



# WOODLOT ADVANCE

## Growing Together

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## Private Woodlots - Severe Overcutting?

**I**n October '95, via the newspaper media, we were all informed that private woodlots are being severely overcut because of market conditions.

We were also told that New Brunswick's Crown Lands & Forests Act (50% of N.B.'s forest land) is one of the toughest pieces of forest management legislation in Canada, covering everything from sustainable harvests to non-timber values, such as animal habitats and water ecosystems. In addition to that, we read that on large freehold land owned by companies (20% of the N.B. forest land) that they are also doing a good job of management for sustainable development. It was then written, but the remainder (30% of N.B.'s forest land) consists of small lots in private hands and there the news isn't so good.

The article basically goes on to say if private woodlot owners don't straighten up their act - then government is going to do it for you. And.....?

At this point, you might be asking yourself, 'What are we, as private woodlot owners, doing that is so bad in comparison to the Crown Land and industrial operations?'

Looking back over the last 30 years, private woodlot owners throughout New Brunswick have worked very hard to develop and establish organizations to improve conditions for themselves

and their rural communities. Let's take a look at some of the things that have transpired over the last 20 or 30 years.

In the 1970's, private woodlot owners were encouraged, by government, to form Forest Products Marketing Boards. By 1979, all 41,000 woodlot owners were represented through their own local organizations

In 1982, government decided to give control of the Crown Lands to the large companies in N.B. In turn, private woodlot owners received 'Primary Source of Supply'. That meant we did not have to compete with Crown Wood. During the 1980's, things worked reasonably well. The woodlot owner organizations operated under the concept of "single desk selling". In essence, the companies had to purchase private woodlot wood through the local regional organizations - people could not be used one against the other in the marketing of their forest products. During that time private woodlot owners had a system that worked for negotiating a contract to sell their wood. (Via Negotiations, Conciliation, Binding Arbitration)

In 1992, government changed the legislation, which affected private woodlot wood.  
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Prior to the actual change, private woodlot owners from all over New Brunswick continuously tried to impress upon government what effects these changes would cause. Yet, government made the changes any way.

Some evidence of the effect of these changes are that the companies are no longer required to purchase wood through the local marketing boards - hence causing people to be pitted against each other; the negotiation system failed - companies are no longer required to honour a binding arbitration decision, yet they are still able to access Crown Land wood; instead of a free market system taking place, a "free-for-all" market place has been created; there are no controls or system to monitor the harvest levels on private woodlots.

It appears the 1992 legislation changes have created a disaster for private woodlot owners. The saddest part of this whole scenario is that government made these changes, yet private woodlot owners are taking the brunt of the criticism, even though we have been pushed into the "free-for-all" market place system.

Don't get us wrong; **S.N.B. is concerned with overcutting on private woodlots.** Although, on a five year average our softwood harvest has not exceeded our allowable annual cut (A.A.C.), there has been a consistent increase in the harvest levels in the past three years. Our hardwood harvest has still never come close to the A.A.C. in the S.N.B. area.

As indicated earlier, the news article of Oct. 11th tells us, as private woodlot owners, either we make some changes or the government will. Well, we have experienced some of the effects of government's change. Therefore, private woodlot owners province wide need to, once again, determine their destiny, not for government's benefit but for the betterment of private woodlot owners and their rural communities.

The S.N.B. organization is not suggesting that every organization in the province should operate exactly the same; but there are three main issues we feel that the concept province wide should be on common ground; being:

- 1) Require industry to buy wood from private woodlots through the regional marketing boards (basically under the same concept we operated prior to the 1990's);
- 2) Develop a system to ensure that industry and woodlot owners can reach agreement on fair prices and volumes in contracts for wood;
- 3) Create a procedure to fund silviculture work on private woodlots so we can manage and preserve our woodlands.

**NOTE:** At the regular S.N.B. Fall Zone Meetings (Nov. 20-29), these issues will be on the agenda for your input, direction and discussion; or in the meantime, please contact the office.

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## Forestry Today

**D**id you see the Sept./Oct. '95 issue? If not, call us at S.N.B. and we will forward a copy to you

Forestry Today is mailed out of Port Hawkesbury, N.S. with a distribution of 30,000. The current issue is dedicated to the 71,000 woodlot owners in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Waddie Long, Editor / Publisher, is working to continue to promote forestry by supplying information to government, industry, business, woodlot owners and the general public. Pick up your first copy free at the S.N.B. office.

