

FORTY-FIFTH  
**Annual Report**  
OF THE  
*New Hampshire Timberland  
Owners Association*



From January 1, 1955  
to January 1, 1956

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### OFFICERS

#### President

C. S. Herr, Brown Company, Berlin, N. H.

#### Vice-President

F. E. Moses, Groveton Papers Company,  
Groveton, N. H.

#### Secretary-Treasurer

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C. S. Herr, Brown Company

F. E. Moses, Groveton Papers Company

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### AUDITORS

H. Eugene Patterson, Berlin, N. H.

Lesandre J. Goss, Berlin, N. H.

### MEMBERSHIP FOR 1955

Brown Company, Berlin, N. H.

St. Regis Paper Company, W. Stewartstown,  
N. H.

Groveton Papers Company, Groveton, N. H.

David Pingree Estate, Bangor, Me.

International Paper Co., No. Stratford, N. H.

Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

Northern New Hampshire Lumber Company,  
Bath, N. H.

C. M. C. Twitchell Estate, Berlin, N. H.

R. H. Bryant, (Henry Coc, Agt.) Bangor, Me.

E. Libby Sons Company, Gorham, N. H.

A. M. Bean, Inc., Errol, N. H.

New England Power Co., Boston, Mass.

Town of Gorham, Gorham, N. H.

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

Water Resource Board, Concord, N. H.

Howard T. Woodward, Berlin, N. H.

Earle W. Philbrook, Littleton, N. H.

The Balsams, Dixville, N. H.

Public Service Co. of N. H., Berlin, N. H.

Cornelius A. Wood, Agent, Old Colony Trust  
Company, Boston, Mass.

Percy Summer Club of N. H., Percy, N. H.  
Herbert L. Malcolm, Jefferson, N. H.  
Lawrence E. Philbrook, Shelburne, N. H.  
Dr. R. H. McVetty, Berlin, N. H.

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The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association consists of twenty-four listed members.

The total acreage of the Association which was under protection in 1955 was 607,000 acres.

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### In Memoriam

W. R. BROWN	1875-1955
J. W. KEENAN	1868-1955

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### REPORT

#### Season of 1955

This report covers the activities of the Association for the Season of 1955 and thereby completes forty-five years of continuous service.

This organization of the landowners is a cooperative approach and has brought about leadership and accomplishment in the field of fire protection. It has also assisted in developing forest policy on matters relating to timber taxation and management.

The Association has maintained a committee on legislative affairs, and the committee has from time to time appeared at hearings in Concord on matters of interest to the north country timberland owners.

It is with extreme regret that we note the passing within the last year of Messrs. W. R. Brown and James W. Keenan, both of whom were active for many years in the affairs of this Association. Mr. Brown served as President from 1910 until 1943, and Mr. Keenan

served as Executive Secretary from 1935 until 1942.

The first meeting and the organization of this Association took place in 1910, and the principal speaker at that meeting was the Honorable Robert P. Bass, then Governor of New Hampshire. It was during Governor Bass' administration that the State Forestry Department was organized, and the history of this organization therefore coincides with development of forestry in this State.

The season of 1955 was an unusually dry one although the records indicate it was a successful one as far as frequency and severity of forest fires were concerned. We were able for the second year in succession to operate on the basis of 1c assessment per acre and still leave the Association with a substantial net balance. We again operated in very close cooperation with the State Forestry Departments in the respective states and the United States Forest Service, and the service rendered to the individual land owners by the Association was satisfactory.

The Association has maintained its policy of utilizing its resources solely for patrol work. Experience has proved that this policy

is sound. The purchase of fire suppression tools and radio and telephone for communication is believed to be the responsibility of the state, towns and the individual land owners.

It is unfortunate that we have been unable to increase the acreage under the organized patrol program, but we have apparently reached the saturation point whereby all the relatively large and interested ownerships are already affiliated with us. This matter should be studied by the Association. An enterprise must move forward since if it stands still it usually declines in importance over a period of time.

C. S. HERR, President

## PATROL ROUTES

### Connecticut Valley, District No. 7

Town and Patrolman	No.	Route
Pittsburg		East Inlet
George Ranclos	1	South Bay
Ivan McKeage	2	Smith Brook
Clarksville		Cedar Stream
Harry Haynes	3	
Northumberland		
Stratford		Nash Stream
Frye Holden	4	

### Androscoggin Valley, District No. 8

Shelburne		
Success		Part time
R. I. Peabody	1	
Success, Riley,		Joint Patrol
Grafton		½-State of Maine
W. Christianson	2	½-Timberland Owners
Cambridge		Bog Brook
Arlington Day	3	Mollnidgwock
Millsfield, Odell		Phillips Brook
Ervings Location		Valley
Mark Peabody	4	
College Grant		Dead and Swift
Academy Grant		Diamond
Sam Brungot	5	

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### Association Fire Record for Past Ten Years

Year	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average Acres
1946 .....	13	40	3
1947 .....	40	50	1.2
1948 .....	32	751	23
1949 .....	30	101	3.3
1950 .....	19	86	4.5
1951 .....	20	219	10.9
1952 .....	15	130	8.6
1953 .....	34	103	3.0
1954 .....	9	9¼	1.03
1955 .....	15	3½	.23

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1955 Suppression Cost .....\$1,406.00

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1955

### Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1954.....	\$ 4,425.70
Assessments, Season 1955.....	6,126.30
Other Credits: Brown Company.....	47.80
Dartmouth College	47.80
Liberty Mutual	
Insurance Co. ....	6.78
Me. Forest Service	552.64
Total .....	\$ 11,207.02

### Disbursements

Patrol Expense (Labor).....	\$5,764.09
Tel. Line Repair (Labor)	72.00
Salary (District Chiefs).....	500.00
Salary (Sec.-Treas.) .....	150.00
Tel. Line Repair Expense	20.00
Office Expense .....	73.50
General Expense .....	331.50
Travel Expense .....	117.90
Advertising .....	431.37
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.....	31.38
N. H. Unemp. Comp. Fund.	175.12
Federal Ins. Contri. Act.....	129.72
Federal Unemp. Tax Act	19.46
Total .....	\$ 7,816.04

Balance, Dec. 31, 1955..... \$ 3,390.98

Audited: H. Elmore Pettengill  
Leandre J. Cote