

Long-Service Men of Gooderham & Worts February 1, 1937



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This is a rare photograph of workers at the Gooderham & Worts Distillery.

Here about two-dozen “Long Service Men” posed on Trinity Street, in front of a pair of “Hot Shot” anti-freeze trucks. A full-range of employees is represented, from peak-capped workers to fedora-topped executives. Each man is identified by name (indicating possible family-groupings) and length of service. Five men had worked at the distillery for 50 or more years. This group had witnessed many dramatic changes since the 1880s when G&W was still the largest distillery in the British Empire and dependent on horsepower, to post-prohibition 1930s when the main product was industrial alcohol and horseless carriages had triumphed.