

# 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 20, 1963.

International Woodworkers of America held their 23rd annual convention in Vancouver last week. President Al Hartung proposed that union workers should set up a giant international strike fund by contributing \$2.00 a month each member. A petition signed by 106 U.S. congressmen appealing to President Kennedy for imposition of import quotas on Canadian softwoods, was rejected by the White House this week.

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October 25, 1963.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. reports a net income of \$9,413,000 on net sales of \$93 million for first nine months of this year, compared with \$9,432,000 on a net income of \$88.4 million for same period 1962.

Friday, November 8, 1963.

Net income of MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd., was \$26,005,175 for nine months ended Sept. 30, which was almost identical with \$26,013,295 of the same period last year.

Net nine month income of B.C. Forest Products Ltd., was up 67% to \$6.2 million or \$1.81 per share compared with \$3.7 million or \$1.08 per share the previous year. Profit in the third quarter nearly doubled to \$2.3 million compared with \$1.2 million

After withdrawing her first schedule a fortnight ago of some 300 million board feet, Russia has re-entered the U.K. market with an offering of 650 million feet. The second offer was not only increased in size but is also Two Pounds per standard higher than the first offer.

Friday, December 6, 1963.

The Pacific Logging Company, a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Railways has purchased for an undisclosed price the Passmore Lumber Company at Passmore B.C. also sold its timber holdings and mill at Roseberry B.C. Alex Erickson of Colville, Washington was president of Passmore.

British Columbia Forest Products Ltd., has purchased controlling interest in Moore Whittington Lumber Co. Ltd., at Victoria, B.C. The sawmill operation will be shut

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Canadian Forest Products Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C. has purchased Fort St. John Lumber Co. Ltd., and its subsidiaries, Peace River Forest Industries and Junction Mills Ltd.

Friday, December 13, 1963.

U.S. Senate conferees have passed a bill which will force importers to mark products with the country of origin on all imports each time the products are repackaged for sale in the U.S.

E. G. Shorter, vice chairman of MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Ltd., said the proposed legislation is aimed specifically at Canadian lumber.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association has asked the U.S. Tariff Commission to equalize tariffs on lumber between Canada and U.S.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd. have announced they intend to build an \$80 million pulp mill at Kitimat B.C. They will apply to the provincial government for a tree farm and pulpwood harvesting licence.

Friday, January 3, 1964.

The U.S. lumber marking bill calling for foreign lumber to be marked with the country of origin died this week after President Johnson refused to sign it.

Merrill Gardner Ltd. announce construction of a veneer plant at Williams Lake, B.C. Capacity of one hundred million 1/8" basis, surface measure will be sold to plywood plants in B.C. and Pacific Northwest.

Friday, January 10, 1964.

Abitibi Power and Paper Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ontario has asked the U.S. government to reduce the tariff on wood particle board from 12% to six percent so that Canadians can compete in the U.S. market.

Friday, January 24, 1964.

Paul DuMont, of Terrace, B.C., has acquired Hoover Sawmills Ltd. at Armstrong, B.C. The DuMont family recently sold their sawmill holdings to Skeena Lumber Co. Ltd., at Terrace.

The 7000 members of the Vancouver local of IWA will seek a 30 cent hourly wage increase, improvements in their health and welfare plan and double time for overtime

Friday, February 7, 1964.

Federated Co-Operatives Ltd., Canoe, B.C. has acquired ownership of Blanc Bros. Sawmills at Salmon Arm.

Western Plywood Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, a subsidiary of U.S. Plywood Corporation of New York has purchased Columbia Forest Products Ltd. of Sprague, Manitoba, a particle board manufacturer.

Better lumber markets in North America in 1963 were one factor behind a net profit of \$3,779,000, an increase of \$644,000 over the previous year.

Friday, February 14, 1964.

Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., plans to build a \$70 million bleached kraft pulp mill at Prince Rupert. Mill will be in operation in 1967.

Harry Hagman is President of the Bulkley Valley Pulp & Timber Ltd., which has completed feasibility studies for establishment of a bleached sulphate pulp mill at Houston, B. C.

Friday, March 6, 1964.

