

P. Mines Customs Services provides complete Customs brokerage facilities related to import and export of all goods. Clearance arrangement and transportation of goods, to the U.S. or worldwide, is offered.

The firm received government approval for operations two weeks ago.

Mr. Mines said he became disillusioned with large brokerage companies and wants to provide a personalized service. "Service is all we have to offer."

Involved in the brokerage business for the past 16 years, Mr. Mines started in Montreal where he obtained his government qualification and Customs Brokerage Institute cer-

tificate. Moving to Ontario 12 years ago he resided and worked in Toronto at various locations: Pearson International Airport, downtown Toronto and inland truck terminals.

Arriving in Fort Erie four years ago he was employed as the manager of Kuehne and

Nagel International Ltd.

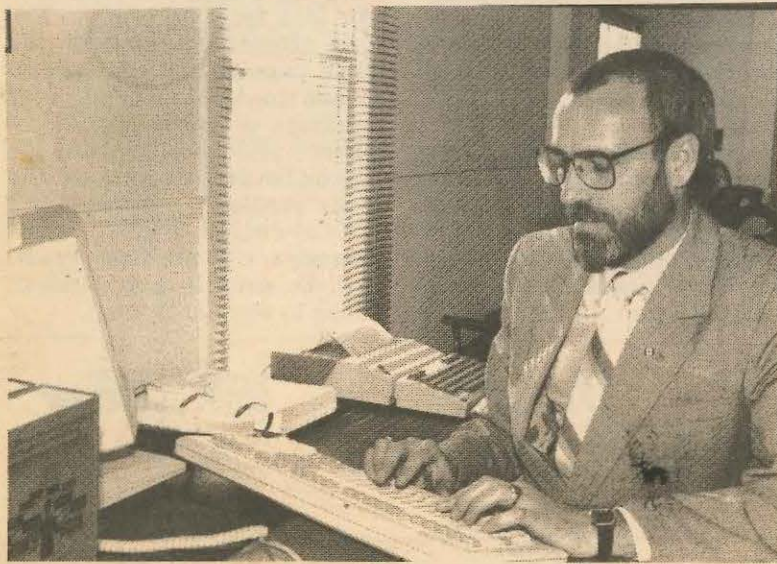
P. Mines Customs Services employs one full-time person.

Mr. Mines said he expects to have four people employed within two months. The Queen Street site is leased "we tried to get as close to the bridge as possible because the transport

drivers have to walk to the brokerage locales for their documents."

The firm is open 8:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. Mr. Mines said he may have an afternoon shift "down the line to better serve clients."

For more information contact Mr. Mines at 871-7434.



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