

Madison's Lumber Retrospective

A 60-year walk down
forestry's Memory Lane

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AN INDEPENDENT MARKET SURVEY COVERING FIR, HEMLOCK, CEDAR, WESTERN WHITE SPRUCE

Friday, May 21, 1965.

J. N. Newberry & Sons Ltd., at Barriere, B.C. has been acquired by Fademar Creek Lumber Co. Ltd., at Louis Creek, B.C. Ken Long and Earle Thrun are the owners of Fademar Creek.

May 28, 1965.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River of Vancouver, will build a pulp mill in Alberta, near Whitecourt. The company has leased 3,500 square miles, and has a reserve for expansion of another 3,500 square miles.

Friday, June 4, 1965.

Cooper Widman Limited, Vancouver, has acquired Tru-Fit Millwork of Burnaby, B.C.

June 25, 1965.

Future applications for pulp timber rights in B.C. must be accompanied by a bond of \$100,000 per 100 tons of planned capacity it is announced by lands and forests minister Ray Williston.

Weyerhaeuser Company has taken a 90 day option on the assets of Merritt Diamond Mills Ltd. of B.C.

R. G. McKee deputy minister of forests for B.C. is critical of the provincial and federal governments who take \$200 million a year out of B.C. forests and put only \$23 million back in protection and management. Current forest fires out of control in the Prince George area (see Spruce Report) are due to lack of access roads, he said.

June 25, 1965.

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This week forest fires in the Prince George district destroyed a million feet of cold decked logs owned by Interior Spruce Mills Ltd. Company executive, G. Wilmot, reports the fire in that area has now been brought under control.

Friday, July 2, 1965.

Well known Vancouver lumber manufacturer Albert O. Sauer, 50, was killed in London, England this week when he stepped in front of a truck. Mr. Sauer, was general manager of Silvertree Sawmills Ltd.

Public hearings for a tree farm harvesting licence will be held at Kitimat Aug. 26 and 27. Ben Ginter has applied for timber to support a 750 ton a day pulp mill for a new company called Eurocan. The Ginter proposals are for timber rejected by MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd.

July 9, 1965

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Alexander Forest Industries Ltd., a partnership of Mead Corporation, Scott Paper, B.C. Forest Products Ltd., and others has received permission to clear 200 acres of land for a sawmill site near Morfee Lake on the Upper Parsnip, north of Prince George.

Friday, July 16, 1965.

Merritt Diamond mill at Lumby, B.C. lost their kiln and three million board feet of lumber and logs by fire this week. The mill is still operating.

A pulp harvesting licence has been issued to Bulkley Valley Pulp & Timber company for a \$75 million 1,000 ton a day mill at Houston, B.C. A bond of \$500,000 was put up by Bowaters Ltd. and Bathurst Paper Ltd., who have the major controlling interest. Mill is scheduled for production by 1971.

July 22, 1965.

The Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington, reported for the six month period ending June 30, net income climbed 11.5% to \$35,758,000 from the previous first half record of \$32,059,000. Sales increased six percent to \$343,620,000 from \$323,438,000.

Crown Zellerbach Canada reported net income for the six month period ending June 30 down 17% to \$6 million from \$7.2 million for the previous first half. Income for the second quarter of this year improved 23% over first quarter earnings. Sales increased to \$73.6 million, up 14% over last year's record performance.

August 6, 1965

Controversy has arisen in the forest industry here over the decision of the provincial government which called a halt to a pulp mill timber auction in the Kootenays. Bids of three companies were thrown out as not being realistic by Lands and Forest Minister Williston at Victoria B.C. this week. The companies, Crestbrook Timber Co. Ltd., partnered with Mitsubishi and Honshu of Japan; Kicking Horse Forest Products Ltd., of Golden partnered with Boise Cascade of Idaho and Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., without a partner were bidding on the right to harvest some 35 million cubic feet of pulp wood a year. The upset price is 55 cents per 100 cubic feet for pulpwood and 20 cents on relogged material. When bids reached \$1.00 bonus, Williston stopped the auction stating that if the companies paid a high bonus on their timber they could not pay a fair price for chips. He declared a decision on the timber will probably be made within two weeks. The bonus at the stopping point would have amounted to \$7.3 million over a 21 year period. The area can support a 750 ton mill says the government. Many persons in the lumber industry here consider that as all three companies had proved their financial responsibility they should be able to decide how much they can pay for pulp wood.

Friday, August 13, 1965.

Kamloops Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Company has purchased Merritt Diamond Mills Ltd., at Lumby, Avola and Merritt for about \$6 million.

Kicking Horse Forest Products Ltd., Golden, B. C. will start operating its veneer plant this fall and has started construction of a \$1 million plywood plant in Calgary, Alberta.

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September 3, 1965.

S. M. Simpson at Kelowna started production in August 1956. Savona Timber started in the same month three years later.

August 20, 1965.

Price Bros. of Quebec has withdrawn from a pulp mill partnership with United Pulp Co. Ltd., of Vancouver. The \$88 million pulp and newsprint complex was to be built at Squamish, B.C.

Friday, August 27, 1965.

Crow's Nest has joined Kicking Horse Forest Products, Golden, B.C. and Boise Cascade Corp. of Idaho for pulp mill timber in East Kootenay. On August 2, Forest Minister Williston halted a timber auction when he considered the bids were out of hand. Since then Canal Development Ltd. which is partnered with Mitsubishi and Honshu of Japan, has announced it will build a pulp mill on its own timber resources.

A Lumber Carriers Co-Operative chartering service has been formed by four Washington and five Oregon manufacturers. Plan is to charter full vessels for U.S. East Coast and overcome the present difficulty of getting parcel space on vessels departing from Pacific northwest ports.