

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

January 6, 1967.

City Lumber Co. of Bridgeport Inc., has acquired Johnsons' Spruce Mills at Valemouth, B.C. This acquisition with our Canyon Creek and Hystad Bros. mills will mean complete utilization of the Canoe River public sustained yield unit, commented general manager Gordon Beaven. Reconstruction of a new sawmill, destroyed by fire (Madison's November 10th), is on schedule.

Charles R. Widman, president of Cooper Widman Ltd., Vancouver, looks for gradually improving prices and markets in the U.S. and Canada this year.

Northwood Mills Ltd., whose head office is in Toronto, Ontario, has acquired the Cooke Lumber Co. Ltd., of Greenwood, B.C.

Friday, January 13, 1967.

John Shanski, President of Sprague Lumber Co. Ltd., a wholesale lumber company in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been made a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Western Canada.

A fire destroyed the diesel plant of Hazelton Sawmills Ltd., at Hazelton, B.C. According to sales manager W.W. McDonald the sawmill may be shut down for at least two months, because of the difficulty of getting replacement power.

Timber Preservers Ltd., of Burnaby, B.C., has changed its name to TPL Industries Ltd., and is spending \$2.5 million to expand into manufacture of corrugated steel culvert pipe in four plants across Canada.

January 20, 1967

Total lumber cars from the Pacific Great Eastern railway were down 2089 cars compared with 1965. Total cars shipped in 1966 was 27,173 compared with 29,262 in 1965. Cars for export last year totalled 1,226 compared with 2,920 a decrease of 1694 cars.

Friday, January 27, 1967.

Sales of lumber to all markets by Seaboard Lumber Sales Company Limited in Vancouver, declined by 70 million board feet during 1966.

In the 1966 annual report, president L. L. G. Bentley reported Seaboard sold 1,172,035,000 board feet which is practically 60% of B.C.'s cargo shipments.

February 3, 1967

Sales volume of Douglas Fir plywood across Canada is mostly for sheathing. Sanded plywood sales remain slow.

Netherland Overseas Mills Ltd., at Prince George which went into receivership in November is operating again on a two shift basis and cutting about three million feet a month.

Sandner Bros., at Cascade have acquired the assets Morrissey Creek Sawmills at Grand Forks, B.C.

Friday, February 10, 1967.

Coast Homes Ltd., of New Westminster, B.C. has run into contract trouble over motel units for Expo 67 at Montreal. William Venos an official of Coast Homes reports that only 48 units of an order for 1,728 have been shipped to 1,000 Motels Inc., of Montreal. The Montreal firm was to deposit money in the Coast account as soon as the units were shipped by rail from New Westminster. Payments have stopped and Coast has laid off about 100 workers.

Joe McKinnon, Expo 67 representative in Vancouver, said the Montreal motel firm has no official connection with Expo.

Friday, February 24, 1967.

Two conflicting opinions regarding housing starts in Canada this year were made at the convention of the Building Supply Dealer's Association in Vancouver this week.

Charles A. Specht, president of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., said there are indications that there will be an improvement in mortgage money for home building in Canada in the latter part of this year.

Jack Cochran, vice president and managing director of Domtar Construction Materials Ltd., predicted housing completions in Canada this year will drop to 140,000 units from the record 162,000 in 1965. He noted the residential housing program virtually collapsed in 1966.

March 3, 1967.

Weldwood of Canada Ltd. in a preliminary report said profits for the year were \$2.62 million, compared with \$3.86 million in 1965. Sales last year were \$103.6 million compared with \$98.9 million in 1965. The housing slump affected profits.

Just what happens to order files of the major softwood suppliers to England when that country has a tight money policy is shown below. Eastern Canada and Finland were hardest hit by order cutbacks. B.C. retained its order file position. U.K. purchases dropped by 194,376,000 board feet during 1966.

	(MFBM)		+ -
	Unshipped Order File January 1, 1966	Unshipped Order File December 31, 1966	
Eastern Canada	47,138	21,550	- 25,588
Western Canada	262,836	262,456	+ 380
Finland	334,262	182,872	- 151,390
Russia	32,420	49,298	+ 16,878
Totals:	918,666 M	724,290 M	- 194,376 M

Source: Timber Trades Federation of United Kingdom.

Friday, March 10, 1967.

B.C. Forest Products Ltd., reported a new high of \$98,493,600 in net sales for 1966. Net income of \$10,203,500 was down slightly from 1965 income of \$10,728,500.

Board chairman T.N. Beaupre said the selling price of lumber and plywood by the end of 1966 had reached its lowest point in 18 months.

Weldwood of Canada reported sales of \$103,634,094 for 1966 compared with \$98,972,892 in 1965.

Kamloops Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., controlled by Weyerhaeuser Company of Tacoma, Wash., will expand its kraft pulp mill from 250 to 1,000 tons in two years, reports F. Lowry Wyatt, vice president.

March 17, 1967.

Gene C. Brewer, president of U.S. Plywood - Champion Paper Inc., told the annual meeting of B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Association he expects the U.S. to have an annual housing rate of 900,000 units for the first half of this year, building to an annual rate which will exceed last year's 1.2 million starts.

Three traders formerly with Cooper Widman Ltd., have opened a branch wholesale office in Vancouver for the Brazier Lumber Company of Tacoma, Washington.

March 31, 1967.

Eurocan Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., have acquired the assets of Babine Lumber Co. Ltd., at Burns Lake, B.C. Lumber will continue to be sold through Arrow Lumber Sales Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, who were owners of the mill.

Rutland Sawmills Ltd., at Rutland, B.C., announce they are phasing out their operation for a shutdown.