

# Second Annual Report

OF THE

## New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association



NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE

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## Treasurer's Report.

From Nov. 20, 1911 to Nov. 20, 1912.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1911.....	\$1,177.76
Assessments.....	7,720.65
Interest.....	10.00
Tool Box... ..	28.00
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	\$8,936.41

### EXPENDITURES

Patrol.....	\$4,337.40
Mountain Look-out Stations.....	487.06
New Telephone Lines.....	480.30
Telephone Supplies.....	369.19
Tool Boxes.....	25.98
District Chiefs.....	656.50
Advertising.....	355.48
Maps.....	15.21
Salary.....	1,216.20
Office Expense.....	427.13
Travelling Expense.....	446.60
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	\$8,817.05
Balance.....	\$ 119.36
Due Account Unpaid Assessments.....	46.68
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	\$ 166.04

## Forester's Report.

### Membership.

There are thirty members of the Association at present representing a total acreage of 1,031,298 or an increase of 48,449 acres over 1911.

### Federal Patrol.

The amount allotted to N. H. for 1912 by the U. S. Forest Service under the provisions of the Weeks Law was \$8000.00, \$800.00 more than was received in 1911. The N. H. State Forester and the Forester of this Association were appointed agents of the U. S. Government to expend this fund for improved fire protection in the northern part of the State. Eighteen patrolmen and six watchmen on mountain look-out stations, all permanently employed throughout the fire season and stationed in Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties, have been paid from this fund.

A list of the routes covered by these patrolmen follows:

1. Pittsburg—Indian Stream and Perry Stream.
2. Pittsburg—Second Lake and trail to head of Dead Diamond Stream.
3. Clarksville—Cedar Stream and Diamond Ponds.

4. Dartmouth Grant—Dead Diamond and Four Mile Brook.

5. Dixville—Diamond Ponds, Swift Diamond Stream to Four Mile Brook.

6. Odell—Nash Stream.

7. Bethlehem and Franconia—Gale River and tributaries.

8. Woodstock—Lost River and Elbow Pond.

9. Lincoln—Franconia Notch, Bog Pond and Flume Brook.

10. Bethlehem and Carroll—Little River, Zealand River and Cherry Mt. Brook.

11. Warren and Benton—Head of Baker River.

12. Benton—Head of Wild Ammonoosuc, Kinsman Notch, Tunnell Brook, Whitcher Brook and Long Pond.

13. Jackson and Sargent's Purchase—Rocky Branch, Ellis River and Miles Brook.

14. Jackson and Chatham—East Branch of Saco River, Slippery Brook and Burnt Knoll Brook.

15. Albany and East Waterville—Old lumber Railroad and streams flowing into Swift River in West Albany and East Waterville.

16. Jackson, Bean's Purchase—Wild River Valley.

17. Tamworth and Albany—Brooks flowing south from Mts. Paugus and Chocorua, and trails in South Albany.

18. Sandwich—Black Mountain to Guinea Pond, head of Beebe River and Sandwich Notch Road.

### Association Patrol.

To supplement the patrol service given by the Federal employees, the Association has employed seven men permanently throughout the season and through the dangerous part of the season forty additional patrolmen have been hired temporarily.

Over 2200 persons have been cautioned and one hundred and fourteen small fires have been discovered and extinguished by these men.

The seven men permanently employed have been stationed as follows:

1. Success—Success Pond, fishing brooks in vicinity and road to Berlin. This man is equipped with motor cycle.

2. Gorham—Boston & Maine Railroad, Gorham to Appalachia.

3. Milan—Upper Ammonoosuc Valley in Milan and Berlin.

4. Stark and Dummer—Phillips Brook Valley.

5. Millsfield—Millsfield Ponds, logging railroad, Pond Brook and Clear Stream.

6. Cambridge—Chickwolnepy and Bog Brook and old cuttings in Cambridge.

7. Molnichwock Stream and area recently cut over in Errol.

A list of the towns in which patrol work has been done follows:

#### COOS COUNTY.

Berlin  
Carroll

Cambridge  
Dartmouth College Grant

Clarksville  
Columbia  
Dummer  
Gorham  
Errol  
Jefferson  
Milan  
Pittsburg  
Randolph  
Shelburne  
Stark  
Stratford  
Beans Purchase

Dix's Grant  
Dixville  
Erving's Location  
Low & Burbank  
Kilkenny  
Millsfield  
Odell  
Success  
Sargent's Purchase  
Thompson & Meserve  
Green Grant  
Martin Location  
Pinkham Grant

#### CARROLL COUNTY.

Chatham  
Albany  
Bartlett

Jackson  
Conway  
Sandwich

#### GRAFTON COUNTY.

Benton  
Bethlehem  
Campton  
Easton  
Fraconia  
Lincoln  
Livermore  
Lyme

Orford  
Piermont  
Rumney  
Thornton  
Warren  
Waterville  
Woodstock

#### Mountain Look-Out Stations.

Eighteen mountain look-out stations have been operated in the territory of the Association during the past year, twelve of these are owned and main-

tained by the State and six are owned by the Association and the watchmen on the latter were paid from the funds provided by the U. S. Government. The cost of all repairs, improvements and telephone charges on these stations has been born by the Association.

A new station has been built this fall on Mt. Israel in the town of Sandwich and will be ready for use at the beginning of the fire season next spring.

### **Telephone Lines.**

Telephone lines have been built this season for the use of patrolmen on six patrol routes as follows:

1. From the Woodsville line to patrolman's headquarters at Wildwood.
2. From Bethlehem line to patrolman's headquarters on Gale River.
3. From Milan line to patrolman's headquarters at Success Pond.
4. From Milan line up Bog Brook (Cambridge).
5. From West Milan line up Phillips Brook to its forks.
6. From Pittsburg line up Indian Stream to its forks.

With the lines built last season eight patrol routes are now equipped in this way, making a total of about seventy miles of line operated for this purpose and approximately thirty miles in connection with the mountain look-out stations.

Nearly all of the work on these new lines has

been done by the patrolmen during time when there was no fire risk; the only labor expense charged to this account has been for cartage and extra men employed temporarily to help the patrolmen.

### **Tool Boxes.**

The Association has furnished to the following towns a weatherproof tool box containing fire-fighting tools:

Albany	Stratford
Bartlett	Benton
Jackson	Haverhill
Berlin	Livermore
Dummer	Waterville
Errol	Woodstock
Gorham	Dartmouth Grant
Milan	Dixville
Pittsburg (2)	Shelburne

These boxes contain the following tools:

- 12 Galvanized Iron Pails.
- 12 Shovels.
- 12 Grub Hoes.
- 12 Garden Hoes.
- 6 Axes.

One tool box has been sold to the town of Wentworth Location.

### **Co-operation with the State.**

The Association has continued to pay one-half of the wages of the four State District Fire Chiefs and by so doing has secured a better supervision of

its patrolmen than would have been possible otherwise.

### **Advertising.**

A list of the town fire wardens showing their telephone numbers has been published in the telephone directories of the Coos Telephone Co., and the White Mountain Telephone and Telegraph Co., in this way making it convenient for the public to help in securing the prompt service of these officers.

The balance of the expense under this heading is for publicity urging timberland tax reforms as recommended by the Constitutional Convention of last June.

### **Record of 1912 Fire Season.**

There were one hundred and twenty-three fires in Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties, of enough importance to be reported to the State Forester by the town fire wardens and the estimated area burned over was 4,727 acres or an average of thirty eight acres for each fire, a much smaller average than that of 1911.