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# Stumpage. Where will the rapid escalation of prices stop? Will it stop? What is driving them? These and many other questions like them are on the President's Column



minds of loggers and sawmillers today. By now you should have received a questionnaire in the mail from the MTPA executive committee. If you have already

filled it out, thank you. If you have not, please take the time to do so. If you were missed, please call the MTPA office and we will get one out to you. The information provided will help the MTPA to form policy and initiatives to address this very important issue. We are truly in a global market and this issue has the potential to adversely affect every one of us.

The North Star Expo will soon be here! The dates are Sept. 16 and 17 at the Grand Rapids (Itasca County) Fairgrounds. After a long, hot summer take a long weekend and come look at the machines, kibitz with your friends, and enjoy the BBQ and music on Friday evening. Many thanks to Maureen and the Expo committee for their efforts. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks,

*Don A. Erikson*



The 9th annual Log a Load for Kids Golf Tournament will take place Sept. 9 at Pokegama Golf Course in Grand Rapids, Minn.

There are a maximum of 36 teams, so if you want to play, you have to get your registrations in early! The cost is \$200 per team of four golfers, which will include golf and a buffet. Carts will cost extra. The shotgun start is at 9 a.m.

Call Becky Holst at 218-624-4790 for a team registration form or for hole sponsorship information.

## Stora Enso's Duluth Mill Earns Minnesota Quality Award

The Duluth Mill of Stora Enso North America is among seven organizations to recently receive the Minnesota Quality Award for 2004. The Minnesota Quality Award is the culmination of a rigorous assessment process that uses the "Criteria for Performance Excellence" of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Duluth Mill is one of three organizations that received recognition at the Advancement Level.

"This process validated much of what we thought we knew about our business," said Pat Moore, Duluth mill manager. "The feedback also revealed a few areas we hadn't considered. We are now working to take our performance to an even higher level."

The Duluth Mill is the top producer of supercalendered papers in the United States. Supercalendered papers are smooth, high-quality, high-gloss papers used in newspaper advertising inserts, catalogs, magazines and other commercial printing. The Duluth Mill has about 280 employees and operates under a non-traditional empowered team-

based system.

The Minnesota Quality Council founded the Quality Award program in 1991 with the primary objective to help organizations improve performance results and provide recognition for performance excellence. The Quality Award is given at four levels of recognition – Excellence (the top award), Achievement, Advancement and Commitment. Since 1991, 70 organizations have received the Minnesota Quality Award recognition at various levels.

## Coming Events

### ■ Wage and Hour Law Workshop

**When:** October 12

**Objectives:** To review the main provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to record keeping, child labor restrictions, overtime pay and minimum wage requirements.

**General Features:** The workshop features a 30-minute presentation on the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and how it affects logging and log trucking employers, followed by small group exercises utilizing realistic logging case studies. Case studies focus on overtime pay and piece-rate earnings calculations, traditional areas of concern for the timber harvesting industry.

**Audience:** Logging business owners and their accountants/bookkeepers.

**Costs:** \$25.00 per person, includes refreshments and materials

**Time:** 9-11 a.m.

**Location:** Comfort Inn and Suites, Canal Park, Duluth

**To Register:** Contact the TPA Office no later than Oct. 5 at 218-722-5013. Please make checks payable to TPA Services, Inc.

While the last two legislative sessions have not been very productive for our state, TPA has succeeded on a number of fronts. In 2004 we succeeded with three major initiatives. These included setting up a dedicated account so that some timber sale receipts will flow back to forest management, increasing funding for DNR field

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foresters and establishing higher truck weights for hauling wood. This year we saw the fruits of the dedicated account as nearly \$21 million will flow to forest management activities from the account. We also saw history made as for the first time bonding funds for tree planting were passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor. These funds will go to both the DNR and the counties.

In an extremely difficult budget year, the DNR's Division of Forestry will also see a small net increase in their budget when most state agencies are being reduced.

This doesn't happen by accident. TPA has received excellent leadership from both Democrats and Republicans who represent or are interested in the forested areas of our state. They and we have made our points to other legislators, leaders of the House and Senate and committee chairs. We have also received excellent support from the Pawlenty administration.

As we look forward to the 2006 session, it's time to thank our area legislators, legislative leaders and the governor for their support of our industry and their attention to our needs.



