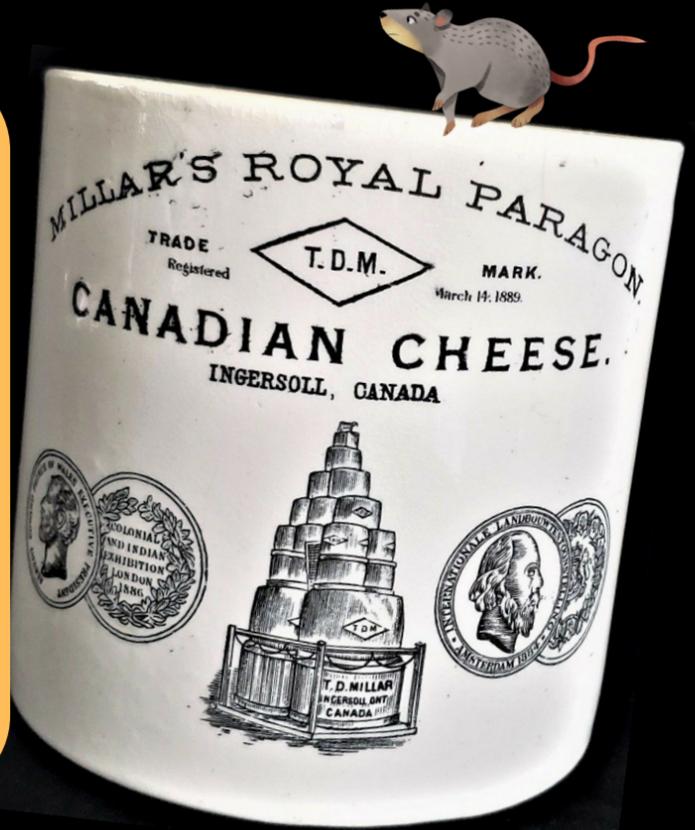


Ingersoll Cheese Company

J. L. Grant & Company
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Ingersoll Cheddar Cheese Company
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1867

James L. Grant emigrates from England at age 15 and settles in Ingersoll, obtaining a job at T. D. Millar's Paragon Cheese Company.

1872

J. L. Grant & T. L. Boyd of London, England, establish the J. L. Grant & Company, cheese exporters. Offices and retail sales are located on the north east corner of Thames & King Streets. The company pioneers locally available natural ice refrigeration - for cold storage in the factory, as well as railway cars and steamships.

1878

J. L. Grant establishes a pork packing department.

1880

J. L. Grant retires and returns to England. T. L. Boyd reforms the business as the Ingersoll Packing Company and C. C. L. Wilson becomes manager. The retail cheese & pork store is sold to Robinson Brothers.

1884-1889

J. L. Grant and T. L. Boyd become joint absentee owners of the Ingersoll business: J. L. Grant & Company, Pork Packers.

1894-1898

Boyd buys out Grant, renames the business, Ingersoll Packing Company. The Company installs artificial refrigeration for part of its plant, but continues as a major customer for natural ice, harvested from local ponds.

1901

Ingersoll Packing Company acquires Miller's Royal Paragon Cheese, a manufacturer of "potted cheese": well matured cheese is ground into a paste and packed in jars or cartons.

1907

Ingersoll Packing Company formulates a new cream cheese, a departure from its traditional exclusive focus on cheddar cheese. It combines a process of American origin with innovative Ingersoll packaging – cheese wrapped in tinfoil and branded with the slogan, "Spreads Like Butter."

1908-1909

Thomas L. Boyd visits Ingersoll and establishes: Ingersoll Packing Company, Ltd., with himself as president; C.C.L. Wilson as Vice-President and Managing Director; Cyrus H. Sumner as Secretary; and James H. Thomas as Director of the Cheese Department. The potted cheese product was discontinued .

1926

On the strength of the new cream cheese formulation, The Ingersoll Cream Cheese Company is formed, under the umbrella of the Packing Company. Increased production meant a move to new facilities on the north west corner of Victoria & Thames Streets and new cheeses were added to the roster: Ingersoll Loaf Cheese, Ingersoll Malted Cheese, Ingersoll Pimento Cheese and Old Oxford Cheese. C. H. Sumner becomes managing director.

1934-1936

The cheddar cheese business of the Ingersoll Packing Company was taken over by Ingersoll Cream Cheese Company, manufacture and distribution greatly increased, employing 60 workers and 4 travelling salesmen.

1946-1965

Standard Brands Ltd. takes control and changes the name to the Ingersoll Cheese Company. Ingersoll Cheese Spread, Blue Bonnet & Fleischman's margarine were in production. C. H. Sumner retires.

1968-1982

Plant purchased by Nestle. Margarine production moved to Toronto. Ingersoll Cheese Spread & MacFeeter's Honey Butter in production.

1982-1991

Plant purchased by Culinar. Ingersoll Cheese Spread & Anco produced.

1991-1997

Plant purchased by Agropur in 1991. Subsequently sold to Dairyworld in 1997. Operations moved to western Canada, resulting in the closure of the Ingersoll Cheese Company.