

# 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

March 4, 1966

The International Woodworkers of America made known their contract demands for B.C. Coast mills in Vancouver this week. Current contract expires June 15.

The 500 mile strip from Boston, Mass. to Washington is the largest lumber market for its size in the world, John Furman, president of Furman Lumber Inc., told the annual meeting of B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Assn., in Vancouver.

Friday, March 11, 1966.

Canal Development Company Ltd., a subsidiary of Crestbrook Timber Ltd., at Cranbrook, B.C. will start construction on a 350 ton per day pulp mill in April with production scheduled for January 1968. Partners in the project are the Honshu Pulp & Paper Co., and Mitsubishi of Japan.

B.C. Forest Products Ltd. at Vancouver reported higher sales and lower profits in the year ended December 31. Net income for the year was \$10,728,500 compared with \$11,393,300 in the 12 months of 1964.

Sam Heller, president of Pacific Pine and United Pulp Co. Ltd., was elected president of B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Assn., at the annual meeting in Vancouver.

Friday, March 25, 1966.

The I.C.C. Service Order 979 for increased demurrage is effective April 1. After free time, demurrage on lumber cars will be \$10 a day for the first four days, then \$15 a day afterwards. This will upgrade the tallies of transit cars.

April 1, 1966

Clearwater Timber Products Ltd., in Edmonton, Alberta had a fire at their manufacturing operations at Clearwater B.C. which destroyed the manufacturing equipment but not lumber in dry pile. The company also has operations at Vavenby and Swan Landing, Alts.

Friday, April 7, 1966.

Beaver Lumber Co. Ltd., of Winnipeg reported sales of \$54,623,000 for 1965 compared with \$52,727,000 for 1964. Net income was \$2,286,000 down from \$2,474,000 the previous year.

Sam Sadin, prominent Long Island wholesaler, told the Western Forest Industries convention at Palm Springs that fraudulently upgraded Utility adversely affects the price and use of Construction and Standard grades which represent 80% of mill production.

April 15, 1966.

J.O. Haas, age 55, president of Nalos Lumber Co. Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. was killed in a plane crash this week.

The 1965 profits of MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd., were down nearly \$1 million from the previous year, and would have been cut by another \$3 million if it had not been for a change in the charging of depreciation and amortization.

MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd. hope to receive permission from stock holders at the annual meeting this month to change the company name to MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

Friday, April 22, 1966.

Norply Corporation will discontinue the manufacture of plywood June 1 at Prince Albert, because quality and quantity of Poplar and Birch logs have deteriorated in Saskatchewan.

Distribution of \$1.6 million assets to 50 shareholders of Alberta West Forest Products Ltd. was made in Edmonton, Alberta this week.

George Robertson Hackett, 74, former president of Robertson Hackett Sawmill, founded in 1888 in Vancouver, died recently.

April 29, 1966.

The first quarter net income of MacMillan Bloedel & Powell River Ltd., was \$9,797,835 compared with \$9,678,615 in the like period of 1965. Sales and other income for the quarter were \$109,385,934 compared with \$101,910,861 in 1965 period.

The government appointed conciliation officer in the IWA wage dispute has broken off discussions after 10 days of talks between both sides. The minister of Labor can now take one of three courses. Appoint a conciliation board; recommend terms of settlement, or send the contract negotiations directly to the strike vote stage.

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The Plywood Manufacturers Association of B.C. reported production of plywood increased 1.5% during 1965. This is a sharp decline from the 7% increase in 1964.

Net profit of Crestbrook Timber Ltd., at Cranbrook, B.C. for year ended December 31, was \$433,366 or 69 cents a share, compared with \$433,093 or 65 cents in 1964.

May 13, 1966.

The IWA 25,000 members in the B.C. coast forest industry have started to vote on whether to strike for higher wages and other contract proposals.

May 27, 1966.

The bankruptcy of the Burmis Lumber Co. Ltd., a sawmill in Alberta, with liabilities of \$684,000 was reported this month.

Mr. Justice Nathan Nemetz of the B.C. Supreme Court has been appointed by the provincial government as an industrial inquiry commissioner. This followed a 94.18 percent strike vote by members of the International Woodworkers of America.

Friday, June 3, 1966.

Starting Monday, June 6, separate talks will be held with the parties by Mr. Justice Nathan Nemetz, if an agreement has not been reached.

On Wednesday, in Portland, Georgia Pacific Corp. announced it had reached agreement on a new contract with U.S. lumber unions granting a 55¢ an hour increase over three years. In B.C. the IWA has asked a one year contract.

B.C. will have its second worker owned plywood plant by next January when the Canadian Plywood Corporation starts production. Shares were bought by 300 persons in 1965 for \$5,000 down and a balance of \$2,500 each to be paid over the next five years.

June 10, 1966.

Agreement has been reached between Weldwood of Canada and Price Bros. of Quebec to build a \$60 million pulp mill at Quesnel. Construction will start next year and completion is scheduled for 1970.

Crows Nest Industries Ltd. at Fernie, B.C., will build a plywood plant at Morrissey. Kootenay Forest Products will also build a \$2.25 million plywood plant at Nelson, B.C..

Friday, June 17, 1966.

Terrace Forest Products at Ashcroft and Balco Forest Products at Kamloops have merged to build a plywood plant at Heffley Creek. The Company will be known as Balco Forest Products (1966) Ltd.