

# 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, September 23, 1960.

At Penticton manufacturers and IWA are meeting to negotiate a settlement in the current wage dispute. Conciliation board's recommendation of a 10¢ an hour increase over two years was accepted by IWA, but rejected by operators. A statement is expected early this week.

Friday, Sept. 30, 1960.

White Spruce manufacturers at Prince George have rejected the Conciliation Board recommendation of an 8¢ an hour wage increase. Six cents retroactive to September 1; another two cents on March 1, 1961.

## MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER

November 11, 1960.

The additional 10 days free time recently granted by Canadian National Railways at Blind River, Ontario, has met a mixed reception in the lumber industry. Some manufacturers say the 25 days allows too much time to sell cars.

Friday, November 18, 1960.

Threat of a Canadian wide railway strike was made this week. Non-operating employees of the CNR and CPR (the P.G.E. is not affected) have threatened to strike December 3, if they do not get the wage increase recommended by a conciliation board.

December 9, 1960.

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Recently the Provincial Department of Labour sent a negotiator to Prince George to see if a settlement could be arranged between IWA and the Manufacturers involved in the contract. So far, no progress is reported.

Friday, December 30, 1960.

B. C. Forest Products Limited reported a net profit of \$3,535,044 which represents earnings of \$1.03 per share for year ending September 30. Net sales were 14% above 1959 which was affected by a two month strike. Capital gains, the biggest of which is \$1,624,288 insurance settlement from the False Creek fire are not included in earnings but credited to the earned surplus account which is now \$23,475,962.

Friday, January 27, 1961

G.H. Gallaway, President, Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., reports a 1960 net profit of \$8.7 million on record net sales of \$110 million. Net profit increased 9.6% over \$7.9 million for 1959. Net sales increased 13.9% over the 1959 figure of \$96.4 million. (There was a two month strike in 1959)

## MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER January 20, 1961.

In Boise, Idaho, the state senate, has called on the U.S. Government to increase tariff duties on lumber imported from Canada. In Ottawa H.W. Herridge (CCF - Kootenay West) urged the Federal Government to enact legislation which will require United States owners of lumber companies in B.C. to face their creditors. Mr. Herridge said several small U.S. owned lumber companies had failed and the owners "fled to the United States" leaving employees and creditors unpaid.

During 1960 Rayonier Canada Limited sold 271 million board feet of lumber and 77,000 squares of shingles, compared with 227 million board feet and 70,000 squares of shingles in 1959 when there was a two month strike. Russell F. Erickson, president, Rayonier Inc., reports preliminary figures of 1960 earnings show a net income of \$9,500,000

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER January 6, 1961.

"The IWA got a five per cent wage increase this year, while we took a 10 per cent cut in prices" reported L.L.G. Bentley of Canadian Forest Products and President of Seaboard Lumber Sales.

The industrialist blamed Dr. John Deutch, mediator in the 1959 strike, for giving the union more than was justified. "I hope we won't be stuck again with an outsider and an economist.

Commenting on Mr. Bentley's remarks Joe Morris, President of Western Canada region of IWA said this type of statement does nothing except provoke an increase in tensions already present between management and labour in the forest industry.

Friday, February 3, 1961.

Free trade in all forest products across U.S. and Canadian borders, would more than offset the dislocation of the domestic plywood market by the benefit of being able to sell all wood and paper products freely in both countries, R.M. Shaw, senior executive vice president, MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Limited, told Western Retail Lumbermen's annual meeting in Saskatoon, Thursday.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER April 14, 1961.

MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Limited earned a net profit of \$24,575,651 in 1960 on gross sales of \$305,291,437. This was the first year of operation following the merger of both companies who in 1959 had a net profit of \$23,565,489 on gross sales of \$251,205,155.

Friday, April 21, 1961.

Because he disagrees "with certain aspects of company policy", M.J. Foley, President of MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Limited has resigned. Mr. Foley will take a position with an unnamed Eastern Canadian forestry company.

