

INJECTION DANS LE TUNNEL LAFONTAINE



Roger Tomassini, left, goes over the game plan with one of his crew before beginning the night's work in the Lafontaine tunnel.

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Over the past ten years Roger Tomassini observed all the methods available to repair cracks and crevices in foundation and concrete structures. "What I came to realize was that I needed to come up with my own system and machinery to do a better job," said Mr. Tomassini, president and founder of Roger Tomassini Injection Reparation.

The key to the process is the machine which pumps in the filler to the cracks.

"I had to say a big thank-you to Robert Sauve of the Giguere Machine Shop in Richelieu. Robert and his machinists came up with the right tool for the system

I had in mind," said Mr. Tomassini.

Regardless of the size of the job, the task is accomplished in the same manner. All that changes is the calibration and the viscosity of the material to match the size of the crack to be repaired.

Many times cracks in the foundation are visible from the outside. In cases where a crack may not be seen, there are tell-tale signs pointing to the problem. "A basement with excess humidity or one with finished walls will create an odour and that means moisture is leaking in somewhere," he said.

Mr. Tomassini or one of his associates will provide a free estimate if there is need of the company's ser-

vices.

The repairs can be made all year round and are done from the inside of the structure. All work is 100 percent guaranteed for ten years by Roger Tomassini Injection.

A current contract for the company finds Mr. Tomassini and his crews spending their nights under the Louis Hippolyte-Lafontaine tunnel dealing with a wide variety of cracks. Even cracks invisible to the naked eye which still allow water to pass through can be injected and plugged thanks to the power of the dispensing machine.

"I am confident I have come up with the best method to deal with cracks in concrete. Every step has

been specifically designed to allow for the best seal of any crack through our injection process," he said.