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Hospital can't staunch flow of red ink

MILLS MEMORIAL hospital is staring at a deficit for the third year in a row despite an ambitious plan which cut jobs by re-organizing its nursing service.

Although there are two months yet to go in the hospital's financial year, it's already \$200,000 in the hole.

The re-organized nursing service, brought in last fall, has combined specialties and shifted and cut jobs in hopes of saving \$400,000 a year.

But budgeted goals of having an average 25 patients a day in the hospital's 32 beds on its main medical services floor, in combination with the re-organization,

haven't worked out.

Instead, the hospital is averaging 30-31 patients a day, almost 100 per cent capacity, commented Michael Leisinger, chief executive officer of the Terrace Regional Health Care Society which runs Mills.

"We lost \$60,000 in a recent period," he said.

The hospital tracks expenditures by periods, each one representing 28 days.

Leisinger said some large expenditures were contained in the \$60,000 figure and he doesn't expect that to repeat itself.

Still, Mills is expected to have to dip

Maternity changes haven't cut costs, Page A8

into its surplus bank account to cover the gap between income and expense when its financial year ends.

And there's more bad news for the next budget year because the hospital has already been told not to expect an increase in the operating grant it receives from the provincial government.

This'll be the fifth year in a row Mills has either had its budget frozen or been

granted minuscule increases.

All of this comes at a time when Mills has been turned down for a third time for approval to renovate its main medical services floor in the expectation it'll lead to better patient care and staffing efficiencies.

The hospital first wanted to spend \$1 million-plus to centralize its nursing services at one station, improve patient rooms and move its pediatrics section closer to the main nursing station.

That request for money was turned down as was a more modest request for \$400,000 to simply modernize its

pediatrics section and create one main nursing station.

The third request would have used money from the regional hospital district and from the hospital's own surplus for the \$400,000 project.

But the health ministry isn't convinced that renovations will lead to lower staff costs.

And unfortunately Mills can't tell the health ministry specifically how much money it'll save in wages by undertaking the renovations, said Leisinger.

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Moose burgers

ACCIDENTS INVOLVING moose are all too common during north-west winters. In the Terrace area, the animals are routinely killed by both cars and trains. But one man refuses to let the meat rot in

woods. Instead, he spends his winters picking up the hefty creatures and delivering them to needy local families. For more on this unusual volunteer, see page A5.

Second arena plan dropped

By JEFF NAGEL

CITY COUNCIL has given up on negotiations with an Alberta firm to build a privately operated second sheet of ice.

Mayor Jack Talstra told second sheet proponents Monday night that council feels uncomfortable both with the hidden costs associated with the proposal by Community Facilities Development Inc. and with the company itself.

He said council doesn't think the firm's proposal would get the approval of voters in a referendum either.

"I think it kind of puts us back to square one," Talstra said.

The only hope Talstra was able to offer demoralized second sheet proponents is a promise that the Terrace Advisory Parks and Recreation Commission will be expanded and directed to hold hearings and determine the city's recreation needs for the next 10 or 15 years.

Talstra said he hopes that process will unify the community about what's needed for the future.

Several councillors suggested that perhaps what's needed is a proposal for a multi-use facility that combines a second sheet with other possibilities — perhaps a community centre or a youth centre.

Talstra said the facility may have to appeal to a broader portion of the public — and that more money may have to be spent — than was proposed in the 1995 referendum.

"It might lead to a higher cost proposal but it might be more acceptable and easier to get through a referendum than a second sheet of ice alone," councillor Val George added.

Council's decision was based on new analysis of the CFDI bid by city economic development officer Ken Veldman. Veldman found a series of hidden costs in CFDI's proposals that would have cost the city millions more over a number of years.

The largest of those was that B.C. labour law likely would not allow the new operator to carry out its plan to eliminate the existing union from the arena operation and then cut wages by nearly 50 per cent. The union would have what's called "succession rights" to the new facility, and that would increase annual labour costs by \$100,000.

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Dump expansion okayed

Thornhill site could take more garbage

By DAVE TAYLOR

THE CONTROVERSIAL Thornhill dump would be a good location for a new sub-regional landfill, according to a recently released environmental study.

A hydrogeotechnical investigation conducted by Sperling Hanson Associates found the site could expand to include waste from all Greater Terrace without significant environmental impact.

While the year-long study will not be completed until June, results so far indicate that discharge from the dump does not have much effect on area water supplies, including nearby Thornhill Creek.

However, the study also says leachate management will be critical should the regional district expand the site.

That's why it recommends rigorous testing, and the building of a leachate treatment system if an expanded dump is to be used there for an extended period.

But even though the site has an en-

vironmental thumbs up, regional district manager of development services Roger Tooms says that's just the beginning.

"We still have to look at costs, technical and public concerns," he says. "No decisions have been made yet and we are still looking at other sites."

The other likely candidate for the new landfill is south of Onion Lake, on the east side of Highway 16.

That site has undergone preliminary testing and the regional district has applied to the lands ministry for a notification of interest, which will allow test wells to be installed.

Referrals to other agencies on that site should be completed by June, which is also when the environmental study of the Thornhill dump will be finished.

"Then we will have a site in each hand," says Tooms. "So we can weigh the costs and benefits of each."

One advantage of the Thornhill site is that it has a natural clay base. It funnels leachate from the dump into a nearby swamp, where it naturally decomposes.

The Onion Lake site does not have a natural clay base, so some sort of liner would have to be built. However, the site has a big plus in terms of geography.

"It has the preferred location, which is between here and Kitimat, away from homes," Tooms says. "Kitimat could use the site as well."

Kitimat has not decided if they want to get involved in regional dump project with Terrace. If the Thornhill location is chosen, the landfill would only serve Greater Terrace. "I don't think the RD would ever accept Kitimat refuse at that site," Tooms says.

Meanwhile, some Thornhill residents may have trouble accepting the idea of an expanded dump in their backyards.

"I personally would favour a regional dump between here and Kitimat," says Thornhill director Les Watmough. "The Thornhill dump may be cleared as far as effluent discharge goes, but there are other things to consider — like the volume of garbage and the number of residents in the immediate area."

Rape victim escapes attacker

A TERRACE woman says she was raped and imprisoned in her own home for more than 24 hours last week.

Staff Sergeant Doug Wheeler of the Terrace detachment says the victim said she and her two-year-old child were barricaded in her Thornhill residence from about 11 a.m. January 15, until about the same time the next day.

The victim told police she was sexually

assaulted during that time. The 22-year-old woman apparently knew her attacker.

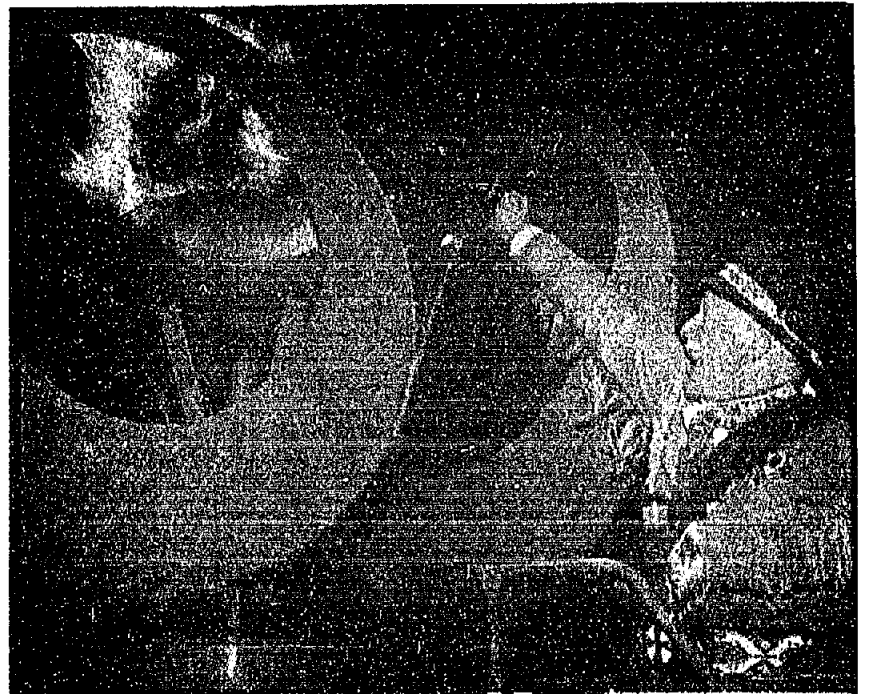
Terrace RCMP first heard the story when they attended what they thought was a domestic dispute at a gas station in Thornhill at noon on January 16.

The victim told police she had convinced her attacker to go out with her to get food and money. Once the couple reached the gas station, she secretly ap-

proached the management and requested help. They called the police.

RCMP arrested a suspect at the scene. The victim's two-year-old child was found by police alone at her home.

A 36-year-old Thornhill man is charged with forcible confinement, sexual assault with a weapon and sexual assault causing bodily harm. Other charges are pending.



Counting down the days

THE COUNTDOWN to the 1997 Northern B.C. Winter Games officially began Sunday evening with a torch lighting ceremony at City Hall.

The weather cooperated and about 100 people turned out for the lighting, which saw local black powder shooter Peter Nicholson light the six-metre Northern Games torch.

Nicholson and several young athletes jogged down Lakelse Avenue with a police escort

before lighting the torch in front of a cheering crowd.

Games chairpersons Rod Cox and Steve Scott thanked volunteers and the community for pulling together for the event, especially for finding enough beds to billet the 1,000 youth athletes who will be competing at the Games, February 7-9.

Mayor Jack Talstra, Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht, and Skeena MP Mike Scott were also on hand to start the countdown.

STOP Press NEWS

Tax rates pondered

SOME PEOPLE are going to face higher property taxes this year, but mayor Jack Talstra says council is trying to keep that to a minimum.

Council was debating on Monday night what levels tax rates should be set at to get the money the city needs.

Talstra said residential assessments have jumped an average of seven per cent, so the average homeowner would pay seven per cent higher property taxes if the rate was left at last year's level.

Councillors agree the rate should be lowered somewhat, so the average homeowner pays no more than three or four per cent extra in 1997.

But even if council does that, the tax rate affects all residences equally, while there's wide variation in the assessments of individual homes.

People whose homes have increased in assessment by 20 or 30 per cent will be facing higher taxes, said Talstra.

Councillor Tim Down said lower-valued homes have seen their assessments increase the most, adding he's concerned the tax hike could hit south side homeowners and those who can afford it least the hardest.

Council wants to be able to go ahead with a capital projects budget of around \$2 million to ensure roads don't deteriorate further.

That's down from the extraordinary \$3 million they budgeted in 1996.

But getting that cash is a problem because the provincial government cut grants worth a total of \$500,000 to the city last year.

No to recycling

THE CITY can't afford to carry out its share of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan this year.

Terrace agreed to contribute one-third of the \$400,000 startup cost for a regional recycling centre this year, and was supposed to commit a share of the facility's annual \$200,000 operating cost in subsequent years.

City staff asked Mayor Jack Talstra Monday night what they should tell the local committee in charge of implementing the plan.

"Tell that body that when the provincial government restores its money to us we may have some money available," Talstra replied. He was referring to the \$500,000 the province has cut from its grants to the city.

Talstra noted that the city agreed to the plan in principle and would work towards it "as dollars permit."

He noted the city is having difficulty getting the dollars to keep road reconstruction on pace and that it just had to reject a proposal for a second sheet of ice.

"We just don't think we have the money," he said.

Thin ice accident

A MAN accidentally crashed through thin ice on the Skeena River last Friday and had to be rescued by the Fire Department.

Terrace RCMP responded to a suspicious occurrence at 8 p.m. January 17, near the old bridge. They found a 19-year-old male floating in the river.

The Terrace Water Rescue Team and the Terrace Fire Department were both called and the man was rescued and transferred to a waiting ambulance. He is listed in stable condition at Mills Memorial Hospital.

This incident is still under investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Terrace RCMP.

Gitnadoix charges

THREE PRINCE Rupert men have been charged with Wildlife Act offences, stemming from an October 20 hunting trip up the Gitnadoix River.

Bill Flaten, his brother Colin John Flaten and Douglas Alfred Dyer were all charged last week with unlawful possession of wildlife last week.

Colin Flaten also faces charges of exceeding his quota, unlawfully using another person's licence and hunting without a valid moose licence.

Douglas Dyer also faces charges of allowing another person to use his hunting licence. All three have their first court appearance on February 7 in Terrace.

Student crisis support 'vital' says school

TOO MUCH DEMAND on the school district's special education money has left at least one elementary school without what it considers a vital service.

Staff at Kiti K'Shan elementary school wrote to the school board last week to complain about the reduction in elementary school counsellors.

Last year the Terrace school district had two elementary counsellors. They offered short-term counselling services to children in crisis. For example, the crisis could be due to a family separation, depression, family illness or death. The counsellors also offered in-class support, and co-taught violence prevention programs, among others.

"If a child is in crisis, the first line of support should be at the school," wrote Kiti K'Shan staff. Other community support services, such as mental health workers are sometimes not easily accessible.

"Our staff considers it vital that the board hire an additional elementary counsellor."

Andrew Scruton, who heads up student support services for the district, said the reduction in counsellors was due to an increased demand on the special education budget.

"The demand is big," said Scruton. "The board had to decide where resources would go."

And this school year the board decided to spend the money on the Teen Learning Centre, located on Park Ave. It's an alternative school, for students who can't fit in anywhere else in the school system.

Enrollment increased dramatically there this year, said Scruton, and another teacher was needed. If students weren't attending the Teen Learning Centre, they'd be dropouts, he explained.

But since money for the centre comes out of the same pot as elementary counsellors, that meant something had to go.

So staff at Kiti K'Shan have asked the school board to try and find money for another counsellor from another area.

The school board is considering the request, and referred the matter to its budget committee at last week's board meeting.

Fishy story nets an elderly victim

A COMPLAINT from an elderly Terrace man early last Thursday morning brought RCMP out to investigate a fishy tale.

Police say an 83-year-old man in the 4700 Block of Tuck Avenue was woken up at about 4:30 a.m. January 16 when a female came his door, requesting to use the phone.

The gentleman let the woman inside his house, whereupon she proceeded to try to sell him some fish. When he declined, the woman grabbed a pair of the man's pants and ran.

The pants contained a wallet and some keys. It is believed that the female departed in a 1980's yellowish pick-up truck being driven by a male accomplice.

The RCMP are requesting that the public exercise caution when dealing with strangers at the door and to not let such persons into their homes.

Crime crackdown debated

RCMP crime stats have prompted one councillor to suggest a major crackdown on drug enforcement would be misguided.

Tim Down noted drug-related offences declined in 1996, while break-and-enters have soared 50 per cent in two years.

He suggested if more resources are put to any one area it should be break-and-enters.

Councillor David Hull, who ran on a campaign that partially called for more drug enforcement, responded that break-and-enters are often the product of drug use, as a result of the need for fast cash.

By the end of November, the number of break-ins had reached 210 — up dramatically from 146 to the same point in 1994.

CRIME STOPPERS

Terrace Crime Stoppers are asking for your assistance in solving the break, enter and theft from the Workers Compensation Board offices at 4550 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, B.C., on the night of December 6, 1996, between 7:30 pm and 9:00 am the following morning.

During this time, unknown culprit(s) entered the business through a side entrance, and proceeded to steal front office equipment, as well as items from the company staff room.

The following is a list of items that were stolen from the residence:

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- If you know anything about this incident, or if you know the identity of the person or persons responsible for this theft of a motor vehicle, Crime Stoppers would like to hear from you.

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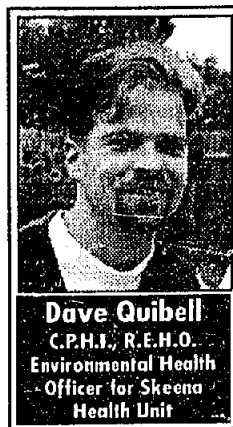
Environmental Health Issues

This is the first of what I hope will be a long and mutually beneficial relationship. As an Environmental Health Officer and the Communicable Disease Specialist for the Skeena Health Unit I track, and attempt to limit the spread of disease. Almost daily I interview people suffering from infectious diseases that could have been prevented. Many of these microorganisms are highly communicable. When they spread to the young, old or the immunocompromised the consequences can be tragic.

Ultimately the most effective means of controlling outbreaks is to stop them before they take hold. So here I am. The articles to follow will touch on some of the bugs that have been plaguing our region, their means of transmission, and what you can do to protect your families.

To begin I'd like to address a local hot topic, (hopefully without getting soaked). Terrace's new drilled well water supply has sparked a large,

and predominantly negative outcry. Complaints range from, "Tastes like '#@!#!'" to "Soap won't lather" to "What is that disgusting ring around



my teacup?" Like I said, a very controversial topic.

There is an important reason why, from a public health standpoint, the well is a preferable source to the river. First, the new supply is microbiologically safer. As we found with the

Kelowna Cryptosporidium outbreak, normal treatment of surface water may not effectively protect us from certain pathogens. It's very likely that our elevated incidence rates for Beaver Fever and Cryptosporidium will drop significantly with the new well. There will no longer be a need to add more and more chlorine to compensate for the effects of dirt in the water during the times of runoff and high water.

What about the taste and sediment? The culprits are Calcium and Magnesium, two minerals vital for healthy teeth and bones. Think of it as taking a daily vitamin in a glass, yum. The only viable alternative is softening the water chemically. This procedure extracts the good guys, and in their place substitutes sodium which can be harmful to those suffering from hypertension and heart disease. If you think about it and give it some time I'm sure the new water will grow on you.

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FROM FRONT

Private ice plan dropped

Once the series of additional costs are taken into account, Veldman concluded, the total cost over 25 years to the city of CFDI's proposal rises from \$5.85 million to \$9.8 million. That's almost identical to the \$9.92 million the second sheet proposal defeated in the 1995 referendum would have cost taxpayers over 25 years.

"There is not an appreciable cost advantage," Veldman concluded. "The city would be exposing itself to a significant level of uncertainty and risk without a corresponding expectation of significant cost savings."

He also noted the failure of CFDI's similar operation in Whitecourt, Alberta, where the local municipality was left holding the bag.

The news came in the middle of Minor Hockey Week and on the eve of the Northern B.C. Winter Games — at which second sheet organizers had originally hoped to be opening a new second sheet of ice.

"We're frustrated," said Brian Downie. "I was hopeful we would get a little more idea of the direction council wants to take."

He said they had followed the city's direction to first prepare a bare bones second sheet — which was defeated by the voters — and then to explore a private-public partnership idea.

"We're a little confused," he said, adding the need for an arena expansion continues to grow.

"Within the next year or so people will be camping out to get their kids enrolled in hockey," added Warren Garten.

He said all the councillors identified the second sheet of ice as a priority in their election campaign.

"I have to question how much of a priority it is if they're putting the decision over to a recreation commission," Garten said.

Mayor Talstra said the commission will likely take a couple of months to get set up and then will likely take the rest of the year to listen to the people and formulate a recommendation.

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Housing registry loses grant

TERRACE ANTI-Poverty Group Society has lost a \$50,000 grant from the provincial government.

The grant, which was used to run the housing registry, runs out at the end of February.

The grant paid the wages for advocate Roseanne Pearce and also part of the wages for secretarial support and administration.

With the money the society ran a housing registry, which helped link up landlords and perspective tenants. The society also helped tenants who felt they were being treated unjustly by their landlords.

In a recent case Pearce presided over a group complaint by a number of tenants at the Woodlands Apartments on Kalum. Tenants wanted repairs done to their units. Pearce was able to settle the case without going to arbitration, and now tenants are pleased that repairs are being made.

"A lot more mediation was going on," said Gerry King, an advocate for the anti-poverty society, about Pearce's advocacy work. "Communication was much more positive."

Now Pearce will be gone at the end of February. Secretary Marlene Davis-Robinson will also see her hours cut back, and Helga Kenny, who helped run the housing registry program, will have her hours reduced.

That means the society will be relying primarily on bingo money to keep running. King also plans to hold raffles occasionally, to help raise money.

His job will get a lot more demanding with the loss of the grant, as will Kenny's job.

Kenny recently wrote a letter to the premier, complaining about the cut.

"What this means to clients is a decrease in the level of services provided and a long wait in the office," she wrote.

Anti-poverty will continue to provide registration and tenancy advocacy services, but Kenny warns service will be minimal.

She wonders about the government's commitment to the homeless, and renters who are being unjustly treated by landlords.

In a rhetorical question to the premier, she asks, "What will we do? The same thing we have always done. We will do the best we can with what we have."



FOUR-YEAR-OLD Thomas Dennis was drafted to make a raffle draw for the Terrace Anti-Poverty Group Society. The society raised over \$1,000 for general operations by raffling off a \$200 grocery certificate, a pair of muk-luks, a vest, a spice rack and native art plaques. Cindy Brown was the first place winner and Carol Clayton won second place. (Anti-poverty head Gerry King helped Dennis make the draw.) The society plans more raffles now that it's lost a major grant.

News in Brief

Fire damages trailer

A FIRE in the Woodland Heights trailer court on Old Lakelse Lake Rd. on Jan. 11 left one trailer damaged but salvageable.

Passersby might have wondered at the commotion over one trailer, since at one point that afternoon three trucks were attending.

However, the trailer court has no fire hydrant. The nearest one is across the road and down nearby Hemlock St. That meant the Thornhill Fire Dept. had to respond with two fire trucks and a tanker for the initial burst of water. Then police officers were called in to coordinate traffic, which had to travel very slowly over the fire hose lines.

In the end, trailer owner Dan Hamel lost part of his addition and laundry room. But the remainder of the trailer suffered only smoke damage.

Treaty talks get fishy

THE FISHERIES provisions of the future Nisga'a treaty will be thrashed out in public view here on Friday.

A working group that is part of the Nisga'a treaty negotiations will hold an open session working on fisheries operational guidelines.

That's supposed to be the nuts and bolts that determine how a Nisga'a commercial fishery would work under the final treaty.

The session starts at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at the Terrace Inn.

Also coming up is a full meeting of the Kitimat Skeena Regional Advisory Committee on treaty-making issues.

That's scheduled for Jan. 29 and may be held by videoconference, according to federal treaty negotiation office spokesman Joseph Whiteside.

Photo radar demo

THE LOCAL RCMP detachment will be having its monthly community consultative meeting at the detachment on January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The Photo Radar section from Prince George will be on hand to make a presentation and answer questions. The meeting is open to the public and citizens are welcome to attend to discuss policing in their community.

For more information, contact Inspector Steve Leach at 638-7415.

Jackpine bridge squeeze

TWO VEHICLES were damaged in Jackpine Flats last Wednesday when the two drivers tried to cross a one-lane bridge at the same time.

Shortly after noon, January 15, the Terrace Fire Department received a call about an accident on the bridge over Williams Creek.

Chief Randy Smith says damage to the vehicles was minor, as were the injuries, which were treated at the scene.

Smith says road conditions leading up to the bridge were good, but the bridge itself may have been slippery, making it difficult to stop.

Democracy growing at school board

THE SKELETON'S been put in place but there's no meat on the bones yet in the new, more democratic structure for the amalgamated school district.

Coast Mountain school district trustees, along with teachers, students, administration, and union reps, spent Jan. 11 constructing a democratic model for the district.

Each community — Terrace, Thornhill, Stewart, Hazelton and Kitimat — will have an advisory committee. Members will concentrate on giving input for local education matters. Then there will be a district advisory committee, made up of representatives from

each community advisory committee.

But board vice-chair Roger Leclerc said trustees haven't decided yet what the mandate of these new committees will be. And whether people will be appointed or elected to them is still up in the air.

During the Jan. meeting trustees and representatives did a dry run of a possible advisory committee meeting and what type of issues might be dealt with there.

Trustees are also discussing whether they should have outside interests on school board standing committees, such as finance and

personnel.

The new democratic process brought a favourable response from interest groups, said Leclerc.

He said there's no date yet for when the advisory committees should start up, saying the trustees have been busy wrangling out details of who was going to the run the district.

Negotiations on the contracts of many of the top administrators are still on-going. However, those of the superintendent and assistant superintendents have been finalized.

The school district is still looking at the contracts of the existing as-

sistant secretary-treasurers in Terrace and Kitimat. It's not sure whether there will be room for both of them in the new district.

That's because the school district has to save some money in the amalgamation of the two districts. Trustees are also looking at some clerical and mid-level administrative jobs.

The school district has until mid February to decide what jobs will stay and which will go in the new district. That's when trustees should be able to turn their full attention to fleshing out the mandate of the advisory committees.

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There are hints afoot that the government has plans to reduce the maximum RRSP contribution limit below the present \$13,500 limit.

That could be good news — if it comes along with some plan to encourage young people to start contributing earlier.

Even a tiny monthly contribution started in a person's mid-20s can mean a secure retirement later on — or money to finance a house purchase.

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Red tape stifles log salvage

VICTORIA - Meet Brian Beresford, a Cranbrook helicopter logging operator whose brushes with a sluggish and reluctant-to-change Forest Service cost him \$200,000.

Beresford wasn't in the business of cutting down healthy trees. He was in the salvage business, harvesting trees that would otherwise rot.

I'd also like you to meet Lawrence Shubert, owner of a Cranbrook saw mill that is idle because he can't get his hands on timber. Shubert could use all the salvage wood Beresford might be able to supply.

The Cranbrook Daily Townsman recently publicized the plight of the two in particular and the need for bureaucrats to make things a little easier for people with good ideas in general. I thought it might be a good idea to add to the impact of the story by giving it province-wide exposure.

Beresford employed 14 people in a salvage logging show at Matthew Creek, near Kimberley. All the timber he took out was left over from a fire that had ravaged the area.

Beresford would have made money on the operation and provided badly-needed timber for small independent saw mills in the area, had it not



FROM THE CAPITAL
 HUBERT BEYER

been for excessive red tape.

Last winter his operation was shut down because, on orders from the Workers' Compensation Board, his crew cut down trees outside the prescription area. The WCB said leaving the trees in question would pose a safety hazard. The Forest Service called it a trespass.

Eventually, the Forest Service agreed with the WCB and expanded the area Beresford was allowed to log, but two weeks had been lost.

Last spring, he was shut down again, this time because a consultant hired by the Forest Service said the ground was unstable due to run-off condi-

tions in the watershed. Again, Beresford was eventually allowed to go ahead, but again, he had lost time and money.

He's still an enthusiastic proponent of salvage logging. At Matthew Creek alone, it is estimated, there are still some 80,000 metres of burnt timber left, much of it salvageable.

Ironically, while Beresford was losing money on salvaging trees because of bureaucratic interference, and Shubert would give his eye teeth for salvaged timber, a similar exercise is going ahead full-steam in the Cariboo.

Last November, Forest Minister David Zirnelt announced that that seven companies in the Cariboo — his home riding — had been awarded 3.5 million metres of beetle-killed timber. In a press release, the minister expressed downright pride over the massive salvage program.

Now, what's good for the goose ought to be good for the gander. If salvage harvesting of timber can go ahead in the Cariboo, why not in the Kootenays, and I mean without the bureaucrats getting in the way?

Beresford says the large companies aren't interested in salvage timber.

Their mills are computerized

to produce dimension lumber in the most efficient way. And for that, they need green timber.

A small, independent operator, on the other hand, can turn burnt wood into anything from kitchen cabinets to house logs, from furniture to two-by-fours.

Forestry is still the province's most important industry, and not just for the people employed by it. If British Columbians working in the forests and the related secondary industries don't earn a livelihood, the stream of tax dollars to Victoria will dry up and the cappuccino-sucking city slickers can kiss their standard of living goodbye, too.

At a time when annual allowable cuts in most regions are being drastically reduced, salvaging timber destroyed by fire or insects is one way to ease the transition to a more sustainable forestry.

All that's needed is some streamlining of the bureaucracy which, in this case, is not so much mean-spirited as it is slow to move. People like Beresford and Shubert will do the rest. Over to you, minister.

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Good to appreciate authors

"Nobody ever committed suicide while reading a good book, but many have while trying to write one." — Robert Byrne

Men can't be too rich, women too thin, or authors too praised.

How can you get in touch with authors? Write to them in care of their book's publisher, or the radio or TV station where you heard or saw them being interviewed.

If the author is on tour promoting book sales through interviews and book signing sessions you may have to wait six weeks or more for a reply, but rest assured, you will hear back.

Last week I received a printed postcard from Margaret Atwood after a five month wait. I had written to let her know how much my granddaughters and I enjoy reading her latest kids' book, Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut. I addressed by letter to her at Key Porter Books Ltd., Toronto.



THROUGH BIFOCALS
 CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

The postcard's picture is the cover illustration from Atwood's earlier novel, The Cat's Eye, a shrouded woman carrying a huge marble. Her return address is that of her main publisher, McClelland and Stewart, Toronto.

Atwood's postcard reads, "Thank you for your kind letter, and please excuse the postcard you are getting in return. I read all the letters

people write to me, though because of the numbers of them I've been receiving, it's no longer possible for me to reply to each one as individually as I would like. However, please be assured that I very much appreciate your having taken the time to write. After all, where would writers be without readers?"

Using a fountain pen Atwood added, "So glad you and your granddaughters like Princess P!"

Six weeks before writing to Atwood, I wrote to Charlotte Vale Allen, a Hartford, Connecticut author of Claudia's Shadow and fourteen other novels. I addressed my letter in care of the publisher Mira Books of Don Mills, Ontario.

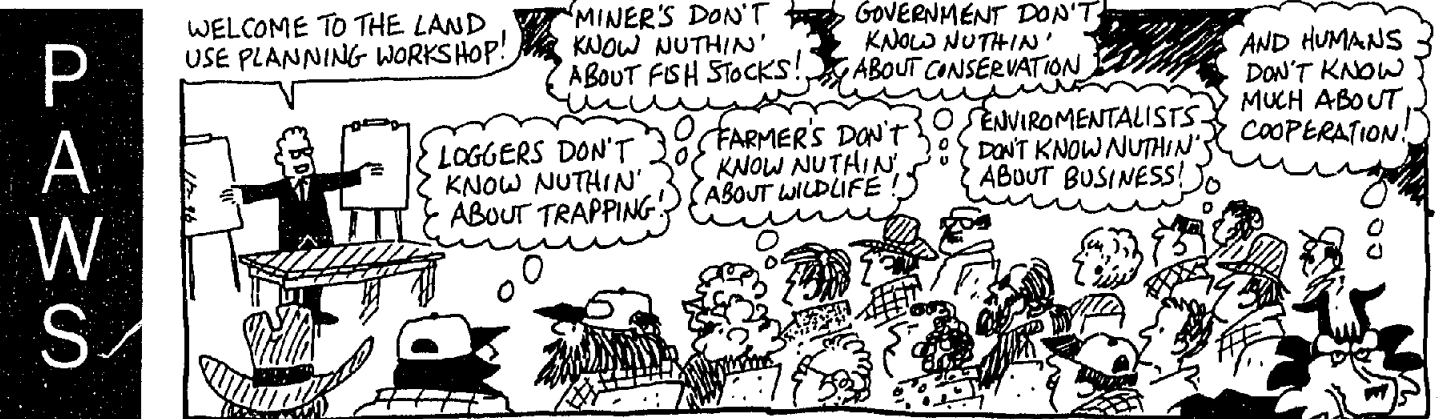
After saying how much I liked Claudia's Shadow - I had put my life on hold until I finished reading it one Sunday - I asked Vale Allen why her main character, Rowena, smoked every time she ran into trouble, needed to think, or wasn't sure what to do. "Sure-

ly," I said, "at a time when so many of us are encouraging particularly young women not to start smoking, or to quit smoking, why do you glamorize smoking as a vital way of dealing with life's downs?"

Inside of a month I was told why. "I suspect," Vale Allen typed, "you are a non-smoker and therefore don't appreciate how a smoker falls victim to the urge whenever there's pressure. It's not a matter of my glamorizing the issue but rather a case of presenting what I know to be the facts."

Whether authors well millions of books and rake in respectable royalties or succeed less spectacularly, readers' words of support give authors renewed confidence and energy. What better way to assure your favorite author writes another book worth reading?

