

This project is forging steadily ahead and the record of work done to date is worthy of News reporting.

Going back to April, 1972, it will be recalled that the first stage in installing the stoves was the construction of reinforced concrete piles which were built by boring instead of driving to ensure minimum ground disturbance of nearby buildings.

The stage was then set for the main contractor to proceed.

The heavily reinforced concrete foundations, complete with pockets for holding down bolts, were set up and poured so that they were completely tied to the piles. This step is essential for stability. The high wind loads and tremendous weight of the stoves themselves requires more than just a few large concrete blocks.

The enormous size of the shells caused the local fabricator (James Mullan) some interesting problems, particularly in transporting them to the site. On several occasions when the sections were delivered the

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