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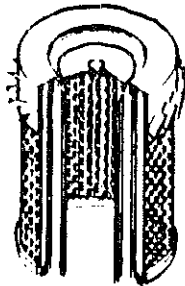
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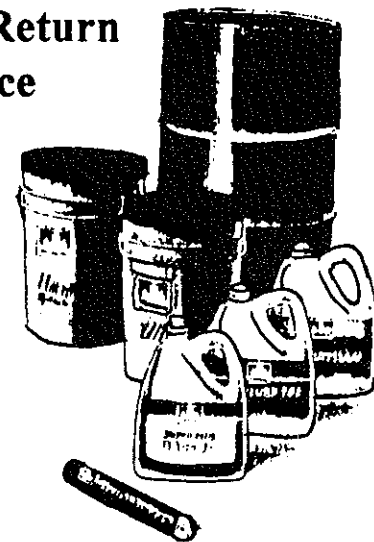


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The S.N.B. Wood Co-operative Ltd. and the S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board are pleased to announce that Sherri Duffy, of Hopewell Cape, was the recipient of the \$1,000 forestry scholarship for the 1994/95 school year.

Sherri has now entered her third year of studies at the University of New Brunswick; ambitiously pursuing her forest engineer degree. Her wish is to contribute to the advancement of technology, through a developed forestry, oriented thought process, giving her the ability to approach issues with the combination of forestry and engineering field and striving to derive the best possible solutions for everyone.

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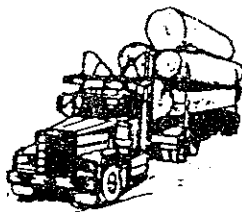
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## International Interest in Private Woodlot Forestry

S.N.B. has had the opportunity to promote private woodlot owners and your harvesting and forest management practices to people from all over the world.

Over the past several months, S.N.B. woodlots have been visited by people from Sweden, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Africa, Italy and China. The delegation participants have had varied backgrounds; such as, Counsellor for Agriculture, Forestry & Environment, University Professors, Counsellor of Public Affairs, Dept. of Economic Relations, journalists, authors, newspaper editors and private woodlot owners. The largest group of 65 participants was private woodlot owners who visit a different country each year.

Most of these tours are arranged through Forestry Canada and the N.B. Dept. of Natural Resources. The main interest of these touring groups is to investigate Canadian forestry practices on private woodlots, industrial and Crown Land operations. Their tour stops usually include New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

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During the past two years, S.N.B. has been actively promoting selection harvesting. Although, interest in this type of management took off slow, most woodlot owners are impressed with the results of this style of treatment on their woodlots. Inquiries to have woodlots inspected to see if the stand types meet the criteria for selection harvesting are on the increase.

S.N.B. has held several selection harvesting training courses for participants who were seasoned woods contractors to woodlot owners with little forestry experience. There are a number of components addressed in the training program. The next course will take place in January. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please give Raymond, Darin or Dwayne a call at the office.

## Students to the Forestry Program

Pam Folkins and S.N.B. Forest Technicians Darin Clark and Dwayne Simkins were pleased to participant as a sponsor in the Students to the Forest Program again this year. Each year the Department of Natural Resources carries out this Program with the assistance of sponsors throughout New Brunswick. Each school district is given the opportunity to apply for forestry field trips for their students.

For the past few years, S.N.B. has provided a number of field trips to tour private woodlots. This year we were pleased to provide three tours to the Model Woodlots of Boles / Hardie, McCrea Farms and Whaelghinbran Farm. The participating schools were two from Saint John - Glen Falls, Grade 6 and Bayside, Grade 9; and one from Elgin, Grades 3 & 4.

Initially, the students seemed excited about a day off from school, but before the day was over, their interest increased - so they had fun and learned about private woodlots, too.

Forestry teachings in the school system is limited; therefore, S.N.B. will be researching the field trip costs without financial assistance from the Dept. of Natural Resources. Some private woodlot owners have expressed interest in sponsoring more school trips. If you are interested in sponsoring a field trip by covering the bus expenses, etc please give us a call at S.N.B.



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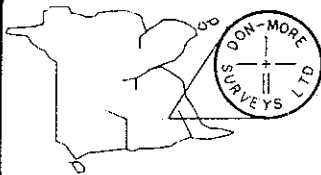
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S.N.B. private woodlot owners, their families and staff joined in the celebration of Co-op Week - Oct. 16-20th.

