

CANNOP FOUNDRY

Mr Ewart Blanche Herbert retired on recently after 60 years of running his successful business. Herbert and Young Limited, at Cannop Foundry, Cinderford, which has been in his family for many years.

Mr Herbert joined Cannop Foundry before it moved from the old site near the Speech House to its present site in Valley Road. He has seen the business prosper and the premises expand and trusts that it will thrive and continue to provide tradition occupation for local men.

Mr Herbert was born at Broadwell; his father bought the foundry in 1893.

Apart from his work, Mr Herbert was a founder member of the Gloucester Multiple Sclerosis Society and has raised a great deal of money for this cause.

His secretary, Mrs J. Matthews, has been with him for 25 years and her services have been much appreciated. Employees at the foundry included two sons and a grandson of Mr Bob Jones, the furnaceman, of Soudley.

The new chairman is Mr Derek Ferns, a local businessman who lives in Trelleck and has an expanding export business.

Mr Ferns was delighted to discover that Cannop Foundries has 200-year-old patterns for decorative domestic items and has started a separate company, Cannop Foundry Ltd., to expand this side of the business; door knockers, door stops, door keepers, fire backs and dog grates, not to mention beautifully heavy cast iron garden chairs and tables and is sure that they will have a wide appeal both in the UK and abroad.