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Notes from the Editor

Happy Canada Day everyone!

The first of this month, my sister-in-law and I had the privilege of taking a cruise in the Mediterranean. We visited 2 cities in Spain, 3 in Italy, and 1 in France. The one thing each city has in common is the volume of traffic. Cars, motorcycles, bicycles, taxis and buses all darting in and out of traffic. There are more motorcycles and bicycles than cars. One thing for sure, I wouldn't be safe driving in that volume of traffic. In each of the ports we visited, tourism is the major industry. As expected, the streets are lined with shops selling local art and tourist type stuff. I was pleasantly surprised with the variety colours of the flowers in bloom. Their scents filled the air!

Interestingly, many of the locals asked if we liked Donald Trump. Before answering the question, I always responded that we are Canadian citizens and followed up with, "he's an idiot". Happily, they all agreed with my description! I love to visit other places on the globe and each time I do, I return home filled with gratitude for my homeland.

Each spring, we struggle with the most opportune time to prepare our yard for dust control measures. Sometimes Mother Nature agrees with our selected time and other times, she follows up with significant rainfall and washes away our best efforts. This results in reapplications, which obviously amounts to more expense. Early in May, we applied a dust control treatment in our yard in anticipation of our annual end of June application. We booked the treatment for Tuesday, June 26 and because of the rain, we have postponed the treatment for a few days. At the end of the day, Mother Nature does a great job controlling the dust with a sprinkling of rain.

Until next month, the rains will come to an end and we will be ready to enjoy our summer. Gennie

Notes from the Safety Committee

2018 in Review

Jan	2 lost time	0 medical aid
Feb	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Mar	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Apr	0 lost time	0 medical aid
May	0 lost time	0 medical aid

The minutes from our last safety meeting are posted on the bulletin boards around the property. Please take a moment to review them & be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

School's out & summer is here! Summer is a favourite time of year for many, but we must remind everyone about summer safety. A few things to remember:

- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses & a hat
- When out in your boats, wear (or at least have) a PFD
- No drinking & driving
- Always ensure children are supervised around water
- Watch for extra pedestrians walking &/or biking near the roads

We currently have 30 points banked towards to our annual safety award. If we continue to be incident free until the end of July, that will add an additional 50 points to our bank as it will mark 6 consecutive months incident free and will give us 80 points towards our annual safety award. Everyone keep your head in the game & let's get to 6 months incident free!

Have a safe & happy summer.

Until next month, Angie Kainola, Craig Isenor, Brian Giddens, Darren Isenor, Don Isenor and Mark Wilber

Notes from President

Here is a note to all of you from Kevin Merriam, Executive Director of the MLB.

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On June 18, 2018, Robin Wilber and I were travelling together to Ottawa for Canadian Wood Council meetings. As I was travelling from Truro anyway, we thought it would be a good idea for me to stop by the Elmsdale Lumber site, pick Robin up and drive to the airport in one vehicle. As I pulled into the site, I did not notice Robin was watching for me at the front door as I proceeded to the back door. After several minutes of me waiting for Robin at the back door and he waiting for me at the front door, something occurred to me while looking around the mill site. The Elmsdale Lumber yard is very well organized. A mill site is a very busy atmosphere on any given day with loaders, log trucks, yard vehicles and other traffic constantly driving all around, however, the Elmsdale site does not appear to have stickers, straps or wood pieces laying around. The lumber is arranged in an orderly fashion and overall the site looks very good. I would like to give the staff of Elmsdale Lumber my commendations for a job well done in this regard. It takes a constant effort to keep a mill site looking good and I suspect it is a true team effort to accomplish this. Well done.

Sincerely,

Kevin Merriam
Executive Director

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Notes from the President, con't

Last week, Kevin Merriam and I were in Ottawa for 2 days attending the AGM for the Canadian Wood Council (CWC). The mission of the CWC is to nationally and internationally promote the use of wood. This organization was founded in my family home in Halifax when I was a young boy. I am very proud of this as the CWC is a very well-known organization around the world. My father was a man whose thinking was well ahead of his time. At every CWC meeting I learn much more than I can share with you in the newsletter, but I do have a couple of quick notes I would like to share. During the last few years, you may have seen and heard in the news the discussions and subsequent approval that in Nova Scotia the maximum height of wooden buildings has increased from 4 stories to 6 stories. This is a huge development for our industry, not just in Nova Scotia but throughout Canada and the US. We are hopeful, by November, the USA will approve up to 16 stories and the US people are hopeful it will increase to 20 stories by 2021. In Canada, we are hopeful that 12 story buildings will be approved in a couple of years. There is such a thing as an objective based solution. If you have a project and you can prove to local authorities your building is properly engineered to meet all fire regulations, etc., you can be approved for a much taller building. The University of BC presently has the tallest wood structure building in the world, standing 18 stories. That is a big WOW for our industry.