Staff enthusiastically put together a number of activities; such as "Name that Wood" Contest for the adults, a Colouring Contest for the children, a number of free draws and a Friday morning breakfast with proceeds donated to the Big Brothers / Big Sisters organization.

A big thank you to those who helped us celebrate in the co-operative spirit. Special thanks for prizes donated by Bayview Credit Union.

## S.N.B.'s 1995 Woodlot Owner of the Year

Congratulations to Mr Royce Snider, of Sussex, on being selected as S.N.B.'s 1995 Woodlot Owner of the Year. Royce has been involved in the forest industry all of his life. He is a private woodlot owner of 1,450 acres of forest land, consisting of nine woodlots in the Kings County area. Royce spent several years harvesting and building roads for McMillan Rothesay Ltd. and J D Irving, Ltd. Along with providing harvesting, trucking and other services to many woodlot owners, Royce takes a great interest in working on his own woodland. He has site prepared, planted and tended over 220 acres, thinned over 120 acres, and recently began selection harvesting.

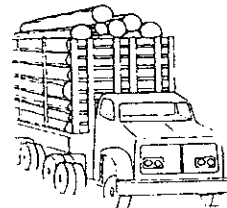
Royce has demonstrated initiative and diligence in the management of his woodland. Many times, he works at figuring out the "how-to" for himself and often goes ahead on his own because assistance is not always available.

Royce has been a member of the S.N.B. Wood Co-operative since it was formed in 1974 and presently serves as a Director with the S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board. The S.N.B. organizations are very please to recognize Royce Snider as the 1995 Woodlot Owner of the Year.



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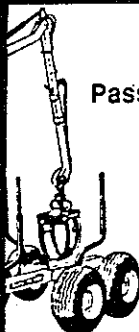
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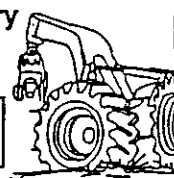


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It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of woodlot owners who are, or have been, unaware of the monies accumulating in the forest management fund. The intent of this fund is to set aside a portion of the value of wood sold from your woodlot to promote good forest management practices on private woodlots. The forest management money is paid out to the woodlot owners to cover some of the expenses for forest management activities; such as, replanting and thinning.

There are a number of things to consider when selling wood from your woodlots; especially if you do not harvest your own wood or if you sell stumpage and someone else carries out the harvesting.

First of all, we would like to make you aware the forest management money is recorded in the individual's name that is recorded on the scaleslip when the wood is delivered to the mill.

Secondly, if you sell your wood through a stumpage sale, quite often the wood producer's name (not the woodlot owner's name) is recorded on the scaleslip. Therefore, the forest management money is recorded in the name of the person who purchased stumpage from you. Thus, you do not have any monies set aside for the wood harvested from your woodlot to cover some of the costs to carry out replanting or thinning.

For owners who sell stumpage, S.N.B would encourage you to sign a stumpage agreement prior to the commencement of any harvesting. There are a number of things to consider; such as, duration of contract, stumpage prices per product (with a clause to reflect any wood price increases or decreases), location of property, forest management monies, etc.

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Pam finds her involvement in the Chamber to be a great avenue to keep "in-tune" with the local businesses and an opportunity to keep the community "in-tune" with private woodlot owners.

Woodlot owners from throughout the S.N.B. area have a real opportunity to participate as members on a vast number of community organizations. Chambers of Commerce, and other community groups, such as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, etc. provide business people the chance to discuss concerns and promote improvements for the people in their respective communities.

## Responsibilities???

### What are My Legal Responsibilities as an Employer, Employee, Contractor or Subcontractor? *By John MacDonald*

Many people are unaware that certain legal obligations exist when a person works for money. This article will focus on some of the obligations that apply under the New Brunswick Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act.

This legislation's recurring theme is that "an employer shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of their employees". So that you may better understand what this entails, let us look at the way the Act defines each person's role.

#### ***How Does The Act Define Employer?***

##### **An employer is described as:**

- a) a person who employs one or more employees, or;
- b) a manager, a superintendent, a supervisor, an overseer or any person having the authority over an employee at a place of employment, or;
- c) an agent of any person responsible in part a) or b).

