

SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
New Hampshire
Timberland Owners
Association



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AND SEVENTEEN

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

From November 20, 1916, to November 20, 1917.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1916.....	\$1,140 95
Assessment (½c).....	3,912 96
Sale of Lookout Stations.....	248 90
Telephone wire and brackets.....	9 21
Rebate from telephone tolls.....	2 88
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	\$5,314 90

EXPENDITURES

Patrol.....	\$3,632 80
Salary.....	700 00
Traveling expenses.....	43 83
Telephone exchange and tolls.....	23 37
Telephone repairs.....	47 00
Advertising.....	50 00
Office expense.....	119 00
Automobile expense.....	133 49
Miscellaneous expense.....	13 50
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	\$4,762 99
Balance.....	\$ 551 91
Due account unpaid assessments.....	7 00
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	\$ 558 91

The number of members belonging to the Association this year is twenty-eight, and the total acreage owned by them is 782,592 acres.

During the year one member of the Association bought the holdings of three other members, thus reducing the number of members but retaining the acreage to the Association.

Three members have been dropped, they not having paid either the assessments for 1916 or 1917.

Weather conditions were so favorable during the entire season that it has been possible to limit the total assessment to $\frac{1}{2}$ c per acre.

Purchase of lands by the Government from members of the Association will be limited to small areas this season so that the acreage of the Association will be approximately the same as for this year; about 738,000 acres, which at full rate of assessment will yield an income of \$7,380,00.

1917 Fire Season

A backward spring postponed the fire danger so that but five patrolmen were at work the last day of May, and a number of the others employed were not put on until the latter part of June.

Patrol

As in the past two seasons, all patrolmen were paid from the Association funds, no Government moneys being available for this work.

Fourteen patrolmen were employed for the entire season, and six others were employed during the fishing season only.

Thirty-six small fires were put out by the patrolmen and 2199 persons were warned to be careful of fire while in the woods.

The following list shows the routes of the patrolmen who were employed this season :

TOWN	ROUTE
Pittsburg	1. Old cuttings around First and Second Lakes.
	2. Third Lake and Scotts Bog.
	3. Perry Stream Valley.
	4. Headwaters of Dead Diamond.
	5. Hammond and Abbott Brook Valleys.

TOWN	ROUTE
	6. Little Magalloway and tributaries.
Clarksville	7. Cedar and Deadwater Streams.
Dartmouth	8. Dead and Swift Diamonds and Four Mile Brook.
Grant	9. Nash Stream Valley.
Odell	10. Old cuttings on Errol Hill.
Errol	11. West side Androscoggin River in Errol and Cambridge.
Dummer	12. Dummer Pond and Newell Brook.
Odell and Irvings	
Location	13. Phillips Brook Valley.
Stark	14. Mill Brook Valley.
Milan and Berlin	15. Ammonoosuc Valley.
Berlin and Success	16. Horne Brook Valley.
Success and Cambridge	17. Success Pond and tributaries.
Woodstock	18. Hubbard and Mill Brook Valleys.
and Thornton	
Waterville	19. Mad River and I. P. cutting.
Jackson	20. Conway Co.'s cuttings on East branch Saco River.

Patrolmen Nos. 5 and 6 were paid jointly by

the Association and the State of Maine Forestry Commission.

Mountain Lookout Stations

The two Lookout Stations owned by the Association in 1916 were taken over by the New Hampshire Forestry Department early in the season.

The total amount paid by the Forestry Department for the six lookout stations originally owned by the Association was \$837.12 which amount has been added to the general fund of the Association and which has been paid out by the Treasurer under the different expenditures noted in his report.

Number and Area of Fires

In fifty towns there were no fires of enough importance to be reported. In the remaining towns in which the members of the Association are interested there were thirteen fires. The fire record for the past seven years is as follows:

Number of Fires	Total Area Burned	Average Acres Burned by Each Fire
1911.....70	4835 acres	69 acres
1912123	4727 "	38 "
1913.....142	2323 "	16 "
1914.....19	2107 "	110 "
191524	3750 "	156 "
1916.....16	112 "	7 "
1917.....13	260 "	20 "

Advertising

A list of the Town Fire Wardens with their telephone numbers was printed in the Coos Telephone Directory and a fire caution notice placed in the New Hampshire Fish and Game Magazine.