

FOURTEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TIMBERLAND OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION



FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1923  
TO NOVEMBER 30, 1924

### **OFFICERS**

W. R. BROWN, President, Brown Company  
C. C. WILSON, Vice-President.

Groveton Paper Company, Inc.

W. H. MORRISON, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Gorham, N. H.

M. F. BLANCHARD, Auditor,  
Blanchard Sons Company

### **DIRECTORS**

W. R. BROWN, Brown Company

C. C. WILSON, Groveton Paper Co., Inc.

H. G. PHILBROOK, Connecticut Valley  
Lumber Co.

M. F. BLANCHARD, Blanchard Sons Co.

J. H. HINMAN, Champlain Realty Company.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

DR. J. M. GILE, Dartmouth College.

W. R. BROWN, Berlin, N. H.

H. G. PHILBROOK, 147 Milk St., Boston,  
Mass.

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS	
Balance from 1923	\$ 720.62
Assessments (1c) per acre	7,558.40
	\$8,279.02
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid patrolmen	\$6,190.00
Salary	750.00
Automobile expense	154.22
Office expense	83.75
Forest fire pump	37.24
Advertising	49.50
Repairs patrolmen's camps	34.31
Telephone tolls	9.25
Traveling expense	9.25
	\$7,317.52
Balance	962.50

The number of members belonging to this Association at the present time is twenty-eight, and the total acreage owned by them is 755,840 acres. The Daniel Saunders Estate decided to withdraw from the Association at the end of the 1923 season, but for what reason is unknown by the writer.

The Parker-Young Company having sold their holdings in the Beebe River territory, will withdraw the acreage held by them

there from the Association before the beginning of the 1925 fire season, so this will reduce the acreage of the Association for the next year, a number of thousand acres unless we can get the Draper Corporation, "the new owners," to join us before that time, and which is being worked on at present by Mr. H. G., Philbrook and the Secretary of the Association.

There will be no lands now owned by the members of the Association taken over by the Federal Government next year, so that if we can get the Draper Corporation to join us, and I think we can, the acreage will be practically the same in 1925 as during the past year.

### Members of the Association

- Brown Company, Berlin, N. H.
- Connecticut Valley Lumber Co., 147 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
- Blanchard Sons Company, 409 Fidelity Building, Portland, Me.
- Bretton Woods Company, 1 Broadway, New York City.
- Dartmouth College Grant, Hanover, N. H.
- E. Libby & Sons Company, Gorham, N. H.
- J. J. Lannon Company Inc., Balsams, N. H.
- David Pingree, Bangor, Maine.
- E. Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.

C. M. C. Twitchell Estate, Milan, N. H.  
International Paper Company, Portland, Me.  
American Realty Company, Portland, Me.  
Umbagog Paper Company, Portland, Me.  
Champlain Realty Company, White River  
Junction, Vt.

Groveton Paper Company Inc., Groveton,  
N. H.

C. N. Hodgdon Estate, Berlin, N. H.

Ruel A. Woods Estate, Milan, N. H.

H. L. Marston, Berlin, N. H.

Dr. Thomas U. Coe Estate, Bangor, Me.

Prof. Archibald C. Coolidge, 40 State St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dalton Power Company, Fitzdale, Vt.

John C. Hutchins, North Stratford, N. H.

Parker-Young Company, 131 State St., Bos-  
ton, Mass.

Nathan Fogg Estate, Gorham, N. H.

Whitefield Manufacturing Co., Whitefield,  
N. H.

Frank Hall, Guildhall, Vt.

Frank N. Edwards, Shelburne, N. H.

Pittsburgh Land Company, 60 State St.,  
Boston, Mass.