##### **Employers are responsible for the following:**

- to ensure that at a place of employment the necessary systems of work, tools, equipment, machines, devices and materials are maintained in good condition and are of minimum risk to health and safety
- to acquaint an employee with any hazards that may exist at a place of employment.
- to provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure employees' health and safety.

Some business people believe that by subcontracting a job that they can effectively shed their responsibilities for health and safety. It just isn't so. As stated in the employer's definition, any person having authority over an employee at a place of employment is considered an employer and is therefore responsible.

### ***What Does Providing Training and Supervision Mean?***

"Providing training" means to develop a skill by instruction and practice to a satisfactory standard of competence, being able to do it well. To "provide supervision as necessary" states that a responsible person is present on the worksite and that the employer has given him/her the authority to be in charge. A supervisor must be knowledgeable, experienced and competent.

### ***What About Employees?***

Under the N.B. OHS Act, an employee is a person employed at a place of employment or a person at a place of employment for any purpose in connection therewith. This definition includes people who are at the worksite "just for a day".

##### **Employee responsibilities are:**

- to comply with the Act and regulations.
- to conduct themselves to ensure health and safety and that of co-workers
- to report to the employer the existence of any hazard of which they are aware
- to wear and use the protective equipment as is required by regulation.

In most cases where serious injury or fatality occurred because of a failure to comply with the safety regulations, legal prosecution under the OHS Act may result.

### ***Who Will Be Prosecuted and Based on What Information?***

The Crown Prosecutor will ask a variety of questions. Who was the injured person working for? Who hired him/her? Who pays and signs their cheques? Who has authority over the worksite and who profits from the work being done? Has there been a breach of the OHS Act? Based on the responses, a decision is made on whether or not to lay charges and who to charge.

**For example**, let us take the case of a woodlot owner being approached by a wood buyer. The wood buyer offers a satisfactory price (stumpage) for the landowner's wood. The wood buyer then speaks to a wood contractor who agrees to harvest the timber at another agreed-upon price. The contractor in turn subcontracts the actual work to a skidder owner-operator who then hires wood (cont'd pg. 10)

cutters. All of these parties retain obligations under the OHS Act to take reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of the employees

Reasonable precautions on the part of a woodlot owner include a contract with the wood buyer or contractor with a clause stating clearly that all work done on the woodlot will comply with existing laws regarding health and safety. Further precautions would include a visit to the worksite to look at the state of the equipment and workers. Is the machinery in good condition? Are workers wearing hard hats, cutting pants, eye and ear protection? In short, are the obvious safety-related items in place?

Reasonable precautions for the contractor and subcontractor are more inclusive. They ensure that a competent supervisor is present at all times. The supervisor must have clear authority from the

contractor or subcontractor to ensure that personal equipment is used; that adequate training and proper work practices are in place and that work-related hazards are kept to a minimum. A competent supervisor does not necessarily have to be a foreman exclusively paid to supervise. Any competent person (a skidder operator, an experienced logger) can act as a supervisor as long as his role is accepted and understood by all at the workplace and that the appointed supervisor takes time from his regular job to oversee the workers.

It is possible to contract out a job but it is impossible to contract away your health and safety responsibilities.

**NOTE:** John MacDonald is a Safety Officer with the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick.

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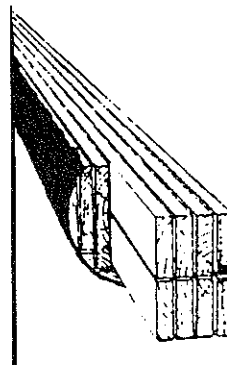
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## Provincial Community Land Trust Established

By Nancy Reid

The New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners and the Conservation Council have been working together over the past year to establish the New Brunswick Community Land Trust (NBCLT). The purpose in creating the NBCLT is to support ecologically sustainable economic development in rural New Brunswick through the acquisition of land and easements of land. One of the primary goals is to link and support sustainable resource management and rural development, however NBCLT will also hold land in trust to meet other community objectives.

Land holdings can include woodlots and farm land, as well as residential property and coastal lands that are felt to have scenic, recreational or other community values. Land is acquired through donations, bequests or purchases.

The NBCLT provides landowners with the opportunity to ensure that their approach to land stewardship is carried out in perpetuity. Whether it is forest land that is to remain under sustainable management, farm land that is to be maintained as such, or other lands that are to remain undeveloped, the NBCLT provides a new option for landowners thinking about the future fate of their land.