At the annual shareholders meeting in Vancouver this week, G.H. Gallaway, president Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. cited first quarter figures to show there is not a major upswing in the Canadian economy so far.

Friday, April 28, 1961.

J.V. Clyne, chairman of MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Limited in a speech at the company's annual meeting in Vancouver (see overpage) said that it is no coincidence that B.C. has both highest wage rate and highest level of unemployment. This statement was sharply criticized by Premier Bennett of B.C., who says Clyne has expressed an extreme point of view.

Waite Amulet Mines, subsidiary of Noranda Mines have purchased Sinclair Mills and Upper Fraser Spruce Mills in Prince George area from National Forest Products for about \$1.6 million dollars. Company intends to start a pulp mill.

Ralph M. Shaw is new President of MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Limited. He replaced M.J. Foley who resigned last week to become vice president of Anglo Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd., Quebec.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER May 12, 1961.

C.D. Dickey Jr., President B. C. Forest Products noted a trend on the rise of current prices of lumber and plywood from extreme lows of last winter.

MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Ltd. is exploring the possibility of building a pulp and paper board plant in Australia.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER May 26, 1961.

More than 90% of Western Plywood shareholders have voted to accept U.S. Plywood Corporation stock, it was announced this week in Vancouver by John Bene, President of Western Plywood Company. U.S. Plywood will spend between \$2 and \$3 million on plant expansion here.

Friday, June 2, 1961.  
Harold S. Foley, former vice chairman of MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Limited, resigned this week as a Director of the Company and accused Company chairman J.V. Clyne of prejudiced attitude and actions since the companies amalgamated two years ago. He noted that 10 former Powell River executives have resigned since the two companies merged.

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June 9, 1961.

As announced in our Reporter last week, the IWA negotiating committee and Forest Industrial Relations reached a one year agreement which calls for the same wage rates for most of the Union's 32,000 members, plus a health and welfare plan, an extra paid holiday and other fringe benefits.

Friday, June 23, 1961.

IWA members in Coastal areas of British Columbia voted 2-1 in favor of accepting the new contract which includes a health and welfare plan, plus some fringe benefits.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER

July 14, 1961.

Two new plywood mills are scheduled to start production in B.C. Douglas Plywood Ltd. on Annacis Island expects to get into production by mid August. The Keeley Lumber Company plans to construct a plywood mill at Squamish, B.C.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER

July 28, 1961.

Well known B. C. lumberman M. Donald B. King, age 59, died in Vancouver last week. Mr. King was President of Savona Timber Co. Ltd., at Savona, B. C.

August 11, 1961.

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Tabor Creek Sawmills, a rough mill with about 30 M per shift capacity, owned by Norman Strom, was completely destroyed by forest fire this week. Some rough mills and logging operations outside of the immediate fire areas have shut down because of dry woods conditions and the current slowdown of the lumber market.

Friday, August 25, 1961.

June/July shipments from Prince George totalled 1592 cars, an increase of 560 cars over the 1032 for same two months last year.

The Prince George Citizen reports that former B.C. agent general in London, England, B.M. Hoffmeister, will be offered a position as head of Northwood Mills Ltd., a subsidiary of Noranda Mines Ltd. Before becoming agent general, Mr. Hoffmeister was president of MacMillan, Bloedel. Northwood Mills is composed of Sinclair Mills, Upper Fraser, Canadian Forest Products Ltd., of Vancouver, announced they have decided against plans to build a \$50 million pulp operation in Northern Alberta. CFP who have sawmill and timber holdings at Grande Prairie, Alberta, said they decided against exercising their option because the world pulp market at present is glutted.

Friday, September 1, 1961.

Seaboard Lumber Sales Co. Ltd. of Vancouver report that Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd., at 100 Mile House on the P.G.E. is now a member of their sales organization. Ainsworth, is the first mill in the Interior of B.C. to become affiliated with Seaboard.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER

Sept. 8, 1961.

In spite of difficult market conditions shipments from B.C. cargo mills to United States are up 14% for first seven months of this year compared with last year. U.K. buying is down 8% from same period last year.