

Fifth Annual Report

OF THE

New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association



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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Balance from 1914.....	\$ 255 33
Assessment ($\frac{1}{4}$ c).....	7,053 33
Sale Deer Mt. Lookout Station.....	238 00

\$7,546 66

EXPENDITURES

Patrol ..	\$6,059 27
Telephone Repairs.....	101 04
Exchange and Tolls.....	86 23
Advertising.....	25 00
Salary September and October.....	200 00
Traveling Expense.....	92 23
Office Expense.....	107 55
Miscellaneous Expense.....	27 75

\$6,699 07

Balance.....	847 59
Due account unpaid assessments.....	5 25

\$852 84

The number of members belonging to the Association this season is thirty-two, and the total acreage owned by them is 930,540 acres.

The weather conditions having been so unusually favorable the past season it has been possible

to limit the total assessment to three-fourths cents per acre, as in 1914.

The Conway Lumber Company and the Publishers Paper Company have paid assessments the past season on the lands purchased of them by the Federal Government as the transaction had not been completed, thereby making the acreage of the Association nearly the same as in 1914.

After deducting the losses in acreage which will be taken over by the Federal Government in the near future, and also the area which has been examined this season amounting to about 73,242 acres, it is estimated that the Association will control another year 732,242 acres, which at the full rate of assessment will give an income of \$7,322.42.

The plan which was mentioned in the last annual report—that of combining the offices of Secretary-Treasurer and District Chief, has been carried out this season, and we feel that it is for the Board of Directors to say whether or not it has been a success.

The 1915 Fire Season

Owing to the very early spring, a number of the Patrolmen had to be employed much earlier than in 1914.

Twelve men were put on the first of May, and the balance between the first and twentieth of that month.

It was during the months of May and June that all the important fires of the season occurred, as after the twenty-fifth of June the weather was very wet for the remainder of the season.

Patrol

There was no Federal Money available for Patrol work this season so that all patrolling had to be paid from the Association funds.

The United States Forest Service, under whose direction the expenditures are conducted, this season required that all of the \$6,500.00 appropriated to New Hampshire be spent in building new Lookout Stations, improvement of old ones, and the paying of the Mountain Watchmen.

This necessitated our employing a larger number of permanent men than in former years.

Seventeen men have been employed through-

out the season, the balance only part time, or when the weather seemed to warrant it.

Forty-seven small fires were put out by the Patrolmen, and 4332 persons were warned to be careful.

The following list shows the routes of the men employed this season; those employed permanently are indicated by a star.

TOWN	ROUTE
Pittsburg	*1. Second and Third Lakes and tributaries.
	*2. Indian Stream.
	*3. Perry Stream. Storehouse in Carlisle.
	*4. Headwaters of Diamond Stream, headquarters at C. V. L.
Clarksville	*5. Cedar Stream.
	6. Diamond Rivers and Four-Mile Grant
	*7. Nash Stream Valley.
Dartmouth Grant	*8. Old cuttings on Errol Hill.
	9. West of Androscoggin River in Errol and Cambridge.
Odell	*10. Millsfield Ponds and Railroad.
	*11. Dummer Pond and Newell Brook
Errol	*12. Phillips Brook Valley.

TOWN	ROUTE
Stark	13. Mill Brook and Grand Trunk Railroad.
Stratford	14. Bog Brook Valley.
Milan and Berlin	*15. Ammonoosuc Valley in Milan and Berlin.
Berlin	16. Mount Forist and Jericho Brook
Berlin and Success	17. Horne Brook Valley.
Success	18. Road to Success Pond.
Success and Cambridge	*19. Success Pond and Chickwolnepy Stream.
Shelburne	20. Rattle River Valley.
Randolph	21. Pond of Safety Trail.
Benton	*22. Kinsman Notch, Tunnell and Black Brook Streams.
Woodstock and Thornton	*23. Hubbard Brook and Millbrook Valley.
	24. Bog Pond and Flume Brook.
Waterville	*25. Mad River Valley and I. P. Cuttings.
Waterville and Thornton	26. Lower Mad River and Smarts Brook.
Jackson and Sargents Purchase	27. Old Railroad on Rocky Branch.
Jackson	28. Miles River Valley and Israels Brook.
Jackson	29. East Branch Saco River and Mountain Pond.

TOWN	ROUTE
Livermore	30. Logging Railroad and Sawyers Pond.
Bethlehem	31. State Highway between Golf Links and Gale River.
Albany and Bartlett	32. Swift River Valley and Bear Mountain Trail.
Waterville	*33. Headwaters of Swift River.
Tamworth	34. Paugus Valley and James Pond in Tamworth.
Sandwich	35. Guinea and Black Mountain Ponds.

Number and Area of Fires

In forty towns there were no fires of enough importance to be officially reported.

In the remaining towns in which the Association is interested there were twenty-four fires.

The fire record for the last five years is as follows:

Number of Fires	Total Area Burned	Average Area Burned by Each Fire
1911..... 70	4835 acres	69 acres
1912.....123	4727 "	38 "
1913.....142	2323 "	16 "
1914..... 19	2107 "	110 "
1915..... 24	3750 "	156 "

One fire got beyond control (with a very strong wind blowing) before help arrived and burned over an area estimated to be three thousand acres. The other fires were promptly handled and did very little damage.