Brenda Silsbe, Terrace author of four childrens books, looks forward to kids drawings and notes. Says Silsbe, "They're terrific!"



A War on Waste

Local volunteer helps feed the needy

By DAVID TAYLOR
ON GOOD days he can put several months worth of food on the supper tables of local families.

Sometimes that job simply involves a short drive and a little hard work.

Other times it involves dodging locomotives on long snowmobile rides in minus 40-degree weather.

A road paver in the summer months, Rex Rema has the unique winter job of picking up moose that have been killed by trains. He then delivers the meat to needy local families.

The 53-year-old has been collecting moose for seven years. This winter alone he's delivered 11 animals to people who might otherwise not be able to afford meat.

And he does it for free. "There are a lot of hungry people out there," Rema says. "I like to help them out when I can. Plus, I don't like to see these moose suffer. Nothing should have to suffer."

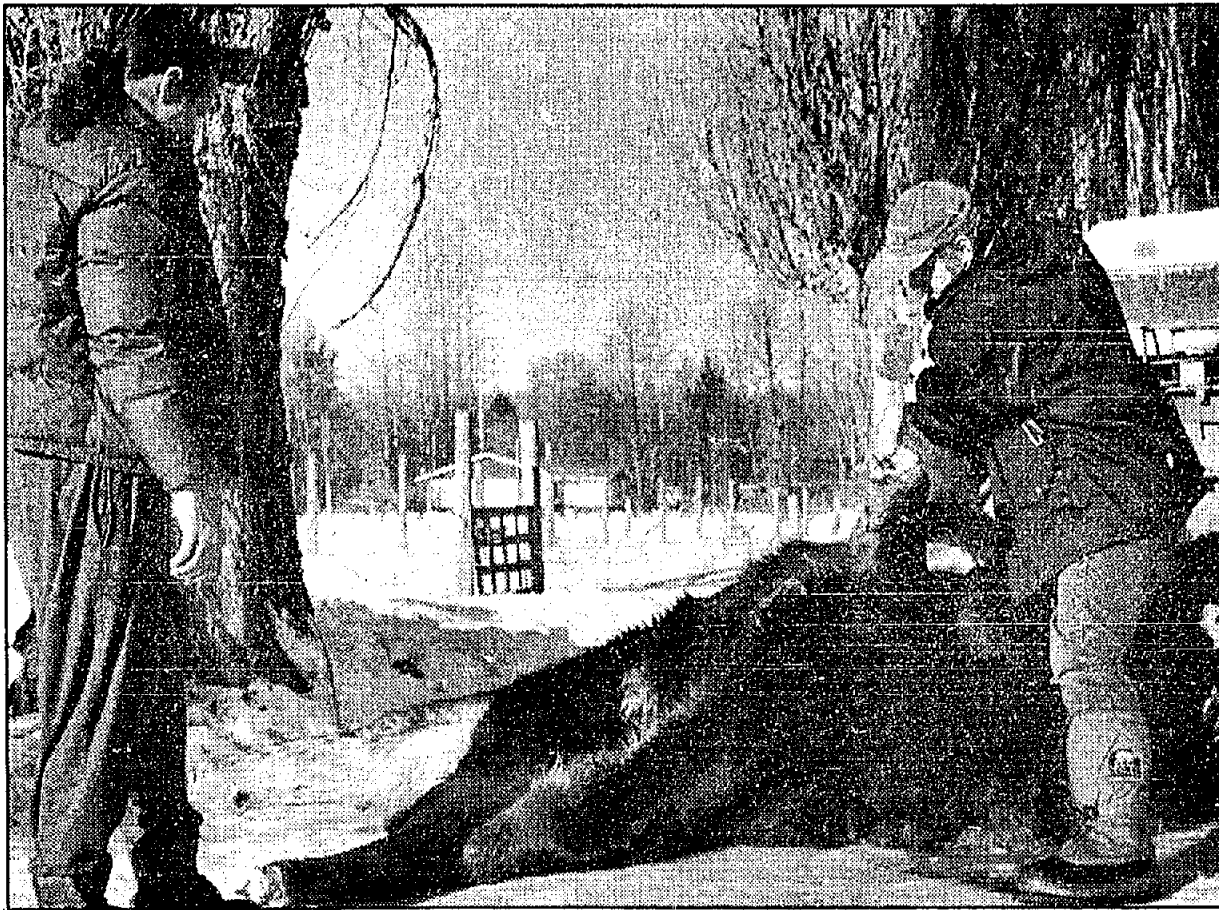
When moose are struck by cars on the highway, Conservation Officers usually pick them up. If no CO's are available, Rema will gather the roadkill himself.

However, he's the only person who goes out to fetch train-killed animals.

In a moose-train encounter the moose always lose, although they often get away with just a broken leg. Unfortunately, Rema says a broken leg is a death sentence in the deep snow and cold of winter.

That's why he has a special permit from the environment ministry which allows him to put down injured moose and haul away the carcasses.

When a call comes in about a moose-hit, Rema heads out on the train tracks either by snowmobile or ATV to look for the injured



ENOUGH MEAT to last until next Fall. That's Rex Rema unloading a train-killed moose for Gordon

Lang. Rema picks up moose off the tracks and delivers them to needy families in the Terrace area.

animal. Then he tows it back to his truck and loads it onto a moose-sized trailer.

Train operators know to look out for Rema when he's on the tracks, but he carries a CN radio just in case.

"I have to keep my eyes open," he says. "I don't want to butt heads with an engine going 50 miles an hour."

The number of moose Rema gets in a season depends on how active the animals are and what weather conditions are like.

Sometimes Rema says there will be spells where he doesn't get a minute's rest for a month — but then there will be two weeks when he doesn't get a single phone call.

And since the job is entirely voluntary, Rema doesn't get any compensation for his work. He even has to pay for all the gas and maintenance on his pickup and snowmobile out of his own pocket. Still, he insists his efforts pay off in the end.

"It's worth it," he says. "I delivered a moose to one family on the 23rd of December, and the lady literally cried because they had no idea what they were going to eat for their Christmas dinner."

Last Wednesday, he brought a moose out to Gordon Lang and his wife, Wanda. Lang is on a disability pension and can't work because he has emphysema.

"It's a Godsend for us really," says Lang. "This makes the difference between eating well and eating Kraft Dinner for the last half of every month."

Lang says the 450 lb moose they received will provide the couple with enough meat to last until the Fall. He has to cut and wrap the meat himself, but he says that's not a big deal.

"If the meat's tender I cut it for steaks or chops," he says. "And if it's tough, I grind it into hamburger. Plus we do lots of canning."

The Langs are just one of many families on the Conservation Officers' list of eligible meat recipients. To get on the list, families have to either be on some form of social assistance, or have a

condition that prevents them from eating commercial beef. Moose meat is also delivered to community groups who help out the hungry.

And while the job is only voluntary, Rema doesn't take it lightly. Last year while picking up a moose, Rema slipped on the ice and hit his head on the bumper of his pickup. That sent him to the hospital with a broken jaw and checkbone.

The next day he got a call that three moose were down. In spite of his injuries, Rema went out, picked up the moose and delivered it to a family.

"My wife darn near divorced me over that," he says. "I just can't stand to see the meat go to waste."

Roadkill meat not free-for-all

NOT JUST anybody can grab a road-killed moose, toss it into the back of a pick-up and take off.

That's illegal. "If you see one, or hit one yourself, call it in," says Conservation Officer Doug Forsdick. "We will deal with it."

Forsdick says stealing roadkill is against the law, and people can be fined if they are caught making off with moose.

"We have guidelines covering who gets the meat," he says. "We salvage as much of it as possible and make sure it gets

to people who need it the most."

Conservation Officers pick up dead or badly injured moose from roadways

"It's really an excellent meat — very lean and low in cholesterol."

-Conservation Officer Doug Forsdick-

all winter long. The worst area in the region tends to be the Kitimat-Terrace corridor along Highway 37, es-

pecially around Williams Creek, where there are plenty of moose.

Those moose like to travel along our plowed roads because the deep snow in the bush can make walking difficult. Unfortunately, their wanderings are also a hazard for themselves and for area drivers.

Forsdick says 90 per cent of the animals are killed at night, when driver's visibility is limited. The moose also tend to freeze up in car headlights and might not try to get out of the way until it's too late.

When CO's can't get to an

animal, they are grateful to have Rex Rema's help. He has their permission to pick up the moose.

"He provides us with a valuable service," says Forsdick. "A lot of people out there can be thankful to him for their meat."

Forsdick points out that the meat the officers distribute is never spoiled, and can be quite tasty.

"The animals don't sit out there for long, and the cold weather helps them stay fresh," he says. "It's really an excellent meat — very lean and low in cholesterol."



Doug Forsdick

Moose population unknown



LOADING A road-killed moose onto a truck in Jackpine Flats. That's John Trehwitt and Rob Seaton of BC Parks with Conservation Officer Ken Fujino.

THE MOOSE population in the Skeena region is not likely being decimated by car and train accidents. But just how many of the animals are living here is anybody's guess.

The last count was done almost a decade ago, and biologists aren't especially confident with those numbers.

"We've done two moose surveys in the Terrace area," says Smithers wildlife biologist Rick Marshall. "But those were eight years ago. The population could have done anything in that time."

The last study surveyed some 800 moose in the Terrace-Kitimat corridor. Back then, the bull to cow ratio was quite good, which means the bulls weren't being dramatically overharvested.

"We hope to do a new survey next year, but that might not happen," Marshall says. "It's really tough to do inventory surveys today because of a lack of funding."

This year biologists expected a high road and train kill count because of the deep snow, but that didn't happen.

"It turns out that moose tend to move around a lot less when the snow is deep," Marshall says.

And Marshall points out the number of moose run down by trains and cars in the Terrace area is only a small percentage of the total number killed.

He estimates about 50 moose are hit by trains each winter west of Smithers and close to the same number are killed by vehicles on roads. Meanwhile, hunters take about 900 of the animals.

Marshall also says that although his office has a good idea of how many moose are bagged by licenced hunters, they have almost no idea how many are shot by unlicensed hunters. Those hunters include both First Nations peoples and poachers.

"We hope to get native hunters to monitor their harvests in the future," Marshall says. "The potential is there to damage a herd because a lot of native hunting takes place in the winter when bulls have dropped their antlers. And that makes them hard to tell apart from cows."

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

Angler misinformed

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in response to Rob Brown and his column, the Skeena Angler of Jan 8, 1997. It was of great interest to me to read your reflections on the last Sport Fish Advisory Board (SFAB) meeting that you attended in Terrace.

At one point during the meeting Elmer Fast of DFO proposed a gear restriction (flyfishing only) as a solution to a poaching problem on a small section of the Gitnadoix river. He was of the opinion that this would be preferable to a closure. These means were proposed by DFO to prevent people from illegally fishing for chinook salmon.

Unfortunately all that a flyfishing only regulation would accomplish is to have these poachers keep a flyrod on board and retrieve it when they heard a boat approaching. This is an enforcement issue. Perhaps DFO should step up their presence in this area rather than applying more restrictions to an already saturated fishing synopsis.

As you so duly noted, I do believe that there is an elitist core of flyfishermen lobbying for their cause. I also flyfish, and have since they imposed this regulation on the Lakelse river 20 years ago. Now these same anglers are causing problems in this system by repeatedly catching and releasing steelhead and stomping all over the spawning beds while they fish. Their claim is that this is a less harmful method of fishing than all of the others.

What is wrong with casting a spoon or spinner from the beach without crushing fry underfoot? Is a single barbless fly less harmful than a single barbless spoon?

As to how we woolly thinking, inexperienced, self-interested anglers at large gather input from out constituents, we do our best to discuss these issues with the many anglers that we meet. We hang out in the tackle shops, in restaurants, at boat launches and in many other venues.

You say that the other members "represent organized interests". I certainly know whom you represent. Unfortunately you obviously do not understand that the vast majority of anglers do not belong to any "organized interest groups".

For the record Bobby, I represent the Terrace Rod & Gun Club which boasts a far larger and more diversified membership than the local chapter of the Steelhead Society and the local feather jerking club combined.

I also found very interesting your depth of knowledge of the Terrace SFAB and its members, considering in my 6 or so odd years with this board this is the first time that I have been graced by your presence at one of our meetings.

I think that you owe an apology to all those members who contribute so much time & energy to protect fishing opportunities for all anglers.

In closing Bobby, I suggest that maybe you should spend a little more of your energy on protecting opportunities for all people. If you can't then you should put your head back in your waders.

Fred Straw
Terrace, B.C.

About more than losers

Dear Sir:

On Dec. 30, 1996 I read an editorial in this paper entitled "Spare Us" which I found disappointing. The editorial dealt with the issues of vandalism and violence at Caledonia, more specifically, during spares.

As a student at Cal, I know that there are still a small group of students who have yet to learn the difference between right and wrong, and their actions have caused numerous problems in the school.

However, students at Cal with spares should not be targeted as the culprits. As more research into the article would have uncovered, a fair number of the problems occurred either during lunch or during a break, not during spares, and the students are also fed up with the pranks of our peers.

Contrary to popular belief, most students with spares don't have a time management problem, and are quite capable of occupying themselves with something useful. As mentioned in a previous letter, sometimes students have spares because of conflicts in their schedule and this problem is unavoidable.

I suppose, in a way it is good to see a local newspaper taking an interest in the school. But why do a few losers make front page news while a major undertaking like *Fiddler On The Roof* gets buried in the back?

Lea Langille
Terrace, B.C.

Wreath will be missed

Dear Sir:

This letter is directed to the grinch or grinches who stole the beautiful Christmas wreath from our front door in December.

You were not aware of this at the time, but my pine cone wreath with the large red velvet bow was handmade for me 10 years ago. In the years to come I hope you enjoy displaying my wreath on your front door as much as I did every Christmas season.

Linda Ashbaugh
Terrace, B.C.

Time to go nuclear

Dear Sir:

My 1997 congratulations go to the "Focus North Society" for asking questions about the high natural gas prices in the north.

Eleven years ago somebody from Dease Lake could not get a licence to sell firewood for domestic use and ended up in the Terrace Correctional Centre chopping firewood instead.

When cheap natural gas arrived it was no wonder everybody jumped on that band wagon.

Such disparity can be attributed to the laws passed in the last 15 years to stop burning wood.

That's monopoly — you pay now for what only I sell you, because all other forms of cheap heating has been eliminated through democratically passed environmental laws. Since oil, coal, natural gas and wood are all hydrocarbons and pollute the atmosphere, perhaps nuclear power is the best source for the future if a safe way can be found to store the waste.

Manfred Bader
Terrace, B.C.

College looks to FRBC

Natural resources program threatened by \$800,000 deficit

By JENNIFER McCLARTY
NORTHWEST Community College is hoping a partnership with Forest Renewal B.C. will save its natural resources programs.

Facing an accumulated deficit of \$800,000, NWCC has adopted a four year cost-saving plan that will mean a 25 per cent cut in university credit courses, a 30 per cent drop in programs to train health and social service workers, and the loss of 16 positions to be split between faculty and clerical staff.

Administrators were also considering paring down the college's popular natural resources program, but decided to hold back on cuts in the hope that alternative funding sources could be found in time to save the courses.

"This program is clearly a winner, so we were fully prepared to take the risk of finding other funding sources and not make cuts

now," college president Michael Hill said in Smithers. "The program is in jeopardy, however, if we can't come up with the money."

Hill met with staff at the Smithers FRBC regional headquarters last week to begin work on securing funding. Most likely, he says, Forest Renewal money would be doled out over multiple projects, not handed over to the college in a big chunk. At least half-a-million dollars would be needed — either from FRBC directly or through industry partnerships — to carry the program through next year.

"We've been asked by Forest Renewal to prove that the courses offered are relevant to the forest sector and displaced workers," says Hill. "I am positive that we can do that."

The college has also applied to the education ministry for a share of \$8 million recently freed up to enhance



Michael Hill

forestry programs across the province. If approved NWCC would get \$535,000 — enough to provide 60 more seats in the program to be shared between full and part-time students.

Currently there are 129 full time equivalents carried by the program, done on funding for only 59 FTEs.

The two year natural resources program gives

students the option of working in the forestry sector right away after graduation, or transferring to a university with full credit.

"Our top priority right now is making sure enrolled students will be able to finish their programs," says Hill.

The cut in university transfer courses shouldn't affect the Smithers campus too much, since most base courses such as English, psychology and anthropology are built into bigger programs.

Taking in full and part-time students, plus seminars offered by the college over the school term, Hill estimates that close to 10,000 people use the college between Houston and Queen Charlotte Islands each year.

Under the college's savings plan, cuts will take place over four years starting in the new year. The goal is to cut \$891,000 from college programs.

LAKELSE LAKE

Park takes reservations

LAKELSE LAKE'S Furlong Bay campground will be one of two northwest provincial parks to go on B.C.'s new campsite reservation system this summer.

The popular campground, along with the Tybee Lake site near Smithers, will join 42 other provincial campgrounds currently on the reservation system.

The program, which began a year ago in many southern B.C. parks, allows campers to book campsites in advance of their vacations. Although the system could have been started here last summer, northwest park managers resisted the temptation to jump right in.

"We wanted to ask local people who use the parks what they thought of it

first," says B.C. Parks' Jim Haas.

Haas says those people surveyed indicated they would not oppose such a system — so long as it didn't take away too many sites from local campers.

That's why parks officials decided to set aside only 15-20 per cent of Lakelse Lake's sites for the reservation program. In contrast, some of the parks in southern BC have up to 50 per cent of their sites dedicated to reservations.

The reserved sites at Furlong Bay will not be premium spots close to the lake either — just generic campsites. Plus, if the spots don't get reserved, they will be opened up on a first come, first serve basis.

"We've tried to address public concerns," Haas says. "The people in the northwest clearly see the parks as their own, and we didn't want to take that away from them."

Lakelse Lake park operators will receive a daily list of reservations by fax to a gatehouse currently under construction at Furlong Bay.

To make a reservation, campers call a 1-800 number to BC Tel's Discover Camping Centre. Operators at the centre are able to describe different parks and their facilities, as well as

take reservations.

Haas says there will definitely be a fee for the reservation service. Last year the fee was \$6.00, but that could change. Campers can pay the service fees and camp costs with a credit card over the phone.

Last summer, the centre was swamped with phone calls.

"They underestimated how popular it would be and there weren't enough operators," Haas says. "That's one of the bugs that will be fixed this season."

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by Claire Bernstein

Morning Star is Prohibited Weapon

Angelina was disdainfully waving among suits of armor in the Paris antique store, trying to keep her sable away from the dust. Her husband was considering a purchase.

"Darling Maxwell, I'm madly in love with you. And I know what a collector you are of 17th century weapons. But frankly, I would rather be spending our money at Bergdorff's in New York. Wouldn't you much rather be buying something pretty than that ridiculous weapon thing?"

Maxwell, 70, looked lovingly at his 26-year-old wife.

"Darling, why don't you go back to our suite in the Ritz. I'm just going to finish the details of the purchase and for the shipping to our penthouse in B.C. I'll join you there for tea."

Angelina hugged her sable close to her and swept out of the store.

Maxwell carefully watched two clerks lift two heavy balls joined to a handle by two lengths of chain.

The urbane antique dealer hovered over Maxwell.

"Wonderful purchase, Mr. Roberts. Can you imagine the damage it did when it knocked down people wearing armor. It will look wonderful hanging in your study in British Columbia."

A week later Maxwell and Angelina flew home.

At Customs they had a surprise waiting for them.

"You're confiscating it? It's a prohibited weapon? I knew the government was out of its mind. But you,

sirs, re an extreme example of madness. I am not going to use it to rob a bank."

The customs officials ignored the insulting comments of a man who looked like he had lots of influence.

"Sorry, Sir, the item you are trying to import is commonly known as a morning star, which is a prohibited weapon."

Roberts didn't waste anytime.

He and his lawyer took the matter before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.

Roberts argued persuasively.

"The law describes a morning star as '...a all of metal ...studded with spikes and connected to a handle by a length of chain.' My 400-year-old antique consists of two balls and two chains connected to a handle. It is not a morning star as described by the law. Don't let them take my antique away."

Customs stuck to its guns. "Your honor, one ball two balls, what does it matter? The law states that a morning star or similar device is a prohibited weapon. Roberts has tried to import a prohibited weapon. Forbid it."

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"IT IS NOT A PROHIBITED WEAPON" ruled the trade tribunal, but the FEDERAL COURT OVERTURNED THIS DECISION.

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"Please, Mr. Minister. The law allows for a special import permit in these circumstances. Would you let me have one? And if the answer is no, then would you allow me to donate the weapon to a museum, since it's a shame to have it destroyed? Roberts is still waiting for the reply.

Today's decision is based on the facts of the case and the law of B.C. Claire Bernstein is a lawyer and syndicated columnist. Copyright 1996 Haika Enterprises, b6j-10

BUSINESS REVIEW

Out & About

Copperside to rebuild

PLANS ARE underway for a brand new Copperside Foods store to replace the old Copperside II at Hwy 16 and Kenney.

The new store will be significantly larger at about 4,000 square feet and will include a laundromat and gas bar, says Copperside Foods' Chris Cormier.

They hope to break ground later this year.

The new building will be where the old correctional centre is.

That will allow them to operate the old store while construction is underway, and then move into the new outlet.

The rest of the old correctional centre land will be held in reserve for future development, Cormier said.

They're considering various possibilities, including a hotel or a fast food restaurant.

He confirmed they'd had talks with a local businessman seeking to bring in a Wendy's Hamburgers franchise.

That type of idea fits plans for future expansion. "Any new developments that we do will incorporate branded fast food outlets," he said.

New name

THE FORMER Roastmastir's coffee house has changed its name to the Ground Works Coffee Company.

Owner Mike Parker said he ended his affiliation with Roastmastir's last month. A new sign with the new name is to go up later this week.

"I got the name from a customer," Parker said.

He's secured the same suppliers, but a ceramic Roastmastir's symbol still has to be removed from the middle of the floor.

Starts up

TERRACE produced the most housing starts in northwestern B.C. in 1996 and was second only to Prince George in all of the north.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. recorded 142 starts in Terrace, up more than 50 per cent.

That compared to 441 in Prince George, 113 in Quesnel, and 72 in Williams Lake.

Starts in Prince Rupert fell 41 per cent to 24 units in '96, and Kitimat starts also declined to nine units.

Hotels turf tax idea

Extra licence fee may now replace 2 per cent solution

LOCAL HOTEL operators have flat-out rejected a proposal to bring in a local two-per cent room tax.

The tax would have raised an estimated \$60,000 a year to finance the new Terrace Tourism Council's marketing plan.

The tourism council was formed in the wake of city council's decision to push the job of tourism marketing off onto the businesses that benefit from it.

But a meeting of the council last Wednesday saw local accommodations owners overwhelmingly oppose the tax proposal.

Now the council is proposing that all businesses pay an annual fee to support the job of selling Terrace to tourists.

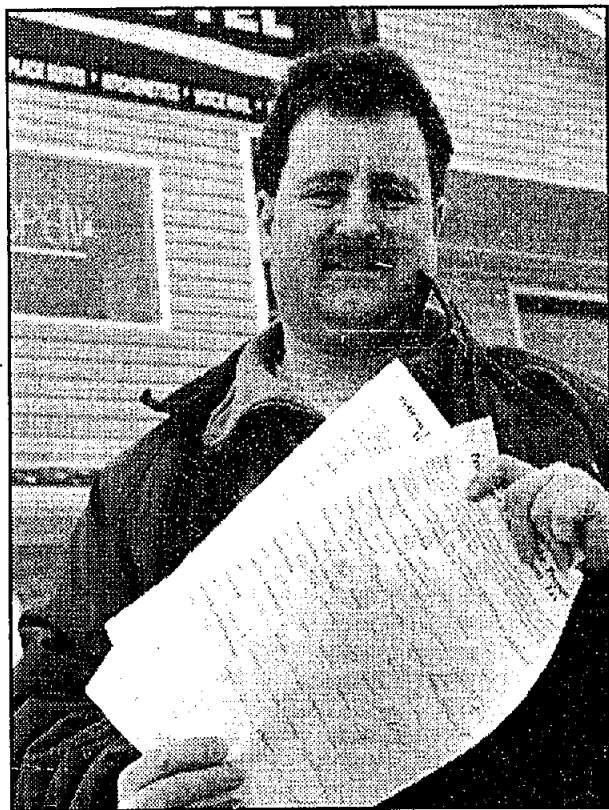
Since there's 1,200 business licences to share the burden, that would reduce the cost to about \$50 per business.

And it could be less than that if memberships in the tourism council are sold, according to council member and city economic development officer Ken Veldman.

"Tourism is not just hotels, motels, restaurants and attractions," Veldman said. "It's also the air conditioning guys who work on the hotels, the plumbing guys who work on the restaurants."

"Tourism filters down through the general business community."

Veldman said most hotel operators didn't think the tax would affect demand, but said it was a question of



PETITION POWER: Ed Johnson of the Costa Lessa Motel in Thornhill led the fight by local hotel operators to defeat the Terrace Tourism Council's original plan for a two-per-cent room tax.

fairness: everyone would benefit, while the hotels would serve as the only tax collectors.

"Our customers and Canadians in general are sick and tired of taxes," said Jacqui Munson, of Bear Country Inn.

"We didn't want to be the only tax collectors," added Costa Lessa Motel owner Ed Johnson. "Everybody in town profits from this — not just the hotels and motels."

Johnson said he's still concerned Terrace city council might still try to steamroll the tax over hotel owners.

"We're going to continue the petition and put it to council," he said.

Veldman said the tax seemed like a good idea, because the money would come primarily from outsiders and it would cover Thornhill and rural operators as well.

"But we're not going to put together a proposal where the funding source is looked upon very unfavourably by a major segment of the people we're supposed to be working for."

He said the tourism council will formulate a proposal based on a business licence surcharge, and take it to city council for consideration.

Veldman said that on the up side the local hotel operators endorsed the council's tourism marketing plan.

Poor snow clearing said to have hurt Christmas sales

THE CHAMBER of commerce says Christmas business suffered because of poor city snow clearing.

Chamber president Skip Bates said streets were in very poor condition on Dec. 14-15 — the second-last shopping weekend before Christmas — and people were afraid to venture downtown.

"The Chamber office has received calls about this, many of them stating it was one of the worst days for sales during the Christmas season," Bates said.

The complaint was referred for discussion to the council's committee-of-the-whole.

The incumbent councillors say there are always complaints when there's a major snowfall, but noted those large dumps simply exceed the ability of the available machinery to deal with it.

Councillor David Hull said the city can pour more money into snow clearing — if taxpayers are willing to pay a lot more for it.

He said comparisons to Kitimat aren't applicable because industries there are more dependent on workers getting to work, and said Kitimat spends "upwards of \$2 million a year" snow clearing, compared to

Terrence's \$317,000.

Hull said that budget would have to be more than doubled before residents would begin to notice a significant difference.

"When you get two feet at once it's near impossible," he said.

Meanwhile, city director of engineering Stew Christensen says the city spent just about every nickel it budgeted for snow clearing in 1996.

He estimates about \$315,000 was spent out of the overall snow clearing budget of \$317,000 for the 1996 calendar year.

We've had an exceptional amount of snowfall so far this year, Christensen said, and the only reason that didn't blow the budget is that there was unusually little snow early in 1996.

"There was no snow after the 8th of January last winter that was significant enough that we had to plow it," Christensen said.

But if we continue at the present pace, the city's snow dumps on Davis Ave. and near the curling club will soon rival last year's.

Christensen said winter sidewalk maintenance was significantly over budget, coming in at \$39,000 instead of the budgeted \$32,000.

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City Beat

Rezoning approved

LAND at 2703 Kalum St., near Haugland Ave., is being rezoned for construction of a six-unit townhouse complex.

City council approved Vista View Holdings Ltd.'s request to rezone the land from C5 local commercial to R4 medium-density residential. The Official Community Plan designation is also being amended from service commercial to multi-family.

Councillor Tim Down indicated he still has concerns about traffic access in and out of the future development. There was also discussion about whether park land can be developed nearby to meet apartment dwellers' need for green space.

Apartments on Lazelle

MORE apartments will be built on Lazelle Ave this year.

Council approved a development permit for Suresh Parmar to construct a seven-unit apartment building at 4820 Lazelle Ave.

Kiln permit issued

CITY COUNCIL approved a development permit last week for Terrace Precut to install a dry kiln at its Braun St. mill.

The permit was issued with none of the fireworks that accompanied the debate when council first wrestled with it three years ago.

Back then Braun St. neighbours argued the kiln didn't fit the uses allowed in the light industrial zone, and that allowing it would lead to further industrialization of their neighbourhood.

The dispute dragged on for months, with the city getting a consultant's opinion and ultimately deciding to allow the kiln.

A development permit was issued back in 1995, but the mill failed to move fast enough and it expired. The new permit is substantially the same. It requires construction to start within six months and complete within two years.

Garbage deal continues

COUNCIL has agreed to once again pay \$2,500 to provide free garbage collection for seniors at Twin River Estates.

Two years ago the city privatized its commercial garbage pickup and Twin River residents were to have to pay Riverside Disposal for pickup.

Seniors there lobbied for the city to pay for continued free pickup — as is the city's policy for all other seniors in town.

Riverside ended up donating that first year's service and the city agreed to issue a grant for \$2,500 to cover last year's service.

Mayor Jack Talstra noted the situation is "a bit awkward" because some other seniors who rent their homes don't get a special break.

But councillors agreed to continue the free service for at least one more year.

"It's a fairly small amount of money," Val George said.

Babies gobble up hospital's budget

Maternity ward shake up didn't save much

BABIES MAY be cute but they also eat up a lot of a hospital's budget.

And one area involving babies in which Mills Memorial Hospital had expected to save on wages isn't working.

When Mills re-organized and centralized its nursing services last fall it moved maternity and pediatric patients and new borns into the general hospital ward section.

That was so the maternity and pediatrics rooms and nursing station could be closed.

Cost savings here were expected to form a major part of the hospital's overall plan to trim \$400,000 from its wage packet.

Yet the mix of moms and new borns in with the general hospital population didn't work and the maternity and pediatrics rooms and station were re-opened.

Hospital officials have also found a crucial part of the overall plan — to staff the nursery only when there were sick babies isn't work-



Michael Leisinger

ing either.

Hospital officials had anticipated staffing the nursery only 25 per cent of the time under the new plan, says Michael Leisinger, chief executive officer of the Terrace Regional Health Care Society which runs Mills.

"We've discovered though that babies don't get sick in clusters and we have somebody on duty almost every day," said Leisinger. The effect of that could

add up to almost \$250,000 a year — a major chunk of the anticipated wage savings of \$400,000 a year.

"We could simply have made an error in our analysis," said Leisinger of the wage reduction plan.

He did note the nursery may be busier than ones at other places because Terrace has two pediatricians and two obstetricians and acts as a regional centre.

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A controversial part of the nursing service changes was the decision to keep well babies in the same rooms as their mothers because the nursery is to be staffed only when there are sick babies.

That effectively doubles the number of people in the maternity rooms but only the mothers are counted when it comes to patient loads and staffing levels.

This is also happening at other hospitals in the attempt to cut costs.

Which explains why pregnant women are being advised to include ear plugs as part of their hospital kits.

FROM FRONT

Mills continues to bleed

"They say we can do staffing and re-organize to save money without the renovations," Leisinger said.

The health ministry's main issue is that Mills wants to use surplus money for renovations at a time when that surplus of approximately \$700,000 is being drawn down to cover the operating deficit.

"They're seeing our equity slowly eroding," added Leisinger.

"They don't want to ap-

prove anything until we return to a balanced budget and we're healthy again. Then they might let us spend money on renovations," he said.

The goal now for Mills is to re-examine its wage cutting plan and determine if

there are more areas in which it can cut costs.

"We may be near the end where we can lay people off and trim the edges," noted Leisinger.

