

FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE
TIMBERLAND OWNERS
ASSOCIATION



FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1924
TO NOVEMBER 30, 1925

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W. R. BROWN, President, Brown Company
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W. R. BROWN, Brown Company
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Lumber Co.
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J. H. HINMAN, Champlain Realty Company.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

H. C. EDGERFON, Dartmouth College.
W. R. BROWN, Brown Company.
H. G. PHILBROOK, Conn. Valley Lumber
Company.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1924	\$ 962.50
Assessments 1925 (1c) per acre	7,328.48
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	\$8,290.98

EXPENDITURES

Paid to patrolmen	\$5,780.95
Salary	750.00
Automobile expense	257.21
Office expense	86.55
Advertising	45.00
Telephone line repairs	39.60
Telephone tolls	2.40
Patrolmen's camp leases	8.00
Care of fire pump	10.00
Traveling expenses	4.00
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	\$6,983.71
Balance	1,307.27

The number of members belonging to the Association the past year were twenty-eight but as Mr. Frank Hall of Guildhall, Vt., has notified the Secretary that he will not continue his membership another year, there will be but twenty-seven members in 1926 unless we can get others interested to come in.

The total acreage owned by the members the past year was 732,848 acres. The Parker-Young Company has bought from the Inter-

national Paper Company in Waterville, N. H., approximately 32,000 acres which I believe they will be willing to add to the acreage already owned by them, and if so, the acreage owned by the members in 1926 will be nearly the same as for the past year.

As yet, we have been unable to get the Draper Corporation at Beebe River interested in our Association.

Membership of the Association

- Brown Company, Berlin, N. H.
- Connecticut Valley Lumber Co., Boston, Mass.
- Blanchard Sons Company, Portland, Me.
- Bretton Woods Company, New York City.
- Dartmouth College Grant, Hanover, N. H.
- E. Libby & Sons Company, Gorham, N. H.
- J. J. Lannin 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 Co., 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, Maine.
 Prof. Archibald C. Coolidge, Boston, Mass.
 Dalton Power Company, Gilman, Vt.
 John C. Hutchins, No. Stratford, N. H.
 Parker-Young Company, Boston, Mass.
 Nathan Fogg Estate, Gorham, N. H.
 Whitefield Manufacturing Company, Whitefield, N. H.
 Frank Hall (withdrawn), Guildhall, Vt.
 Frank N. Edwards, Shelburne, N. H.
 Pittsburgh Land Company, Boston, Mass.

Fire Season of 1925

The above article is rather difficult to define for the reason that there was no extremely dangerous period during the entire season, the first two weeks of September being the only dry period during the season, and vegetation being in full growth, very little danger of forest fires was experienced at that time.

Patrol

Eighteen patrolmen were employed during the entire season, and five others were used during the fishing season, or when thought necessary.

The Brown Company in cooperation with the State of Maine Commissioner, maintained a patrolman in the Abbott and Hammond

Brook valleys and on the west side of Aziscohos lake.

Another patrolman was employed in the Little River Valley in Carroll and Bethlehem, and was paid jointly by the towns of Carroll, Bethlehem and Littleton, and the New Hampshire Forestry Department, both of the last mentioned patrolmen being under the supervision of the Secretary of the Association.

But nine small fires were extinguished by the patrolmen during the season and 6,074 persons were warned by them to be careful of fire while in the woods.

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

TOWN	ROUTE
Pittsburg	No. 1 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 of Dead Diamond.
	6 Old cuttings on Little Magalloway.
	7 West branch of Big Magalloway.
Clarksville,	8 Cedar Stream and Dead-water valleys,

College Grant	9	Dead and Swift Diamond Streams.
Odell & Stratford	10	Nash Stream and tributaries.
Stratford	11	Hall lands.
Stratford No	12	Bog Brook Valley.
Errol	13	Old cuttings Errol Hill and Bear Pond.
	14	Old cuttings, Greenough Pond territory.
Irving's Location and Odell	15	Phillips Brook and Pond.
Dummer	16	Dummer Ponds and Newell Brook.
Berlin and Milan	17	Old cuttings on Fogg Estate.
Success	18	Stearns Brook Valley.
Jackson	19	E. Libby & Sons Company lands.
Millsfield	20	Millsfield Ponds and Streams.
Waterville	21	I. P. Co.'s lands, Mad River Valley.
Lincoln	22	Old cuttings in Lincoln Valley.
Whitefield & Dalton	23	Whitefield Mfg. Company's lands.

Patrolmen No.'s 6 and 7 were paid jointly by the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association and the State of Maine Forestry Commission.

In thirty towns in which the members of the Association have holdings, no fires were reported, and in eight towns twenty-two fires were reported with a total acreage burned of 156 acres, of which acreage 45 acres were reported by the Wardens as grasslands, leaving but one hundred and eleven acres of second growth forest lands burned.

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 "

1925 22 156 7 " .

Advertising

The Association continues to use the Directory of the Coos Telephone Company as an advertising medium by having the names of the different Fire Wardens together with their telephone numbers listed therein, as is also each of the State Lookout Stations.