In the case of woodlots, it provides woodlot owners who are good managers with a possible solution to the problem of how their approach to woodlot management can be continued after they can no longer look after it. For example, if they have no children or none that are interested in the woodlot.

The NBCLT is a membership based, non-profit organization. Currently 14 directors from around the province are guiding the start up of the organization, although the full board will eventually be composed of 24 members. All of these volunteers have a strong interest in sustainable community development and in maintaining the essential integrity of all ecosystems. The board has representation from the N.B. Federation of Woodlot Owners, the Conservation Council, the N.B. Nature Trust and the wood marketing board regions. Local directors include Rev. Lee Whitney, Ken MacPherson and woodlot owners Clark Phillips and Ken Hardie. Seed funding has been provided

by the United Church and modest membership fees will cover administration costs.

The NBCLT offers many advantages to our rural communities, by keeping land under local control, by keeping well managed land in production and continuing to contribute to the local economy and by ensuring that land is managed with a view to sensible ecological principles. Land held in trust will also increase community involvement with land and resource use through local management committees. By promoting land stewardship and sustainable land management the NBCLT will ensure that we preserve healthy land for the future.

It is hoped that the NBCLT will encourage more sustainable resource management, help provide long term economic opportunities for rural New Brunswickers and sustain the social and cultural values that our connection with the land brings.

For more information on NBCLT or to become a member, please write to the New Brunswick Community Land Trust, 180 St. John St., Fredericton, N.B. E3B 4A9. You can contact NBCLT by phone at 506-459-4829. The NBCLT directors in your area would be happy to answer your questions and can be contacted through the NBCLT office.

## Forestry 4-H

A new Forestry 4-H Club is being formed for any interested young people in our area. Numerous outdoor activities, covering a broad range of topics, are part of this program; along with other 4-H related activities. Join up and have fun. Let's go hiking, learn about different kinds of trees, see how to practice good woodlot management practices and the benefits of such management treatments.

All are welcome, give Jeanne Moore a call at 433-4329 (after 8:30 p.m.) by November 17th.



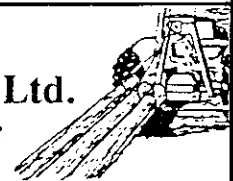
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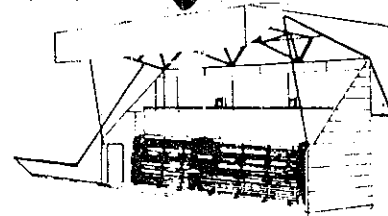
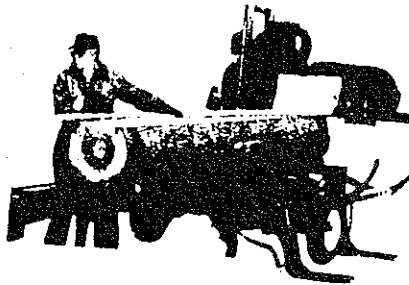
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## Commitment to Stewardship *By Chris Spencer*

In this month's *PROFILE*, we will look at the accomplishments of a well known woodlot owner of the area who has made his living in the woods for nearly 50 years.

**George Dickie** was born the son of a blacksmith just north of Sussex, in the small community of Collina. At the age of two, George's family moved to a farm in Irish Settlement. It was here that George got his first taste of working in the woods. He recalls when he first started going to the woods, he wasn't much taller than a double bidder. Through the 40's, when George and his brother were of school age, they would take every opportunity to go out on the woodlot to earn some extra money. The method used, which was the most common at the time, involved falling spruce and fir through the spring and early summer, getting the spudding iron out and peeling the bark off right where the trees were felled. The stems were left to dry through the summer months, yarded out with horses in the fall and bucked up into four foot pulp with a cross cut saw.

George strayed from the forest industry for a brief period in the early fifties. He stated that he worked for the Department of National Defence in western Canada doing research and testing of new army equipment. George didn't provide a lot of detail of his experiences while working for the army; so I gathered he is maintaining a code of silence.

It was while George was working for the army that he decided to get back to his roots and applied to the Maritime Forest Ranger School to which he was accepted and successfully completed in 1954.