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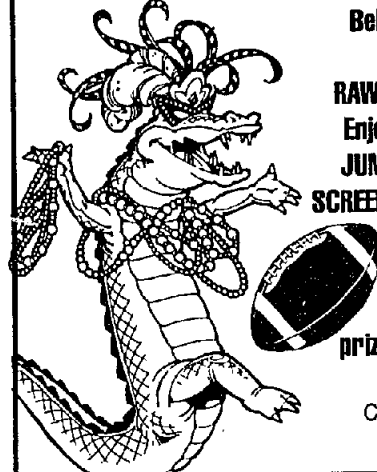
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School forms group to probe its problems

Atmosphere already improving at Caledonia, says teacher

By CRIS LEYKAUF
A GROUP looking at ways to solve violence and vandalism problems at Caledonia plans to work towards developing a gathering area for students. Right now students eat their lunch in the hallway or locker area. And that's where many congregate during spares as well. That was one of the big problems identified by the group, which met for the first time last week. It's made up of about 20 teachers, students, parents and administration.



Scott Stewart

"It's a major concern that there's nowhere for students to go," said gym teacher Scott Stewart. He heads up the informal task force, which was started as a result of a meeting at the school last month. Stewart plans to research

success stories at other schools and bring a summary to next month's meeting, so the group can look at what's worked elsewhere. But those are both long term ideas. In the meantime, there's been a number of changes started already at

Caledonia, and more are being talked about.

Stewart has helped organize an intramurals program at lunch in which about 100 students are taking part. There were intramurals a few years ago, but interest fizzled out. Now Stewart hopes that having games at lunch will help give students a positive outlet for their energy. Another project the task force is looking at is increasing communication with those outside the school. That might take the form of school-sponsored columns in the newspaper or on the radio.

The atmosphere in the school has already improved this year, said Stewart.

"We haven't had too many incidents lately," he said. That might be due in part

to increased teacher supervision in the halls, before and after school and during breaks between classes. School administration is also showing less tolerance for repeat offenders, said Stewart.

"We're trying to get across to the kids that these types of behaviour won't be accepted."

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The task force will be meeting on the second Wednesday of next month to draw up a list of short and long term goals.

Garden beats parking lot

A COMMUNITY garden will be allowed to go ahead on a weedy lot a developer had wanted to see used as a parking lot.

Lawrence Stella, who has just put up a new office building with upstairs apartments on Lakelse Ave. near the Legion, wanted the nearby vacant city-owned lot on Apsley St. used for parking.

His building has 13 parking stalls, but city staff estimate he'll need 20. If Stella can't secure parking elsewhere, he'll have to pay an amount into a city parking fund for every stall he's short.

The fund is to eventually help pay for the development of city-operated parking downtown.

But Stella says the community garden lot is the only city-owned property within a great distance that could be turned into a parking lot.

City councillor Tim Down backed Stella at a committee meeting Friday, arguing the city should look for other

sites for the garden and designate the lot for parking.

Councillor David Hull opposed that suggestion, arguing there's no money in the city's budget to turn it into a proper paved parking lot anyway, and low-income people might as well use it for a garden for this year at least.

"We're not talking about a lifelong, altering use of this land," Hull added. Down suggested the decision might set a costly precedent.

"I'm sure we'll see a plethora of community gardens springing up all over the city," Hull scoffed.

In the end Down was out-voted 5-1 by other councillors who agreed to allow use of the lot as a community garden while other possible garden sites are researched.

Down demanded to know what the city's response will be when Stella "petitions us to purchase his property."

Anti-poverty advocate Helga

Kenny, who has led the garden search, said it didn't matter to her where the garden is as long as it's accessible to lower-income people.

One possibility raised was the unused southwest corner of Twin River Estates seniors housing complex.

City planner David Trawin had also noted the community garden doesn't fit as a permitted use in the C1 commercial zoning of the Apsley St. property.

He said it might be necessary to rezone the property or else amend the commercial zoning definition to allow gardens.

"Aren't we killing flies with a sledgehammer here," queried Hull.

Trawin said the city could turn a blind eye for now, but that the city would have to respond to any complaint about the unauthorized use.

Stella maintains he's not opposed to the idea of a garden, and said he will donate topsoil for the project.

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A handy tool for measuring the growth of your investment is the "rule of 72". Simply divide the number 72 by the annual rate of return your investment will earn and the result will tell you how many years it will take for your investment to double.

For example, if you invested \$1,000 at 10%, your investment will double in 7.2 years (72/10=7.2). Invest the same amount at 15% and it will double in 4.8 years (72/15=4.8).

These examples illustrate that the two most important factors when making an investment decision are time and rate of return. The longer you allow your investment to grow and the greater the rate of return, the larger the future value of your investment will be. You've seen the dramatic difference between a 10-year and 20-year investment and what can happen when the rate of return is appreciably higher within the same period.

In the past, you might have put money in term deposits or guaranteed investment certificates because they provided guaranteed returns at low risk factor. As an alternative, you might want to consider mutual funds, addition to professional management and diversification, they offer historically higher returns.

Remember to have patience, to allow your money to work for you. The cumulative effect of compounding can work wonders for your investment and your peace of mind.

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Tighten development rules to protect fish, study urges

Regs will help guard city's environmentally sensitive areas

By JEFF NAGEL

A STUDY of the city's environmentally sensitive areas is about to call for tough restrictions on development to protect salmon habitat.

The consultants' study will also call on the city to embark on further and potentially expensive studies of various stream areas, particularly Spring Creek.

It also suggests some local drainages now being used by juvenile salmon should be improved to become even better salmon habitat.

The study by Prince George-based ECL Enviro West Consultants is in draft form right now. The final report is expected to come out in a month or two.

A map will identify areas of the city as subject to environmentally sensitive guidelines — now being drawn up by a separate group of consultants called Urban Systems Management.

The city will eventually hold public hearings on the proposals, and — if approved by city council — the protection guidelines will then become part of the Official Community Plan.

The environmental restrictions will be enforced through the city's development permit system.

The result is that someone proposing an activity or de-



David Trawin

velopment for an environmentally sensitive area might be told they can only come so close to salmonid habitat, or that various studies must be commissioned first. Or they may be told nothing can be developed there.

The main areas identified as environmentally sensitive areas are Spring Creek, Howe Creek and escarpment, the Kitsumkalum River, the banks of the Skeena River, and Terrace Mountain.

But there are some smaller areas that have also been identified because consultants have found environmental values there.

The Eby St. storm sewer, for example, changes from a culvert into open ditch just south of Graham Ave. and continues that way to the Skeena River.

The consultants found juvenile coho and chinook salmon using the half-kilometre ditch as a rearing ground.

The study identified the upper portions of the ditch as a "medium value rearing habitat."

Although relatively few fish are using the ditch now, the consultants said relatively little effort by a school or interest group could improve it and turn it into a truly important local salmon stream.

"The city's not opposed to that as long as we can still use the system for storm drainage," city planner David Trawin noted.

The recommendations call for a 30-metre wide no-development corridor to protect the ditch. That means the city likely can't ever dredge it again and any planned ditch maintenance would have to be reviewed by a professional biologist.

The most significant area likely affected by the study will be future development on the bench near Spring Creek.

The study identifies Spring Creek as important

habitat for several species of salmon, steelhead, trout and lampreys.

The guidelines haven't been drawn up yet, but Trawin suspects nothing will be allowed within the zone along much of the length of the creek.

Even proposed developments far away could be affected if they harm the protected zone in any way.

For example, the city plans to run storm sewer drains from neighbourhoods on the east bench down to Heck Brook, and ultimately into Spring Creek.

If that affects the creek, storm drain service to that region might be called into question.

Trawin said it's good to look at these questions now because streams like Spring Creek are still relatively wild, unlike Howe Creek which is a culverted urban ditch for much of its length.

"Spring Creek is now at the stage Howe Creek used to be at. Do we want to see Spring Creek turn into another Howe Creek?"

The study will recommend the city carry out a complete hydrological study of Spring Creek to get a more detailed assessment of how to protect it. That's expected to carry a big price tag with it.

"Some of the recommendations are a little bit beyond the financial scope of the city," Trawin said. "The city has a lot more

pressing needs."

The Spring Creek issue may also involve the neighbouring Kitimat-Stikine Regional District.

The creek straddles the city's northern boundary for part of its length, and development or logging approved by the regional district outside city limits could also harm fish habitat in the creek.

Trawin said the study may also affect some existing uses in such areas.

For example, he said, the study identifies ongoing use of a gravel pit between Frank's field and the Kitsumkalum River as an erosion threat to fish habitat along the riverbank.

Trawin said it may be necessary to tell some people to stop what they're doing.

Trawin noted the consultants have also identified areas that may be suitable for recreation and linear trails.

The study was approved by the previous city council at Trawin's request. The city and the municipal affairs ministry shared the \$13,000 cost.

Some former councillors had been apprehensive about the idea of asking for a definition of environmentally sensitive areas, saying the city might not like the answers it gets.

But council's decision was to proceed with the work.

Builders look to the bench

NEW HOUSING development will be centred on the bench this year, because there's really nowhere else to go.

"Pretty well all future residential development is going to go up on the bench," says city planner David Trawin.

Homes are still being built faster than new lots are being created, Trawin said. That continues a five-year trend that now leaves the city with 120 fewer residential

lots in its inventory than five years ago. In recent years the demand has been met by infilling lots in the horseshoe, but now that area has been largely built up.

"The result is the demand for new lots on the bench will increase as long as building starts remain strong," Trawin said.

The push to the bench is straining the city as staff try to figure out how to meet future demand for services there.



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Garth Turner's *1997 RRSP Guide* is a good place to start researching these alternatives. It is a highly readable book that promises to show the way to wealth and comfortable retirement using your RSP as the springboard.

Before you make this leap though comes the actual filing of your income tax return. There are several books available to help with this ugly task but the best in my view is published by CCH Canadian Ltd: *Preparing your Income Tax Returns*. There is a new edition every year, it offers step by step guidance and includes examples of all the forms.

Money can be the root of all evil or it can be a tool that you control and use to your own advantage. Learning the value of money should begin at the earliest age possible. *A Penny Saved* by Neale Godfrey is a manual on how to teach your children the values and life skills they will need to survive in the real world. There are chapters on financial exercises for all ages from pre-school to high school that will leave the whole family in a state of fiscal fitness.

Your Money or Your Life by Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin is a similar book in that it gives exercises in financial management but it is aimed at adults. Rather than advising how to make more money it asks if you really need to have as much.

This book shows how to equate expenditure with life energy, and discover whether we all can live more purposefully by downsizing in all areas.

We have strayed so far from the fifties and sixties when there was work for everyone but expectations were less and life was simpler. The seventies and eighties were dynamo decades — greed overcame us and Work became capitalized at the expense of family and fun. In the nineties we find ourselves at a crossroads. Jobs are scarce, the future is uncertain, we are in the midst of plenty yet we aren't happy. Could less really be more? This book shows how to equate expenditure with life energy, and discover whether we all can live more purposefully by downsizing in all areas.

The need to do this and the reasons why are explained clearly in a fascinating book on demographics by David Foot: *Boom, Bust & Echo*. The study of demographics will prepare you for economic changes and allow you to profit from them. The aging of the baby boomers indicates an increased demand for health care in the future so any investment in pharmaceutical industries is a safe bet.

Another book on this subject written by Angus Reid is *Shakedown, How the New Economy is Changing Our Lives*. Mr. Reid is a pollster who has spent twenty years doing market research so he knows his subject. The good thing is that despite the grim statistics he leaves us with hope that we will survive and even flourish in the future.

A somewhat less positive view is expressed by Ann Finlayson in *Naming Rumpelstiltskin: Who will Profit and Who will Lose in the Workplace of the 21st Century*.

Chasing Mammon by Douglas Kennedy is the first travel book written about the uses of money. The author spent a year travelling to different financial markets from the Casablanca bourse to London, Sydney and New York, trying to discover why people worked there and if they found any satisfaction doing so.

For mystery fans: a series all about money and greed features poker pro Tim Waverley as the quirky gambling hero of Tom Kakonis' books — *Michigan Roll, Double Down, and Shadow Counter*.

Remember, "The Gods laugh only when you ask them for money."

Night sky comes alive

STAR LIGHT, star bright, first star I see tonight... Have you ever wondered what the name is of that first star which appears in our skies, the one that so many wish upon?

Debra Thame revealed the star's name — Sirius — and a whole lot more about our night sky to Thornhill Elementary school students during a special planetarium show last week.

Just because Terrace is a too small to boast its own planetarium, doesn't mean students here should be deprived of unique learning opportunities. That's why the school board brought up a mini planetarium to Terrace, in advance of the annual science festival.

The starlab, rented from the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium in Vancouver, is essentially a large domed tent, held open by a blowing fan. It seats about 30 people.

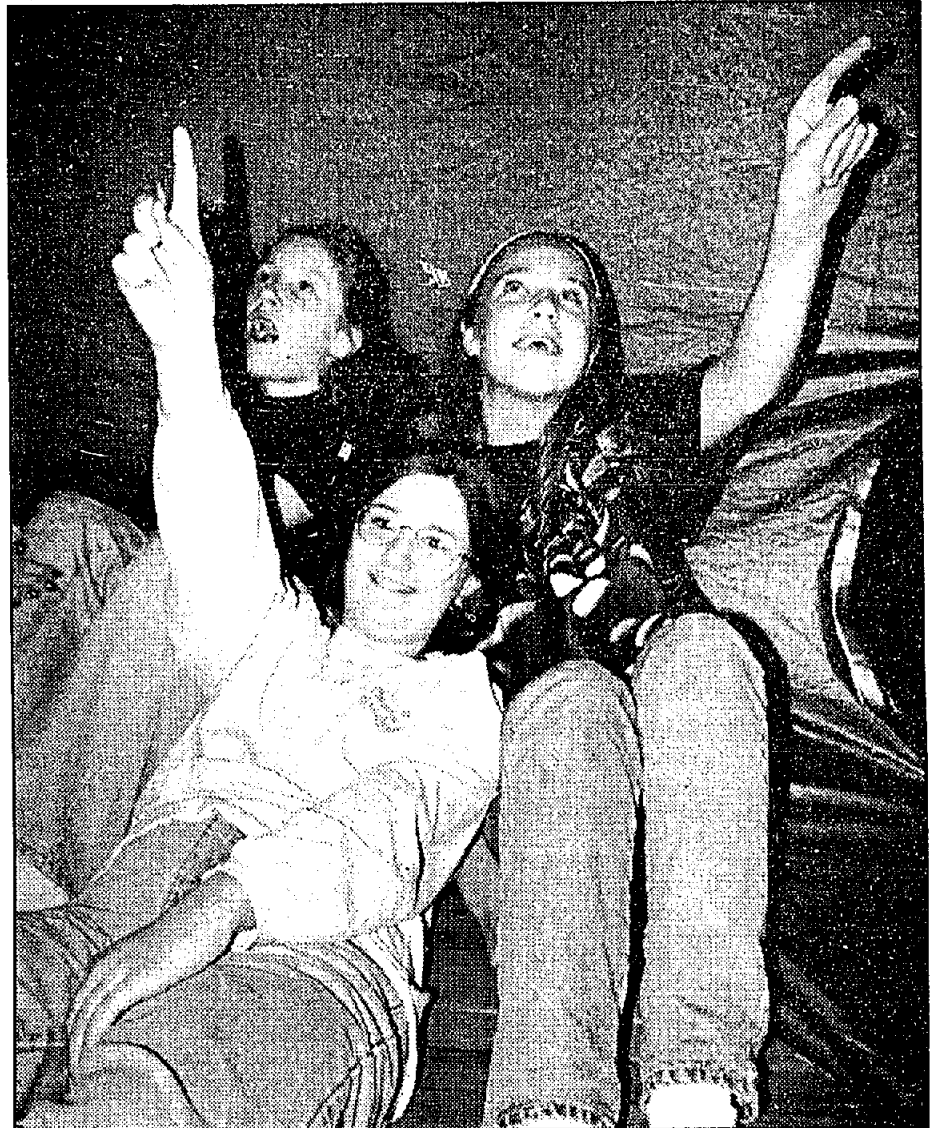
Students crawl through a small access tunnel, sit around the perimeter of the tent, and then, just like in the real thing, cast their eyes upwards to the sky.

At first students are shown the night sky. The phases of the moon are demonstrated, and then some of the brighter stars and planets, and constellations are identified.

Next the sky is stripped of everything except the stars and planets which make up some of the major constellations. Lines are drawn between them, so students can see the rough shapes.

Then, to make the stars come alive, images of the constellations are drawn on the sky. The joined shape of the Gemini twins is revealed, along with the proud form of Leo the Lion, the twists and turns of the Great Serpent, and the bright belt of Orion.

Elementary and primary school students will all have a chance to see the unique show before the science festival begins. And during the festival, on Sat., Feb. 1, the rest of the town will have a chance to catch a show, and find favourite constellations. Shows will be running from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Caledonia Senior Secondary.



LOOK WAY UP — Elementary school students around Terrace have the chance to see a mini-planetarium show, as part of activities leading up the annual science festival. Grade seven students Lyndsey Stewart, Charity Miller and Melissa Miller discovered how to locate a number of constellations.

Bound for Costa Rica

WHEN AISHA MANJI applied to take part in a youth project in Costa Rica, she didn't realize some of her most difficult challenges would come before she left the country.

This fall Manji was accepted into Youth Challenge International. It's non-profit, and puts together teams of volunteers aged 18-25. They work with local volunteers to improve schools, health clinics and water supplies, and do environmental research.

Manji thought her biggest challenge would come in Costa Rica, which she'll travel to early this summer, but now she's hoping the worst is already behind her.

Before Manji was accepted into the program she had to go through a rigorous selection process in late November in Vancouver. She and 34 other candidates were put through a mock-up of what they might experience abroad.

When the group arrived on a Friday night they went through a make-believe customs, then had their watches taken away, were given sleeping bags and were blindfolded and led up a trail.

They hiked to an outdoors camp, where they had to pitch a tarp which would serve as a tent for the group.

"Pitching the tarp was a disaster," Manji admits.

Before morning they were woken up, and given just five minutes to break camp. Breakfast was an unusual combination — rice, beans and coconuts.

In the morning they did cooperation games, and then the group — which was comprised of five guys and 30 girls — was told to go on a hike partway up a mountain so they could radio a message out.

"It was really icy, steep, dark and cold," remembers Manji. The leaders in charge of the selection weekend turned out to be fast hikers, and the group became quickly spread out — which was a problem when they came to a fork in the trail.

Then leaders told Manji's small group that two people were missing.

"We had to do a mock search at night," she said. But at the time no one was



AISHA MANJI is trying to raise over \$3,500 by May to take part in a volunteer program in Costa Rica. She's hoping to do that through bottle drives, car washes and through donations.

sure whether people were missing for real or not.

She and her companions found the fake injured duo, but they weren't in walking condition, so they had to make stretchers.

Unfortunately, they weren't lightweight men.

"Then we had to make the trail safe for stretchers," she said. "It was crazy. We hiked for hours. It was agony. They wouldn't tell us where we were going."

But the experience was a bonding process.

"You really had to pull together."

The group was supposed to sleep outside again that night, but Manji said the leaders realized the youths were starting to "lose it."

Later Manji learned they

hadn't gone to sleep until 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, were up at 6:30 a.m. and in bed at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"If it's like that I don't know if I want to do it," joked Manji. But organizers obviously saw something in her because she was selected.

Manji and 45 other youths from across Canada will be going to Costa Rica this May for ten weeks.

Between now and then Manji has to raise \$3,750. She hopes to do that through bottle drives, appeals to service clubs and donations.

If you'd like to help, give her a call at 635-9472.

When Manji returns home she'll be talking about her trip in local schools.

Around Town

Family seeks housing

A TERRACE woman is looking for a place to live for her family after a car accident near Armstrong B.C. claimed her husband's life.

Brenda Keeler is returning to Terrace with her three children after the tragic accident last week. The family is looking for a house to rent and interim accommodation. If anyone can help, please call Victoria Dodd at 638-1445.

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Getting in the spirit

THE COMMITTEE organizing the Northern Winter Games this February in Terrace wants to see local businesses get involved. They're hoping stores will show off the spirit of the 1997 games through window decorations and in-store displays.

The games will attract about 2500 athletes from 36 sports, February 7-9.

To encourage business participation, the chamber of commerce is donating an annual membership to the best display in the city. A runner-up will receive games clothing.

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Hallock Avenue named

A NEW road on the bench will be named after long-serving city councillor Ruth Hallock.

City council last week voted to name the new roadway Hallock Avenue. It will eventually connect Gordon Drive and Bailey St. as part of Phase III of the Westridge subdivision.

Hallock consistently topped the polls over many terms in office, and was well-known as a former Skeena Broadcasters newsreader and former editor of the old *Terrace Herald*.

Festival proclaimed

CITY COUNCIL proclaimed April 7-19th "Music Festival 1997" in the City of Terrace.

Pacific Northwest Music Festival organizers said preparations are underway for the annual event.

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▲ **TAPESTRY — A MUSICAL REVIEW** of the music of Carol King takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre. Tickets are \$24 in Erwin's

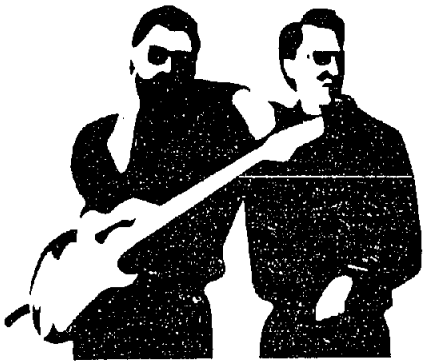
▲ **THE THIRD ANNUAL Tri-School Band Telethon** is on Feb. 16 at the REM Lee Theatre. The event will also be broadcast live on Ch. 10. Phone lines will be open from 5-8 p.m. Call 638-1333 to support secondary school music programs at Caledonia, Skeena and Thornhill.

▲ **AUGIES LOUNGE** in the Terrace Inn features Maharaka, playing soft lounge music.

▲ **KARAOKE NIGHT** is every Thursday and Sunday at George's Pub in the Northern Motor Inn, every Sunday and Monday at Hanky Panky's and every Friday at the Thornhill Pub.

MOVIES

▲ You'll be seeing spots in Disney's latest **101 DALMATIANS**, starring Glen Close. The movie plays at 7 and 9:15 p.m. And at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. **BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD** continue



their rampage through our unfortunate neighbour to the south.

Starting Friday

▲ At 7 p.m. only, Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington star in **THE PREACHER'S WIFE**. At 9:15 p.m. it's Drew Barrymore and Courtenay Cox in **SCREAM**. And at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m., John Travolta and Andie MacDowell star in **MICHAEL**.

THEATRE

▲ Terrace Little Theatre's first play of the new year, **BURIED CHILD**, runs Feb. 6-22. The Pulitzer prize winner by Sam Shepard explores the inner tensions of rural existence. Tickets are available at Uniglobe Travel on Lazelle.

ETCETERA

▲ **THE LEGION** hosts a curling dance starting at 8 p.m. on Jan. 24 for members and bonified guests. Band is Rumble Seat.

▲ **THE LEGION** hosts another dance on Jan. 25, also for members and bonified guests. This time the band is Northern Comfort. Music starts at 9 p.m.

▲ **Misty River Books** presents **MALORY BURTON**, renowned author and flyfisher at Groundworks (formerly Roastmasti's) at the Lazelle Mini Mall at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30. She'll be giving a free slide show and talk.

▲ **THE TERRACE ART GALLERY** displays a collection of quilts by ten local quilters this month. Get rid of the January blues by having a look at this cozy, colourful show which runs till Jan. 26. Gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m. from Wed. to Fri., Fri. nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. from noon to 4 p.m. and Sun, from 1-4 p.m.

▲ **14TH ANNUAL SWEETHEART Dinner and Dance** is on Feb. 9. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Transportation is available. Sponsored by the Kinette Club. For more info call 635-7959.

▲ **LEIGH STERLING — Hypnotist**, comes to Terrace on Wed., Feb. 19 at the REM Lee Theatre. This family entertainer has had rave reviews. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at Uniglobe. Out of town patrons can call 1-800-668-0828. Proceeds go towards the TLT building fund.

▲ **NORTH OF THE YELLOWHEAD — Edward Epp** presents some of his latest works at the REM Lee Theatre. The show continues through February.

Make the 'Scene! Call 638-7283 or fax to 638-8432 to add your event to the Standard's free entertainment listings. The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following week's paper.



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Baby's Name: Arunda Marie Kurek
Date & Place of Birth: Dec. 10, 1996 at 9:45 pm
Weight: 6 lbs. 9 oz. Sex: Female
Parents: Kathy & Marvin Kurek

Baby's Name: Matthew Brian
Date & Time of Birth: Oct. 22, 1996 at 3:55 pm
Weight: 7 lbs 9 oz. Sex: Male
Parent: Charlotte & Martin Tooms
Brother Andrew

Baby's Name: Edgar Daniel Charles George
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 12, 1996 at 8:26 am
Weight: 8 lbs 13 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Lavene & Edgar George

Baby's Name: Mason Kenyon Hobbs Baumeister
Date & Time of Birth: Nov. 26, 1996 at 8:43 am
Weight: 8 lbs 2 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Brenda & Thomas Baumeister

Baby's Name: Baby Thomas
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 11, 1996 at 9:14 am
Weight: 9 lbs Sex: Female
Parents: Mandy Gillis & Dempsey Thomas

Baby's Name: Jordan Rose-Anne Hendry
Date & Place of Birth: Dec. 6, 1996 at 4:50 pm
Weight: 8 lbs. Sex: Female
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Baby sister for Hailey

Baby's Name: Tegan Victoria Côté
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 18, 1996 at 8:48 am
Weight: 7 lbs 15 oz. Sex: Female
Parents: Karri Karpysyn & Victor Côté

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Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 6, 1996 at 6:28 pm
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Parents: Jolene Walker

Baby's Name: Jensen Geneine Sutherland
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 22, 1996 at 11:00 am
Weight: 7 lbs 7 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Kerry & Fraser Sutherland

Baby's Name: Paul Martin Henry Rouse
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 8, 1996 at 8:49 pm
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Community Calendar

TERRACE & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

Wednesday, Jan. 22

REGISTRATION for children's winter programs will begin today at 10 a.m. by phone or in person at the library. Programs include Babytime, Tales for Twos and Preschool Storytime. For more info call Holly at 638-8177.

TERRACE MULTIPLE Sclerosis Group holds a coffee meeting at 10 a.m. at the White Spot. They meet every second Wed. For more info call Judy at 635-3258.

TERRACE LITTLE THEATRE is desperately looking for 6 old-fashioned blinds or shutter, 22-24 inches wide by 72 inches long. Reward for the right blinds is two tickets to the opening night of *The Watering Place*, March 20. Call Marianne at 635-2268 or 635-2942.

Friday, Jan. 24

SKEENA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is selling their "Taste of Home" calendars at the Skeena Mall from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

ACCOMPANIST WORKSHOP featuring Ailsa Zaenker goes from 9-12 noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Pentecostal Church fireside room. Registration deadline is Jan. 10 and forms are available from local piano teachers.

CALEDONIA GRAD CLASS of 1972 is holding an organizational meeting at the White Spot at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Doug at 635-4809 or Betty at 635-6244.

Monday, Jan. 27

JOURNEY OF HOPE — Families of persons with serious psychiatric disabilities are invited to take this 12-week course, starting tonight from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stones Club House, 3302 Sparks St. No cost. Register by phoning Eileen at 635-3620, Brenda-Lee at 638-6366 or Heather at 635-8206. Seating is limited.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

BASIC DIABETIC CLINIC will be held at the hospital today and tomorrow. For more info call 635-2211.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

FIRST NATIONS Council of Women is having a potluck dinner

and meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Skeena Health Unit Auditorium. Discussion for the evening is the 1997 Women's Conference.

Saturday, Feb. 01

THE 32ND ANNUAL Science Festival takes place at Caledonia Sr. Secondary. Events and displays are taking place all day.

Wednesday, Feb. 05

REFRESHER DIABETIC CLINIC will be held at the hospital today. For more info call 635-2211.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

FREE INFANT SAFETY COURSE will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Skeena Health Unit. To register call Alice at 638-2200.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

THURSDAYS

AL-ANON offers a program of recovery for those whose lives have been adversely affected by the problem of alcoholism in a relative, partner or friend. Meetings are Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Terrace Women's Resource Center 4542 Park Ave. Call 638-0263.

SINGLE PARENTS support group meets every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Family Place at 4553 Park Ave. to discuss parenting topics. Supervised child's activities available. Another group is being planned, so if this time isn't suitable, phone 638-1863.

THE TERRACE BRIDGE CLUB meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month. They get started Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call Sue at 635-2345 or Anne at 798-2250 for more info. Newcomers are welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 3302 Sparks.

SKEENA VALLEY CAR CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at A&W on Keith. Call Bob at 635-9214 for info.

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Skeena Health Unit Auditorium. The group fights pain with education, laughter, sharing and caring. For more information, call Pat at 635-5078 or Diane at

638-8587.

KINSMEN CLUB of Terrace meets the first and third Thursday of each month until June. The Kinsmen seek to build and maintain a first class community. For more info call Bruce at 635-6316.

LIVING WITH CANCER Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 7:30-

9:00 p.m. in the Stepping Stone Clubhouse at 3302 Sparks St. For more information call Diane at 638-0296.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Skeena Health Unit auditorium. Weigh-in at 6 p.m. For more info call Joan at 635-0998.

The Terrace Standard offers the community calendar as a public ser-

vice to its readers and community organizations.

This column is intended for non-profit organizations and those events for which there is no admission charge. Items will run two weeks before each event.

We ask that items be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the issue in which it is to appear.

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Whirling disease

Whirling disease, has spread far and wide, but even though it has been in North American waterways for over a century, it received almost no attention in the main stream angling pressways until it had the audacity to infect some of Montana's blue ribbon trout streams.

Whirling disease is the collective name for a pack of symptoms brought on by a microscopic — but in no way puny — parasite called *Myxolobus Cerebalis*. *Cerebalis* — cerebellum — cerebellum are all part of the vast tree of words that grows from a Latin root coined by some brainy Roman scholar. It's an appropriate designation for the parasite under review here, for soon after infecting a fish, *Myxolobus* chews its way along the soft skeletons of juvenile fish to Nerve Central. Once there it causes a short in the circuitry that ultimately has the victims chasing after their tails like naive kittens until they expire from exhaustion.

Myxolobus leads a complex life cycle, changing form so that it can spend some time with two hosts. After its host fish has bit the mud, *Myxolobus* cleverly turns into a spore, disperses like shrimp larvae, then takes up residence in tubifex worms that live at the bottom of streams. An unsuspecting fish can run afoul of the parasite by ingesting the worm, but more often than not, it is the parasite that hunts the fish. After maturing in the worm the parasites cut themselves adrift once again then link together with their buddies to form an underwater drift net that a small fish can't escape.

Whirling disease was first detected in Europe in 1893, but didn't immigrate to the U.S. inside processed fish from Denmark (or so it is thought) until 1956. By 1965 the pathogen had beaten a path to sunny California. Hatcheries are wonderful breeding grounds for disease, as was proven in New York once again when 170,000 infected hatchery fish were destroyed in 1988. Today the parasite has infiltrated wild stocks in eleven of the United States and thrives in the over-populated hatcheries of nine others.

Although it has been around the Western States for some three decades, whirling disease did not get a lot of attention until a few years ago when a whopping 90 per cent of the blue ribbon, wild rainbow trout population of Montana's Madison River died over a period of three years. A concern for anglers is the fact that their beloved rainbow trout are particularly vulnerable to the disease. Research scientists came up with the following list, ordered in degree of susceptibility: rainbow trout, sockeye salmon, golden trout, cutthroat trout, brook trout, steelhead, chinook salmon, Atlantic salmon, brown trout, coho salmon, lake trout and splake.

Since they are vectors for the disease but seem almost unaffected by it, brown trout pose a difficult problem. There's a lesson here. Brown trout have been in North America such a long time it's easy to forget that they originally came from Europe to North America in barrels. They are exotics and problems congregate around exotic species.

