

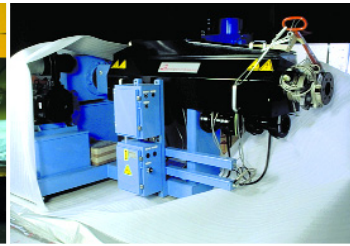
# TOPAX NEWS



## Hardy Built Reusable Fasteners Make Show at Sudbury

The Canadian Mining & Industrial Expo recently took place in Sudbury. Topax was there with an exhibit. As Bruce Hill our Sales Manager said to one of the visitors " We're here to sell a top notch product; but we also like to support the local market and the show. In addition to our core business of export packaging, we were promoting the Hardy Built Fastener System. Topax is the Canadian Distributor for this durable, reusable fastener system.

At the show, we demonstrated its usefulness for making an ice fishing hut. We've successfully tested the fasteners out on Lake Simcoe for the past two winters. The Hut knocks down flat and can be put up in about five minutes, thanks to the Hardy Built Fastener System. Lots of interested people dropped in to see the compact version of the ice hut / draw prize. Some even tried to get an angle on winning it. The lucky winner of our draw is Judy Benvenuti, Business Development Manager at George A. Gray Customs Brokers



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## Greetings for Spring of 2005

We're having an exciting time meeting the challenges of today's competitive market place.

### IPPC Bug Free Wooden Packing



Topax has met the IPPC challenge and ensured that we are up to speed on the CWPCP (Canadian Wood Packaging Certification Program) since it started about four years ago.



The IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention) is an organization formed many years ago with the intention of eliminating the transport of harmful insects from one eco-system to another. Harmful insects travelling in packing crates have been documented; from the time of Napoleon's navy right up to the serious infestation of Asian Long

Horn Beetle in North Toronto, today. These voracious bugs have been traced to a packing crate from the Far East. The only way to get rid of them is to cut down the maple trees they infest and burn the entire tree. So if someone tells you this is just another regulation hassle from the government, think about how you'd like to keep that beautiful maple in your back yard.

The CWPCP is the Canadian arm of the IPPC. Topax was the first company in Ontario to get certified. We have made sure that Topax stays one step ahead on this program so that we can anticipate our customer's needs. Large packing crates and boxes for heavy machinery require hardwood skids and components. We have the necessary hardwood timbers in stock. If a country requires IPPC compliant wood packaging, we can make it; any size, any weight.

Ltd, in Sudbury. Judy says "My Dad taught me to hunt and my Mom taught me to fish. It's a deer blind in the fall, ice hut in the winter. I love it".

Other visitors were please to learn that the Hardy Built Fastener works for return shipments of testing equipment and core samples. [Click here for more info.](#)

Our visitors found out that Topax can provide the best in export packaging from small reusable cases up to large break bulk shipments.

