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AN INDEPENDENT MARKET SURVEY COVERING FIR, HEMLOCK, CEDAR, WESTERN WHITE SPRUCE

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June 30, 1972

The appointment of a provincial government mediator in the southern Interior of B.C., averted a strike just one day before the contract was due to expire.

By law in B.C. there cannot be a legal strike or lockout for the next 10 days while mediator F.R. Freeborne meets with the IWA and the Interior Forest Labor Relations association representing 40 major manufacturers in the Southern Interior.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., has announced a \$25 million, two year program to modernize and build new sawmills at their Interior operations.

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July 7, 1972

First results from the B.C. coast IWA vote to end the strike of 28,000 members indicate acceptance by a slim majority.

The 6,500 Vancouver local of the IWA voted 59 per cent in favor of a 73 cent hourly wage increase over two years.

Fallers who have been on a wild cat strike since mid April will take a secret ballot of their own on the settlement,

Balco Industries Ltd., of Kamloops B.C. reported a 70% increase in sales for the six months ended May 31 compared with the same period in 1971.

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July 14, 1972.

The IWA voted by a margin of 53.2 percent to accept FIR's offer of a 19 per cent wage increase. FIR decided to delay signing the contract because 10 of its members had not settled local issues with the union.

Meanwhile, the fallers who have been on a wild cat strike since mid April continued to buck - not logs - but the terms of the new agreement.

Boise Cascade Corporation announced it may have to write off \$175 to \$200 million of its investments in various recreational land projects.

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July 21, 1972.

Under terms of the new contract the 6,000 woodworkers will achieve parity with the B.C. coast within the two year contract.

On the B.C. coast the fallers dispute continues. According to Forest Industrial Relations about 275 of the 800 coast fallers who went on an unofficial strike in mid April have returned to work.

The reimposition of U.S. price controls for companies with gross sales of \$100,000 up resulted in a temporary buying slow down in some rail areas this week.

Douglas Grant, lumber salesman and pilot for the Millar Lumber & Coal Co. Ltd., of Edmonton, Alberta was killed in a recent plane crash at Chetwynd, B.C.

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July 28, 1972

IWA officials in Vancouver told some 500 dissident fallers at B.C. coast mills to get back to work or quit. The fallers are refusing to accept the new \$80.52 a day base rate for a six and a half hour day.

Log shortage has shut down the MacMillan Bloedel Alberni Pacific division resulting in a layoff of 400 men. The Somass "A" mill at Port Alberni will shut down Aug. 2 if the log shortage continues. Another 475 men will be out of work.

Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd., reported sales for the first six months of this year were \$113.5 million compared with \$93.5 million in the same period last year. Net income before extraordinary items was \$5.9 million compared with \$3.6 million.

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August 4, 1972.

The wild cat fallers strike on the B.C. coast continues, although more fallers are back at work. Approximately 500 of the 800 fallers are now reported working compared to 300 last week.

There have been mill shutdowns on the B.C. coast this week caused by pickets from dissident groups. The fallers still on strike are trying to shut down all logging operations and mills on the B.C. coast.

North Canadian Lumber Company a subsidiary of Canadian Forest Products has acquired the timber and assets Ken A Mitchell Sawmills Ltd., in northern Alberta.

Weldwood of Canada Limited reported net income for the second quarter of this year at \$2,273,000 compared with \$1,047,000 for the same period last year.

British Columbia Forest Products Ltd., reports net earnings of \$4.7 million for the first half of this year compared with \$2.4 million for the same period in 1971. Sales totalled \$80 million.

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Aug. 11, 1972

For the first six months of this year MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., reported sales of \$444.1 million, total income of \$446.5 million and net earnings after taxes of \$20.9 million or \$1 per share. Working capital is \$159.4 million.

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August 18, 1972.

The fallers strike is finally settled and work in the bush has resumed at coastal mills.

All B.C. ports are closed because longshoremen are on strike over a hiring dispute and renegotiation on their contract.

The Castlegar kraft pulp mill of Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., may become part of the Weyerhaeuser operation.

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August 25, 1972

The dispute between management and the longshoremen appears to have reached an impasse.

The union wants assurance that jobs will be rotated at the hiring hall in Vancouver before returning to work. Management wants the workers back on the job before resuming discussions.

