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Name: Aspenite Plant -wood production

Location: Hudson Bay

Species: N/A

Link 1: http://www.townofhudsonbay.com/local_history/wizewood.html

History/Description: Plans to build a waferboard plant in Hudson Bay were made in 1959. This joint venture of private industry and the Saskatchewan government began production of a waferboard in September 1961, and was called Wizewood Products Ltd.

In the first year of Wizewood's operation a large number of local people were employed in cutting poplar bolts, with 75 more working in the plant. The aspenite paneling was well received for building, and the demand for the product grew.

On January 2, 1963 the central portion of the Wizewood plant was damaged by fire of unknown origin. This section was rebuilt in three months and production of the waferboard proceeded.

In April 1965 the Wizewood plant was sold to MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Ltd. of Vancouver.

The mill was built on the south-west side of Hudson Bay, to the north of the current golf course; which used to be golf course in summer and landing strip in winter.

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