

# 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

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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.

September 17, 1965.

B.C. sales managers report more selectivity on the U.S. rail market this week. Buyers were passing up transit offerings unless the cars were loaded to their requirements.

P.G.E. rail shipments to U.S. were up 251 cars in August over the same month last year. Total rail shipments were 2757 cars compared with 2506 for August 1964. Export shipments for U.K. and Continent totalled 244 cars compared with 207 for August 1964. Mr. H. R. MacMillan, founder, past president and a director of MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Limited, was 80 years of age on September 9.

Subject to the approval of the board of directors of both companies, Weldwood of Canada Ltd., and Price Brothers of Quebec will construct a 750 ton a day pulp mill at a cost of \$60 million at Quesnel, B.C. The mill is expected to be completed by 1972.

October 1, 1965.

The Swanson Lumber Co. Ltd., of Edmonton has acquired Wood Buffalo Park Timber Co. Ltd., from W.L. Anderson former president of Canadian Conifer Ltd.

Tahsis Company, Vancouver has been granted a tree farm licence to help support its 750 ton kraft pulp mill now under construction at Gold River on Vancouver Island.

Friday, October 8, 1965.

Henry H. Ketcham Lumber Co. Inc., of Quesnel and Seattle has purchased the 50% interest in Hume Sawmills, Quesnel from Hardy Lumber Ltd. in Vancouver.

October 15, 1965.

Eurocan Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., backed by four forestry firms from Finland and Ben Ginter a Prince George contractor have received government permission to build a \$69 million kraft paper and sulphate pulp mill at Kitimat, B.C. MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Ltd., abandoned the region earlier this year through lack of timber. Crown-Zellerbach Canada Ltd., had proposed a \$55 million pulp mill for the area.

October 29, 1965.

Sales volume of Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., set records in the first nine months of 1965, but earnings were below the level reached in the same period last year. Net sales were \$120,037,000 up 16% over the previous high of \$103,794,000 recorded in the 1964 nine month period.

November 12, 1965.

Cooper Widman Ltd., has purchased H. Pearson Lumber Co. Ltd., at Burns Lake, B.C. Pearson specialized in mixed Spruce cars.

IWA and FIR representing B.C. Coast manufacturers have agreed to an on the job training program which will permit experienced lumber workers to be trained to use newer and more complicated machinery.

Eurocan Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., has deposited \$600,000 with the B.C. government as a bond before the signing of a tree farm licence for the Kitimat area, where the company intends to build a \$69 million pulp mill.

November 26, 1965.

Canal Development Ltd., a partnership of Crestbrook Timber Ltd., and Japanese interests has chosen a site for their proposed \$70 million, 700 ton pulp mill in the Kootenay area.

Kamloops Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., a joint venture by Weyerhaeuser Company and B.C. lumbermen is expected to start operations this week.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd., has challenged the B.C. government's right to collect \$8,541,984 tax on a tract of timberland it purchased on Vancouver Island.

Friday, December 3, 1965

Eagle Lake Sawmills Ltd., at Prince George has acquired a substantial part of the assets of United Forest Products B.C. Ltd. which is also in the Prince George district. The head office of United is in Toronto.

December 10, 1965

Wage increases have been received by planermen and logging camp workers reports the IWA. Now majority of planermen at B.C. coast mills have received increases from 16 to 33 cents an hour.

Although sales of Weldwood of Canada Ltd. were up 11% to \$53 million from \$48 million, net profit for the six months ending October 31, was down \$132,897 from \$1,885,052 to \$1,752,155.

John Bene, president, said the profit drop was attributed to increased stumpage fees and a skilled man power shortage.

Friday, December 17, 1965.

Pacific Great Eastern railway crews who walked off their jobs 10 days ago over a personnel grievance have returned to work. This will speed up lumber shipments which have been delayed during the walkout.

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January 7, 1966

The E.L. Sauder Lumber Company, established in Vancouver in 1927, has purchased for an undisclosed amount Dueck Industries and Dueck Homes of Abbotsford B.C. The Abbotsford company manufactures pre fabricated homes.

Friday, January 14, 1966.

The total P.G.E. cars shipped in 1965 was 29,262, a decline of 1409 from 30,671 in 1964.

Ten years ago total lumber shipments from P.G.E. mills was only 18,159 cars.

Wilfred Hanbury, pioneer B.C. Lumberman, Manufacturer and former Vancouver M.P., died this week at the age of 76.

January 21, 1966

L.L.G. Bentley was re-elected president of Seaboard Lumber Sales Co. Ltd. for his eight term at the annual meeting in Vancouver this week.

The F.O.W. offer from Russia of approximately 400 million board feet has been accepted by U.K. importers. Prices generally are about 5% under last year.

A survey made by the B.C. Research Council shows that B.C. supplies Japan with 57.5% of its sawn lumber imports. Because most imports into Japan are logs this only amounts to 5% of all lumber and logs imported.

Friday, February 11, 1966.

Weyerhaeuser Company at Tacoma, Washington had the best year in its 66th year history. Profit record was \$83,399,780 compared with \$67,627,877 in 1964. Sales totalled \$721,398,451, also a record.

February 18, 1966.

Robert F. Dumont had resigned as vice president and general manager of Simpson Timber Co. Ltd., stud mill which started production this Spring at Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan.

Friday, February 25, 1966.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd. will appeal a Supreme Court dismissal of its protest against an \$8.5 million provincial government tax bill following the purchase of 130,000 acres of timber land on Vancouver Island.