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SPECIAL IWA STRIKE BULLETIN
Friday 4 P.M., June 17, 1966.

More than 10,000 IWA members walked off their jobs at logging camps and sawmills in B.C. today.

The IWA members walked out against the advice of their union leaders who had promised to hold off any strike action until Mr. Justice Nathan Nemetz submitted his industrial inquiry report next week.

July 8, 1966.

A legal battle has started between shareholders of Albertawest Forest Products Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta. The company was formed nine years ago to start a pulp mill in northern Alberta, but was never able to raise the required \$40 million. Last fall MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., purchased the company's assets for \$1.75 million.

B.C. lumber shipments to the U.K. in 1965 were slightly over one billion board feet compared with 900 million feet from Russia, reports the Timber Trades Federation.

Friday, July 15, 1966.

The assets of Taylor Lumber Co. Ltd., at Princeton, B.C. have been acquired by Nicola Valley Lumber Ltd., at Merritt. Truefit Millwork (Canada) Ltd., at Burnaby, B.C. is strike-bound over a wage dispute with the millworkers local of the Carpenters Union.

The 271 P.L.I.B. inspectors in B.C. have voted 91% in favor of strike action. No strike notice has been given. Further negotiations are expected in the current wage dispute.

July 22, 1966.

Kettle Valley Lumber Co. Ltd., at Princeton, B.C. has been sold to Nicola Valley Sawmills at Merritt. Plans are to continue operation of the sawmill under present management.

Because unloading of packaged lumber from B.C. at London's Tilbury docks only required 16 men instead of 76 men by the old method of unloading into barges, dockworkers staged an unofficial strike.

The East Asiatic Company (Canada) Ltd., and Commonwealth Pacific Timber Sales Ltd., have formed a joint cargo export sales company, Eacom Timber Sales Ltd.

Friday, July 29, 1966.

Sales and profits of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. were higher from the first half of this year compared with 1965.

The P.L.I.B. grading inspectors have settled their contract dispute in B.C. for an increase of 40¢ an hour over two years. The leasing of grade stamps issue has been dropped by member companies for the time being.

August 5, 1966.

Unless there is a hitch before August 11, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., will acquire Blanchard Lumber Company at Walpole, Mass. Reported sale price is \$3 million.

Buck River Lumber Ltd., Smithers B.C. has been sold to Bulkley Valley Pulp & Timber Ltd. The pulp company is owned by Bowaters Canadian Ltd. and Bathurst Paper who intend to start construction of a \$75 million pulp mill at Houston in 1968.

Kootenay Forest Products Ltd., has started construction of a \$2.5 million plywood plant at Nelson B.C.

Crows Nest Industries Ltd., who operate three sawmills in the Kootenays reports increased profits of \$274,059 compared with \$182,401 for first six months of this year.

Friday, Aug. 12, 1966.

Bulkley Valley Pulp & Timber Ltd., whom we reported last week had purchased Buck River Lumber Ltd., at Houston have now obtained a minority interest in Cooper Widman. The Vancouver based firm owns Ominica Lumber and Pearson Lumber at Burns Lake. It is buying Quality Spruce at Topley B.C. from Imperial Lumber Ltd., in Edmonton.

August 19, 1966.

Gordon Douglas, well known lumber executive in B.C. is the new General Manager of Nalos Lumber Ltd. Mr. Douglas was the former vice president of Powell River Forest Products, and manager of marketing services with MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

Friday, August 26, 1966.

Canadian railways clamped embargoes on freight and express during the week as a strike by 120,000 railway workers threatened to tie up the CNR and CPR at the weekend.

In New Westminster a giant fire almost wiped out the \$10 million Rayonier of Canada Ltd. lumber mill. Rayonier is now studying possibility of re-summing production in the gangmill, the only remaining part of the plant.

September 2, 1966.

So far the strike has not firmed prices for Canadian lumber on U.S. rail markets. They remain at the same level as last week for white Spruce and green Fir. There has been more inquiry but no increase in price.

E. R. Taylor, W. H. Steele Lumber Co. Ltd., Vancouver is Canadian Chairman of National Forest Products Week in Canada which starts September 11. Provincial Chairman is A. M. Matheson of Crown Zellerbach Building Materials Ltd.

Crestbrook Timber Ltd., Cranbrook, B.C., reports profits of \$427,323 or 64¢ a share for the first six months of this year, compared with \$204,541 or 31¢ a share a year earlier. Sales in the first half were \$5.5 million.

September 16, 1966.

Shareholders of Crestbrook Timber Ltd., at Cranbrook, B.C. are being asked to turn practical control of the company over to Honshu Paper and Mitsubishi Ltd., who intend to build a \$33 million pulp mill having a daily capacity of 350 tons.

McColl Forest Products sawmill at Burns Lake burned down this week. Damage is estimated at \$200,000. The management have not announced when the mill will be operating again.

Friday, September 23, 1966.

SPECIAL BULLETIN: Pacific Great Eastern railway employees will strike midnight Sunday, unless last minute negotiations break the wage deadlock.

Friday, October 7, 1966.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., will shut down its Bella Coola and Beaver Cove divisions until early 1967, because of the soft lumber markets. A total of 160 men are affected in the two logging divisions.

October 14, 1966.

Prominent B.C. lumberman, Cecil Gordon McMynn, 62, died Sunday at Midway, B.C. Mr. McMynn was president of Boundary Sawmills Ltd., Midway, and Grand Forks Sawmills Ltd. He was a director and past president of the Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association.

The lack of sales is resulting in more layoffs at B.C. Coast sawmills. According to the IWA, more than 1,000 men in the shingle sawmill and plywood mills have been laid off already. More than 900 out of a total of 4,500 loggers in the Vancouver area are laid off.

Friday, October 21, 1966.

Unless there is an unforeseen hitch, the month old strike of Pacific Great Eastern non operating employees will be over this weekend.

October 28, 1966.

W.R. Batten, resident manager of Kicking Horse Forest Products Ltd., at Golden, B.C. has resigned to enter private forestry practise. Bob Davis is acting general manager. W.L. (Bill) McQuarrie continues as sales manager.

November 10, 1966.

A new sawmill under construction for the City Lumber Company at Valemount, B.C. was destroyed by fire last week. Vice President David Schine reports the mill will be rebuilt.

The net income of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., increased by \$1,378,024 in the nine months to September 30 over the similar period in 1965.

November 25, 1966.

MacMillan Bloedel has formed a company in Australia to sell its wood products and newsprint. The company, MacMillan Bloedel Pty. Ltd. will have headquarters in Sydney

Friday, December 2, 1966.

The bankrupt United Forest Products Limited of Toronto, Ontario, has liabilities of \$1,834,466.43.

Netherland Overseas Mills Ltd., which was established in B.C. in 1951 by N.M. Van Drimmlen who is the chief shareholder, is in receivership. Last year the company built a \$2 million mill at Prince George to cut export for Europe.

Friday, December 16, 1966.

Cooper Widman Limited, Vancouver, has acquired the assets and timber holdings of Quality Spruce Mills at Burns Lake, for an estimated \$1.375.000.