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan described the inflated stock market a few years ago as suffering from "irrational exuberance." I think that the same can be said for current stumpage prices.

Two years ago Governor Pawlenty's *Advisory Task Force Report on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry* showed that Minnesota had the highest stumpage prices in the world for some species of wood. Since that report, stumpage prices have essentially doubled.

In the same time frame there has been a small increase in total public timber sales. There has been no new mill capacity that has come on line.

So what's up?

While there have been no new mills built, every mill strives to improve itself every year. This typically will result in small increases in demand for wood each year. Over time this can add up.

We've also seen a large increase in wood imports in the past five years. Currently we are importing 900,000 cords of wood (net) into the state on an annual basis. This wood primarily comes from Canada but it is also coming from Wisconsin and Michigan.

Most observers believe that current stumpage prices will not be sustainable, with a day of reckoning coming soon. As a state, we do not have enough other advantages for manufacturing forest products to sustain our current extremely high wood cost position.

There are really only two solutions to this problem. More supply or less demand. Less demand, which would mean mill closings, would be devastating to people, communities and to our long-term ability to manage the forest.

More supply – more wood on the market – is the only real solution. It is time for the U.S. Forest Service to quit giving us excuses and to start getting its work done to manage their forestlands. It is time for the state to dig deep. It is also time for the counties to reevaluate their role in the economy and work with us towards mutual solutions to this crisis. It is also time for all of us to look more creatively at how we can best work with family forestland owners.

We also need to work more diligently with our friends, more directly with those who may be suspicious of us and reach out,

where possible, to our historical opponents. If we continue business as usual, I fear the results.

If you have any ideas, give me a call.



Congratulations to long time Aitkin County Land Commissioner Roger Howard on his recent retirement. Roger was a tireless advocate for county forest management. He spent countless hours on the road to and from St. Paul as he advocated at the State Capitol for county issues. Roger also had forgotten more about the laws that govern county management than most people will ever know. TPA extends its best wishes to Roger in his retirement.

Congratulations are also in order for Mark Jacobs, who has been named to succeed Roger. Mark, a seasoned veteran of the Aitkin County Land Department, will do a great job as the new land commissioner.



As I write this column I'm getting ready to head out to a meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. It's a two-day session where we'll spend the second day out in the woods visiting sites near Park Rapids, including some of Dick and Robin Walsh's jobs. TPA President Dale Erickson and Past President Clarence Johnson will be taking part in the tour also. That's four TPA members taking a day away from their jobs to tell our story. Frankly it's the best way that our story can be told. I'm grateful that these TPA members are willing to give their time and talents for the betterment of every logger, trucker and mill in the state.



On the tour Clarence will be talking about workers compensation and safety. With the help of LUA, we put together some charts. One shows that the LUA rate for logging workers compensation was nearly \$50 in 1990 and is \$20 today. If only we could get stumpage on this same trend.

As we all know, the story behind

the rate is safety. In the LUA program we control most of our destiny. Safer jobs mean fewer injuries. Fewer injuries mean fewer claims. Fewer claims mean lower rates.

Safety is not just a financial issue, it's also a human issue. Do a quick check – no, do a thorough check – to make sure your operations are safe. The injury you prevent may be your own.

## Does the King have Clothes?

Does the king have clothes? About all one need say is, "the Endangered Species Act" (ESA) and the arguments begin about this "king" of natural resource management. Congress is doing that right now.

Just like ordinary people, most Congressmen already have their minds made up. The difference is many are afraid to say so. I admit my bias up front. ESA makes no sense to me.

First, I know of nothing in the Constitution that says the federal government should regulate state-owned property. All the wildlife here is owned by the state of South Dakota. Giving control to Congress makes no sense to me.

Second, managing a chunk of the environment for the exclusive benefit on one particular critter is exactly what preservationists have been arguing against for a hundred years. The difference is the "one particular critter" is now a rodent instead of a cow. They can't have it both ways.

Third, ESA does not work and everyone knows it. The "isolated wilderness" and "save a single species" ideas were tested for 50 years. They don't work. That is why the conservation movement invented "ecosystem management" 20 years ago and why the United State Forest Service officially adopted it into law 10 years ago. We now manage natural resources for the big picture, not for the preservation of just one little thing.