The extent of the concern over the spread of whirling disease was demonstrated in Denver last February when 300 specialists attended an international symposium devoted to the pathogen. It is clear from the Proceedings of the conference that nobody can say why the disease affects some wild populations yet ignores others. For the most part, scientists are still chasing their tails when it comes to *Myxosoma cerebratus*.

WD, slippery parasite that it is, has slithered down the Columbia system from the Grande Ronde and has been identified in steelhead in Washington State. Anadromous fish are fish on the move capable of spreading disease over great distances. Some experts consider the threat insignificant. Nick Gayeski, guide/outfitter from the Evergreen State, thinks it may well devastate both wild and tame Washington salmon.

WD is coming our way from another direction too. It's not a long way from the infected streams of Montana and Colorado to Alberta. Like Eurasian Millfoil, WD can be carried on boats, waders anchors and trailers, and in fish parts. Whirling disease has been identified in some chinook salmon in Oregon. Chinook salmon are known to stray into streams other than those in which they were spawned. It is entirely possible that a chinook or two could stray into a stream in southern Washington. After decomposing, the spores could infect the species of that river, and ultimately roe from one of those fish might then be transported to a B.C. stream.

Cal boys battle in Burnaby

Our Kermode boys' basketball team came back from a prestigious Burnaby tourney last week having lost two of three games, but having won the respect of rival players and coaches alike.

The Kermodes were without senior starters David Kelly and Carlo Desierto, but the rest of the squad played with such heart and determination they were rewarded with the "Brother McIntyre" award for the Most Sportsmanlike Team.

The 16-team St. Thomas More Collegiate Chanceller Tournament January 8-11

hosted top teams from all over the province. Six of this year's groups were ranked in the top-15.

Cal's first game put them up against Pitt Meadows and it was a close-one. Excellent team play put the Cal squad over the top 68-67. The team was led offensively by Fraser deWalle with 23 points and Chesley Neufeld with 18 points. deWalle was also named Player of the Game.

The next match put Cal up against tenth-ranked Abbotsford Christian Knights and their three giant 6'9" forwards.

Cal was clearly daunted by their opponents in the first quarter, ending up down 27-11. But they rebounded in the second quarter with strong defensive pressure, especially from Neil Hailey, closing the gap at half-time to 37-34.

Cal came out strong in the third, even taking the lead with two minutes left in the quarter after impressive back-to-back three-point baskets by Chesley Neufeld and Dave Gardner.

Unfortunately the lead was short-lived as Cal was hit by three disqualifying

fouls, allowing Abby Christian's monster forwards just the breathing room they needed to win game 87-78.

The Kermodes never fully recovered from that battle royal. Their fatigue was noticeable in their final game against Holy Cross. Cal started out well, but faded badly in the second half to end up losing 74-62.

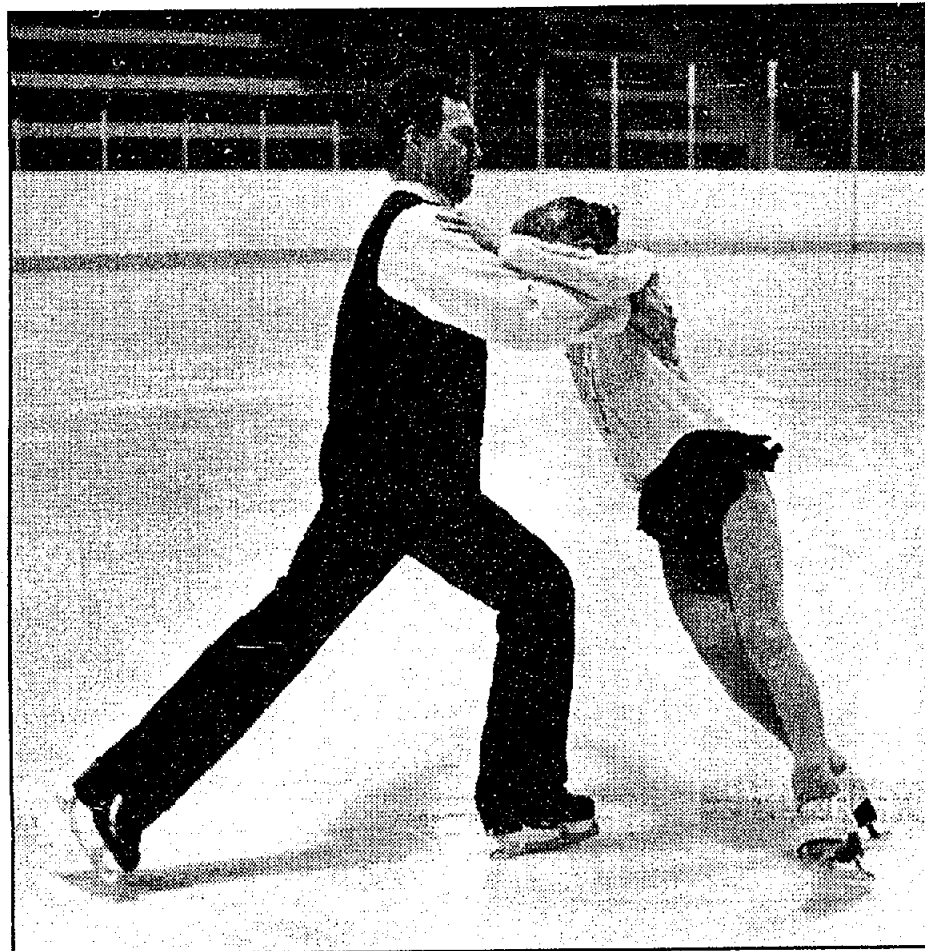
Coach Cam MacKay says he was very impressed by the play of his young team.

"On the whole, it was a great boost to the team," he says. "They proved that with practice they can play

with the ranked teams of the province."

MacKay says the grade 11s in his lineup showed great improvement on the courts, especially Chesley Neufeld, who was recognized for his strong play by being placed on the "honourable mention" team.

Both boys and girls Kermode teams will be back in action tonight at Caledonia against Rupert's Charles Hays. The Kermodes will also host the Rainmakers this weekend.



Icy exams

TERRACE FIGURE skaters were busy this past weekend. They started with some tough testing on Friday morning and they finished up with a precision team exhibition on Monday evening.

Native tournament a success

KITSUMKALUM'S first big basketball tournament two weekends ago at the new community centre was a big hit and organizers say there's more to come.

The two age-group tournament drew teams from around the northwest for some high-calibre hoop action.

First place in the 13-and-under category went to Kispixox who beat out the

Terrace Wildcats in the finals.

Meanwhile, in the 16-and-under category it was the Skeena Totems slipping past the Canyon City Warriors 68-65 to take the championships.

Leon Henry was the top scorer for the champs with 33 points, while Jordan Squires managed 29 points for the Warriors. Henry was also voted Most Sportsman-

like Player and Squires Outstanding Player.

"It turned out really well. The kids developed a lot of relationships and made lots of new friends."
-Lorne Campbell-

In the 16-and-unders, the Firewalkers were voted Most Sportsmanlike Team.

That honour went to Terrace Two in the younger age group.

Daniel Stephens and Nicolas Tait were both recognized for their hustle, while Marvin Tait and Jarma S. Kispixox were noted for their inspirational play. James Davis also received honours for his sportsmanship and Jill Squires was voted Outstanding Player.

Tournament organizer Lorne Campbell says the tournament was a real boost for the youths involved.

"It turned out really well," he says. "The kids developed a lot of relationships and made lots of new friends."

Organizers will meet January 27 at the First Nations Educational Centre at Clarence Michiel school to plan future events.

Last ditch drive stops cancellations

SPORTS WILL not have to be scratched from the lineup of the Northern BC Winter Games due to a lack of sleeping space for billeted athletes.

A last-minute push last week for volunteers to house the 950 athletes under the age of 18 resulted in a rush of community support.

"It was pretty crazy," says games coordinator Diana O'Brien. "Something like 300 people came through our door in one day."

Early last week organizers were faced with 500 athletes

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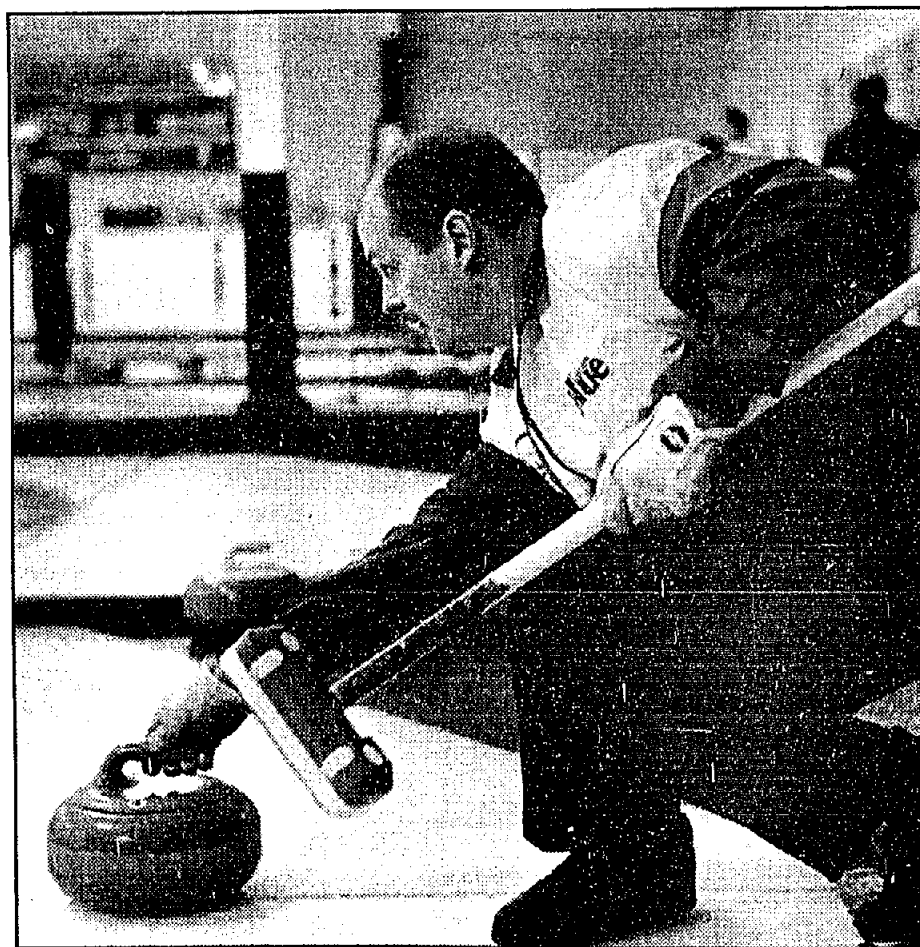
without a place to stay. But advertising and media pushes, along with telephone and door-to-door campaigning finally paid off.

O'Brien says she's comfortable with the number of beds that have been made available, although she says the office isn't turning down any late-comers.

"Some people might have to cancel at the last minute, so it's nice to have back-ups," she says.

O'Brien also points out that volunteers are still needed to help with other aspects of the games - from setting up and taking down stages to security.

"And score keepers - lots of them," she says. "There are going to be lots of events to keep track of. Hopefully we'll get some more volunteers to make it all happen."



Regional showdown

CURLERS FROM around the northwest met at the Terrace Curling Club last weekend for the Men's Regional Playdowns. Some twenty teams participated, with the top three heading to the Interior Playdowns later this month.

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LOST GLOVES. A little boy has lost his hockey Coho gloves at the arena on Monday Jan 13 after Cam skate. Name is written inside gloves. Please call 635-5136.

230. PERSONALS

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Married at Cabana, Sask. in 1941 they moved to Nelson, B.C. in 1950. After numerous moves they finally settled in Terrace in 1969. Aimee served in the army between 1942 and 1945. Aimee and Alma have lived in Twin River Estates for the past 6 years.

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He married Brenda Loginski 1989. They resided in Salmon Arm, B.C. Rob is survived by his loving wife Brenda and 3 sons, Justin, Robert & Trevor, his father Joe Keeler, mother Lynda Davis, brother Joe Keeler, sister Kathie Keeler, nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles & cousins.

We shall remember him with love everlasting and miss him dearly.

COLIN WARNER SINCLAIRE

passed away peacefully after a long struggle with diabetes on January 11, 1997, in Mills Memorial Hospital in Terrace, B.C. Predeceased by his brother, Temple. Colin is survived by his sister Teresa in Kelowna, and sister-in-law Alice in Victoria, and their children. A prospector in northern Canada and throughout British Columbia most of his life, Colin spent the last twelve years in the Skeena Valley. At his passing he was a resident of Terraceview Lodge. His family expressed their gratitude for the many kindnesses Colin received from his friends and from the care-givers at Terraceview and Kitimat extended care facilities. A family memorial service will be held in Victoria. Cremation services provided by Mackay's Funeral Services Ltd.

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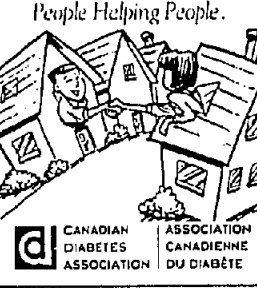
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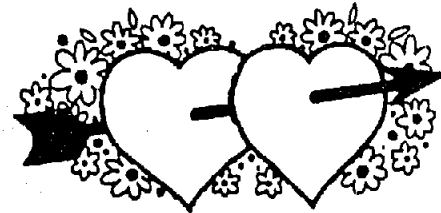
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IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF DEBORAH LYNN LEDUC
 NOTICE is hereby given that DEBORAH LYNN LEDUC filed an assignment on the 27th day of December, 1996, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on Friday, the 21st day of February, 1997, at the hour of 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, 100 Market Place, in the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia. Dated at Prince George, B.C. this 31st day of December, 1996.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF TIMOTHY SHANE LEDUC
 NOTICE is hereby given that TIMOTHY SHANE LEDUC filed an assignment on the 27th day of December, 1996, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on Friday, the 21st day of February, 1997, at the hour of 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, 100 Market Place, in the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia. Dated at Prince George, B.C. this 31st day of December, 1996.
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340. LEGAL NOTICES

Province of British Columbia
 Ministry of Health and
 Ministry Responsible for Seniors
 DIVISION OF
 VITAL STATISTICS

PUBLICATION REQUEST
RE: CHANGE OF NAME
 NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me:
NAME OF APPLICANT IN FULL:
 David Eric Falardeau
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CITY: Terrace, B.C.
POSTAL CODE: V8G 2M1
PHONE: 638-7215
 as follows:
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DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997 A.D.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLIFFORD SUTHERLAND also known as CLIFFORD SUTHERLAND Formerly of Terrace, British Columbia
 Creditors and others having claims against the above estate are required to send full particulars of such claims to Crampton, Brown & Arndt, #3-4623 Park Avenue, Terrace, B.C., V8G 1V5, on or before the 1st day of March, 1997, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims that have been received.
 LAWRENCE WHEATGOLD, Co-ordinator
 c/o CRAMPTON, BROWN & ARNDT Solicitors for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA INGEBORG PAULSON formerly of Terrace, British Columbia
 Creditors and others having claims against the above estate are required to send full particulars of such claims to Crampton, Brown & Arndt, #3-4623 Park Avenue, Terrace, B.C., V8G 1V5, on or before the 1st day of March, 1997, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims that have been received.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FAMILY COUNSELLING PROGRAM

The Ministry for Children and Families invites submissions from societies, agencies and individuals to develop and operate a Family Counselling Program. This program will provide counselling services to aboriginal families living in the communities of Kikotia, Mellokalo, Kincolith, Port Edward, Port Simpson, Hartley Bay, Old Massett, Skidegate and Prince Rupert. Families served by this program will require counselling to deal with significant concerns. Primary concerns will include issues regarding sexual and physical assault, and a family violence. The programme will receive referrals from the community and professionals. Families referred by the Ministry for Children and Families will receive priority.

TERMS: A twelve month contract will be negotiated and will be subject to renewal at the end of the term based on the contractors performance and budget limitations.

LOCATION: Establish within the community of Prince Rupert.

The contractor must have good knowledge of or experience in delivering counselling services from a First Nations perspective. The contractor must be prepared to work as a team member with a variety of professional agencies, non-profit service providers and staff to the Ministry for Children and Families.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: Proposals must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. February 21, 1997 to: Area Manager's Office Ministry for Children and Families Beverly Dicks #210 - 815 1st Ave. West Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 1B3 Tel: 624-7594 Fax: 624-7490

SKEENA HIGHWAYS DISTRICT ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Section 26 of the "Highway Act", notice is hereby given that load restrictions may be placed, on short notice, on all highways in the Skeena (Terrace) District.

Restrictions will be imposed as conditions warrant.

The restrictions will limit vehicles to 100 percent, 80 percent, 70 percent, or 50 percent of legal axle loading, as allowed under the Regulations pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act.

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Don Stead
 District Highways Manager

FOR: Lois Boone
 Ministry of Transportation and Highways
DATED: January 14, 1997
AT: Terrace, B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
 Ministry of Transportation and Highways
 Government of British Columbia

BC Lands

LAND ACT
 Take notice that INTERNATIONAL SKYLINE GOLD CORPORATION of 910-925 West Georgia Vancouver, occupation Mining, intends to make an application for a Licence of Occupation of land generally situated at the Bronson Creek Airstrip, Cassiar District.
 (b) Commencing at a post planted P. of C. 860m West and 80m south of the confluence of the Iskut River and Bronson Creek; thence 100m NW; thence 200m SW; thence 100m SE; thence 200m NE; and containing 2 ha more or less.

The purpose for which the land is required is equipment and trailer Storage.

Comments concerning this application may be made to the Senior Land Officer, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks Lands Division. Bag 6000, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0 Telephone: 847-7334

Daniel Woznow
 (Signature of applicant or agent)

File No: 6404078
 Dated: 2 of January, 1997
 Be advised any responses to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact an FOI Advisor, BC Lands, Skeena Region, 847.7334.

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 at Telegraph Creek Taitan Band Bingo Hall and at
 (3) February 5, 1997
 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 at Iskut Community Hall

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Marlin Murphy at (250) 847-4002 or by fax at (250) 847-3223.

Navigable Waters Protection Act R.S.C. 1985, Chapter N-22

McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. hereby give notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans under the Navigable Waters Protection Act for approval of the plans and site of the work described herein. Under Section 9 of the said Act, Orenda Logging Ltd. has deposited with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, at Vancouver, B.C. and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry District of Prince Rupert at the Land Title Office, 201-3rd Ave West, Prince Rupert, V8G 1L2, deposit number T1000350 a description of the site and plans of;

- 1) Kwinageese Bridge Crossing over the Kwinageese River on the Kwinageese Mainline forestry road, Latitude 56° 03' 23", Longitude 128° 45' 37", topographic map 104 A/2.
- 2) Shanalope Bridge Crossing over Shanalope Creek on the Kwinageese Mainline forestry road, Latitude 56° 06' 56", Longitude 128° 44' 20", topographic map 104 A/2.
- 3) Saicote Bridge Crossing over Saicote Creek on the Kwinageese Mainline forestry road, Latitude 56° 03' 56", Longitude 128° 44' 20", topographic map 104 A/2.
- 4) 33 Km Bridge Crossing over Shanalope Creek on the Kwinageese Mainline forestry road, Latitude 56° 06' 06", Longitude 128° 44' 09", topographic map 104 A/2.

Written objections based on the effect of the work on marine navigation or the environment should be directed not later than one month from the date of this notice to:
 Director General, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canadian Coast Guard, Program, Planning and Management, Marine Navigation Program, Suite 620-800 Burrard St, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 2J8.

Dated at McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. this 20 day of December, 1996
 Signature: Brian Wood

VIA Rail Canada Inc. invites all interested parties to submit bids for the following contract:

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Fonctions de gardien (ouverture, fermeture, entretien) Gare de VIA Rail Terrace, (C-B)

Pour recevoir le dossier d'appel d'offres veuillez communiquer avec Ms. Chambers, 123 rue Main, bureau 146, à Winnipeg, (M-B) ou téléphonez à frais virés au (204) 949-7402.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Forests

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A80917

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 16.1 of the Forest Act, sealed tender applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, Terrace, British Columbia, up to 8:30 a.m. on the 13th day of February 1997; to be opened at 9:30 a.m. on the 13th day of February 1997, for Timber Sale Licence A80917 authorizing the harvest of timber located in the vicinity of North Birch and Limestone Creek areas in the Kalam Forest District.

VOLUME: 16,665 cubic metres, more or less

DECKED VOLUME: 14,962 cubic metres, more or less
PROCESSING VOLUME: 7,616 cubic metres of 1,611 M3m (equivalent volume)
SPECIES: Hemlock: 48%, Balsam: 52%, Spruce: 2%
TERMS: Three (3) years
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This is a Bid Proposal Sale. Only lenders from firms and individuals registered, or eligible to register in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category Two (2), will be accepted. Applicants must directly own or lease, or propose to construct and own or lease a timber processing facility capable of remanufacturing lumber or producing specialty wood products.

All applicants must submit a proposal which contains a business case for lumber remanufacturing or specialty wood products manufacturing and addresses the development objective of the Crown as determined by the Minister of Forests. In addition, all applicants must indicate how their proposal addresses other objectives relating to the evaluation criteria described and weighted by the scoring template below.

Criteria	Weighting
Employment	30
Proximity	10
Existing Forest	10
New Capital Investment	10
Labour Value Added	10
Change in Value Added	20
Revenue	10
Total Weighting:	100

All applicants must submit a completed data package in accordance with the outline provided in the tender package. Applicants must provide sufficient information for Ministry officials to complete a score of each evaluation criteria and an assessment of each tree breaking factor. Proposals which do not meet these requirements will be rejected. Proposals received will be evaluated on the basis of these criteria and weightings.

Leading applicants will be shortlisted by the Regional Manager. All applications within five (5) points of the highest scoring applicant are considered tied. A clearly superior proposal will be determined by applying the following tie breaking factors:

- Integration;
- Industrial Rationalization;
- Utilization;
- Fibre Dependency; and
- Innovation

The applicant having the highest total score, or if tied, having the clearly superior proposal, will be short-listed and recommended to the Minister. If selected by the Minister, the Ministry will audit the leading applicant to verify the proposal. Applicants do not have to provide supporting information with the proposal but must retain and be prepared to supply such information within ten (10) days of notification of selection. Failure to pass the audit may result in disqualification from the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program.

Upon verifying the proposal, and after approval by the Minister, the Ministry will offer the licence subject to terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Ministry and Ministry staff.

All applications are expected to harvest all timber volume in roughly equal annual volumes throughout the term of the licence. Applicants proposing to apply for less than the advertised volume or to vary the expected rate of harvest must receive approval from the District Manager prior to submitting a proposal. All applicants must process the volume of timber applied for or the equivalent volume of timber within the term of this licence.

Full details of the proposed Timber Sale Licence and application forms may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, at #201-5229 North Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1.

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Gold for Skeena girls

FEMALE WRESTLERS from Skeena Junior Secondary continue to heat up the mats, this time taking top spot at a tournament in Kitwanga.

Skeena snagged a total of 37 points at the event, easily outdistancing Hazelton, who finished second with 23 points. Prince Rupert's Charles Hayes placed third.

The team has made huge strides this year, greatly impressing coach Dave O'Brien.

"All the girls continue to make incredible progress," he says. "If they continue to work hard in practice, they should be favourites to take the zone title."

O'Brien also points out that Terrace will have a very strong girls' team at the Northern BC Winter Games coming up in February. Normally, the girls would wrestle as part of the zone team, but as this year's host, Terrace gets to have its own squad.

Local gold medal winners at the Kitwanga meet include Pam Haugland, Tracey Ridler, Laura Carpino and Roseanne Blackburn of NWCC.

Silver medals were had by Candie Russell, Teri Plumb, Jenn Eide, Stephanie LaPlante and Grace Wittkowski, while Whitney Bruneau and Brenna Smith picked up bronze.

O'Brien says that many of the girls boasted excellent personal performances, including rookie Bruneau who made bronze after just a few practices. Grace Wittkowski was also very impressive, giving former provincial wrestler Darcy Cameron a tough challenge.

Hazelton continues to dominate boys' wrestling in the zone, but the Terrace team performed well in Kitwanga too. The boys picked up a number of medals to finish fourth overall.

Jon Peltier took gold and Tim Hargreaves silver at the event, while bronze was bagged by Brent Tromblay, Ajit Jaswal and James Bohn.

Dave O'Brien says his team is grateful to those who have helped contribute to the Adopt a Wrestler program, which will provide wrestlers and coaches with warm-up suits.

Sports Scope

Cross country clinic

A WAXING clinic for cross country ski enthusiasts will take place at Valhalla Pure tonight at 7 pm. The ski trails at Onion Lake are groomed, with an 80 cm base and hardpack snow.

Kermodes hit the courts

CALEDONIA WILL host the Prince Rupert Rain-makers this weekend. Games are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Friday. Basketball fans are encouraged to come out and support the home team.

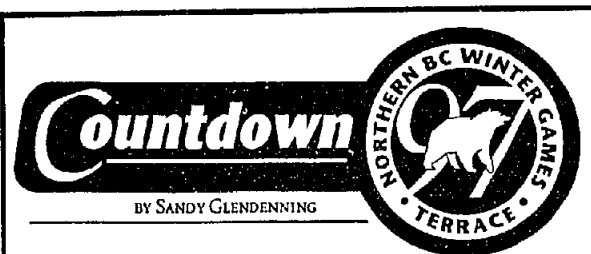
Hockey parents meet

THE TERRACE Minor Hockey Association will be holding its general parents meeting at the Happy Gang Centre on January 29 at 7:30 p.m.. All parents are urged to attend.

Curling Club bonspiels

THIS WEEKEND, January 24-26, the popular Legion Open Bonspiel will be held at the Curling Club. It's open to all men's, ladies or mixed combinations and offers spectators a chance to see some great curling. This spiel usually attracts about 48 teams. Entries close on January 22.

Spectators are also welcome when the club hosts the curling events for the Northern BC Winter Games. This will mostly be daytime curling featuring junior mens' and junior ladies' curling teams.



Only two weeks to go

The scene has been set. The flame is burning brightly in front of City Hall, the coaches and athletes are geared up and ready, most of the volunteers are in place, the billeting homes are all ready for the visiting athletes. With just over two weeks to go until the kick-off of the Northern BC Winter Games, Terrace is ready.

A few volunteers are still needed in some areas. If you can help out there's still time to register. Drop by the Games office at 102-4721 Lazelle Avenue to pick up a form or pick up the phone and call 638-1997.

Have you spotted the Northern BC Winter Games souvenir patrol yet? You may have seen them around town looking for anybody sporting Games souvenirs. Every day the souvenir patrol will be on the prowl spotting people wearing Northern BC Winter Games sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats and pins and everyday a lucky souvenir wearer will win a prize. You never know when the souvenir patrol will see you on the street, in a store or even sitting at your desk at work.

It's easy to get in on the fun. Just buy and wear a Games souvenir. You'll find them at Terrace Co-op, K-Mart, Personally Yours, BCTel Phone Mart, Fields or the Games office. It's a great way to show your support for the Games and you may end up with a prize.

Plans have been finalized for the Games opening ceremony. It will be held Friday, February 7 at the Terrace Arena. Since seating is limited, tickets are needed in order to attend. They are free and you can pick them up at Sheffield and Sons in the Skeena Mall. The opening ceremonies will include the parade of athletes and entertainment and among the speakers will be Lui Passaglia of the BC Lions.

With so little time remaining until the Games begin it's time for you to get into the spirit of the event. Be a volunteer, take in the opening ceremonies, plan to attend some of the sporting events. February 7 through 9 promises to be a great time in Terrace.

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Mr. Kevin Mitchell
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Mr. L. DeGerness.
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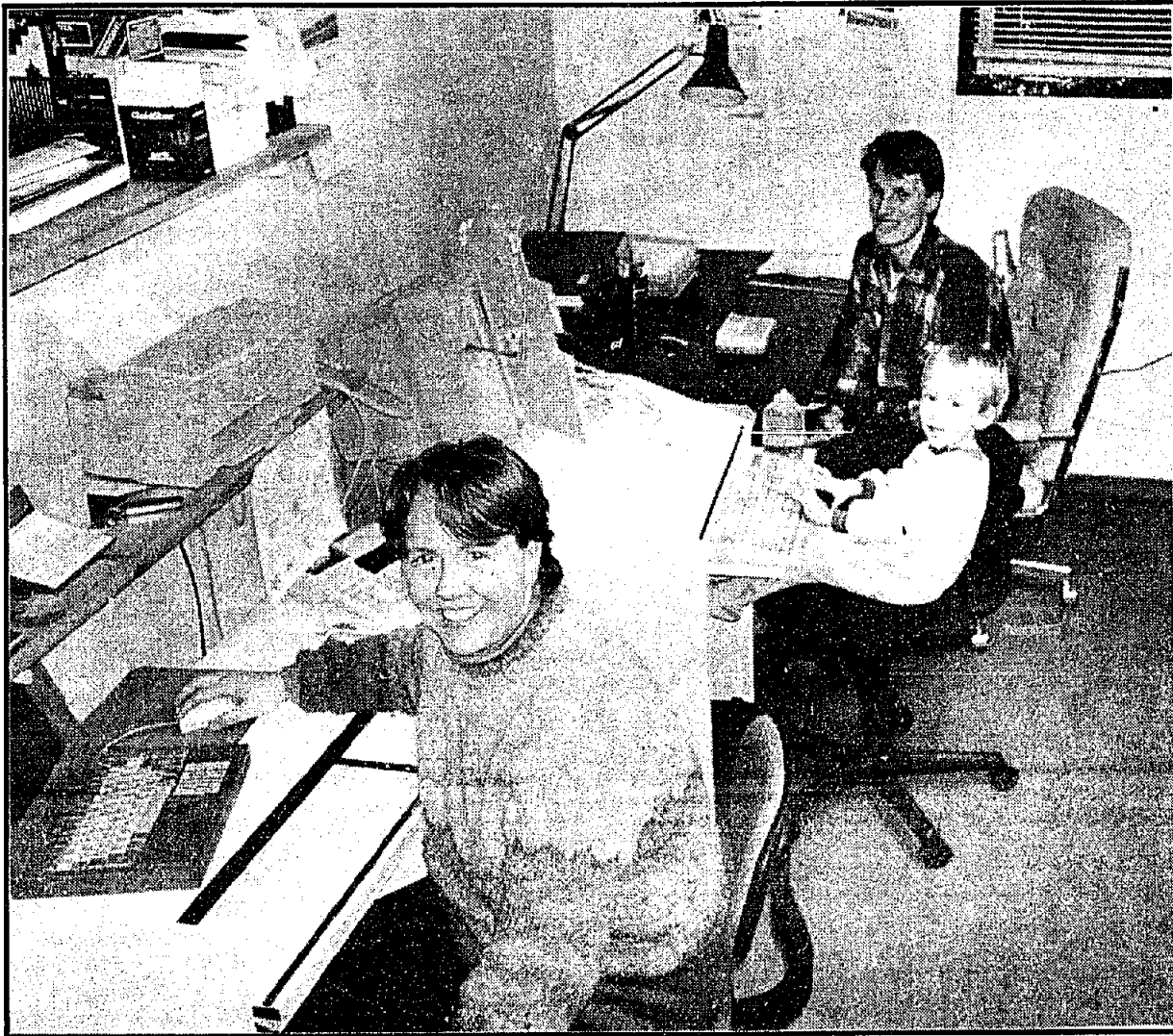
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Pictured in photo are left to right: Mike Carlyle (Head Coach), Lynn Fushon (Aquatic Centre Employee), Diane Minihinnick (Canadian Airlines), Kevin Mitchell, Gill Redpath, Janine Barton (accepting for her grandfather Mr. DeGerness) and Dylan Evans, a senior Blueback.

Northwest Forestry Digest

Vol. 3 - January 1997

Family forestry comes into its own



SOMETIMES FAMILY TIME AT TUTSHI VENTURES means everybody in the office together. When Sue Jones and Steve Wright have to spend that extra couple of hours in the office to meet a deadline, Darcy joins them and polishes his computer game skills.