#### Fire Season of 1924

The fire season of 1924 in Coos County be-  
gan about May 25, but in Grafton and Car-  
roll Counties, patrolmen had to be put on

shortly after the first of the month, and in  
the Beebe River valley the patrolmen began  
work on May 1st. In Coos County but five  
men were put on their routes before the first  
of June, on which date the entire force  
were put at work. From the first of June  
until the 20th of September the danger from  
forest fires was very small, as there were  
frequent showers during that time, with just  
rain enough falling to keep the earth damp  
but in Grafton and Carroll Counties it was  
very dry during the entire season.

The most dangerous period in the North  
Country came about the time the leaves be-  
gan to fall, and continued for nearly five  
weeks, but fortunately, only one fire was re-  
ported on the holdings of the Association  
during that time, and that one burning over  
about one-half acre in the town of Success.  
The largest fires of the season occurred in  
Waterville and Sandwich on the lands of the  
Parker-Young Company, and which burned  
about 650 acres, mostly old cuttings. In  
Coos County there occurred 17 fires with a  
total acreage burned of 140 acres, an average  
of about eight acres.

#### The Season's Patrol

Nineteen patrolmen were employed during  
the entire season, and six others were put

on different streams during the fishing season.

An extra patrolman was employed on the head waters of the Diamonds who was paid jointly by the Brown Company and the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company, also the Brown Company maintained an extra patrolman in the Abbott Brook and Hammond Brook valleys.

Twenty-four small fires were extinguished by these patrolmen, and 4,140 persons were warned by them to be careful of fire while in the woods.

The following is a list of the patrol routes for the season:

TOWN	ROUTE
Pittsburg	No. 1 Streams between First and Second Connecticut Lakes.
	2 Scotts Bog and Third Lake.
	3 Indian Stream Valley.
	4 Hall Stream Valley.
	5 East and middle branches Dead Diamond.
	6 Old cuttings on Little Magalloway.
	7 Moose Bog territory on Big Magalloway.
Clarksville	8 Swift and Little Dead Diamond.

	9 Cedar Stream and Dead-water valleys.
College Grant	10 Dead and Swift Diamond valleys.
Odell & Stratford	11 Nash Stream and tributaries.
Stratford	12 Frank Hall lands.
Errol	13 Old cuttings on Errol Hill.
	14 Cuttings adjacent to Greenough Ponds.
Erving's Location and Odell	15 Phillips Brook Valley.
Dummer	16 Dummer Ponds and Newell Brook.
Berlin and Milan	17 Cuttings on Fogg Estate.
	18 Jericho Brook Valley.
Success	19 Stearns Brook Valley.
Jackson	20 E. Libby & Sons Co.'s lands.
Millsfield	21 Millsfield Pond and Streams.
Waterville	22 I. P. Cuttings, Mad River Valley.
Campton & Sandwich	23 Cuttings of Parker-Young Company.
Lincoln	24 Lincoln Valley and old cuttings.

Whitefield &

Dalton 25 Whitefield Mfg. Company's  
Lands.

Patrolmen No.'s 6 and 7 were paid one-half their salary by the State of Maine Forestry Commission, and one-half by the Timberland Association, and No. 8 was paid jointly by the Brown Company and the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company.

In twenty-eight towns in which the members of the Association have holdings, no fires were reported, and in seventeen towns twenty-seven fires occurred with a total acreage burned of 1,244 acres.

The fire record for each year since the Association was organized is as follows:

Date	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average
1911 .....	70	4835	69 acres
1912 .....	123	4727	38 "
1913 .....	142	2323	16 "
1914.....	19	2107	110 "
1915.....	24	3750	156 "
1916.....	16	112	7 "
1917.....	13	260	20 "
1918 .....	22	314	12 "
1919..	24	175	7 "
1920.....	12	517	43 "
1921..	38	1850	49 "
1922..	22	635	29 "

1923 .....	22	2392	113 "
1924 .....	27	1244	74 "

### Advertising

The Association continues to use the Directory of the Coos Telephone Company as an advertising medium where is listed the names of the different Town Fire Wardens therein together with the telephone number of each Warden.