Upon completing Ranger School, George worked for Sussex Lumber Company for a period of six years. At that time, Sussex Lumber Company had a portable sawmill in Dutch Valley, two portable sawmills in Albert County and a lumber yard and planer mill where the Bayshore Mill is now located. George was in charge of the two portable sawmills in Albert Co. and the woods operations for each. Harvesting of the saw material was done in a selective manner, using horses, mainly in the Teehan's Corner, Albert Hills and Prosser Brook area. The men who looked after the two sawmills were Arthur Geldart and Harley

Geldart. The woods bosses were Weldon Beaman and Rex Geldart.

It was in 1960 that George decided to start concentrating on his own land that he had begun acquiring ten years earlier. George recalls that the next six to seven years his efforts were focused primarily on trying to stay ahead of the spruce budworm. He soon realized that in order to accomplish this that he would need help and soon had ten men working for him, stump piling peeled pulp.

From 1967 to 1981, George contracted for Irving and Rothesay Paper, working in the Northrup Settlement and Collina area. In his last few years of contracting, he was employing up to 30 men; some of which were the Folkins boys - Briant, Harold and Daniel; as well as the Long's - Donnie, Lloyd and Vernon.

Once George finished contracting, he again began actively managing his own land which had by then accumulated to approximately 3,000 acres, nearly all of which was in the Irish Settlement and Annidale area. Over the years, George completed 200 acres of pre-commercial thinning, but if the actual total were known of the many corners and patches of thinning that he has done as he was walking by them; the total would be a great deal more. George acknowledged the assistance he received from John Lockhart and his sons with the silviculture and harvesting work on his woodlot.

Although, 200 or more acres of pre-commercial thinning does not sound like much on a woodlot 3,000 acres in size, it does reflect that George's selection harvesting management style (that he has been practicing for decades) is not conducive to large blocks of uniform regeneration. Some of George's earliest thinnings, which date back to 1978 or 1979, now have studwood and sawlog material in them. George also stated that on some of his older woodlots, he has cut through them five times.

George claims that he is now retired, but even on the day I sat down with him for this story, he was continually looking out his kitchen window, wondering out loud if it was ever going to quit raining, so he could get Arnold Keith back to haul the rest of his sawlogs he had at roadside.

George has earned a great deal of respect from the people he has come in contact with over the years. It becomes apparent once you (cont'd pg. 14)

start talking to him, or have the opportunity to visit his woodlot, that he is a man who has developed a keen understanding of the forest and will put as much effort (if not more) into protecting an immature tree that he is leaving, as in the mature one he is harvesting

In conclusion, I believe George would fall into the category of woodlot owners who firmly believe that we don't actually own the land; we are only borrowing it from our children, therefore, we should be leaving it in better condition than when we received it.

So, it's "*hats off to George Dickie*" in recognition of the many years he has committed to the stewardship of the forest in the S.N.B. area

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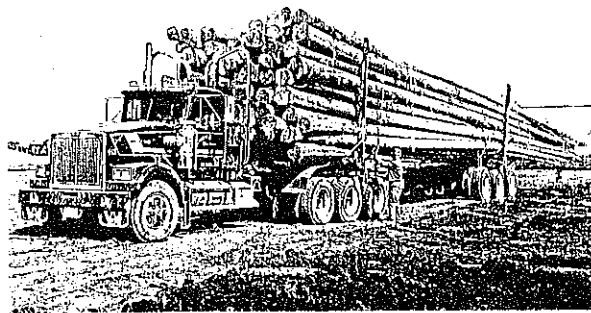
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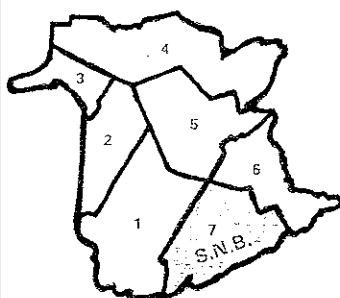
*'Two Organizations Working Together For Private Woodlot Owners'*

The S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board is a private woodlot owner organization. It is not owned or operated by government or industry.

Every person who owns a private woodlot of 25 to 10,000 acres of forest land is considered to be a private woodlot owner. Each woodlot owner has a vote in the business of S.N.B. at the annual meeting and in the election of directors at the local spring meetings to represent them on the Board of Directors.

So if you own a private woodlot in any area of Albert, Kings, Queens and Saint John Counties, or the Parish of Salisbury, Westmorland County - then you are a part of S.N.B. There are 6,600 private woodlot owners in the S.N.B. area who own one million acres of forest land.

