

Safety award for M&N Construction

On June 2, M & N Construction Ltd. of Coronation was awarded a prestigious safety award from Alberta Human Resources and Employment.

They were one of the 350 recipients of the Best Safety Performer Award out of 110,000 other companies.

Archie Merchant, President of M & N, says that "they were impressed when they saw it (the award come in the mail)."

Darcy Hewitt, Vice President, added that "it gives you a sense of accomplishment."

The criteria for such an award include such achievements as having no work place related fatalities in the previous three years, achieving at least 120 consecutive person years with no lost-

time injuries, and having no outstanding compliance orders under the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act as well as not being currently prosecuted for a violation.

That's why they have Nixon around. Nixon is the Safety Coordinator.

Another criteria is having a Certificate of Recognition and, Nixon says, that not having the COR disqualified a lot of companies.

M & N Construction has always thought of safety as an important part of their industry.

When M & N started their safety program the employees, ranging anywhere in number from 70 to 200 (depending on the season), were cooperative.

It is important for the employees to support the

safety procedures and wear the protective gear, says Nixon.

Nixon also says "no program will work if it doesn't have manage-

ment backing it up." But that isn't a problem that Nixon has run into.



SAFETY GUYS: (L-R) Archie Merchant, Garry Nixon, Brian Tellier and Darcy Hewitt of M&N Construction display the plaques that they were awarded on June 2 by Alberta Human Resources and Employment for their high standard of safety on the job site.