Sue Jones and Steve Wright have coined a new phrase for the forest industry -- "family forestry."

As owners of the forestry consulting company Tutshi Ventures Corp. and parents of a three-year-old son, they were looking for a balanced way to share parenting responsibilities while both continuing to work in their field.

Family forestry describes a people-first philosophy that extends beyond their own family to also accommodate their employees.

"When hiring staff we emphasize that this is family-oriented sitviculture," says Sue.

The family focus has evolved since Tutshi was incorporated in 1991. An industry trend in the late 1980s toward implementation contracting (where a contractor does the on-the-

ground work for a licensee) had encouraged Sue and Steve to start up their own company.

They credit a background in family-owned businesses (Steve's parents run a dairy farm, and Sue's father has his own accounting firm) with giving them the initiative to work for themselves.

They already had a broad range of operations-based forestry experience gained while working for other contractors. They also had several years of experience working together.

"Often Steve would supervise a large crew and I would do quality control for the same contract," Sue says.

Then one day a Ministry of Forests employee invited them to bid independently on a contract. Their bid was accepted and "it went from there," Sue says.

"Once people knew we were on our own we were phoned. People wanted our services."

They had also stepped in at the right time for the services they provided which were now tending toward the range of surveys required in the forestry business..

"That was at the onset of

the appraisal system," Sue notes. Licensees were required to provide the surveys, yet this was also at a time when forest companies were downsizing their operational workforce.

Tutshi is operated out of the farm Sue and Steve bought in 1993. At one point their workforce included eight employees

and the company was growing. But their focus changed with the arrival of Darcy in 1992. Both parents wanted to have more than a peripheral role in raising their son. Yet at the same time they were faced with the nature of forestry field work, which requires long days in the bush.

"What day care is going to take your kid for 11 hours?" says Steve. They also questioned the wisdom of having both parents working 11 and 12-hour days.

"We realized we didn't want both of us working in the bush at the same time," says Sue.

The solution was to downsize, and for Steve and Sue to essentially share one job. That way the parent who isn't doing company-related work can care for Darcy.

"We don't usually work on the same contract," Steve points out. Their hours are contract-based, with Sue working more in the winter doing administrative work. They have deliberately concentrated on survey work because it offers a degree of flexibility.

"With surveys you usually get a window of 30-60 days (for completion)" says Steve. "So you have room for staying home with a sick child for a few days if you have to."

The company has also reduced its staffing to two employees. And when hiring, they have sought out employees who would be comfortable with their phi-

losophy of not having a rigid separation between home and family

"Most of our employees have had children too." In fact, for one several-month stretch Tutshi had an in-house day-care for their son and the two children of an employee.

And if both parents find they have to work at the same time, there is a place for Darcy in the office. He has also been known to accompany Mom or Dad on the occasional foray out to the field.

Even with downsizing, Sue and Steve are kept busy providing services for two steady clients and running the farm. The couple raises purebred Red Angus breeding stock. As well, Sue is completing her final courses toward becoming a Registered Professional Forester.

Their transition to family forestry has taken time, but both feel it was worth it.

They advise anyone else contemplating a similar move to keep their operation small.

"The key is the flexibility of the type of work you choose," notes Steve.

"And you have to find employees that are compatible with how you want to work."

And the pay-off?

"Lifestyle. And you are both raising your own kid."

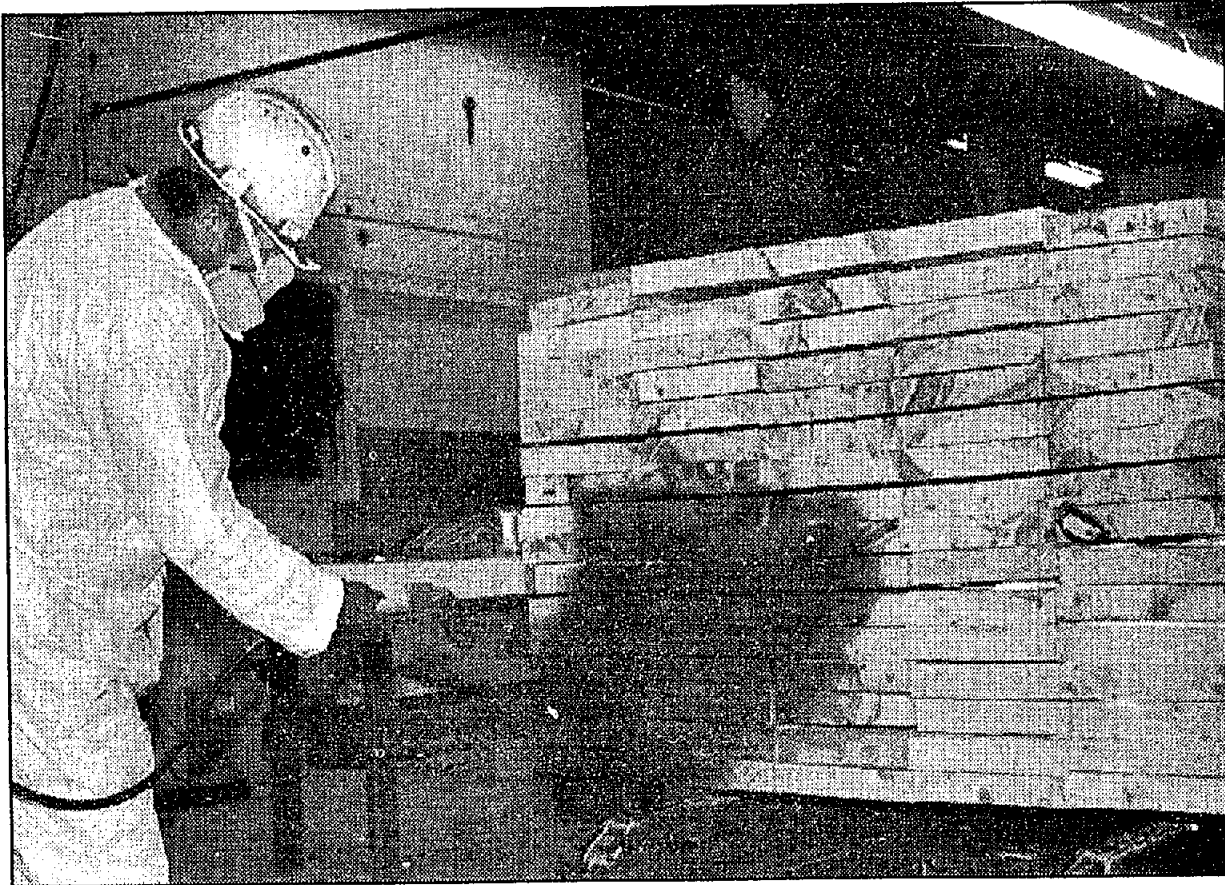
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The Year in Review



MILL WORKERS throughout the northwest faced greater uncertainty in 1996 as a result of bottomed-out pulp prices and high logging costs.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Proposed buyout of Repap was key feature of forestry here in '96

1996 WAS a rollercoaster year for the northwest forest industry.

The biggest unknown through the last 12 months — and into 1997 — was just who will be in control of major portions of northwest timber stands.

The year started with failed efforts by **Orenda Forest Products** to find a buyer for its 342,000 cubic metre forest licence in the upper Nass. A New York consortium had proposed to take over the company and divert the wood to a pulp mill at Gold River on Vancouver Island. That deal fell through however after disapproving noises from the forests ministry.

Orenda did however find a buyer in **Repap B.C.** which was moving to increase its regional fibre supply in the wake of the **Nisga'a agreement-in-principle**. The deal signed in February meant the loss of 140,000 cubic metres for Repap. The company demanded \$80 million in compensation from the province while at the same time predicting they'll be able to work well with the Nisga'a.

By summer licence transfer hearings were over and the Orenda deal was approved. The conditions required upgrading of the company's Port Edward pulp mill, but gave little comfort to workers in the Stewart and Kitwanga areas that there would be job stability.

Almost immediately after

Repap bought Orenda, rumours began to spread that Repap itself was for sale. That was confirmed when potential buyers showed up in Prince Rupert for a tour of the pulp mill.

It wasn't until December that the deal was made public, with Montreal-based **Avenor** offering one share in its company for every 4.25 shares of **Repap Enterprises Ltd.** But Avenor's announcement included mention of the possibility of "strategic divestiture" of some of Repap's assets. That raised fears that Repap's northwestern operations could be put on the auction block if the sale goes through.

Forests minister Zirnelt would not commit himself to licence transfer hearings over the deal.

By year's end the markets began to pass judgment on the proposed acquisition. Repap's share price plunged more than 25 per cent, leading to speculation Avenor shareholders might kill the deal when they vote on it in February.

Pulp markets

The story of the year that affected the average forestry worker most was the poor economics for the northwest's pulp-heavy forests.

Although saw log prices were padding big profits for some interior operators, more coastal outfits found they couldn't give their pulp logs away.

Both **Repap** and **West Fraser** said the costs of harvesting pulp logs were run-

ning at approximately double the price the logs were fetching on the open market.

The first sign of trouble was a series of extended shutdowns and slowdowns that accompanied the strike at Repap's Prince Rupert pulp mill in late '95. It was late spring before contractors in some areas got back to work.

West Fraser began warning mill workers of an impending shutdown in the summer, but it didn't come until late fall. A six-week shutdown of Skeena Sawmills in Terrace was announced, throwing several hundred mill workers and associated contractors out of work.

At the same time both West Fraser and Repap began a concerted push for special consideration of the difficulty of operating in the northwest.

Road building costs, operating costs, and the price of pulp were making it difficult for them to continue operations.

Both companies took the matter to government.

Repap proposed a change in the stumpage system that would take into account losses on the pulp side, effectively reducing the stumpage of more pulp-laden operators, and increase the stumpage in the interior where sawlogs are more prevalent.

West Fraser also met with forests minister David Zirnelt, seeking relief on logging costs. One possibility raised was some relaxation of road-building standards. Some in the industry said

present standards are ludicrous because they in some cases require roads that will ultimately be deactivated to be constructed to highway standards.

Zirnelt's office was actively considering both companies' proposals at year-end.

By early January, more bad news came, hitting the town of Stewart like a sledgehammer blow.

The key operators in the Meziadin-Stewart area told workers and contractors there that logging would not resume there until June because of the poor pulp markets.

Forest Renewal B.C.

The promise of **Forest Renewal B.C.**, bankrolled by the superstumpage fees the industry had agreed to, became a bad joke in 1996.

Things had started well for the organization. After much criticism in 1995 about delays in issuing grants, the money finally started to flow. Numerous projects were announced around the northwest.

But then came figures showing an unprecedented provincial government budget deficit — figures which the government had apparently sat on through the spring election. It wasn't long before the now infamous decision was made to raid \$400 million from FRBC's \$900 million surplus.

It will likely be considerable time before the industry feels anything but betrayed

by the NDP government.

Logging dispute

If anyone felt betrayed by government, it was the Port Simpson Indian band.

The group tried to get a permit to log reserve land near Prince Rupert.

They claim the federal Department of Indian Affairs had no one on staff to process the request, so they went ahead and logged without a permit.

In August, the feds swooped in and seized \$5 million worth of logs. The band disputed the seizure in court.

The episode escalated when federal negotiators said they might be forced to suspend Tsimshian treaty negotiations while the legal dispute is ongoing.

To date, contractors have gone unpaid and a Japanese firm hasn't received its wood. Meanwhile the timber sits and loses value.

Cutting levels

New annual allowable cuts (AACs) came down for many areas of the province including parts of the northwest. In most cases the chief forester indicated existing cutting levels could be maintained for the short- to mid-term, but that some reductions will be necessary over the long term. Conversely, a proposal to dramatically increase cutting rates in the Cassiar area came under fierce criticism from environmental

groups.

Ahead to 1997

Critical to the northwest in 1997 will be the outcome of Avenor's proposed takeover of Repap.

If the deal dies, as some analysts have suggested in the wake of market activity, Repap will be at the mercy of its creditors, mainly the TD Bank and the Royal Bank.

If it goes ahead, there's still the possibility Avenor's planned "strategic divestiture" may mean more instability for the northwest B.C. operations.

Also critical is how the government decides to play both the Nisga'a treaty negotiations and the land claim negotiations with more than 40 other tribal groups.

A final Nisga'a treaty should be reached in 1997, but key provisions for transition to Nisga'a forestry control are yet to be hashed out.

Most important is whether the government decides to sign similar deals with other native groups. A government committee touring the province is to issue recommendations this spring.

A close eye will be kept on pulp prices. Some improvement in the market, barring unprecedented government assistance or a major stumpage policy change, will be needed to ensure northwesterners work in mills and in the bush in 1997.



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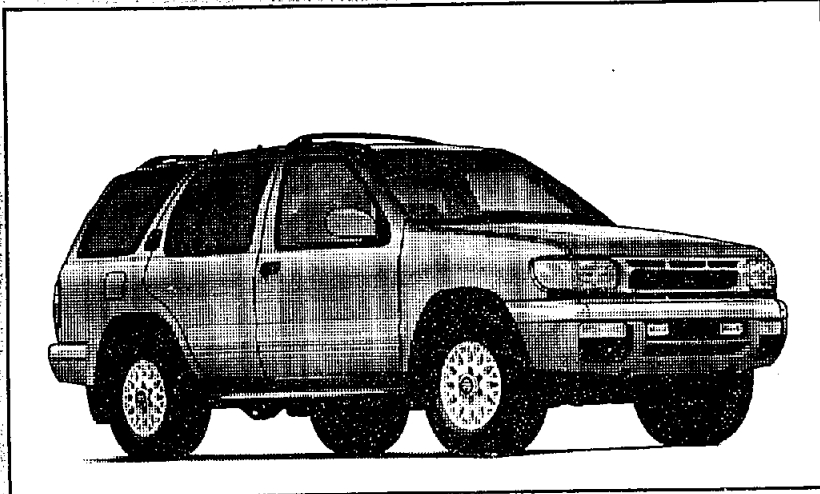
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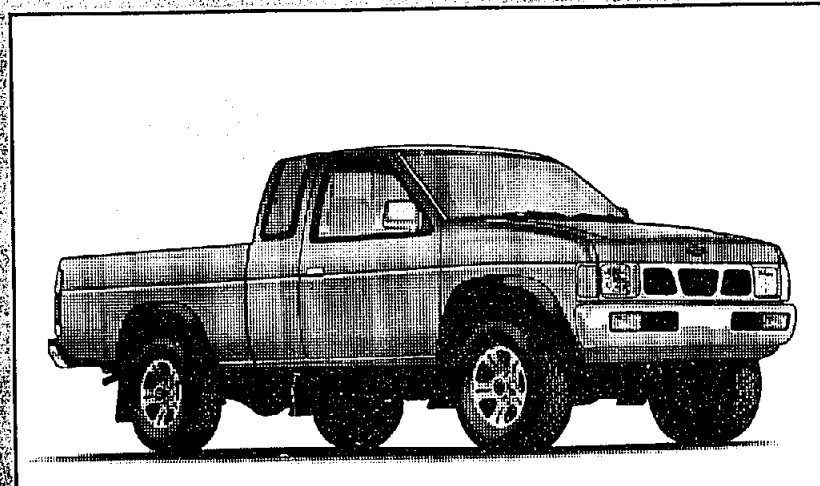
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Adding Value to Wood

Searching for decorating ideas? Why not choose a value-added item of wood crafts, products and art made in northern B.C. suggests Len Bosch, of Northern Wood Forum, to be held May 8-10 in Williams Lake.

"We have world class artisans and crafts-people producing fine products all adding value to our forest resource," says Bosch, Co-Chair of NWF Host Committee. "Last year's Touch Wood forum in Vanderhoof, showed the 6000 visitors the range of value-added wood products from handcrafted furniture to works of art. Many of these would make fine gifts," he says.

As examples Bosch points to the 1996 Touch Wood forum award recipients. Vanderhoof's Brent Raphael shared the Juror's choice award for his native wood carvings with Scott Weaver, also of Vanderhoof, whose fine wooden trucks attracted attention. Know an archer? John Wiebe, Vanderhoof, won the most-value added product award with his arrows.

If you or a friend are decorating a home then

Kevin Taylor and Amber Shipley make fine log furniture in Prince George, as does Rick Kost of Big Lake, Todd Stockner of Hazelton, who won with a room divider, and Kathy Gessman of Prince George.

For outdoor furniture, for a deck or garden, there is birch furniture from Jovanka Djordjevich of Prince George, Deanna Schimdt who make twig furniture in Fort St. James or William Graham with his cedar garden products in Prince George.

In fine art, there are the wood carvings of Billy Edmund in Vanderhoof, the wildlife carving of Charles Canaday in Williams Lake and the carved loons of Mark and Inez Coe in Anahim Lake.

Many of these artisans will be at local craft fairs, says Bosch, but most will produce goods to order. "It is not only an example of shopping local to support our region and keep the dollars at home, but it is the kind of support that artisans and artists need to stay in business." And he stresses,

all of these are good examples of adding value to our forest resources.

"There are even toys, for children or adults," he says "toys that will become family heirlooms and be passed on to other generations."

These included Norm Glass trucks and those made by Robert Schepens of Prince George. Schepens also crafts fine jewelry boxes. Beyond toys are the musical instruments of Larry Stamm of McBride who got rave reviews last year for his classical guitars.

Then for the home there are the woodturned bowls of Sveb Mueller of Prince George, the sculpted boxes or Stuart Simpson and Christine Kelly of Atlin, and inlaid wood pictures from Glen Stanely of McBride.

Bosch acknowledges that sometimes it takes a little more time to track down local wood crafters and artists but feel it is worth the effort. Check local galleries, museums and gift shops, he suggests.

"We can all think of examples of where our society has lost valuable artisans,

like shoe makers or wheelwrights," he says. "A value-added purchase is a chance to support those who are keeping crafts and trades alive," says Bosch.

Leading sponsors for the forum are: Central Interior Wood Processors Association, working in participation with the Cariboo Lumber Manufactures Association; Forest Renewal BC; Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture; Human Resources Development Canada; Royal Bank; Slovan Group; Vanderhoof Specialty Wood Products; Dexto Wood Ltd; School District #217 and many major companies in the forest sector.

At the 1997 Touch Wood Forum in Williams Lake woodcrafter, students, industry and the general public will once again have the opportunity to learn about the value-added market. The forum and woodcrafters exhibition and trade show is May 8-10, 1997. Information is available from the Northern Wood Forum, #3110 - 172 North 2nd Ave, Williams Lake, V2G 1ZG.

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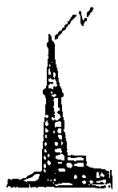
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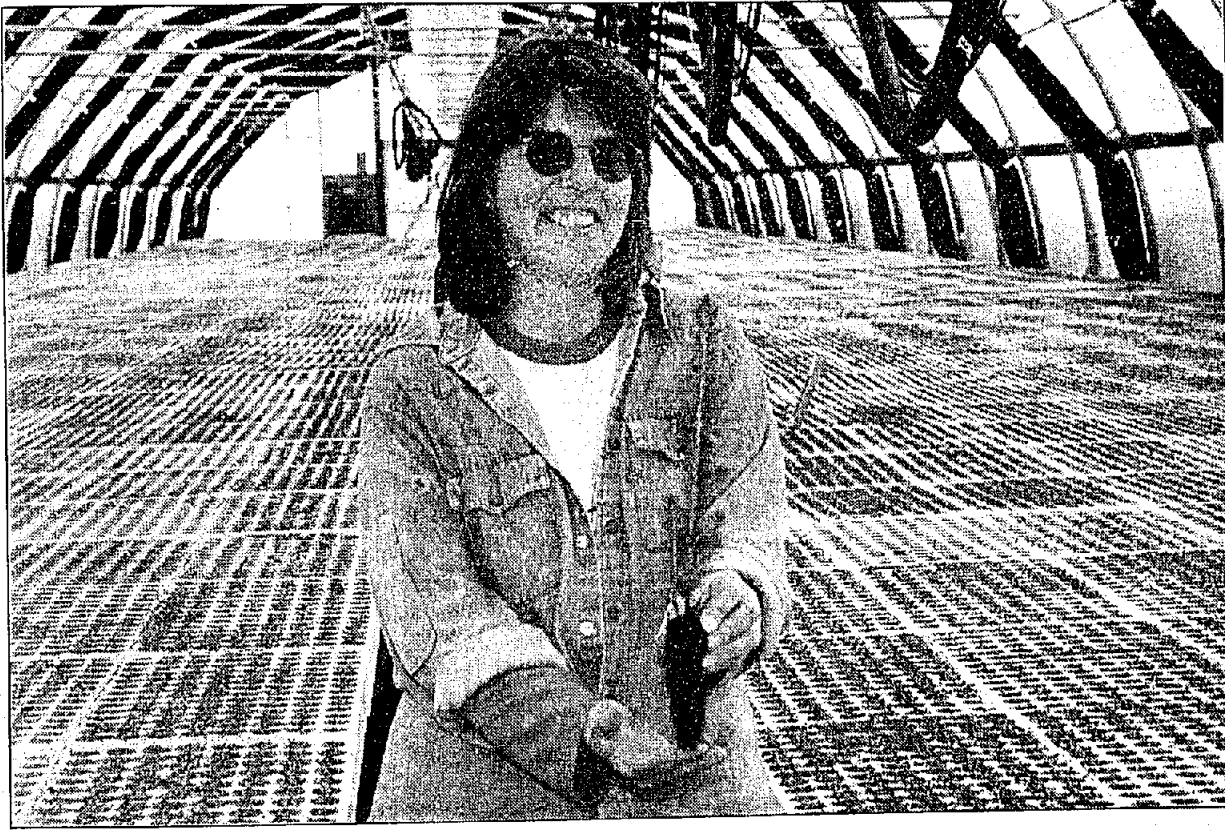


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GROWING UP: Summit Nursery superintendent, Nola Weston shows greenhouse seedlings what they will eventually grow up to be.

by Maureen Kafer

Look around your house and see how much wood there really is. It is easy to take for granted all the work that has gone into producing the wood

that is your table, your hardwood floor, even your front door. This list goes on and on. There is much preparation that goes in to keeping our forests filled with trees.

It starts out with picking the fruit that carries the seeds that will grow to become a majestic forest that will become part of a home entertainment centre. The seeds come from one of

two sources. Wild stands are a natural group of trees. Cone pickers are sent out to pick the cones out of baskets that a helicopter has lowered over a tree. Some cones fall into the

basket and some of the upper branches are cut off. After the pickers are finished, the cones are bundled up and sent off.

Seed orchards are the other source. In this breeding program the best wild trees are cross bred. This helps to maintain or increase the genetic diversity of the trees as well as picking up the traits for better growth and strength properties.

"We're trying to get a lot of our program into that, using improved seed, because we can make big gains in growth at a relatively low cost," says Gerry Pinkerton, from Ministry of Forests.

Next the bundles of cones are sent to a seed processing centre where the seeds are removed from the cone. Then they are dried in order to ensure they won't germinate or mould while in storage. Some types of cones need to dry in order to open up and release the seed. They are stored anywhere up to 30 years.

The seeds are sent out to nurseries upon request.

In order to prepare for an area being denuded, destroyed by natural causes or logged, a back-up of seeds

is kept on hand. "We always bank a seed," says Pinkerton. "We always have about a five to 10 year supply on hand."

The nursery will grow the seedling in containers from five months to two years to grow depending on the type of seedling. "Normally we take a year to grow a seedling but we can do it faster."

While the seedlings are growing, different sites (blocks) are being prepared for planting.

The amount of preparation needed for a block varies. In some cases, if the area was destroyed by an older fire, snags must be felled and piled, or brush may need to be removed.

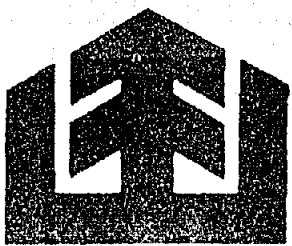
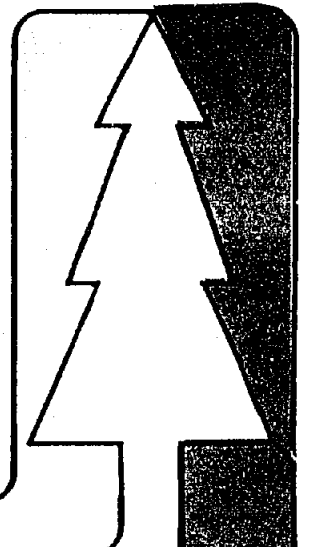
By the time the site is prepared and the seedlings are ready, the planters must be hired, usually by contract. "The planters come and put them into the ground, pretty simple," says Pinkerton.

But the job does not end there. There is much maintenance required to ensure the survival of the young seedlings.

See "Pine Cone" on page 6

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Forestry workers should care for back

THEY CONTORT their bodies into awkward positions to operate chainsaws, they loop heavy chains around logs, and they sit in logging trucks for 16 hours, manipulating large steering wheels. They are forestry workers, and many are injured as a result of the physical demands of their jobs.

At that point they're likely to need help, and that's when physiotherapists are asked to help repair the damage.

"Thirty to forty per cent of my climates are here because of forestry related injuries," says Terrace physiotherapist Mallory Glustien. She works at the Kermodei Physiotherapy Clinic.

Not all of them are there on workers' compensation claims. Sometimes a man will injure himself doing something simple, like picking up a child. But the injury is actually due to job-related strains.

"Over time things just wear out," says Lori Janzen, Glustien's co-worker.

She sees injuries from improper use of the back,

tendinitis and repetitive activities.

For example, crane operators who sit and reach for controls all day, are prone to neck, back and arm pain.

Spacers, who carry large chainsaws, often end up putting too much pressure on the discs in their backs.

Then there's injury from trauma, such as falls, broken bones, torn ligaments and strains.

"We do everything from the simple to the very complex and long term," says Janzen.

What both women would like to see are more preventative programs, to keep forestry workers from being injured.

"We're only paid to treat the person, not communicate with the employer," says Glustien. And that's frustrating for them.

They hope employers will buy into the concept that fitter employers, better educated about injury prevention, will save them money in the long term.

"We're treating after the fact," says Glustien. "No one's gone in there and said, 'you're out of shape.' And

there's a big danger that workers will re-injure themselves if they don't get in better shape. That's because stronger muscles help protect vulnerable areas, like spines.

Another problem is that some forestry workers won't admit they're hurting until they can't physically do their jobs.

"Cutbacks make people worried. They'll do anything to keep their jobs, including things which cause injuries," says Janzen.

Another leading cause of injuries is fatigue. The industry demands long hours during the height of the season, and the human body simply isn't designed to work that hard for that long, particularly when someone isn't in good physical condition.

Getting employees to take part in injury prevention programs could be easier than some would think.

"By the time we see them they're willing to do anything," says Janzen. "Pain makes them change their minds."

FROM PAGE 5

PINE CONE

Brushers need to keep the brush under control until the seedlings can compete themselves.

In some areas the stand must be fill planted in areas that have failed or been chewed up by animals or attacked by animals. "There is a number of natural factors out there that do damage to plantations.

Occasionally areas that were naturally reseeded need to be tended for density. As with pine trees, that naturally reseed after a fire. Sometimes the seedlings will be too dense and therefore stagnate. Pruning is used to create stronger wood that will be knot free and of higher value. Pinkerton says, "after pruning and thinning the trees are generally on their way."

For the forests that have been slated for logging, the mill plans what timber will be cut, usually by the age of the tree. Just like every living organism, a tree has a lifespan and when it starts to get over mature it will be logged.

"When a tree gets over mature bugs get in it and it becomes susceptible to forest fires. Clear-cutting replaces forest fires. We try to log before forest fires destroy it,"

explains Rob King, foreman at Tahtsa Timber a contracted logging outfit.

When the mill decides on all the details of how and what will be logged, the roads must be planned and built.

Then the whole operation must be orchestrated in order to run at optimum efficiency. Then the camp is set up and the machines are brought in. As time goes by, logging is constantly being updated. In days gone by loggers fell trees on foot with chainsaws. Now, the operation is fully mechanical and many of the machines are computerized cutting down the amount of waste and the time it takes to cut and process logs substantially.

The logs are taken down by a mechanical faller and placed in piles of four or five. A skidder will come along and stack the logs into bigger piles along the side of the road, making them accessible to the processor.

In order to maintain quality a buckler will cut off rough or rotten edges with a chainsaw. Next the processor, an ominous machine, will pick up a log, measure it, cut it into appropriate lengths and keep a record of how much wood it has cut. It then spits the logs out ready to be loaded on to the trucks.

A butt and topper transfers logs to the logging trucks

making sure to pile them efficiently and safely.

In the logging industry, operators can be fined at any time for unsafe practices and that can become quite costly. The logging season generally lasts from August to March, closing during the spring and summer months due to the inaccessibility of the blocks. The machinery used is too heavy for soft and muddy roads.

But during the winter months, logging trucks will deliver two loads of processed wood to the awaiting mill whereupon it will be processed into usable lumber that will become bed frames, bathroom cupboards and wooden spoons.



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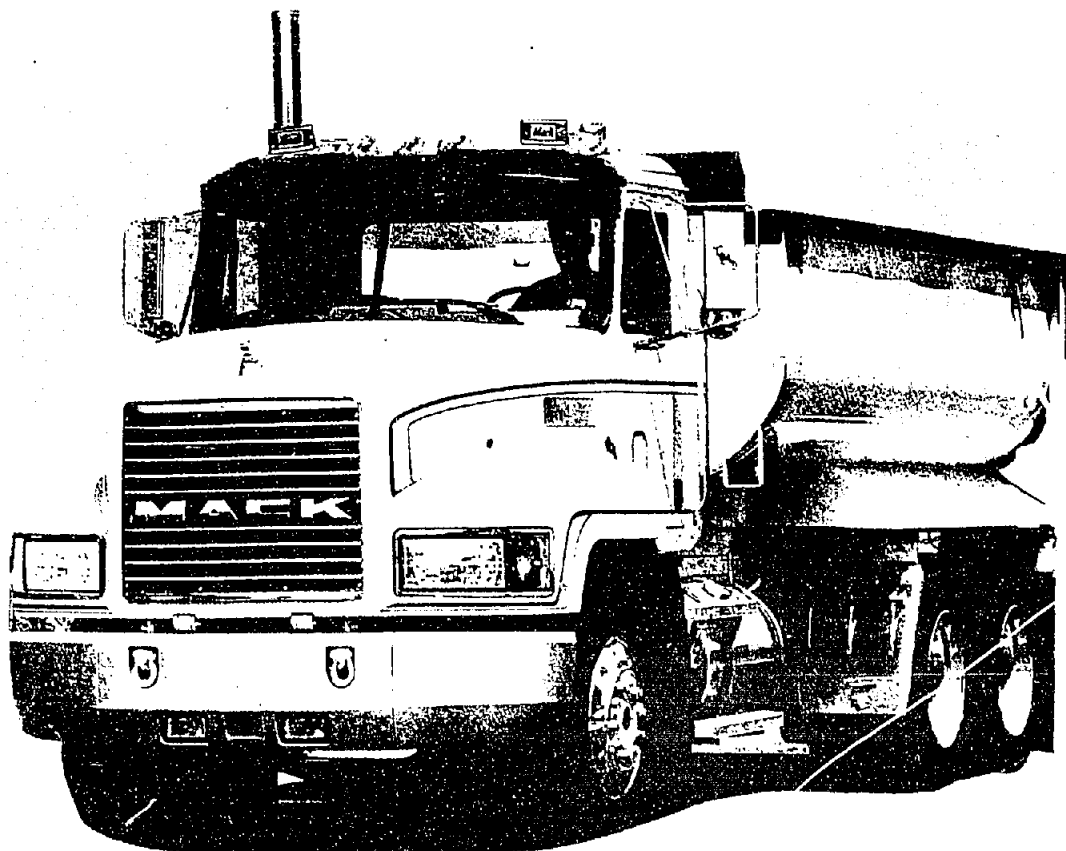
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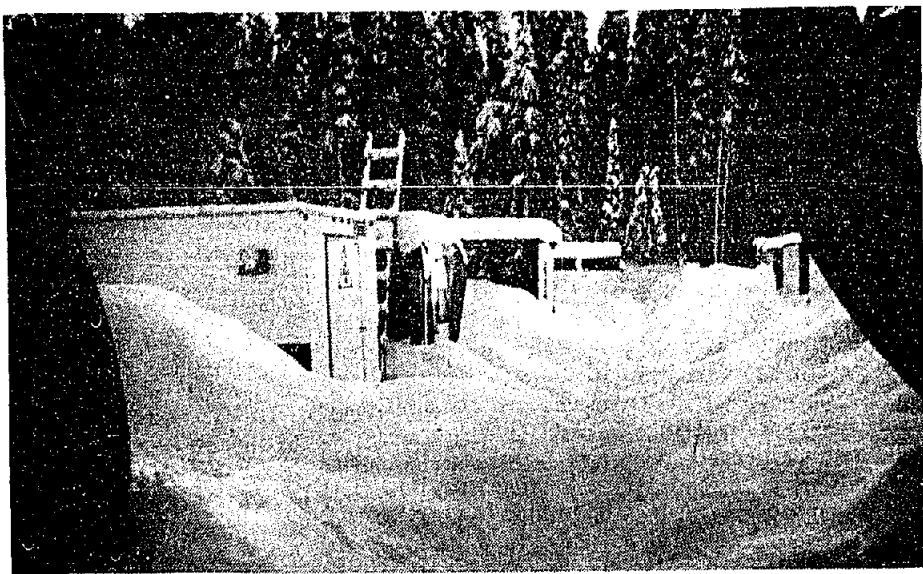


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QUIET LIFE: For workers, camp life is a quiet and solitary one. Most workers do it for the money. A bit of t.v. early to bed then up and at em is the consensus.