## Minnesota Timber Producers Association *Meet the Director*



**K**atie Kueber is the owner of Two Inlets Mill in Park Rapids.

Kueber began in the business in 1965. She was elected to the board of directors in 2004, and currently serves on the insurance committee. She says TPA has offered her "much needed and money savings services, such as health insurance, and the drug and alcohol testing services."

Kueber is married to Jim Wallace, and also enjoys working on township issues. She has a B.A. in psychology and was born in Park Rapids. Her hobbies include boating, remodeling, and growing things in the garden.

Even members of the "green movement" acknowledged the old system's failure, but they argued for keeping ESA until the new system was in place. Time is up.

Fourth, extinction is a perfectly normal cycle of selection that operated long before man decided he knew better how to run things.

Fifth, the assumption that each one of the millions of critters potentially protected by ESA has some mystical and extraordinary value may create a noble feeling, but it is not rational.

Sixth, Congress says a protected species or subspecies is "unique." The people who collect the money are the people who decide it is unique. For example, the Northern Swift Fox was a protected "unique" subspecies until another group of

researchers decided it does not exist.

Last but not least, Congress is generally the worst imaginable manager of natural resources.

If you want millions of acres of scorched black earth, let Congress manage your forests. If you want barren grasslands, give them to Congress.

If you want just about anything (including your money) lost or destroyed without meaningful accountability, normally Congress can help you out.

If you are a real conservationist like me, you may agree that local governments and local owners are better managers of natural resources than Congress ever will be.

*The only way to guarantee failure is not to try.*

*Larry Gabriel*

# TPA Golf and Fishing Outing

by Maureen Talarico

**D**espite bone-chilling temperatures, sideways rain and hefty wind gusts, hardy souls turned out in Detroit Lakes June 30 for the TPA Golf and Fishing Outing. This is the first year the outing included a fishing event and 10 anglers signed up to test their skills on Pelican Lake. On the other side of Fair Hills Resort, golfers did their best to stay warm and dry on the challenging Wildflowers Course.

In the golf portion of the event, the Foot Wedge Award for Best Score went to the team of Nik Rajala and John Koski. Chris Martland and Craig Ferguson won



Despite the chilly temperatures, golfers had a great attitude and a great time.



TPA President Dale Erickson gets ready for the perfect shot.

the Caddy Shackers Award for Top Score in Golf. In the fishing outing, Kevin Dahlman takes home the Big Walter Award for biggest fish caught at 30 and a half inches, and Dick Olson is the proud winner of the Conservation Award for the littlest fish, at five inches.

After a chilly day of golfing and fishing, everyone headed inside the main lodge at Fair Hills for a steak and walleye dinner. Many thanks go out to the following MFI companies for their sponsorship of the dinner: Ainsworth, Boise, Hedstrom Lumber, Norbord



Left to right: Rod Bergstrom, Kevin Dahlman and Dale Erickson. Kevin Dahlman earns the Big Walter Award for his catch of the day.



Left to right: Rod Bergstrom, Dick Olson and Dale Erickson. Dick Olson wins the coveted Conservation Award for his 5-inch catch.



Everyone enjoyed a fantastic dinner at Fair Hills.



**Left to right: Rod Bergstrom, Nik Rajala, John Koski and Dale Erickson. Nik Rajala and John Koski take home the Foot Wedge Award for best score.**

Minnesota, Stora Enso, Trus Joist, A Weyerhaeuser Business, and UPM Blandin.

TPA also wishes to thank everyone who donated such fabulous door prizes for all participants. The PR Committee is working to set up next year's event. If you have any comments or suggestions call the TPA office.



# New Logger Training Programs Offered at Vermilion Community College

by Maureen Talarico

**V**ermilion Community College is now offering two training programs specifically designed for loggers. The Cut-to-Length Operator Training is a 12-week certificate program and the Professional Forest Harvester Training is a one-year diploma program. They are both sub-credentialed under Vermilion's Natural Resource Technology program.



**CTL Simulator:** The Valmet simulator is used to ensure enough hands-on practice for students before they start operating real machines. Besides Valmet, VCC will also have simulators from Ponsse and Timberjack by the beginning of September.

