

SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
New Hampshire
Timberland Owners
Association



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AND SIXTEEN

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

From November 20, 1915, to November 20,
1916.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1915.....	\$ 852 84
Assessment (¾c).....	6,179 04
Sale of Lookout Stations.....	421 82
Received from District Chief fund.....	166 40
American Realty Co. for fire tools.....	15 00
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	\$7,635 10

EXPENDITURES

Patrol.....	\$4,833 95
Salary.....	700 00
Traveling expenses.....	230 06
Telephone expense and tolls.....	70 72
Advertising.....	56 00
Automobile and accessories.....	399 35
Office expenses.....	117 85
Miscellaneous expenses.....	54 54
For fire fighting tools.....	31 79
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	\$6,494 26
Balance.....	\$1,140 84
Due account unpaid assessments.....	73 50
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	\$1,214 34

The number of members belonging to the Association this season is thirty-four, and the total acreage owned by them is 804,926 acres.

The Conway Lumber Company withdrew from membership in the Association at the beginning of the season they having disposed of their entire holdings to the United States Government.

Three new members have been secured for the Association during the year; the Dalton Power Co., the F. N. Day Estate and J. C. Hutchins, with a total acreage for the three of 9,562 acres.

Weather conditions have been unusually favorable during the season so that it has been possible to limit the total assessment to $\frac{3}{4}$ c per acre as has been done for the two years preceding.

Purchases of lands from the different members of the Association by the United States Government for a National Forest will further reduce the acreage of the Association during the next year as the purchase of an additional area of 66,800 has been authorized and the transaction will be completed in the near future.

After deducting the loss of acreage resulting from these sales, it is estimated that the Association will control next season an approximate acreage of 738,126 acres and will yield an income of \$7,381.26, at the full rate of assessment.

1916 Fire Season

A very backward spring postponed the fire danger until about the middle of May—about two weeks later than in 1915.

After the fifteenth of June, and during the rest of the season there were frequent rains making the season as a whole the most favorable since the Association was formed.

Patrol

As in 1915, all patrol work has been paid from the Association funds, no Government fund being available for this purpose.

Fourteen patrolmen were employed during the entire season, the balance being employed only a part of the time.

Twenty-eight small fires were put out by the patrolmen, and 3943 persons were warned to be careful of fire while in the woods.

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

TOWN	ROUTE
Pittsburg	*1. Old cuttings around Second Lake.
	*2. Third Lake and tributaries.
	*3. Indian Stream Valley.

TOWN	ROUTE
	4. Perry and Cedar Streams.
	5. Headwaters of Dead Diamond.
	6. Hammond Brook Valley on each side of State Line.
Clarksville	*7. Little Magalloway and Tributaries.
Dartmouth Grant	*8. Deadwater Stream and Old cuttings.
	*9. Dead and Swift Diamond Rivers and Four Mile Brook.
Odell	*10. Nash Stream Valley.
Errol	11. Old Cuttings on Errol Hill.
	12. West side Androscoggin river in Errol and Cambridge.
Millsfield	*13. Millsfield Pond and Railroad.
Dummer	*14. Dummer Pond and Newell Brook.
Odell and Irvings Location	*15. Phillips Brook Valley.
Stark	16. Mill Brook Valley.
Milan and Berlin	*17. Ammonoosuc Valley in Milan and Berlin.
Berlin and Success	18. Horn Brook Valley.
Success and Cambridge	*19. Success Pond and Chickwolney Stream.
Woodstock and Thornton	*20. Hubbard Brook and Mill Brook Valley.

TOWN	ROUTE
Waterville	*21. Mad River and I. P. Co. cuttings.
Bethlehem	22. State Highway between Golf Links and Gale River.
East Waterville	*23. Headwaters of Swift River.

Patrolmen numbers six and seven were paid jointly by the Association and the State of Maine Forestry Commission.

Mountain Lookout Stations

Of the six stations owned by the Association in 1915, four have been taken over by the State Forestry Department, and the two remaining ones will be taken over in the early part of 1917.

Free exchange service has again been given this year by the Coos Telephone Co. and the White Mountain Telephone and Telegraph Company and their generous co-operation is hereby acknowledged.

Number and Area of Fires.

In twenty-four towns there were no fires of enough importance to be reported. In the remaining towns in which the Association is interested there were but sixteen fires. The fire record for the last six 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 "
1916..... 16	112 "	7 "

Advertising

Three thousand red labels for use on mailing matter with a caution notice printed thereon were purchased. A list of the Fire Wardens with their telephone numbers was printed in the Coos Telephone Company's Directory and also an advertisement placed in the Fish and Game Magazine also in the New Hampshire State Register.