George H. Lantz, president of Lantz Lumber Inc., Indian Orchard, Massachusetts died at 71 years of age. Mr. Lantz had been in the lumber industry all his business life.

Mike Lang, well known Vancouver lumber trader has opened the wholesale company Team Wood Traders Ltd., at 1177 West Hastings street.

Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., at Cranbrook B.C. reported it cut its net loss for the six months ending July 1 to \$1.9 million from \$2.6 million in the same period last year.. Sales increased to \$19.6 million from \$15.1 million.

Crows Nest Industries at Fernie B.C. reported earnings of \$1,327,443 for the six months ending June 30 compared with \$178,201 for the same period last year.

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Sept. 1, 1972

Enforcement by U.S. customs officials at border points of the "Product of Canada" ruling is still not clear. Implementation of the ruling varies at each port of entry.

Doman Industries Ltd., of Duncan B.C. reported sales of \$18.75 million for the first nine months of this year compared with \$14.41 million for the same period last year. Total assets were reported at \$13.91 million.

The U.S. Price Commission has asked the Internal Revenue Service to make an intensive investigation of lumber pricing practises and perform spot audits in the lumber industry. On October 19 a hearing on lumber will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

We regret to report the death of the highly respected lumberman Leslie J. Kerr, age 66, president of Lignum Ltd., one of the largest privately owned lumber manufacturing firms in B.C. The company is located principally in Williams Lake, with operations at Salmon Arm and Tatlayoko Lake.

Hugh H. McMillan, well known Vancouver lumber executive will manage the west coast office in Vancouver for Ballmill Lumber & Sales Corporation, of Port Newark, New Jersey.

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Sept. 22, 1972.

Great West Timber Limited of Thunder Bay, Ontario has opened a modern wood preserving plant, Bay Wood Processing Ltd. Formerly lumber had to be sent to the U.S. for treatment.

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Sept. 29, 1972.

A union dispute at B.C. Forest Products stud mill at Mackenzie B.C. has also shut down Carrier Lumber and Finlay Forest Industries. The road where the pickets are, is also the main access to the other two mills although their employees are members of a different union.

Dr. Leon Koerner who innovated the kiln drying of Hemlock and renamed it Alaska Pine, died at the age of 80 in Vancouver this week.

Thomas E. Burgess, vice president of B.C. Forest Products Ltd., died at age 64 in Vancouver this week. He had been active in the B.C. lumber industry for 37 years.

H.V. Whittall, former manager of Hunting Merritt shingle division of Canadian Forest Products Ltd., died on Sept. 16. He was active in the lumber industry for almost 50 years.

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Oct. 13, 1972.

The new government of B.C. plans to stop all log exports from this province. Because log exports for the past 10 years only amounted to 1.5 percent of the total cut, the ban is not expected to have any appreciable effect on the forest industry here.

The strike at B.C. Forest Products stud mill at Mackenzie is over.

Pope & Talbot Inc., of Portland, Oregon who own Boundary Sawmills at Midway, B.C. report they have acquired Lac Suel Land & Lumber Co. Ltd., a stud mill at Thunder Bay, Ontario from Great West Timber Limited.

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Oct. 20, 1972.

Crown Zellerbach Canada reported sales of \$170 million up 13% from \$150 million for the first nine months of this year.

Alberta Forest Products Association elected R.A. Bickell of North Canadian Forest Industries at Grande Prairie, Alberta as President at the annual meeting in Edmonton. Richard Corser, of Edson, Alberta is vice president.

Spruce shipments from AFPA member mills for the year ending October 1st, totalled 610,000,000 board feet compared with 460,000,000 feet the previous year.

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Nov. 3, 1972.

Perron Enterprises Inc., of La Sarre, Quebec has purchased all shares of J.E. Therrien Inc., of Amos, Quebec, a mill producing 40 million board feet annually.

B.C. Forest Products Ltd., announced net earnings of \$6.9 million for the nine months ending Sept. 30, compared with \$4.1 million for the same period last year.

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Nov. 10, 1972.

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., reports net earnings of \$24,992,604 for the first nine months of 1972 compared with \$16.2 million for the same period last year.