These programs provide specialized training in fully mechanized Cut-to-Length systems used for timber harvesting throughout the world. Students will be trained to manage and operate Cut-to-Length harvesters and forwarders with computer systems, to select species, length and diameter of timber, harvest the selected stand and troubleshoot equipment at the job site. Graduating from either of these programs will provide the operator with the skills necessary to operate harvester and forwarder machinery as well as basic knowledge of forest



**CTL Forest Machines:** A Cut-to-Length harvester on the right and forwarder on the left. VCC will be using all kinds of CTL machines in its programs.

management philosophy and practice.

The diploma is targeted toward the entry-level learner; however, enrollment in this program would provide those currently in the forest industry with a deeper and more comprehensive knowledge. The certificate targets people currently in the forest industry, who possess a basic knowledge of logging. To learn more about this program, contact Mary Klein at 218-365-2247.

CTL Instructor Ari Kettunen moved from Finland to the United

States in February 2005. He has 13 years of practical experience in CTL as an independent logger, employee and forest landowner. Kettunen is also a qualified vocational teacher, besides having a university degree. To contact him, call 218-365-7277 or 218-340-9065.

The one-year diploma program runs from Aug. 31, 2005, through Aug. 19, 2006, including a two-month internship during the summer of '06. The next three-month certificate program begins May/June 2006.

# Weijo Logging: Experience in the Woods

by Maureen Talarico

Allan Weijo has outlasted many of the loggers of his day. After four decades in the business, he says the woods are the only place he'd ever want to be. "It's no one thing. I just like being in the woods. You can be your own boss. I like the work and I like being around wood."

His family grew up in Ely and while Allan's father was a logger, Allan is the only one in the family that decided to continue the family business. He first started running the skidder at age 12. "We went together as partners when I



Mike Olson, left, and Leo Lahti, right, converse with Weijo at the sale.

graduated high school." As time went by, the image of logging throughout the state, and especially in Weijo's home town of Ely, began to change. "Years back a logger was morally and highly thought of, nowadays it's just the opposite by some people."

And in the past 37 years as a professional logger, Allan has seen many changes to the industry, both good and bad. "Things are more mechanized, which makes it easier. So that's good one way, but it's also costly. And as you produce more and more, you make less and less. In the old days, you worked, you made money. Nowadays it's getting to be too much of a business. You really have to produce more and more and more."

Producing is difficult with stumpage prices so high. Weijo says he used to produce 12,500 a year, but now averages about 9000. He's also stopped bidding on sales because of the high cost. "Now it's too much hassle. I like the logging aspect best." While he has two to three employees on average, Weijo himself works contract jobs. The one I met him at is an 800-cord state sale for North Shore Forest Products.

"The sale's gone well. Timewise, it's a lot better than what we thought it would be. The wood is decent. The ground was good, especially with this time of the year. We had an old landing to work with, and an old road. If they



The crew gives Weijo high marks for the way he treats his employees.

were all like this, we wouldn't complain." Weijo would rather compliment others than put the spotlight on himself. He references several dealers who he says work with people in "tough times" including Hood Equipment in Iron River, Wis.; Dan Maki of Lakeshore Equipment and Truck Sales in Wakefield, Mich.; Skubic Brothers out of Virginia, Minn. and Cam Hardwig of Littlefork, Minn.

It's taken about three weeks to cut mostly birch and some spruce and balsam. On this sale, the red pine is left standing. The crew is small, but experienced. Mike Olson and Leo Lahti both have spent years in the woods ... and both say



Weijo usually runs this slasher.



Wood stacked up ready to be hauled for North Shore Forest Products.



**Red pine left standing.**

what a great guy Weijo is to have as a boss. "You have to work hard to get him to even think about getting mad at you," said Olson. Weijo says he has some really good contract workers. "They are good, professional, team workers with a lot of experience." They include: contract truckers Howard Nopola of Howard Nopola Trucking and his son, Steve Nopola of SNT Trucking; contract feller-buncher operator Mark Holbeck with his 608 Timberjack Hotsaw Buncher;

and contract skidder operator Leonard Pelto with his 380 Timberjack Grapple Skidder.

Weijo's own equipment includes a 1993 648 E John Deere Grapple Skidder, a 1993 G-67 Valmet Grapple Skidder, a 1994 Hood 24,000 Mobile Slasher, a Pro Pac Delimber on a JD 490 Carrier, and a 2000 International 9900i semi-truck.

