

Coffee--

HILLS BROTHERS COFFEE INC.

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San Francisco, CA 94105

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Hills Bros produces ground and instant coffee. Ground coffees are packaged in cans; most of their equipment came from American Can. We talked to the production engineer who seemed unaware of Canadian trends including brick packaging. The company is not planning to expand in the near future but Canadian companies with new machines or systems should contact Mr Paul Miller, the President. The company's instant coffees are packaged in glass jars. Hills Bros employs 400 people.

MJB CO.

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San Francisco, CA 94107
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MJB Co. produces Coffee, tea, rice and metal containers. The metal containers are produced by their subsidiary Westcan. The company employs 742 people and operates three plants in San Francisco and one in Los Angeles. The company previously purchased a Tea Bagger from Delamere and Williams in Canada and could be interested in looking at more Canadian equipment. MJB will be moving more into pouch packing in the future.

Other Foods--

NABISCO INC.
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Mr Harry Peckham (Extn. 2476)

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We were advised by the Nabisco plant in Norwalk that we should speak to Mr Harry Peckham at Nabisco Headquarters. Nabisco's main product lines are biscuits and crackers. Nabisco is one of the Nation's top fifty food companies. The company is always in favour of up-grading existing plant to improve efficiency and reduce maintenance down time, clean up etc.; despite this the company is becoming involved in automatic control systems. The company currently uses roll packing for biscuits and crackers, overwraps then loads into cartons. Some products are dump packed into line cartons