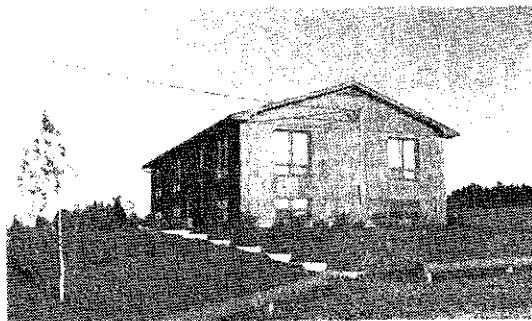
## S.N.B. - Where is it?



41,000 Private Woodlot Owners in New Brunswick are organized through their own regional groups:

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- 3 Madawaska
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- 5 Northumberland
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The S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board operates out of Sussex in conjunction with the S.N.B. Wood Co-operative Limited.



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## S.N.B. - What do we do?

The two S.N.B. organizations (the Wood Co-operative & the Marketing Board) are involved in private woodlot management and the marketing of forest products.

S.N.B. employs a number of people, including management, office staff and forest technicians; as well as staff who carry out forest management activities on private woodlots.

S.N.B. provides a range of services; such as wood inventory cruises, woodlot evaluations, guidance in selling stumpage, technical advice on harvesting, reforestation and stand improvement, and research for markets for all forest products growing on private woodlots. We also provide land management services, a Working Woodlot Program, promotion of alternate harvest methods and training courses.

For the delivery of silviculture and other programs, the S.N.B. area is divided into three districts. The district system has been established to better serve woodlot owners. The forest technicians directly responsible for these districts are Raymond Webster, Darin Clark and Dwayne Simkins - feel free to contact them at the office at any time.

The programs currently include the provincial forestry agreement for precommercial thinning and reforestation; selection harvesting through the Fundy Model Forest; and the S.N.B. forest management fund activities of alternate harvesting and stand development treatments, the Working Woodlot Program and technical advice.

The program services are accessed by woodlot owners through placing their name on a request list and dealt with on a first come, first serve basis. But various information and advice are available just by contacting our office.

So, if you own a private woodlot in the S.N.B. area, have some questions about your woodlot, have concerns about private woodlots, would like to learn more about specific programs, or would like to know who represents you on the Board of Directors - please give us a call.

## Woodlot Owner Information Meetings

The fall round of Zone Meetings will be held during November 20 to 29th. These meetings are held for the benefit of all woodlot owners, wood producers and anyone who has an interest in private woodlots, the S.N.B. organization and its' functions.

A number of topics are covered at these meetings; such as markets, product prices, specifications, forest management, and concerns and input brought forth by you, as private woodlot owners.

Maybe in the eyes of government, industry and the general public, private woodlot owners have cried wolf too many times - out of concern for the future of private woodlots. Well, here we go again - private woodlot owners are being severely criticized as indicated in the cover story. We, at S.N.B., are concerned of what actions will, or may, take place at the spring session of the legislature. It has been stated if we, as private woodlot owners, do not come to grips with where we are going and how we plan to get there - then government will set your path for you. Let's get together and discuss how you, as private woodlot owners, would like to plan for the future of your woodland.

All dates and places for the Fall Zone Meetings are as listed, any questions, please contact your Zone Director. Notices were also sent out with the balance of your forest management credits, so plan to attend, inform us of the issues you are concerned about. Let's work together so government can be informed about what we are concerned about.

**HATFIELD POINT, Community Hall - 7:30 p.m.**  
Monday, Nov. 20th Ken Hardie - 485-2293

**BROWNS FLAT, Fire Hall - 7:30 p.m.**  
Tuesday, Nov. 21st Brian Scovil - 468-2600

**CHIPMAN, Orange Hall - 7:30 p.m.**  
Monday, Nov. 27th Martin Beers - 339-6709

**SUSSEX, S.N.B. Office - 7:30 p.m.**  
Tuesday, Nov. 28th Ed Murray - 433-3298

**ALBERT, Lions Den - 7:30 p.m.**  
Wednesday, Nov. 29th Dale Tingley - 734-3008

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**NOTE:** Zone 2 and Zone 5 (below) will hold their meetings on **Saturday at 9:00 a.m.** After the meetings, you are invited to go on a **Field Tour** which has been organized by Forest Technicians, Raymond Webster and Dwayne Simkins.

**HAMPTON, Junior High Library - 9:00 a.m.**  
Saturday, Nov. 25th James McEwen - 839-2968

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