Weijo is married to his wife, Carol, and they have one son, Troy, who lives in Colorado, and a grandson, Zackari, who is 14 and



**The equipment is idle now, after a three-week sale.**

lives in Esko. He is also a strong supporter of the Timber Producers Association. "TPA benefits me by doing a lot of work in different areas ... transportation, working with the public, as well as the legislature, and people in general."

And he's got advice to those who are in the industry or about to enter the logging profession. "It's tough. You've got to like it, a lot of hours. But, for me, I can't imagine doing anything else. It's my life and I love it."

# Legislature Adjourns – Strong Support for Forestry

**F**orestry issues fared extremely well during the recently completed regular and special sessions of the Minnesota Legislature. While the prolonged special session tried the patience of citizens and legislators alike, important and historic gains

were made on priority issues for the Minnesota Timber Producers Association.

On the historic side, for the first time ever funds were provided in the bonding bill for tree planting and silvicultural works. After more

than a decade of work, the state finally recognized that forests are a capital asset of the state and that investing in them was both appropriate and wise.

\$2 million on bonding funds were provided for state land reforestation. \$1 million was also provided for county land reforestation. State forest roads and bridges will receive \$300,000.

The DNR's Division of Forestry was also treated better than most state agencies. The Division will receive \$21 million over the biennium from the new Forest Management Investment Account (FMIA) that TPA played the key role in establishing last year. This account is funded by state timber sales revenues. This amount was increased \$600,000 in final budget negotiations thanks to the work of Senator Tom Bakk and Representative David Dill.

The FMIA will also receive additional funds as the DNR is allowed to place certain certified expense reimbursements for management services on school trust lands into this account.

The Division of Forestry receives \$500,000 which was reallocated from the Division of Enforcement.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council, which had been slated to take a \$213,000 per year reduction from current funding levels, had its budget remain the same. \$300,000 was also provided to accelerate state land exchanges, sales and leases where school trust fund lands have been placed in non-revenue producing designations.

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### **Transportation**

No significant increases in highway funding were passed and the fuel tax was not increased. Language was passed that clarifies that the relevant evidence exemption does apply to the increased weight limits for hauling forest products that were passed last year. Additional clarifications on axle weight limits for these provisions also passed.

Language that allows higher truck weights on corridors from Grand Rapids to Duluth on Highways 2, 169 and 53 was passed. This language is contingent on a new paper machine being constructed in Grand Rapids.

The DNR was provided the authority, utilizing a process followed by townships several years ago, to establish easements where its roads cross other ownerships.

MN DOT has committed to convening a group of stakeholders prior to the 2006 legislative session to bring forward recommendations on truck weights for all haulers.

### **State Timber Management**

Language was passed which further defines who a responsible bidder is on state timber sales. The new language defines a responsible bidder as "... a person who is financially responsible; demonstrates the judgment, skill, ability, capacity, and integrity requisite and necessary to perform according to the terms of a permit issued ... and is not currently debarred by another government entity for any cause."

For state intermediate timber sales, the definition of "employee" for the purpose of determining eligible bidders was modified to state that an employee is "... an individual working for salary or wages on a full-time or part-time basis."

The section of law that defines the standard measurements of wood was modified in several ways. The weight for a cord of aspen, which was listed in law, was eliminated. Weights for aspen, as is currently the case for all other species of wood, will be established by the commissioner of the DNR. Where weight is used as the measure, it will now be based on 79 cubic feet of solid wood content per

cord. Previously this had been set at 74 cubic feet.

The DNR was also given the authority to utilize up to \$250,000 per year from the proceeds from the sale of nursery stock for forestry education and technical assistance.

### **County Timber Sales**

Counties will now be allowed to accept irrevocable bank letters of credit as down payments for timber sales. A proposal to freeze payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to counties was not enacted. It is estimated that PILT payments will increase 23%.

### **LCMR**

Funding from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) was provided to a number of forestry projects. Funding was provided to the DNR to certify state forest lands. Additional funding was provided to certify private forest lands. \$874,000 was allocated for cost shares, forest management plan writing and implementation on private lands. LCMR funds were also provided to continue the evaluation of riparian management guidelines.

### **Research**

\$400,000 is provided to the joint industry and public land managers forest productivity cooperative at the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth.