B.C. Forest Products Ltd., net income to Dec. 31, 1963 was \$8.9 million, an 85% increase over \$4.8 million earned in 1962.

E.L. Vance, well known president of Kootenay Forest Products Ltd., Nelson, B.C. is now also president of Grant Industries Ltd., Vancouver. Both Grant Industries and Kootenay Forest Products Ltd., are wholly owned subsidiaries of Eddy Match Company.

Friday, March 13, 1964.

Western Plywood Ltd., a subsidiary of United States Plywood is offering \$20 million for the common stock of Canadian Collieries Resources Limited.

Friday, April 24, 1964.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., report total sales for first quarter of 1964 were \$30,207,000 an increase of 5% over \$28,842,000 for same period last year.

Friday, May 1, 1964.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Limited reported a 33% increase in profits for the first quarter of this year, ending March 31. Net income was \$10.9 million, up from \$8.2 million for the same period last year.

B.C. Forest Minister Ray Williston announced in Kitimat a new policy to prevent capital gains on forest management or pulpwood harvesting licenses. The new policy will not affect established industry.

The P.L.I.B. reports that B.C. mills shipped 60.3 million board feet to U.K. during March, an increase of 21 million feet over the 39.3 million for same month last year.

Shipments to Japan for March were 55.7 million feet, up from 46.9 million last year. Australian shipments were up four million board feet from 25.8 million last March.

Friday, May 15, 1964.

Weyerhaeuser Company of Tacoma, Washington, announced this week they have acquired 51 percent interest in a Kamloops pulp mill. The mill will produce 250 tons of kraft a day and will cost \$15 million.

Cattermole Timber Ltd. recently bid \$535,000 or \$3.20 per 100 cubic feet for 117 million cubic feet of White Spruce in the Peace River dam reservoir area at Finlay Forks, some 200 miles northwest of Prince George.

Friday, May 22nd, 1964.

A.A. "Sandy" Thomson, age 50, superintendent of Savona Timber Co. Ltd., at Savona, B.C. passed away this week. Crestbrook Timber Limited, at Cranbrook, B.C. reported for the quarter ending March 31, that earnings before taxes were \$104,085 compared with a loss of \$37,928 for the same quarter of 1963.

MADISON'S CANADIAN LUMBER REPORTER May 29, 1964.

A strike by 61 workers in the Alberni plant of MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River, has idled 3000 employees from other unions who have refused to cross the picket line.

Friday, June 12, 1964.

The IWA announced Wednesday that the majority of their 26,000 membership on the B.C. coast has accepted a two year wage boost of 26 cents an hour. Present basic rate is \$2.08 an hour. New contract becomes effective June 15.

Crestbrook Timber Ltd., at Cranbrook, B.C. may acquire control of Creston Sawmills Ltd. at Creston and its associated company Fort Plywood and Lumber Ltd., at Fort McLeod, Alberta. Net worth of the three companies if merged would be over \$9 million.

Friday, July 10, 1964.

The Alberni office workers strike at MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River is over. The company agreed to maintain a majority of union members in the office workers bargaining unit during the life of the agreement.

Friday, July 17, 1964.

Canadian Collieries Resources Limited, at New Westminster, B.C., a subsidiary of U.S. Plywood, reported total net profits increased 14 per cent during 1963.

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R.F. Dumont, B.C. lumber manufacturer will start a 50 million board foot annual production mill at Hudson's Bay in northern Saskatchewan.

Tahsis Company's Port Alberni mill will close September 30 because, according to Tahsis president J.V. Christensen, it is obsolete and unprofitable.

An increase of net income of 21% to \$7,151,000 compared with \$5,918,000 for same period last year, was given by Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., for first six months of this year. Sales were \$64.5 million up 8.2% over the \$59.7 million for same period of 1963.

Northwood Pulp Ltd., at Prince George, will build a 625 ton per day pulp mill instead of the 500 ton mill previously announced. Cost will be about \$56 million.

Friday, July 31, 1964.

An unusual dispute has arisen between Pacific Coast Lumber Inspection Agency and the International Woodworkers of America. The PLIB is the major Canadian agency which uses its own employees for grade marking lumber at B.C. mills.