Life in a Logging Camp

by Maureen Kafer

Living in a logging camp takes a special kind of person. Day after day spent in virtual seclusion, living in closed quarters with a small group of people.

For the majority of loggers, camp life is a necessity, one that they accept.

People who work and live out in logging camps come from a variety of different lifestyles.

Verla Cassidy is a processor operator. She and her husband work and live in a logging camp.

They have been living together like this for 11 years. Verla cooks their meals for the both of them in their trailer as opposed to eating with the rest of the crew in the cook shack.

At Christmas time, Verla puts up a tree, "I do it every year because that's where we spend all of our time," she says.

The working season usually lasts from August until March. During the holidays Verla and her husband Norm take advantage of the time by traveling to places like Bahamas, Mexico, Jamaica and this year they will visit Australia.

Verla doesn't mind being away from home for such long stretches because she makes her trailer as homey as possible for her and her husband.

"For us, it's all right," but Verla doesn't think it would be that much fun for a man with a wife and kids.

Family man Jim Fehr agrees. "It sucks," he says.

Fehr has been living in camp for 10 years. He met his wife before he went out into the bush and when he started the job he figured the money and the time off during the summer was worth the sacrifice.

He has two children and feels compelled to spend as much time with them as he

can, "I miss out on lots so on the weekends I take them out tobogganing or out for an ice cream, but you've gotta do stuff with them."

Fehr says that being away isn't as much of a strain on his relationship with his family as when he comes home again. "Nobody's used to each other," he says.

Fehr is a quiet person and doesn't mind spending time alone. He fulfills his social needs with his co-workers, "It's like a family," he says.

However, he says there is always the risk of getting too much of another person, "You put two best friends in a shack and within a month, they hate each other."

One element that keeps everything stirred up a bit is mobility. Often camps change and depending on the crew, there is often a turnover in staff.

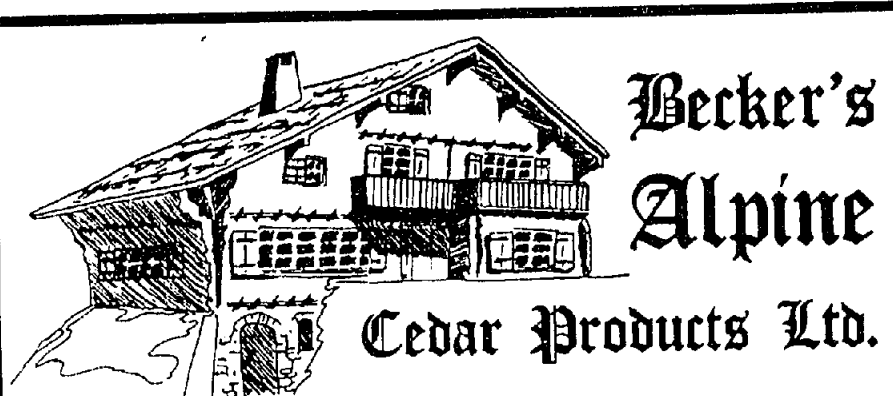
Seasonal workers are common in the logging industry. One such worker is a young, single Ryan Kurz. He works as a handy man around the camp and is in it for the experience as well as the money. "I'm doing this because it's probably my last season in forestry and I wanted to spend a winter out here," he says.

Kurz uses his spare time to study, read or watch movies and has forged a small social group out at camp.

However, it's not all a walk in the park, "It's a bit of a drag being away all the time, but it rejuvenates you going back into town."

One thing that everyone seems to agree on is that it takes a lot of sacrifice to live in a camp. But every one feels it is worth it, because the money is good.

Fehr says people don't understand why they get paid so much. His answer is, "All you do here is work and eat and sleep, you are sacrificing your social life and that's worth something."



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Forest Renewal British Columbia funds sought for recreation projects

THE BC FOREST Service is turning to Forest Renewal BC in 1997, with hopes of drumming up some extra cash for several forest recreation projects.

In the face of shrinking government budgets, the Forest Service is looking for partnerships with agencies like FRBC and community recreation groups to help build and maintain Forest Service trails and camp sites.

Last year, the Forest Service received two FRBC grants for the Kalum Forest District. That money went to trail-building and an outdoor classroom at Red Sands Lake in the Nass Valley.

"This year we want to spread the projects around the district more," says Forest Service recreation technician Carl Johansen. "But it will be tough because we are competing against industry groups and Parks for the dollars." One of the proposed projects in-

volves reopening the old United Empire Loyalist trail near Stewart and joining it up with Alaska's Titan Trail.

The Loyalist trail follows an historic pack-horse route up into the alpine, to an old mine site. An extension to the trail would cross over the border to the U.S.

"That would make it a true international trail," says Johansen, who has been talking with the U.S. Forest Service about the project. "It would be a cooperative effort." Another proposal involves upgrading the Bonney Lakes canoe route, near Meziadin Junction on Highway 37.

The trek crosses five lakes, joined together by portage trails, to create a canoe route that would take three to five days to complete.

Johansen says the site has great potential, especially since the recent establishment of nearby Swan Lake Provincial Park.

"We would like to upgrade the camping sites," Johansen says. "Right now they are just cleared areas." The Forest Service is also asking for funding to upgrade the popular Onion Lakes cross country ski trails between Kitimat and Terrace.

The trails are used by

hundreds of skiers in the winter, as well as mountain bikers and hikers in the summer months. It also hosts several cross country ski tournaments.

Johansen says the site needs trail maintenance, improved signage and could use upgrades to one of the warming huts.

The nearby Gunsight Peak

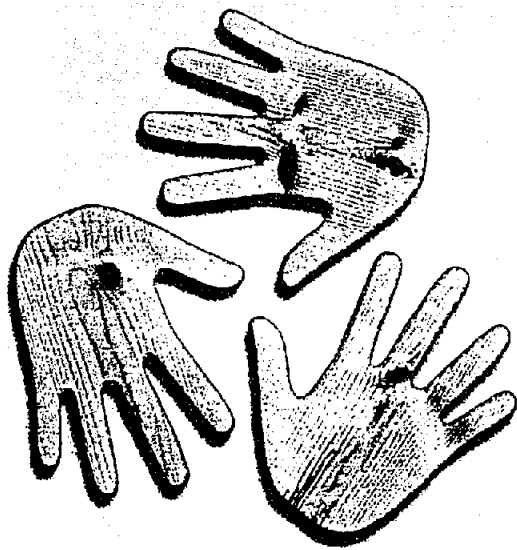
Trail is another project in need of funding. The trail

starts near Lakelse Lake Provincial Park, 20 km south of Terrace, and meanders along Granite Creek before heading up into spectacular alpine.

"Improvements to that trail would be great for local hikers, tourists and campers staying at the lake," Johansen says.

Bay Campground to Gunsight Lake.

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TRANSPORT

Stop the engine before putting a chainsaw down or before carrying it. Avoid touching the hot muffler.

Shut off the engine and allow it to cool before refueling. Select bare ground for fueling and move at least 10 feet away before starting the engine.

STARTING

Start and operate your saw without assistance. Do not drop start as you may lose control of the saw.

Place the chainsaw on firm ground or other solid surface. Maintain a good balance and secure footing.

Be sure that the guide bar and chain are clear of you and all other obstructions and objects, including the ground. Don't try to start the saw with the guide bar in a cut or kerf.

Don't wrap the starter cord around your hand. Don't let the grip snap back.

CUTTING

Do not use a saw with an incorrect idle speed adjustment. Note: At the correct idle speed, the chain should not rotate. After adjusting the chain, start the saw, let the engine run for a while, switch the engine off and re-check the chain tension.

WORKING

Don't work alone. Keep within calling distance of others in case help is required.

Put off work when the weather is extreme.

Clear the area where you are working.

Don't cut any material other than wood or wooden objects. When sawing, make

sure that the saw chain doesn't touch other materials. Doing so may cause the saw to switch back.

Always maintain a firm foothold. Never work on a ladder or in a tree. Don't use the saw above shoulder height.

Don't pressure the saw when reaching the end of a cut. The pressure may cause the bar and chain to pop out of the cut.

KICKBACK

Kickback occurs when the upper part of the bar nose contacts a solid object or is pinched. This may fling the bar up and back in an uncontrolled arc. Under some cutting circumstances, the bar moves towards the operator. Never operate your chainsaw without a front handguard. In a kickback situation, this guard protects your left hand and other parts of your body.

The best protection from kick back is to avoid kickback situation: Hold the chainsaw firmly with both hands and maintain a secure grip. Be aware of the location of the guide bar nose at all times. Don't let the nose of the guide bar contact any object. Don't overreach. Begin cutting and continue at full throttle. Cut only one log at a time. Don't plunge the saw. Stand to the side of the cutting path of the chainsaw.

PUSHBACK

Pushback occurs when the chain on the top of the bar is suddenly stopped. The reaction of the chain drives the saw straight back toward the operator cause loss of saw control. Do not twist the saw when withdrawing the bar from plunge or cut or under buck.

PULL IN

Pull in occurs when the chain on the bottom of the bar is suddenly stopped.

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What is a clearcut?

A clearcut can be defined as an area of forest that has been completely cleared of all trees other than seedlings and occasional saplings. When a forest is clearcut, all the trees that regrow in the area will be similar in age and size. Clearcutting is the harvesting practice most commonly used in the conversion from unmanaged to managed forests. It is also the most common method of harvesting in managed timber production forests in the world. However, ecologically speaking, a clearcut is not just defined by the removal of trees, but also by the loss of forest conditions are collectively referred to as the "forest micro-climate." It is the forest micro-climate that affects how well species live in the woods. And the micro-climate is, in turn, affected not just by the size of a clearcut, but more so, by the shape.

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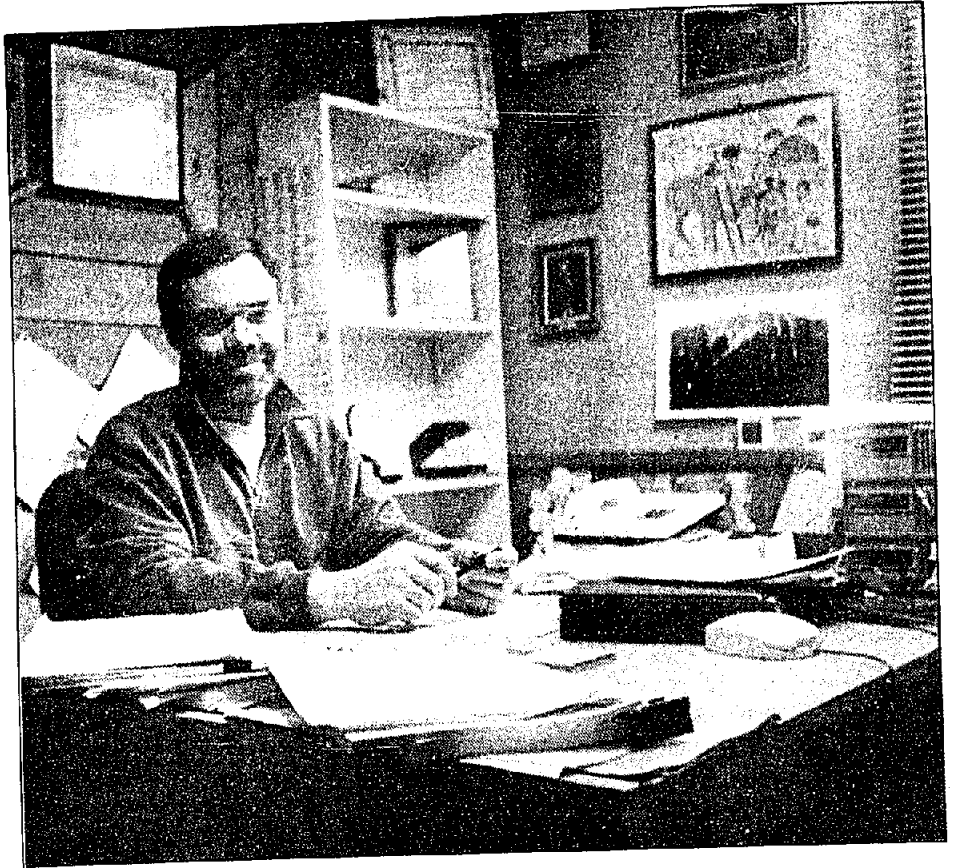
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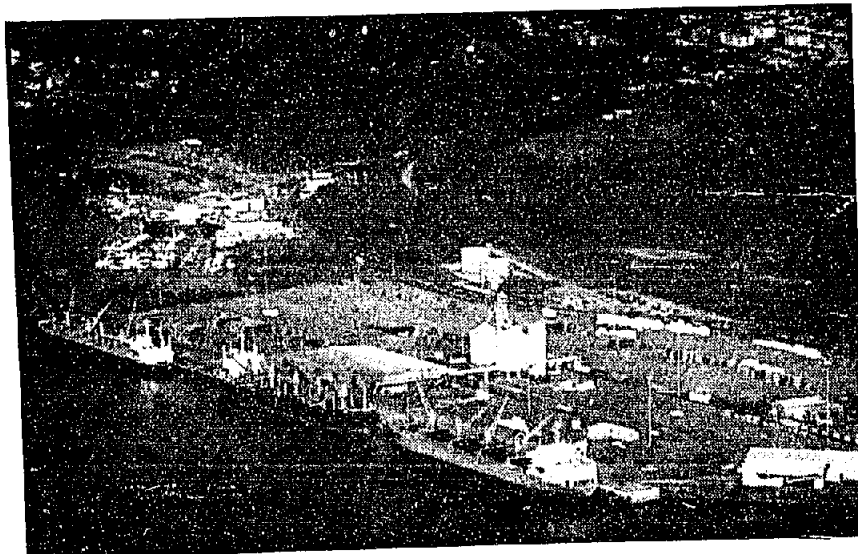


KEEPING HIS CONSULTING COMPANY SMALL gives Larry McCulloch of Laing and McCulloch Forest Management Services the opportunity to maintain his interest and involvement in the science of forestry.

The introduction of the forest management services based consulting firm. Forest Practices Code of B.C. has impacted all sectors of the forest industry and the effects have rippled through to the many independent consulting firms that provide to industry and government. Under the Code, forest licenses are required to be at least two years ahead on their development plans. Most were not in 1995 when the Code was introduced, so the "The Code has probably at least doubled our workload," says Rob Roulston, one of three partners in Silvicon Services Inc., a Smithers-

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are good news for consulting companies

past two years have seen a push toward correcting the situation. That has led to additional work for companies like Silvicon, which offer a range of services geared to cutting permit development. "We do timber cruising, block layout, silviculture prescriptions," Roulston said, adding this amounts to annual fieldwork and paperwork for roughly 1 million cubic metres of wood. Roulston estimates his "pre-Code" staff at roughly 25-30 full-time employees, with an additional seasonal workforce of 15-20 summer employees. "Now we have 45 full-time workers and a total staff of 65 to 70 in the summer."

Most forest companies are now closing the gap on the two-year requirement, so some of this recent flurry of contract work will level out. But in the meantime, some consulting firms have benefited from projects funded through the new

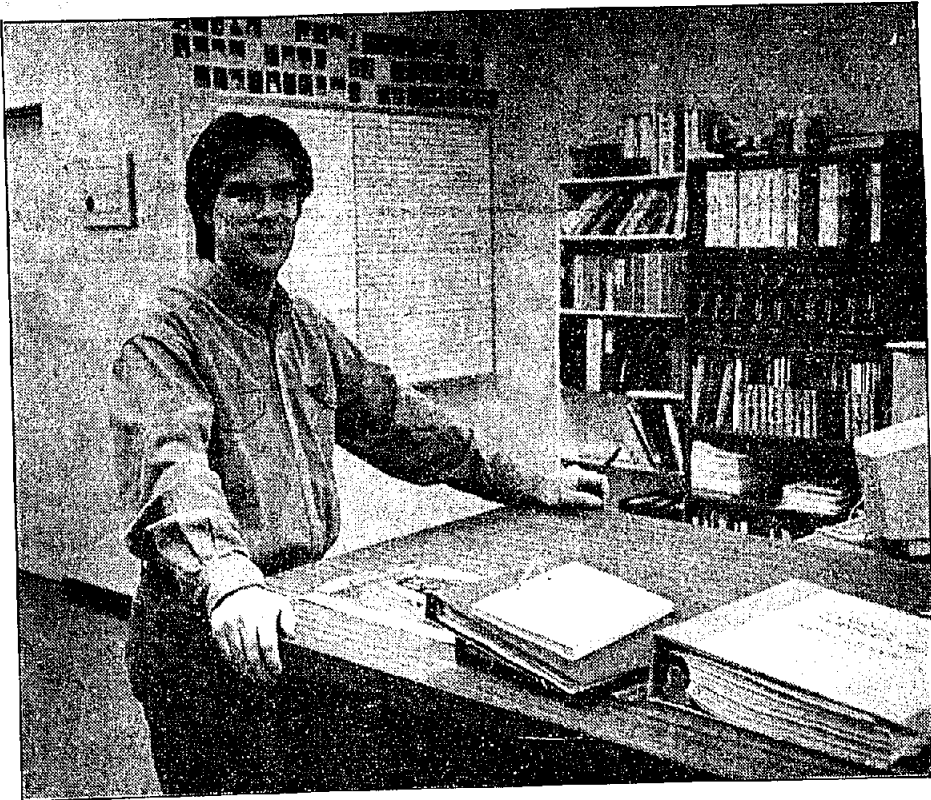
Crown corporation Forest Renewal BC. "FRBC has definitely increased the amount of work available," says Larry McCulloch, who, with his wife and partner Kirsteen Laing, runs Laing & McCulloch Forest Management Services. McCulloch says more than half his company's workload this fall and winter has been from FRBC-funded projects. Funding provided by the Crown corporation is enabling forest companies to launch research projects on such things as growth and yield and management strategies for high elevation timber production. Laing & McCulloch conducts research and provides a series of recommendations based on the data. "Unlike some firms we are not trying to expand," McCulloch says of the firm he and Laing launched in 1986. They maintain a staff of 10 in Smithers, with a

branch office in Vanderhoof manned by three to five full-time employees. "We're trying to maintain a small stable group of professionals which will allow us to continue to be involved in project work rather than administration," McCulloch says, adding that it is the science of forestry that motivates him. Both consultants agree that while the introduction of the Code didn't necessarily increase the type of services they provide to clients, it did increase the volume in a way that is likely to continue. "Progressive licensees were already doing much of what the Code requires," McCulloch notes adding that the real expansion in the consulting industry came in the mid to late 1980s, when government and industry began contracting much of the work out. This provided the impetus for a small boom in consulting firms, that is now levelling off.

But a Code trend toward smaller block sizes (to 30 hectares, for example, rather than a common pre-Code size of 80 hectares) will continue to provide ample cutting permit work. "The actual block size may be small, but it requires almost the same amount of time in the field and the same paperwork," Roulston says. McCulloch says his company will continue to do an increased amount of training and auditing for the industry. He expects to see more demand for a relatively new service his firm provides

called Forest Estate Modelling, a complex computer program designed to model the impact of constraints imposed by the Code and other land-use planning initiatives on timber supply. Roulston says future growth opportunities for forestry consultants will likely be related to FRBC, and how that funding continues to be implemented. "Consulting is going to become tougher to get into because of technological changes," he adds. "Before, if you had a

compass and hipchain and a pick-up truck you could start up. That is no longer the case." But for established consulting companies the near future looks bright. Stringent legal requirements under the Code means licensees are practicing due diligence. This fact, combined with continued funding from FRBC translates into a secure workload for the forestry consulting industry. And that stability should remain well into the Year 2000 and beyond.



THE CODE-DRIVEN DEMAND FOR FORESTRY SERVICES has led to a doubled workforce for consultant Rob Roulston of Silvicon.



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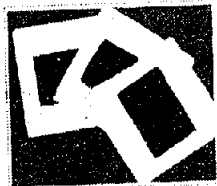
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Economic Impact of Industry on Briti

Historically, logging and the forest industries have been critical to British Columbia's economy. Twenty years before its incorporation as a Canadian province, B.C. was exporting sawn timber from commercial mills near Victoria and Sooke - notably to San Francisco in return for payment in gold dust.

That historical reliance has not diminished. Logging and silviculture, the manufacture of lumber, plywood, pulp, paper and other forest products, and the economic activity associated with their transport and sale, continues to drive the provincial economy.

In 1993, the forest sector alone accounted for more than half the total value of B.C. manufacturing shipments.

Nor is any other economic sector in British Columbia expected to surpass forestry as the province's dominant wealth-creating industry, despite concerns about future timber supply. In 1991, the B.C. Forest Resources Commission reported, "the forest industry is" the most significant economic force in the province, and will remain so for the foreseeable future. It should in no way be seen as a 'sunset' industry." The



findings of this study reinforce that view.

METHODOLOGY

The Forest Alliance of B.C., in association with The Vancouver Board of Trade, has attempted to quantify the total economic impact of forest industry activity in British Columbia in 1993. This study was prepared by The Chancellor Partners Management Consultants using information from an input-output model developed by the provincial Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Statistics Canada, updated to 1993 and extended to

consider the impact of government re-spending of provincial revenues derived from forest industry activity. The consideration of economic impacts associated with re-spending provincial revenues makes the findings in this report more comprehensive and statistically sound than those in previous analyses.

EMPLOYMENT

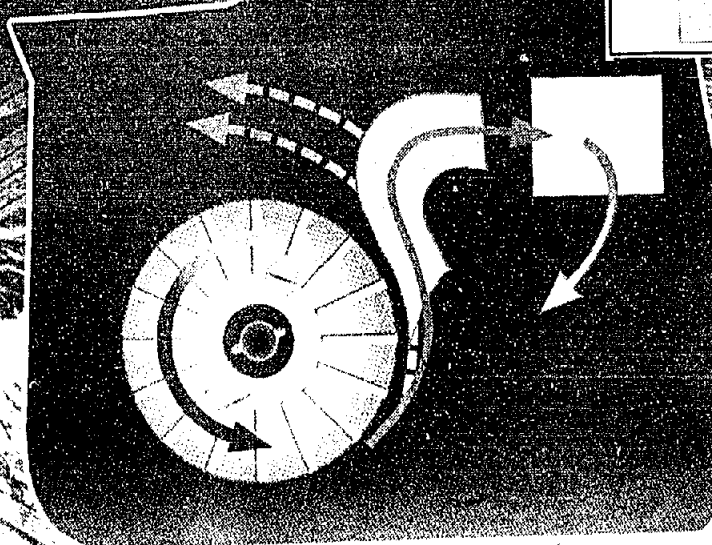
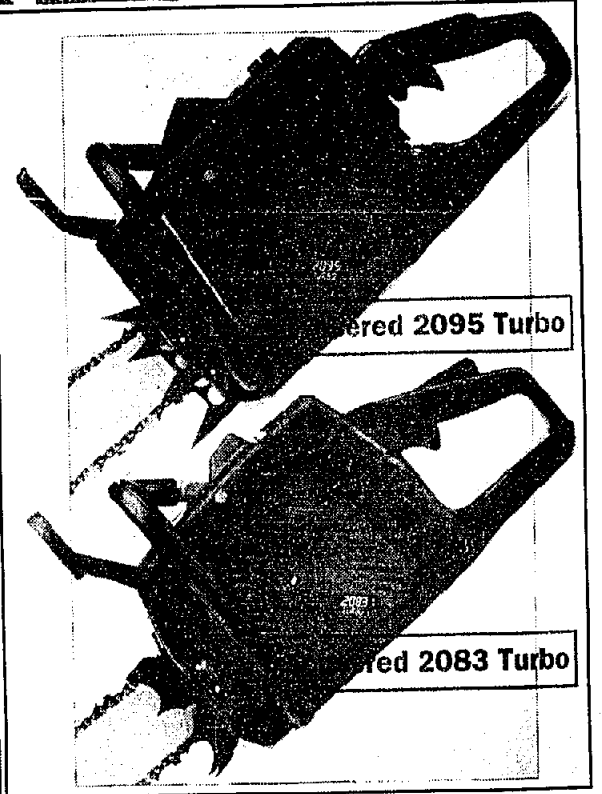
The forest sector directly employed 89,500 British Columbian's in 1993, or 5.7 per cent of the province's total work force. Direct employment includes primary extractive logging, silviculture, the wood

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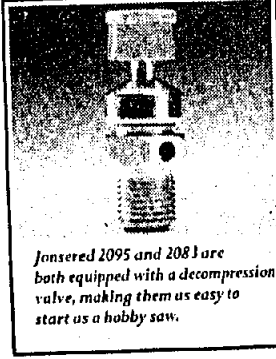
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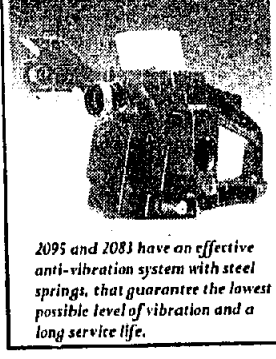
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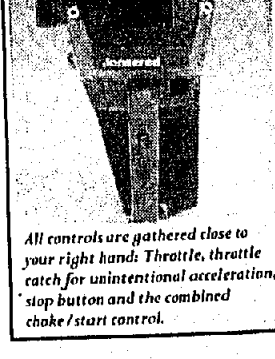
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manufacturing industries, paper and allied industries, management and administration.

But the existence of a forest industry in the province also stimulates significant employment outside the forest sector. The total number of jobs supported by B.C.'s forest industry in 1993 is estimated at 258,000 or 16.5 per cent of the province's total workforce.

Forest sector jobs plus non-forest sector jobs supported by the forest industry easily comprise the large, single component of provincial employment. This employment includes: 29,000 indirect jobs in industries that supply the forest industry; 92,000 induced jobs created by the spending of forest sector wages; 8,100 jobs created by forest industry capital expenditures; 8,400 transport-dependent jobs; 2,000 wholesale-dependent jobs; and 41,000 jobs created by the re-spending of provincial revenues derived from forestry industry activity.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The most commonly used measure of economic performance is Gross Domestic Product - or GDP - defined as the total value of unduplicated production within a geographic area. GDP is based on the concept of value-added, or difference between the value of total output and the cost of inputs used in production.

Under this criterion, forest sector production contributed \$7.1 billion to provincial GDP in 1993, or 8.8 per cent of the total. The total value of B.C.'s Gross Domestic Product in 1993 was \$80.3 billion.

But an industry's economic impact cannot be gauged by its direct contribution to GDP alone. Some industries stimulate the economy substantially more than others by drawing more heavily upon support industries, or by encouraging greater than average re-spending due to high employment and/or high average salaries.

For all of these reasons, and because the majority of production is exported, British Columbia's forest industry generates significant spin-off benefits for the provincial economy. The

forest industry's total contribution to provincial GDP in 1993 is estimated at \$14.2 billion, or 17.7 per cent of the total.

The forest industry is far and away the largest contributor to provincial GDP in British Columbia.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES

For average B.C. taxpayer, the most meaningful measure of the forest industry's economic impact may be its contribution to provincial government revenues.

In 1993, the province collected \$2.1 billion directly from the forest industry and its workers, or 13.6 per cent of revenues generated in the province. The government collected a total of \$15.4 billion from all B.C. sources in 1993, excluding federal transfer payments and deficit financing.

But the forest sector's total contribution to provincial revenues far exceeds its direct payments. The forest industry's total contribution to provincial coffers in 1993 is estimated at \$2.9 billion, or 18.6 per cent of all tax revenues generated in the province.

Provincial revenue generated from forest industry activity in 1993 is equivalent to 78 per cent of the Education Ministry's 1993-94 budget, or 46 per cent of the Health Ministry's 1993-94 budget. No other single industry or economic sector provides for such a large proportion of provincial spending.

Although this study focused on the forests industry's contribution to provincial revenues, federal revenues are also significant. Forest industry activity in B.C. generated at least \$2.3 billion in federal revenues in 1993.

CONCLUSION


The forest industry continues to stand out as the driving economic force in the province of British Columbia. In 1993, it supported 258,000 jobs or 16.5 per cent of provincial employment. It generated 14.2 billion in provincial GDP, or 17.7 per cent of the total. And it contributed \$2.9 billion to provincial government coffers, or 18.6 per cent of all revenues exclusive of federal transfer payments and deficit financing.

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Streamflow in small to moderate size watersheds in the Skeena Region

FRBC has approved funding for a multi-year project focusing on stream gauging small streams. The components of the project are:

1. selection and description of watersheds
2. installation of stream gauging equipment
3. data collection
4. data analysis

Components 1, 2 and 3 will involve consultants and contractors. This note is with reference to component 1 for year 1.

We are interested in awarding 2 contracts (1 for the Kispiox and Bulkley Forest District's and 1 for the Morice and Lakes Forest District's) to assist in the selection of watersheds. The selection criteria are:

- watershed size: 5 to 25 square kilometres
- road access to a suitable gauging location
- amount of forestry activity - roads and clear cutting - none to limited
- aspect and exposure to storm paths - a range of exposures
- relevant current and future forestry issues - planning for drainage structures or watershed areas with issues relating to drainage structure design in the forest district's (a list of issues will be made available)
- limited extent of lakes, ponds or wetlands
- proximity to long term stream gauging and meteorological stations

Each proposal must identify a sufficient number of watersheds so that 5 watersheds in each district can be selected for continuous streamflow monitoring.

The selection process we plan to use is as follows:

- consultant makes a preliminary selection of watersheds using the above criteria
- hydrologists with Water Management of MoELP, MoF, and the Water survey of Canada review the preliminary list and maps with the consultant and make a second round of selections.
- fieldwork is undertaken by the consultant to determine the key site criteria:
 - good access, a stable cross section for monitoring, opportunities for flow measurement during high flows
- either a bridge or site features that will allow a cableway or other structure.
- final reviews and selection - a final meeting will be held to discuss the outcome of the fieldwork. A joint field investigation may be required.

Following the final selection, the contractor will describe the watersheds using a series of variables provided by the Prince Rupert Forest Region hydrologist (see below).

Each forest district will supply access to relevant forest cover maps, airphotos and TRIM maps.

The Forest Sciences Section will provide regular contact. Regarding qualifications and competency, the consultant must have a background in hydrology, airphoto interpretation, terrain classification and forest hydrology.