### **Biomass Energy**

The definition of biomass was modified in several ways. The

most significant change was linking it to the DNR's utilization standards for pulpwood, bolts, sawtimber and poles. This change should provide a level playing field for the various products.

Proposals to allow non-public sales of biomass and non-public leases of county lands for biomass production did not pass. Sales of biomass will continue to go through the normal process. Any leases of county lands for biomass production will go through the process previously established for leasing county lands for peat production.

### **Environmental Competitiveness**

The Pollution Control Agency was directed to complete a benchmarking analysis that compares environmental review processes and permit requirements in Minnesota with other states and countries for the forest products and mining industries.

### **Beavers**

In the ongoing saga of attempting to stave off beaver damage, which has been particularly acute since beaver hats went out of fashion, \$100,000 was provided to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a beaver damage control program.

The legislature and the governor are to be commended for their strong ongoing support that resulted in these important victories on forestry issues.

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## New Contests at North Star Expo this Year!

This year's North Star Expo will have a few new reasons for you to attend . . . including the chance to win a beautiful chainsaw carving! Professional chainsaw carver Guy Clairmount will be on hand to not only show off his skills, but award one lucky person a carving. Here's how to win. When you show up at the Expo, you need to get a vendor card at registration. On the back of the card will be vendor names and locations. Just visit those locations and have the vendor initial your card. Once all the vendor names have been initialed, return the card to the registration table. At the end of the Expo, one lucky name will be drawn to win the carving!

The Best Load contest is taking place again this year. Wood only will be judged, not the truck it is hauled on. Points will be scored on the timber quality, product quality, product manufacturing, load appearance, and load securement. Monetary prizes are awarded to the top finishers. Look for a sample scoring sheet in this issue of the Bulletin.

The Loader contest is also going to be held again this year, as well as the Master Loader contest. And for the kids, back by popular demand, we'll have the mini-loader.

Finally, a coloring contest will take place. In this issue, you'll find a pull-out poster for the little ones to enter. Just have them color the poster and either bring it to the Expo, or mail it to the office. Entries will be posted at the Expo for all to enjoy!

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by J. C. Ryan

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## LOGGERS OF THE PAST . . .

# "Before First Aid Kits Came to Camp"

by J. C. Ryan

This story is reprinted from an earlier *Timber Bulletin*—one of the first of "Buzz" Ryan's ever-popular contributions to these pages. The *Bulletin* will continue to reprint selected stories from the memories he recorded for us.—*Editor*



Today with all the logging companies and loggers setting rigid accident prevention and control programs, I can't help but look back to woods safety in the old days.

Accidents were rare then. I can recall clerking in a 175-man lumber camp where I didn't report an accident during an entire year. In the many years I was associated with my father's logging jobs, I only remember reporting two lost-time accidents.

One was when a group of men were trying to lift a sick horse to its feet and it struggled and fell back on one of the men's feet, breaking it at the ankle. And this was not really a lost-time accident, as the man was back in camp with a cast on his foot within 24 hours. He spent the rest of a winter as night fireman.

The other accident occurred when a log loader slipped on the frost atop a load and fell on a man's shoulder, breaking his upper arm. It was nearly spring and he was unable to return to work for several months.

As a rule as well as saw cuts were rare. And head injuries due to falling limbs or dry tops were very few. Most injuries came during loading or breaking down skid-ways or decked logs. Occasionally a man would be caught by a fast rolling log as high-decked logs were broken down.

Prior to 1919, a first aid kit was never found in a lumber camp. It was only after workmen's insurance laws were passed that insurance companies insisted first aid kits be at every camp. If a man got a scratch or cut, he would apply balsam pitch or a chew of Peet-les tobacco to it, and it would heal in a few days. The only medicines sold in the camp commissary were Hinkleys bone liniment, Davis Vegetable pain killer, castor oil, Pflizer, Vaseline, Jamaica Ginger, Chinese pills, carbolic sabs, and in later years, aspirin tablets. Most camps had more medicine on hand for the horses than they had for the men.

Why there were fewer accidents in the old days, I do not know. But it was probably because men were better treated. It was a bad mark against a man if he allowed himself to get hurt. No one wanted to hire a careless man, and no one wanted to work with a careless man. Men took great pride in being able to do a job without having or causing an accident.



Woods workers performed many dangerous jobs, dressed for cold weather and recorded remarkably good "lost-time" records.



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