

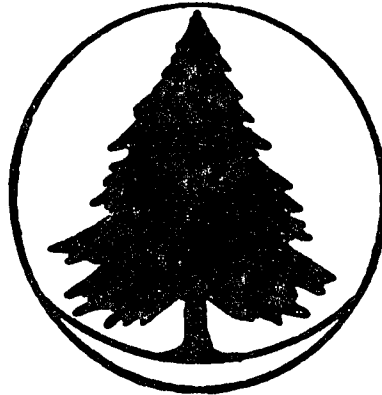
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Annual Report

OF THE

New Hampshire Timberland

Owners Association



From January 1, 1956
to January 1, 1957

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Brown Company
Berlin, New Hampshire

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AUDITORS

H. Elmore Pettengill
Kenneth M. Fysh

Berlin, New Hampshire
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MEMBERSHIP FOR 1956

Brown Company	Berlin, New Hampshire
St. Regis Paper Company	West Stewartstown, New Hampshire
Groveton Papers Company	Groveton, New Hampshire
David Pingree Estate	Bangor, Maine
International Paper Company	North Stratford, New Hampshire
Dartmouth College	Hanover, New Hampshire
Northern New Hampshire Lumber Company	Bath, New Hampshire
C. M. C. Twitchell Estate	Berlin, New Hampshire
R. H. Bryant (Henry Coe, Agent)	Bangor, Maine
E. Libby Sons Company	Gorham, New Hampshire
A. M. Bean, Inc.	Errol, New Hampshire
New England Power Company	Boston, Massachusetts
Town of Gorham	Gorham, New Hampshire
C. N. Hodgdon Estate	Berlin, New Hampshire
Water Resources Board	Concord, New Hampshire
Howard T. Woodward	Berlin, New Hampshire
Earle W. Philbrook	Littleton, New Hampshire
The Balsams	Dixville, New Hampshire
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	Berlin, New Hampshire
Percy Summer Club of New Hampshire	Percy, New Hampshire
Herbert L. Malcolm	Jefferson, New Hampshire
Lawrence E. Philbrook	Shelburne, New Hampshire
Dr. R. H. McVetty	Berlin, New Hampshire

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

The total acreage of the Association which was under protection in 1956 was 607,250 acres.

In Memoriam

JOHN H. FOSTER 1880-1956

REPORT

Season of 1956

This report covers the activities of the Association for the Season of 1956 and therefore completes forty-six years of continuous service in fire patrol and prevention in northern New Hampshire.

The Association has succeeded in operating its patrol program for the third year in succession on the basis of 1¢ per acre assessment and still leave, at the close of the season's activities, a substantial net balance. It is not expected that this will be the case in the event of an extremely dry season or for any length of time, for we, like many others, face increased labor costs.

It is with extreme regret that we note the passing within the last year of Mr. John H. Foster who for many years was State Forester. John Foster was a great friend of the Association and regularly attended its annual meetings, even after his retirement in 1951. This Agency shall miss his sound advice and friendship.

The forest acreage under protection remains about the same. At our annual meeting a year ago, a plan was developed and approved whereby it would be possible for the smaller land owners to become affiliated with the Association at a very modest cost. Actually no new members have been added so it becomes apparent that the Association will have to be satisfied with providing good and efficient fire patrol service on acreage of its present membership. It is unfortunate that the Association does not grow in membership and acreage since it could become a greater influence throughout the State in the work to which it is dedicated.

There is need for the Association's considering a plan whereby seasonal patrol employees might be used in some other capacity by land owners or some other agencies during the period when, because of wet weather conditions, their services are not fully utilized. If such a method of operation could be worked out, it would then be possible for the Association to double or triple its patrol activities during the extremely hazardous periods by utilizing funds it had conserved during the period when these patrolmen were employed by some other agency.

The Association has enjoyed an unusually high degree of cooperation with the Forestry services of the several states including the fire control activities of the United States Forest Service on the White Mountain National Forest.

The Association will continue to serve its membership to the fullest and to assist with fire prevention programs administered by the State and Federal Governments, with a view towards strengthening to the maximum all fire prevention activities.

The Association as in the past will sponsor the fire training session for all wardens and deputies in the northern part of the State, and will entertain these officials at its annual banquet where the entire group will have an opportunity to become better trained and better acquainted so that all fire protection activities may be completely coordinated.

C. S. HERR, President

PATROL ROUTES

Connecticut Valley, District No. 7

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

Androscoggin Valley, District No. 8

<u>Town and Patrolman</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Route</u>
Shelburne		
Success		
R. I. Peabody	1	Part time
Success & General		
W. Christianson	2	
Cambridge		Bog Brook
Arlington Day	3	Mollidgewolk
Millsfield, Odell		Phillips Brook
Ervings Location		Valley
Mark Peabody	4	
College Grant		Dead Diamond &
Academy Grant		Swift Diamond
Sam Brungot	5	

ASSOCIATION FIRE RECORD FOR PAST TEN YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Fires</u>	<u>Acreage Burned</u>	<u>Average Acres</u>
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	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.03
1955	15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$.23
1956	7	2	.29
1956	Suppression Cost.....	\$	396.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1956

Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1955.....	\$	3,390.98
Assessments, Season 1956.....		6,122.54
Other Credits: Brown Company.....		171.20
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.....		4.89
Ellis R. Olson.....		20.00
		9,709.61
Total.....	\$	9,709.61

Disbursements

Patrol Expense (Labor).....	\$	4,380.25
Telephone Line Repair (Labor).....		144.00
Salary (District Chiefs).....		500.00
Salary (Secretary-Treasurer).....		150.00
Telephone Line Repair Expense.....		20.00
Ellis R. Olson.....		20.00
Office Expense.....		101.94
General Expense.....		287.50
Travel Expense.....		34.30
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.....		84.02
N. H. Unemployment Compensation Fund.....		129.33
Federal Insurance Contributions Act.....		95.74
Federal Unemployment Tax Act.....		14.37
		5,961.45
Total.....	\$	5,961.45
		3,748.16
Balance, December 31, 1956.....	\$	3,748.16

Audited: H. Elmore Pettengill
Kenneth M. Fysh