Each contract has a target maximum value of \$15,000. The deadline for proposals is February 7, 1997. The contracts will be awarded by February 21, 1997. The target date for the preliminary selection of watersheds is March 28, 1997. A final report containing watershed descriptions and maps is expected by September 30, 1997.

If you are interested in one or both of these contracts, please send a short but complete proposal, including who will do the work, their background, how you intend on doing the work and what the final product will be to:

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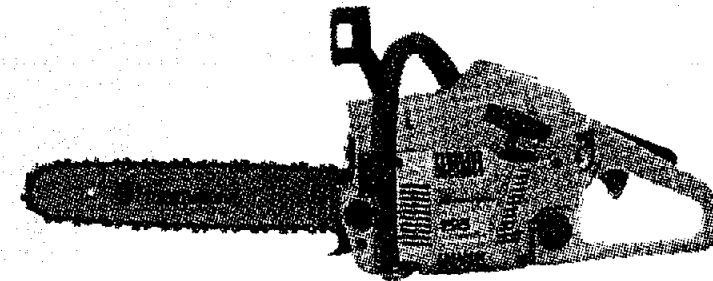
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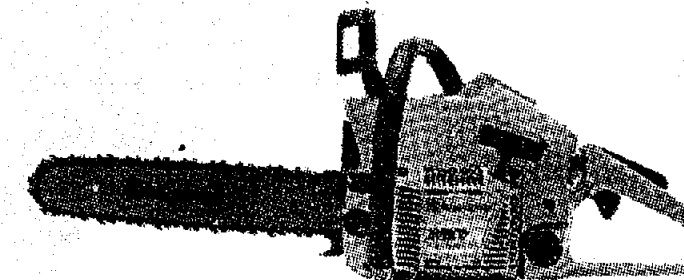
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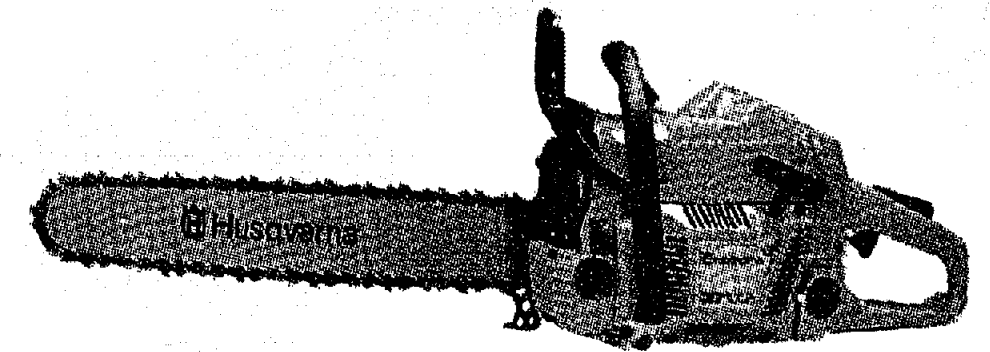
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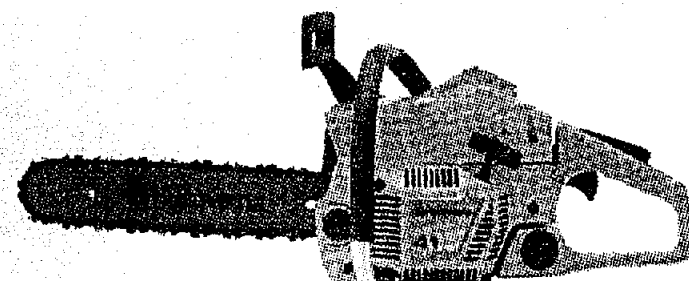
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57 cm ³	2.7 kW/3.7 hp	9,000 rpm	0.6/0.3L	109/100 dBA	3.5/5.8 m/s ²	5.6 kg	0.325"	13" - 20"



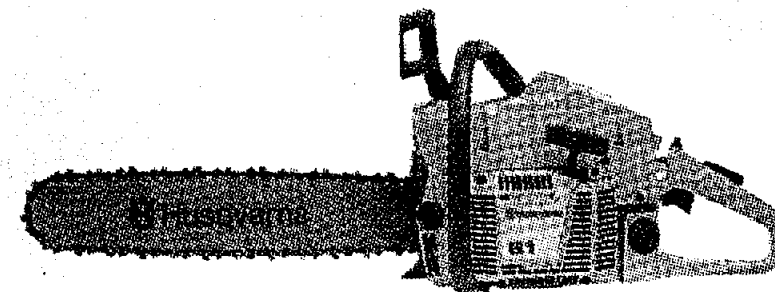
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71 cm ³	3.9 kW/5.3 hp	9,600	0.77/0.42L	110/103 dBA	3.1/4.6 m/s ²	5.9 kg	3/8"	15" - 28"



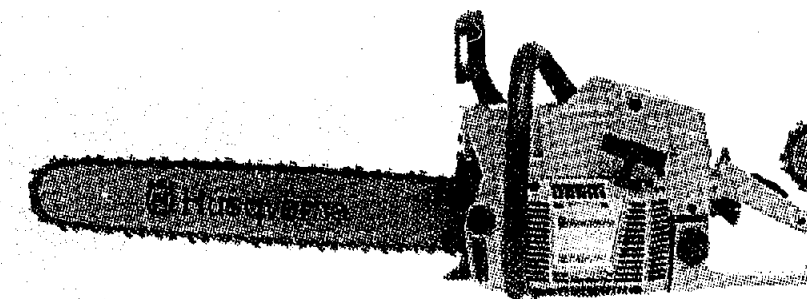
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40 cm ³	1.6 kW/2.2 hp	8,500 rpm	0.4/0.2L	104/98 dBA	4.8/6.5 m/s ²	4.6 kg	0.325"	13" - 15"



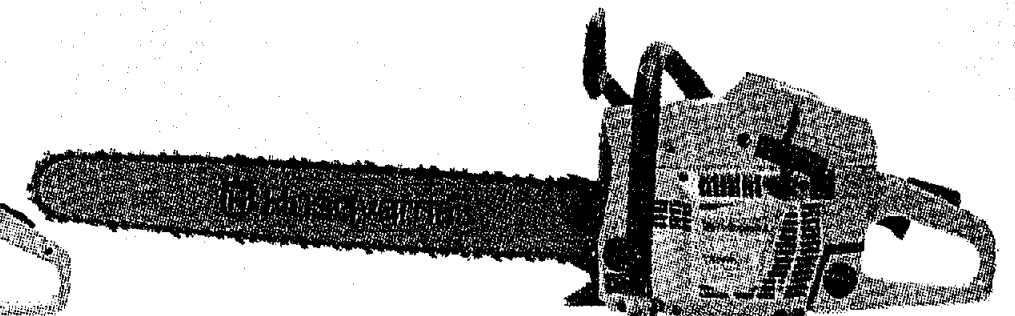
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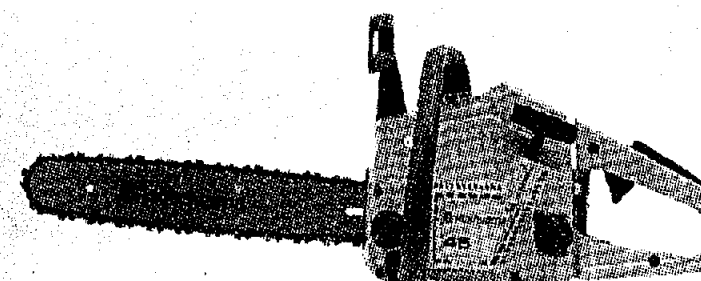
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72 cm ³	3.6 kW/4.9 hp	9,300 rpm	0.75/0.4L	110/101 dBA	3.2/3.9 m/s ²	6.3 kg	3/8"	15" - 24"



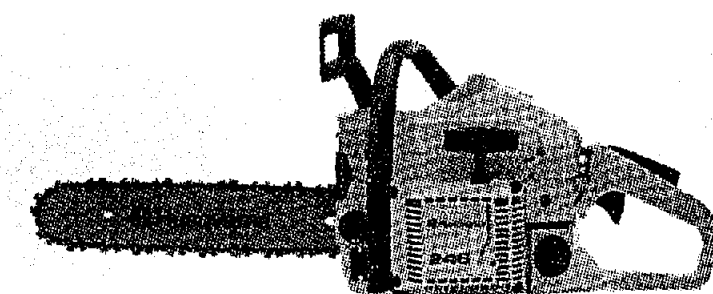
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94 cm ³	5.2 kW/7.1 hp	8,800 rpm	0.9/0.5L	111/102 dBA	6.5/10.2 m/s ²	7.9 kg	0.404"	18" - 36"



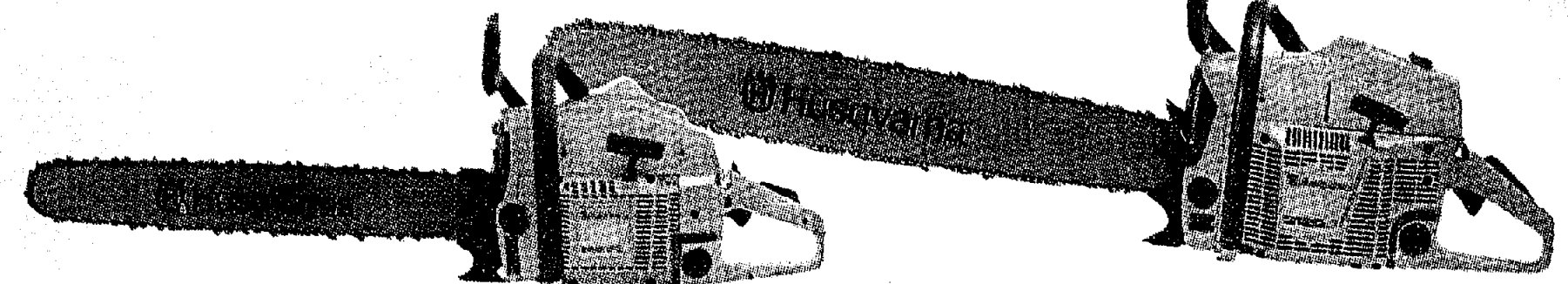
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44 cm ³	2.0 kW/2.7 hp	9,000 rpm	0.5/0.25L	107/100 dBA	1.9/4.2 m/s ²	4.7 kg	0.325"	13" - 18"



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CYLINDER VOLUME	POWER	SPEED at peak power	TANK CAPACITY Fuel/Oil	NOISE Power/Pressure	VIBRATIONS Front/Rear	WEIGHT exc. bar and chain	CHAIN PITCH	RECOMM. BAR LENGTH
46 cm ³	2.3 kW/3.1 hp	9,000 rpm	0.52/0.27L	107/101 dBA	3.6/5.4 m/s ²	4.7 kg	0.325"	11" - 18"



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87 cm ³	4.5 kW/6.1 hp	9,000 rpm	0.9/0.5L	110/100 dBA	6.2/8.0 m/s ²	7.5 kg	3/8"	15" - 28"

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CYLINDER VOLUME	POWER	SPEED at peak power	TANK CAPACITY Fuel/Oil	NOISE Power/Pressure	VIBRATIONS Front/Rear	WEIGHT exc. bar and chain	CHAIN PITCH	RECOMM. BAR LENGTH
119 cm ³	6.4 kW/8.7 hp	9,000 rpm	1.25/0.66L	112/101 dBA	7.7/9.6 m/s ²	10.4 kg	0.404"	24" - 42"

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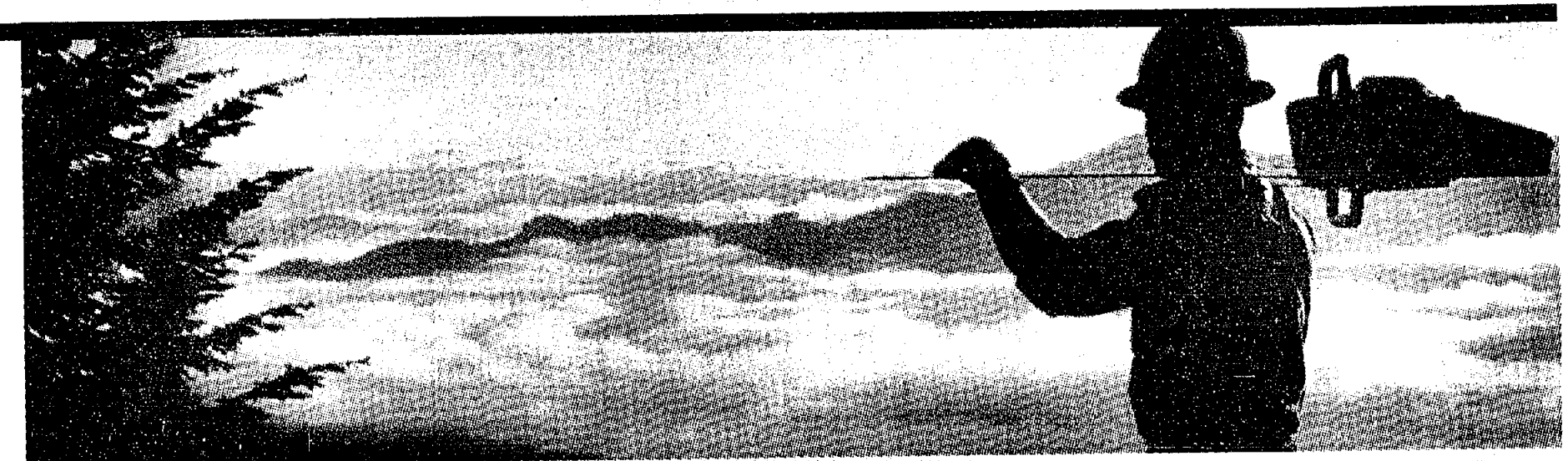
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Forest Renewal BC plans to

Forest Renewal BC plans to increase its investment in the Skeena Bulkley Region for the coming year, above and beyond last year's total of \$35 million.

"Last year we more than doubled our investment over the previous year, and this year, we plan a further increase," said Skeena Bulkley Regional Director Alan Parkinson.

Parkinson credits the annual increases to excellent cooperation from forest sector partners including forest companies, First Nations, government, labor, communities and environmental groups.

"Our partner groups have taken the initiative and developed projects that meet Forest Renewal's criteria. In cooperation with the people

of the Skeena Bulkley, we are working toward our mandate of creating a sustainable forest sector and stable forest communities," said Parkinson.

In 1996/97, the Skeena Bulkley Region (which stretches from Burns Lake to Prince Rupert and north to the Yukon border) allocated a total of \$35 million to landbased programs such as

enhanced silviculture (\$16.7 million); watershed restoration (\$8.2 million); inventory (\$9.8 million); and recreation (\$800,000).

"That's approximately 11 per cent of Forest Renewal BC's total expenditure across the province," said Parkinson.

"We're happy to report that the northwest is getting back in proportion to what it

produces in stumpage revenue."

LANDBASED PROGRAMS

The bulk of Forest Renewal funding goes to land-based programs such as those outlined below.

Enhanced forestry

Enhanced forestry is the single largest investment area in the Skeena Bulkley Region, and for good reason. Silviculture means extra care and attention over the lifetime of a tree, in the form of brushing, spacing and pruning, which eventually results in straighter, stronger and more valuable timber when harvested. Silviculture is also labour intensive and results in many job opportunities in the northwest.

More than 37 enhanced silviculture projects are currently underway including district-wide projects in the Kalum, led by the District Forest Service; and in the Morice, led by Northwood Pulp and Timber of Houston.

Watershed Restoration

Watershed restoration involves rehabilitation of damaged or non-productive forest lands, includes road deactivation to prevent

erosion; stabilization of hillsides and gullies; restoration of fish habitat; and in some cases re-seeding and replanting. Watershed restoration projects usually require three to five years to complete, due to the need for detailed assessments of the damage and the work required to restore the area.

"Many of the projects we've funded over the past two years are now entering the works phase with significant employment opportunities," said Regional Director Alan Parkinson. "We look forward to significant job creation and opportunities for local contractors in the upcoming field season."

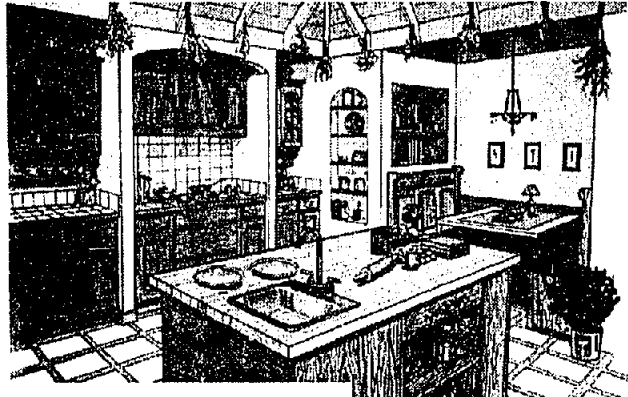
Major watershed restoration projects entering the works phase in the coming field season include the Telkwa River watershed led by PIR of Smithers; the Nass watershed, led by the Nisga'a Tribal Council in cooperation with Repap BC - Terrace and Skeena Sawmills; and the Morice River watershed, led by the Wet'suwet'en in cooperation with Northwood Pulp & Timber and Houston Forest Products.



MORE THAN 500 jobs have been created in 1996/97 by Forest Renewal BC projects in the Skeena Bulkley Region. Here, an employee of Copper Bay Contracting works at a gully cleaning as part of a watershed restoration project outside Terrace.

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Inventory

This work involves the quantifying and qualifying of various forest resources such as fish; wildlife; ecosystems; archaeological sites; water quality; and types of terrain.

Accurate, up-to-date inventories enhance the ability of forest sector stakeholders to manage B.C.'s forests. Forest companies, LRMP committees, First Nations, recreation planners and government regulatory agencies are among the diverse groups that require this information for informed resource management decisions.

The north trails the rest of B.C. in this area as many inventories have never been conducted or are badly outdated.

To address this disparity, last year the Skeena Bulkley region funded 60 inventories with plans to increase investment in this area for the coming year.

Recreation

The Recreation program was new in 1996/97 and is anticipated to be of considerable interest to non-governmental groups and organizations interested in forest-based recreation opportunities. Last year, approximately \$800,000 was invested in projects on Crown land that are accessible to the general public, with the bulk going to BC Parks for incremental projects.

"We anticipate that we'll be able to increase our investments in this area for the coming year," said Parkinson. "In particular, we'd like to increase the number of community-led projects."

Community-led projects underway include trail building by the Boy Scouts in Burns Lake; and a trail map of the Bulkley Valley being produced by the Smithers Chamber of Commerce; and the rehabilitation of a former grease trail in the Kispiox area spearheaded by the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Storytellers Foundation.

Research

A concerted effort will be made in 1997/98 to generate more research proposals from the north. In 1996/97, the bulk of Forest Renewal's \$43 million in research dollars went to researchers in southern B.C., primarily those at major universities. In order to increase the amount of funding flowing to northern researchers, the Skeena Bulkley region formed an advisory group to

set priorities for northern-based research. This report has been submitted to the BC Science Council, the independent agency responsible for evaluating and approving Forest Renewal BC's research projects and is expected to increase the proportion of funding granted to the northern-based research community.

Socio-economic Programs

During 1996/97, the Skeena Bulkley Region began to lay the groundwork for programs that address the socioeconomic component of its mandate - creating more jobs from each tree cut; investing in forest worker training; and strengthening forest communities that depend on the forest sector. The regional office anticipates considerable activity in these program areas in the coming year.

Value-added

The first of three areas is value-added manufacturing. Value-added, or secondary manufacturing is a widely-accepted as an economic development avenue as it gets more value and more jobs from each tree that is cut. However, the northwest lags far behind the rest of the

province in this area. To address this in 1996/97, the Skeena Bulkley Region launched a study to identify the best opportunities for the development of value-added manufacturing.

"We want to be a catalyst for the development of secondary manufacturing in this region," said Parkinson. "We anticipate that this study will provide a jumping off point for several initiatives with significant benefits in terms of local employment."

Workforce

Workforce training programs were incorporated into many of the land-based projects approved last year. For example, the Haisla from Kitimaat Village were participants in a forestry skills training program administered by District Forest Service staff with funding from Forest Renewal BC. The result is a trained crew that can be employed on future silviculture projects.

In addition, the Skeena Bulkley Region provided funding for the Northwest Loggers Association to assess local training needs, and the regional office expects to training initiatives

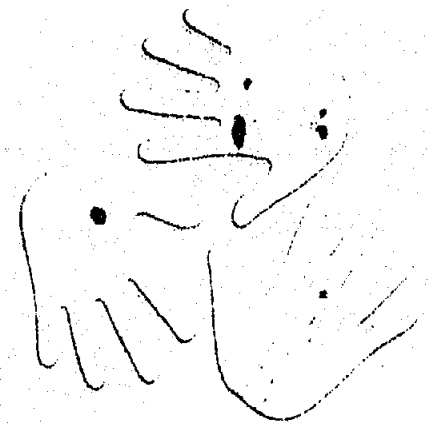
Communities

A new initiative under the

Communities envelope is the Community Business Program, which in its first six months of operation in 1996/97 provided more than \$600,000 worth of loans to small and medium-sized forest sector businesses.

These loans are available through Community Futures organizations, Native Development Corporations and selected Credit Unions and can be used to offset start-up costs or for working capital. It is anticipated that the program will continue to grow as the awareness of it increases in 1997/98.

Another new initiative under the communities envelope, is the Forest Sector Specialist -- essentially a resource for communities and First Nations, dedicated to coordinating forest-related community economic development projects to be funded by Forest Renewal BC. This measure was introduced in 1996/97 to address a fundamental obstacle for communities, who were aware that funding was available to them through Forest Renewal BC, but didn't have the resources to pursue the many new opportunities available to them.



Touch Wood

1997 NORTHERN WOOD FORUM

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Exhibition

Industry exhibitors display and demonstrate the spectrum of value-added activity taking place in the province. Booths will include value-added producers and service providers. Woodcrafters products will be available for purchase. Plan to do some early Christmas shopping.

Gallery

Northern woodcrafters and students offer their latest products in the TOUCHWOOD GALLERY. Award winners will be displayed in the gallery. (Application deadline for juried show is Mar. 14, 1997)

Student Competition

Visit the many school projects and products vying for over \$50,000 in prizes for the best value-added project.

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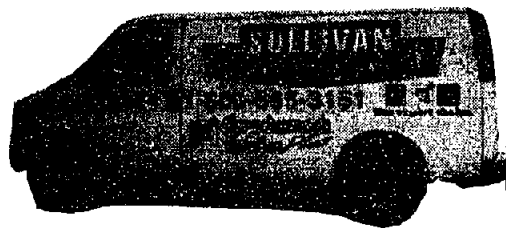
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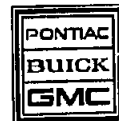
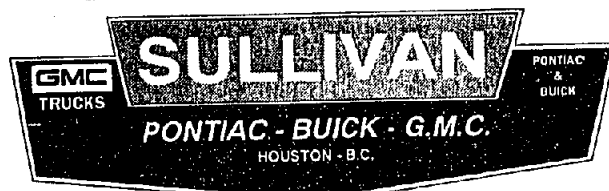
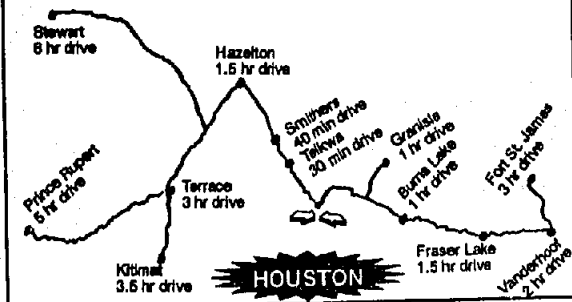
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Canadian Women in Timber... Who are they? What do they do?

Barb McCarthy is the Chair of Canadian Women in Timber.

Canadian Women in Timber (CWIT) is a true grassroots organization — [Image] our members' families are the first to experience consequences of land use changes and cut withdrawals. CWIT is a non-profit, charitable, dynamic organization with a goal of

ten branches in the province with members at-large throughout BC and in eastern Canada. Our education mandate extends to our members as we are continually learning about our forests through workshops, forums, courses, and other venues.

CWIT comes with no "baggage" — that is, we are not constrained by corporatedirections. We

of our effort is focused on educating children. We have found that there is a lack of balanced forest information in our schools. Forest education is too important to omit from our children's knowledge-base. They are the most important segment of the population to educate — being the decision makers of the future. We hope that our enthusiasm about forests and the forest industry will rub off on teachers and students and they will continue to pursue the topic.

CWIT believes that a healthy forest and a viable forest industry go hand in hand. We believe that it's time the public are told things as they are - straight, to the point, factual and truthful. What the public does with the information is up to them, but without the knowledge in the first place, there is little hope for future generations to have healthy forests, healthy industry and good lifestyles.

Each branch of CWIT carries out the forest education mandate in its own way. Prince George, See Canadian Women in Timber page 22



balanced forest land use and a mandate to provide education. Although there are other organizations with a forest education mandate, we believe we have a unique and important perspective.

We are all volunteers and anyone can join. We have

insist upon the truth and we have no use for actions and decisions motivated only by "political correctness".

We are dedicated to informing the public about the forests and forest industry by promoting Forest Awareness Through Education. A good deal

Nor For. Trim Ends

BC Sawmills are still reacting to their lumber quotas for shipments to customers in the United States. The quotas were released on Halloween and for most mills it was anything but a treat. On average, mills around the province received a quota of 20% less than what they shipped to the US in 1994 and 1995. As a result, prices for lumber have jumped to record high levels and this has caused a major crisis for US homebuilders as construction costs have begun to increase dramatically. Due to the low quotas, several mills in northern BC have already announced extended shutdown during the Christmas period. However, it is still too early to predict the full impact of the quota allocation on the industry. Canada and the US signed a softwood lumber deal which took effect on April 01 this year. The 5 year agreement sees BC, Alberta, Quebec and Ontario sharing a 14.7 billion board beet (MMfbm)

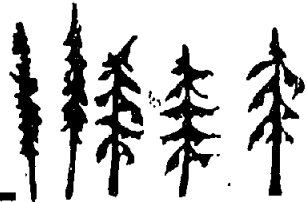
duty free quota before paying a two-tiered export fee. BC's share of 59% is allocated between primary and remanufacturing operations and new entrants in the industry. The American Home Builders' Association suggests the move could drive up the cost of an average US home by as much as \$5,000.

Congratulations to woods people around the province! BC's 1st annual report on Enforcement and Compliance of the Forest Practices Code shows a better-than 90% compliance rate during the 1st year the Code has been in place. During the year, June 15, 1995 - June 15, 1996 over 31,000 inspections of harvesting and road building sites were carried out. Less than 2% of the inspections resulted in confirmed contraventions of the Code, while about 2% more are still under investigation. The Minister of Forests, David Zimhelt says the statistics show that the majority of forest companies are obviously

committed to making the Code work. Despite the good report, industry leaders say they are committed to working towards a 100% compliance record.

Forest Renewal BC is funding a new group aimed at informing more high school students about the career opportunities in BC's secondary wood products manufacturing sector. The BC Wood Industry Education Society plans to use a variety of methods including CD-ROM technology to get its message out. Eight pilot programs will begin in school districts around the province, including Prince George, this fall.

The 1997 NFPA Convention is set for April 3-4, 1997 in Prince George. Make plans to attend and book your hotel, motel or Bed & Breakfast rooms now! The first notice to past delegates about Convention '97 will be sent soon. If you require more information, please contact our office!




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Reasearchers work to regenerate B.C.'s northern forests

For a seedling being planted in an area most often described as "severe" and "harsh," prospects for survival aren't good. For the silviculturalist trying to create a successful regeneration plan for seedling, inadequate information on environmental and site conditions can render the task next to impossible.

The area in question is the Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir (ESSF) biogeoclimatic zone, which includes most of the high elevation forests within the interior of B.C. In north-central British Columbia, ESSF zones are associated with the Hazelton, Skeena, Omineca, Rocky and Columbia Mountain Ranges, as well as some higher elevation portions of the Interior Plateau, most notably the Quesnel Highlands.

As the name implies. The ESSF zone is dominated by stands of Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir. The trees survive in a continental climate characterized by long, cold, snowy winters and short, cool summers. The snow-free period, particularly

higher elevations and on north aspects, can be as little as 110 days. Terrain is rugged, with steep-sided U-shaped valleys and jagged peaks.

The ESSF zone presents a challenge as a mountainous region because its climate and thermal regimes can vary dramatically. Local variations in site conditions are also caused by slope and slope position, elevation, aspect, soil characteristics and vegetation cover. Environmental factors affecting seedling survival include temperature (soil and air), frost, vegetative contributions to snow press and the stabilization of soils on steep slopes.

Until the mid-1980s, logging in subalpine stands in the Prince George, Prince Rupert and Cariboo Forest Regions was sporadic, and no clear reforestation trends had been established. As forestry operations moved into subalpine regions, reforestation became more difficult and often unsuccessful because site conditions were different

from those at lower elevations.

Although research on the ESSF zone had been carried out, there was no readily accessible summary for practicing silviculturalists.

Craig Farnden, forester and silviculturalist for the Canadian Forest Service in Prince George, had been a consultant for six years at the time. "When I was preparing preharvest prescriptions (for subalpine forest areas) there was so much information that I needed, but didn't have," said Farnden. The missing data, such as air and soil temperatures, impacts of competing vegetation and snow at elevations, was necessary to answer the question: What are the critical factors I should be considering?

So Farnden reviewed the available literature on subalpine silviculture practice and augmented it with observations made during field tours of the high-elevations operations of 16 licensees within the Prince George, Prince Rupert Cariboo Forest Regions in the

summer of 1992. He compiled this information in Forest Regeneration in the ESSF Zone of North-Central British Columbia. The report highlights the current knowledge of environmental conditions in this region, their effects on tree survival and growth, some of the forest practices that can be used to modify adverse conditions, and the silvical characteristics of affected tree species.

Each of these environmental conditions interacts with the others affects the selection of cutting and reforestation methods. "The key is to be aware of the environment when making a prescription," said Farnden. "By doing so, when you treat for one environmental factor you can ensure you won't be creating an adverse effect on another." By identifying the environmental conditions in subalpine forests and the changes in those conditions when forests are harvested, practicing silviculturalists will help minimize problems with regeneration.

THIS SUMMER, A FIREFIGHTER'S MOST HELPFUL TOO MAY BE A COMPUTER

British Columbia forest firefighters are going to have a new, electronic weapon on their side this fire season. The Wildfire Ignition Probability Predictor (WIPP) is a computer application developed by Canadian Forest Service researchers that enables fire managers to predict, on an hourly or daily basis, the ignition probability of a person-caused, self-sustaining wildfire in three kinds of typical B.C. forest.

By simply punching into WIPP the time of day, forest type and a few figures obtained from a local fire weather station, a fire manager can assess the wildfire potential in a given area, position their fire crew accordingly, and save both

time and money. "There are other fire danger rating and fire behaviour predication models," said Bruce Lawson, recently retired CFS head of the Victoria-based Fire Management Program, "but this one is specifically geared to predicting sustained ignition probability in several B.C. forest types."

People cause about half of the forest fires in B.C., through careless use of matches, campfires, cigarettes, and such industrial activities as logging, road construction and land clearing. "We hope WIPP will help reduce these losses by telling us more accurately when and where the danger zones will be from day to day," Lawson said.

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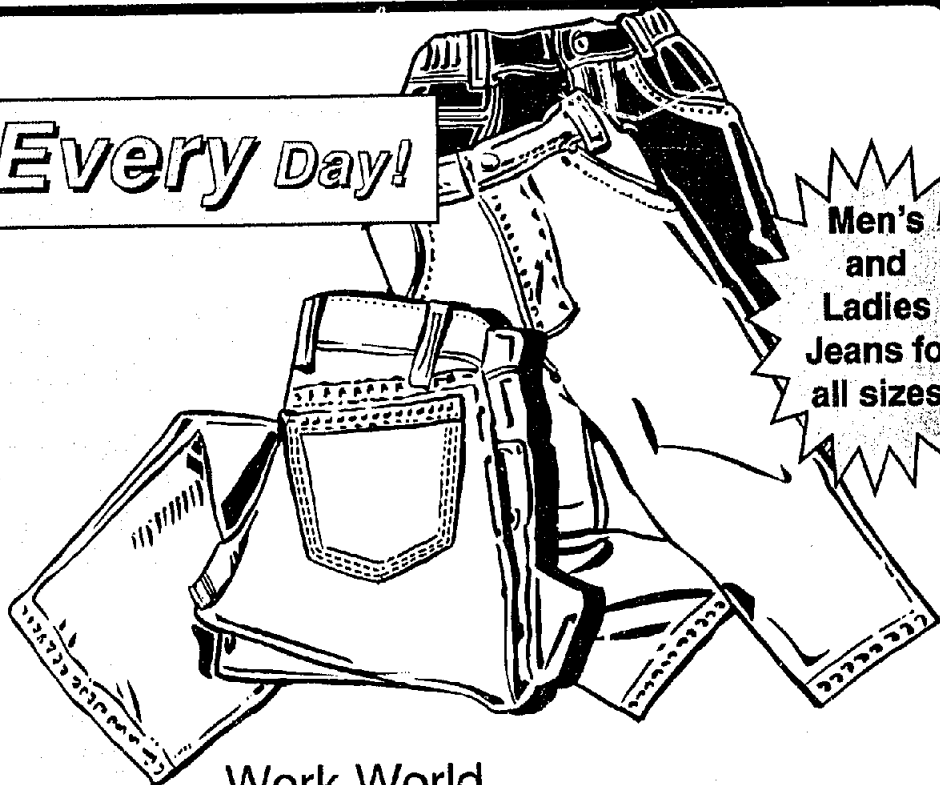
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Touch Wood

**1997 Northern Wood Forum
May 8-10, 1997 Williams Lake, B.C.**

Value-added wood products manufactured and crafted in Northern British Columbia will be the focus of displays and discussions at the 1997 Northern Wood Forum, May 8-10, 1997 in Williams Lake.

Touch Wood is the theme of the Northern Wood Forum, reflecting an opportunity for delegates and visitors to become involved in the value-added sector of the forest industry. Woodcrafters, high school students, educators, industry and the general public are invited to take part and learn more about the possibility of generating long-term employment and business opportunities.

"By building on the highly successful 1996 Northern Wood Forum in Vanderhoof, the Williams Lake conference is expected to draw 500 delegates and 10,000 visitors," said Len Bosch, NWF host committee co-chair. "This year we will emphasize market supply and expanding sales," he said.

The multi-level event combines a conference, juried wood products show, workshops and competitions for value-added wood products. Woodcrafters and students will showcase their

work and receive advice on market their products. The conference will feature top-rated speakers with workshops on value-added topics, developing networks and partnerships, marketing, promotion, building a value-added wood products operation, future jobs and use of technology to enhance their access to supplies and markets.

Woodcrafters are invited to display their crafts and present their work for juried competition awards totalling ten thousand dollars. Work will be assessed by a panel of merchandise specialist and exhibited for the public. The deadline for woodcrafters is March 11, 1997. Artisans or value-added associated business will also be able to rent booth space at the forum for \$125-\$300, depending on their business size.

Youth have been invited to enter the competitions, presenting their perspective and creativity. Teams of students from 13 high schools in Northern B.C. were each given 500 board feet of local species wood mills. The students will create a product with a business and marketing plan for a value-added business. The top effort earns the team summer jobs, computer hardware and software and business advice valued in excess of \$50,000. Leading sponsors for the

forum are: Central Interior Wood Processors Association, working in participation with the Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers Association; Forest Renewal B.C.; Ministry of Small Business; Tourism and Culture; Human Resources Development Canada; royal Bank; Slocan Group; Vanderhoof Specialty Wood Products; Dezti Wood Ltd.; School District #27 and many major companies in the forest sector.

Registration for the event is \$150 with a discount for early-bird registration of \$125 before April 11, 1997. The fee includes the conference workshops and all meals.

The conference involves a steering committee of over a dozen members with scores of volunteers detailed to take care of food, security, hosting delegates, transportation, publicity, student competitions, awards, communications and show management.

For information or registration call Tanya Kaempf, Northern Wood Forum, at Community Futures in Williams Lake, 250-392-3626, or write: Northern Wood Forum, #301, 172 N 2nd Ave., Williams Lake, V2G1Z6, or by e-mail at: carcfdc@mail.netshop.net.



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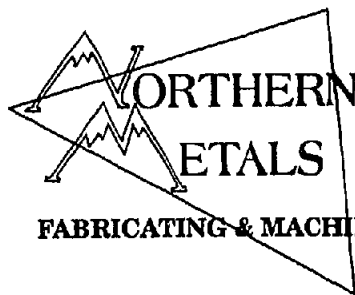
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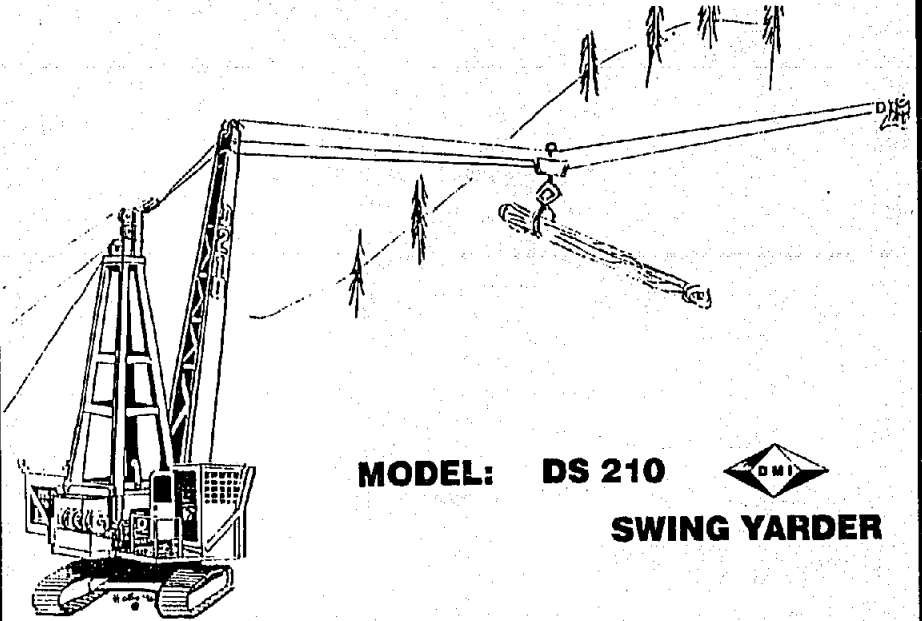
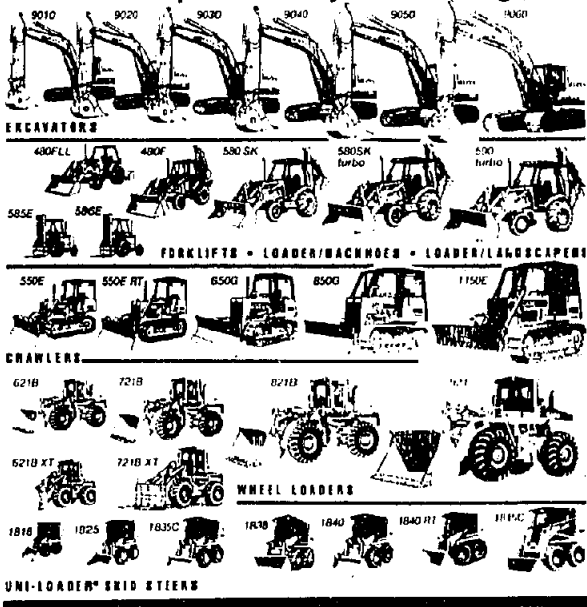
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A user friendly machine, something simple to operate and simple to maintain was part of our design criteria. Components would be common stock items and vendor part numbers would be made available to end user. The Drum set, the main part of any yarder would have no interlock (Normally a high maintain item and also restrictive in the yarder capabilities). In its place we put Eaton water cooled brakes and Carlson air plate clutches (these are very reliable components). This allows us to run many yarding configurations that interlocked machines cannot run. Our drums would have wide large diameter barrels for better slipping and added line life (some machines run 2 drums on the same shaft side by side). Two of our drums would be identical so we can rig the yarder in a running skyline configuration, which is how an interlocked yard is set up.

Next was our power train, which drives from the engine through a six speed transmission with a built in torque converter, then a drive shaft, directly into the drive pinion which eliminated the chained drive case. We eliminated the hydraulic pump drive case by mounting the pumps directly to the transmission. This accomplished two things:

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2. Better H.P. utilization.

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Our guylines are single part. Some machines have two part guylines so the crew must drag a block throughout the brush every time they move a guyline with this type of machine and yarding this could be 6-8 times per day. Because of the block purchase more guyline loading is put on the stump than the yarder, making it easier to pull guy stumps. We have a high gantry which also helps on guystump loading.

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Around the clock demand

With every turn of the second hand on your wrist-watch, the world's population increases by three. That means our planet must support another 93 million people every year.

This staggering growth had direct implications for the world's forests. The United Nations predicts global demand for forest products will increase at the rate of 86 million cubic metres annually until 2010. By way of comparison, British Columbia harvests less than 80 million cubic metres each year.

In order to satisfy the United Nations' projections for future wood demand, the volume of timber extracted from the world's forest must increase at a rate greater than one B.C. harvest each year. **FORESTS OF THE WORLD** More than four billion hectares of forest and woodlands blanket the planet, with the largest concentrations in the former Soviet Union and the Americas. Excluding Antarctica, nearly one-third of the world's land mass is covered by the forest.

Ironically, the two regions most often accused of 'deforestation' - British Columbia and Brazil - have retained far more forest land than the rest of the world. Sixty-five per cent of B.C. is forested; 66 per cent of Brazil is.

British Columbia is home to about 60.6 million hectares of forest, or two thirds of the province's total land area.

B.C.'s FOREST IN PROFILE

British Columbia's forests are its natural resource, encompassing nearly two-thirds of the provincial land base. Forests managed for timber production comprise about 40 per cent of the total forest resource.

Less than one per cent of B.C.'s working forest is harvested in any one year. In 1993, 220,000 hectares of forest land was harvested for a timber yield of 79.2 million cubic metres. This represents 0.9 per cent of the working forest by area and 0.9 per cent of the working forest by volume of mature timber.

The vast majority of trees cut in B.C. each year (about 92 per cent) are used to

manufacture solid wood building products like lumber, plywood and roofing. Another seven per cent goes directly into pulp and paper, and about one per cent is exported as raw logs.

The primary source of fibre for B.C.'s pulp and paper mills is residue from solid wood manufacturing. In 1993, B.C. sawmills shipped about 25 million cubic metres of wood chips to pulp and paper mills - the volume equivalent of 31 per cent of the annual timber harvest.

ALL FORESTS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

British Columbia has some of the most productive forest land in the world.

A hectare of mature forest in B.C. yields eight times more merchantable timber than a hectare of mature forest in Brazil's Amazon rain forest. On average, about 400 cubic metres is harvested per hectare in B.C. In Siberia, it's about 50 cubic metres per hectare; in Brazil just 8 cubic metres per hectare.

About 220,000 hectares of forest land is harvested each year in B.C. To produce an equivalent amount of wood in Siberia, about 1.76 million hectares would have to be harvested; in the Amazon, about 11 million hectares.

AT WHAT COST?

Wood isn't the only building product on the market, but it is one of the most environmentally-friendly choices a builder or architect can make.

For instance, producing a tonne of wood requires 126 times less energy than producing a tonne of steel, 14 times less than a tonne of glass and five times less than a tonne of cement.

Replacing B.C.'s annual lumber production with an equivalent amount of aluminum or steel would result in a huge increase in energy consumption. It would require new hydro-electric dams on some of the province's largest river systems, or new coal-fired and nuclear power plants. Any of these options would have significant environmental consequences. Lumber production is also cleaner than its alternatives. Manufacturing steel studs results in 40 times more harmful effluent and three times more carbon dioxide emissions than manufacturing wooden two-by-fours.

Aluminum - 73,080 kilowatts per tonne.

Steel - 13,920 kilowatts per tonne.

Cement - 2,900 kilowatts per

tone. **Brick** - 2,320 kilowatts per tonne.

Wood - 580 kilowatts per tonne.

HOW FAR DOES A TRUCKLOAD GO?

British Columbia produces far more lumber, plywood, pulp and paper than its citizens require. In fact, one 24 tonne truckload of logs is harvested from BC's forest each year for every man, woman and child in the province.

That's because B.C.'s forest industry produces primarily for export. Nearly 82 per cent of B.C. Forest products are destined for foreign markets. A significant portion of the remaining 18 per cent is sold in Canadian markets outside B.C.

Forest product exports represent more than 60 per cent of the province's export earnings.

Most people recognize food, water and oxygen as the basic building blocks of human survival. But there's another, often overlooked element in the hierarchy of materials required to sustain civilization. It's wood.

In fact, based on current levels of consumption, human populations require a greater volume of wood than food; wood for constructing homes and other buildings, wood for cooking and heating, wood for making furnishings, tools and equipment, and wood for manufacturing paper products.

Each of the 5.6 billion people on the planet consumes an average of 1,700 grams of wood every day. That compares to potato (223), wheat (227g), corn (210g), rice (200005g), milk (235g), meat (80g), oranges (31g) and tomato (21g).

Wood consumption is even higher in Canada, where 28 million people each consume 1,700 grams of wood every eight hours.

Average daily consumption per person.

Milk: 235 g. **Potato** 233 g. **Wood:** 1,700 g. **Tomato:** 21g. **Wheat** 227 g.

A FINAL WORD

Even as global demand for wood increases and the environmental consequences of alternatives become clear, B.C. is being pressured to decrease or even halt its timber production.

But what would happen if B.C.'s forest sector stopped producing for export tomorrow? Aside from massive job loss, social dislocation and plummeting government revenues,

removing the source of one-third of the world's softwood lumber trade would have severe environmental implications.

The law of supply and demand dictates that world prices for lumber, plywood, pulp, paper and other forest products would soar. Timber producing countries with lower environmental standards than British

Columbia would be motivated to increase their cut beyond sustainable levels. "Transferring wood demand to other regions of the world...will definitely encourage massive felling of the remaining Siberian and Amazonian forests. It is not a globally acceptable environmental solution to advocate a lower level of harvest in B.C."

Canadian Women in Timber from page 18

Fraser Valley, Lower Mainland, Williams Lake and Shuswap all deliver programs through the public education system.

Terrace offers a comprehensive three-day forest camp for grade five students that includes transportation, accommodation, food, speakers, and activities. Sunshine Coast provides education to the public with such methods as Reach for the Tree Top contest. This year they organized all the events for their National Forest Week.

Members at-large are also active. The Parsons from Powell River take their portable sawmill to classrooms in BC on request.

We also get involved in events, commissions, planning processes, and committees that are related to forest land use such as LRMP's and Aboriginal initiatives. We work with groups such as the NFPA, ILMA, SHARE BC, Forest Alliance, interpretive forests, universities and others. We hold an annual Forest Awareness Day in October, publish a quarterly newsletter, donate bursaries to students, take part in rallies, and sponsor and assist with woods tours. Four of our Board members have travelled to Europe on speaking tours - correcting misinformation about BC's forest industry.

What we may lack in massive numbers and funds, we make up for with dedication, determination, and gut-driven motivation. Canadian Women in Timber are out to make a difference!

Come, see for yourself

Forest tours are offered in many communities in Northern British Columbia. You are invited to come along and see for yourself how your forests are managed. These tours include both guided and self guided tour options - pick one to suit your schedule!

The guided tours offer you a chance to meet the people who manage, harvest and renew the forest. You will see how we harvest timber and replant the forests. You will learn how wildlife, recreation, wilderness resources and range are managed. You can ask questions and we can get you

views from you - out in the woods - where it really counts. The self guided tours allow you the opportunity to explore the woods at your leisure.

What To Bring

You are going on a forestry tour, so dress accordingly. Wear casual clothes - long pants and sturdy foot wear. The weather can change, so be prepared. Bring a rain jacket, a sweater, sunglasses, sun lotion and insect repellent. Cameras and field glasses are a good idea. Besides the scenery, you have a good chance of seeing and photographing some of our diverse wildlife.

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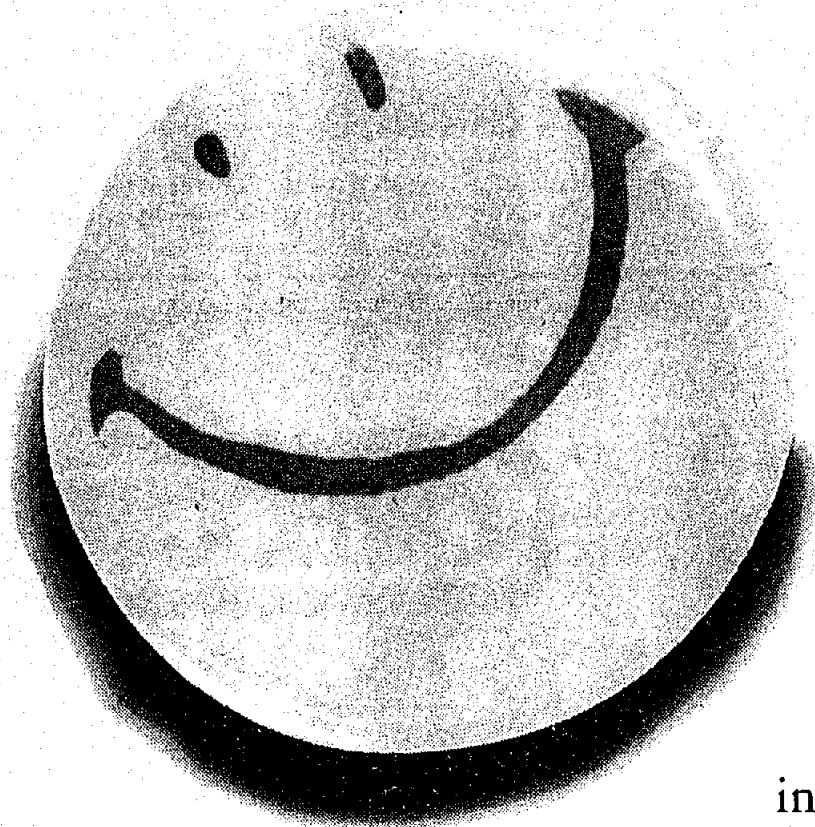
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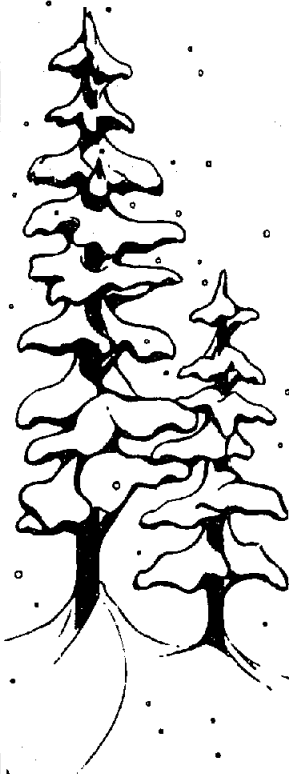
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Did You Know? Forest Facts



Historically speaking
The first national park in Canada was established in Banff, Alberta in 1885.

Size and weight
Tree seeds vary greatly in size and weight depending upon species. For instance, red oak average 276 seeds per kilogram, sugar maple 15,500 seeds per kilogram, white ash 29,000 seeds per kilogram and black spruce 891,000 seeds per kilogram.

Trees breathe
Trees breathe in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen, exactly the opposite of animals and humans.

That's no rot
White oak is more decay-resistant than red oak, and was prized for wooden ship building.

WOOD FACTS
"Softwood" is not really soft.
(NC)-Softwood is the term commonly used for coniferous trees. These are trees that bear cones and have needle-like leaves which generally remain green throughout winter. Softwoods include spruce, pine and others. Hardwood refers to

deciduous or broad-leaved trees, such as maple and

oak. The leaves change colour in autumn and are usually shed before winter. Hardwoods tend to be denser and therefore harder than softwoods. There are more than 30 species of softwoods in Canada. Most of Canada's commercial lumber and wood products come from softwoods, which are more plentiful. Whether you build with hardwood or softwood products, by choosing wood you get a quality material that is renewable.

When a tree is harvested, every part serves a useful purpose.
(NC)-Of each tree harvested, 95% goes into useful products, such as lumber, plywood, chips, and sawdust, or into fuel to co-generate power for the mill. Even the bark is used for fuel or landscaping products. The remaining 5% of the tree, the branches, are left behind in the forest to naturally biodegrade, enriching the soil. As our population increases, so does the demand for building materials. By building with wood, we choose a quality material that is renewable AND biodegradable.

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If a tree falls....

A whack on the trunk with the butt end of an axe handle used to be the preferred method for determining a tree's soundness. If the tree was dead it was felled. Recently, however, thinking has been changing, and the dead tree that was previously considered a hazard, is now being looked at for its contribution to biodiversity. As well, foresters are learning to select living wildlife habitat.

Wildlife trees provide structural complexity to forests, roosts, dens, perched and feeding sites for more than 90 species of animals native to B.C. As they die and decay, wildlife trees supply coarse woody debris and litter to the forest floor, recycling nutrients and providing shelter and foraging substrate for various ground-dwelling organisms. To deal with the ongoing loss of wildlife tree habitat throughout B.C., the Wildlife Tree Committee (WTC) was formed in 1985. The committee consists of members from the Workers' Compensation Board, federal

and provincial governments, industry and public conservation organizations. In turn, the WTC created, with the help of Canada-B.C. Partnership Agreement on Forest Resource Development (FRDAII) and the Ministry of Forests' Silviculture Branch, the Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course - the first of its kind in North America. The course combines information sessions and practical field experience in maintaining a safe work environment, and selecting and retaining wildlife trees and future wildlife tree habitat. The Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course offers half-day information seminars and three-day qualifying courses. So far, almost 1,000 operational people, WCB workers, fallers and those who assess the soundness of trees have gone through the course.

Stewart Guy, a biologist and environmental educator and one of the coordinators of the WTC, was the course designer/developer. "I consider wildlife trees to be the sentinels of biodiversity,"

said Guy. "While a minority of people still feel that growing big trees is all that matters, I think the majority feel that it's important to grow big trees, but also protect the intrinsic forest values."

Participants begin the course by learning how to identify wildlife trees, then move on to basic ecology, pathology and safety. Using a nine-stage tree-decay classification system developed for the course, assessors can determine which trees are suitable to leave standing. Because different species use wildlife trees at various stages of the tree's life and decay cycles, the course also teaches assessors to avoid fragmentation by leaving enough wildlife trees at different stages in the cycle. Fifteen Canadian Forest Service (CFS) research staff from the Pacific Forestry Centre (PFC) in Victoria took the course and are now certified Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessors. Following the course, a one-day workshop was held at PFC where pathologists and other

experts reviewed and updated some of the scientific material in the course manual.

"The course offers a valuable standardized method for recognizing dangerous trees," said CFS scientist Dr. Eric Allen. "It will form the basis for the refinement of assessment procedures for hazard trees in urban and recreational settings. CFS scientists plan to continue working with the WTC, pursuing research related to tree soundness."

Future plans for the WTC and the Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course include working with B.C. Hydro trying to figure out how to leave wildlife trees along hydro lines, and with the seismic (oil & gas) industry, preserving wildlife trees along seismic exploration lines in the northeastern portion of British Columbia. As well, a practical field guide to wildlife tree users, sponsored by FRDAII, is available. The guide contains the essential biology for species that use wildlife trees, and will be useful to foresters, biologists,

arborists, engineers, and those involved in planning and design of forest landscapes.

"The demand for the course is high," said Guy. "And as more foresters get into partial cutting and other silviculture systems with a requirement to manage wildlife trees, the demand for the course will increase."

While the WTC originally dealt with wildlife trees in silviculture practices, now it's tied in with harvesting and B.C.'s Forest Practices Code. This involvement included new guidelines being

developed for maintaining wildlife tree habitat in forest harvesting operations, and working in conjunction with larger-scale coastal and interior forest management and biodiversity guidelines. "In regard to wildlife trees, the WTC has planted a seed of recognition that has now become an integral part of forestry," said Guy.

"An awareness of the importance of wildlife trees has been established from the chief foresters right through to those people cutting firewood."



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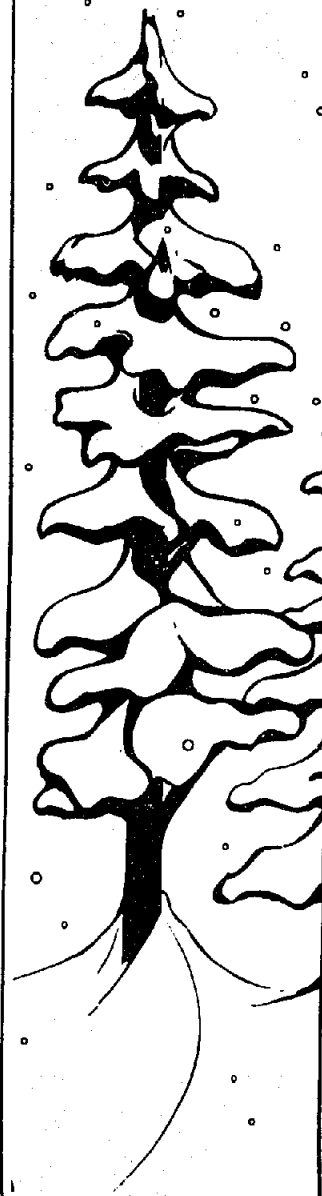
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What a headache
The original active ingredient in aspirin were first found in the tea made from willow bark. Late in the nineteenth century, the active ingredients were isolated and synthesized into acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), and marketed under the name "Aspirin."

Nothing to sneeze at
A single flower on a birch tree can have over 5 million grains of pollen in it.

Forest compass
The chalky white material found on the bark of an aspen tree is always most noticeable on the south side of the tree.

Get your fix
Alder leaves do not change before they fall in the autumn. Alders fertilize the soil through a process known as nitrogen-fixation.

All wet
Most leaves are 90 per cent water.

Under the skin
One way of telling a white spruce from a black spruce is the inner bark. Black spruce is olive green in colour and white spruce is pinkish.

Staying close to shore
The Arbutus is a broad-level, deciduous tree which sheds its bark instead of its leaves. It is seldom found growing more than 10 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean.

Give it a roll
To tell the difference between a fir and a spruce tree - roll the needles between your finger and thumb. Spruce needles will roll, but fir needles are flat.

Black moon
Common folklore has it cutting alders in "the black moon of August" will ensure that there will be no sprouting the following summer.

Thin skinned
It would take a concrete wall five feet thick to equal the insulating quality of just four inches of wood.

A lot of trees
Canada's forests cover 453 million hectares, almost 50 percent of the country's land surface.

Joyeux Noel
Balsam fir is widely used as a Christmas tree because it retains its leaves longer than spruce, and has a beautiful aroma.

The ring of things
The width of annual growth rings in trees reflects variations in climatic factors, competition with neighbours and health.

Fir worm?
Balsam fir is more vulnerable to the Spruce Budworm than white, red or black spruce.

Mind the mast, laddie
White pine trees in North America were first reserved exclusively for use as masts by the British Royal Navy. The tall straight trees so selected were blazed with a broad arrow to ensure they were retained for this purpose. It was a serious offense to fell them for any other purposes.

Canada's first Faculty of Forestry was started in 1907.

Contrary conifers
Eastern larch (tamarack) and Western larch are the only Canadian conifers which lose their needles in the winter.

Magic potions
In the world of natural medicines, the root of ground hemlock was one of seven special herbs which made up the Micmac magic healing potion.

Forest competition
The forests of Canada are largely composed of a total of 31 species of conifers and over one hundred species of deciduous trees.

Forest youth group
The Junior Forest Warden movement began in 1930 when the Canadian Forestry Association in BC first organized this youth group. The first Chief Warden was Charles Wilkinson.

Beavers got taste buds
Beavers prefer poplar trees; however, when they are hungry, they will eat many other species, including hardwoods such as beech and oak.

In the genes
Common tree names may be traced to: tree habits, eg. trembling pine; botanists who identified them, eg. Douglas fir; products, eg. sugar maple; or geographical location, eg. Manitoba maple.

Seven million toothpicks
A cord of good dry hardwood is equivalent in heating value to as much as 250 gallons of fuel oil or about one ton of anthracite oil. One cord of wood yields 7,500,000 toothpicks, 61,370 number 10 envelopes, 4,384,000 postage stamps or 89,870 sheets of 8.5 x 11 bond paper.

Mighty maple
Of the 150 species of maple in the world, only ten grow in Canada.

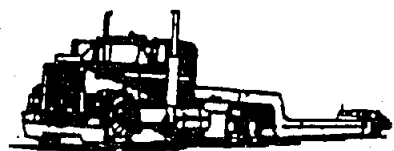
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What is slash burning?

When forests are harvested, some tree parts are not used and are left lying on and in the ground. This material is called "logging slash" or simply "slash." The use of prescribed fire -- that is, fire used to improve wildlife habitat -- is called "slashburning."

Source - Balancing act: environmental issues in forestry.

When is slash burning done?

Slashburning is normally done only after clearcutting.

It is sometimes done in shelterwood systems where the remaining trees have a thick fire-resistant bark, in Douglas-fir or western larch in B.C., and where there is little danger of damage to the trees' fine feeding roots, such as in dry climates or on dry sites where the forest floor is not thick and most of the roots are protected in the mineral soil.

Source - Balancing act: environmental issues in forestry

How well is reforestation progressing in British Columbia?

The rate of tree planting has increased to the point where over 200 million seedlings are planted each year. Sometime in 1989, the two-billionth seedling was planted; it took 50 years to plant the billionth seedling and only seven years to plant the second. (the three-billionth seedling was planted in Kamloops on June 4, 1993. Source: Forest Alliance of B.C.)

Source - All things considered: forest management in British Columbia

How much of B.C. was reforested in 1992?

British Columbia replanted

199,270 hectares in 1991-92, 196,043 hectares of this was on crown land; 3,277 hectares was on private land. Source - B.C. Ministry of Forests.

How important is the Canadian forest industry to jobs and the economy?

In 1991, 249,500 Canadians were directly employed in the forest sector. In 1990, the total value of the forest product shipments was \$34.2 billion. Indirect employment is estimated to provide a further 499,000 Canadian jobs. About 748,500 Canadians, or one in 10 jobs in Canada, depends on a healthy forest industry. Across Canada, the industry provides the economic mainstay of communities. Source - British Columbia forest industry fact book: 1992

What is a clearcut?

A clearcut can be defined as an area of forest that has been completely cleared of all trees other than seedlings and occasional saplings. When a forest is clearcut, all the trees that regrow in the area will be similar in age and size. Clearcutting is the harvesting practice most commonly used in the conversion from unmanaged to managed forests. It is also the most common method of harvesting in managed timber production forests in the world. However, ecologically speaking, a clearcut is not just defined by the removal of trees, but also by the loss of forest conditions are collectively referred to as the "forest micro-climate." It is this forest micro-climate that affects how well species live in the woods. And the microclimate is, in turn, affected not just by the size of a clearcut, but more so, by

the shape.

Source - Balancing act: environmental issues in forestry.

Does clearcutting destroy the forest ecosystem?

Clearcutting may destroy a variety of forest conditions for some period following the harvest, but these conditions are not lost forever. The time taken for their recovery will depend on whether the ecological mechanisms of recovery have been damaged.

Just because a clearcut looks ugly says absolutely nothing about whether these mechanisms have been impaired.

Judging by the ecological impact of clearcutting, therefore, requires an analysis of ecological processes and not just temporary, though highly viable, changes in the structure and visual appearance of the ecosystem.

Source - Balancing act: environmental issue in forestry.

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Source - The economic impacts of timber harvesting in British Columbia



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