For your interest, while in Ottawa reading the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, I came across an article with a photograph of the second largest cargo plane in the world. This plane was designed in the 1980's in the Ukraine, SSR which was a part of the Soviet Union at that time. The plane is named after its designer, Antonov. The plane was visiting Ottawa while loading up cargo. Its payload is an astonishing 265,000 pounds. It's big brother, the larger of the 2, holds the world record payload of 559,577 pounds. If you would like to see a picture you can Google MRIYA.

Notes from the President, con't

Some of you may remember Herve Burri who spent a few months here hand-planing and cutting each timber for this gazebo which now proudly stands as a focal point of the St. Bernard's park in Enfield. I was going by the park at dusk and the gazebo lights just came on. I pulled over and took the picture that Gennie has attached to my article. A few days later, I noticed a group of well-dressed, prom destined, young people having their pictures taken in the park. Thanks to his wife Lorraine, for designing and building the park and to Herve for the incredible gazebo, we have a beautiful park in our community that will enhance many special occasions such as prom night for many years to come.



A couple of years ago, the Municipality of East Hants approved the construction of a new swimming pool. On January 6, 2016, Patrick Crabbe and I made a presentation to the Municipality of East Hants to highlight the benefits of regional wood use in the proposed Aquatic Centre. Patrick is the Program Coordinator for Atlantic WoodWORKS. Since then, the Atlantic WoodWORKS team has worked closely with design and construction professionals to ensure wood was specified and efficiently designed.

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On June 14, 2017, Atlantic WoodWORKS had to commission a cost comparison report for the Municipality to help save the wood elements in the project. The finding from the report concluded a wood roof was not being costed “apples to apples” vs. the steel design and the wood roof remained in the project. The project is now under construction and we are excited to see how wood will be showcased in our community investment.

Until next month, congratulations to all of our graduates, we are very proud of you.

Notes from Sales

Derek is off sailboat racing from Halifax to St. Pierre for the next couple weeks. He is a crew member on the “Five of Harts”, skippered by Gordon Hart. We wish them safe travels and the best of luck. In Derek’s absence, I asked one of his partners, Joel MacLaggan, to pitch in for him this month. Joel readily agreed and submits the following thoughts. Gennie

Summer has arrived, but I’m not sure the temperature matches that every day. However, a weekend of over 30 degrees will help get everyone ready for summertime fun. Kids are off school and ready for the beach! Now we need a swing in market prices to feel good on all fronts.

June has seen Random Lengths print fall from record prices at the end of May. Buyers are very nervous to purchase lumber and field inventories are depleted to extremely low levels. Buyers would rather pay an adder for fill-in units rather than buy full truck load quantities. This week has been more optimistic as most retail stores are unable to hold off purchases any longer.

Most people agree the overall market prices will stay high for the balance of 2018 even though we see fluctuations from one month to the next.

Enjoy a long weekend and Happy Canada Day!
Joel MacLaggan, Eacan Timber

Notes from Woodlands

We are still challenged with building our log inventory to comfortable levels. As most mills are running low log inventories, this has put increased demand on supply and Stephen has his hands full reaching out to all sources to maintain a steady flow. Greg and I are exploring some other sources and we have increased our harvesting capabilities which are hopefully the measures necessary to weather the storm, so to speak. We are confident the supply environment will turn around, but we will be ready regardless.

We experienced a bit of a weird phenomenon recently as we received 3 separate frost exposing mornings late this spring, all after the trees and other plants flushed their new growth. This usually does not happen, or at least, to the extent it did this year. It kind of threw everyone for a loop and had a significant impact, especially on the agricultural industries. As for the trees, this rarity resulted in a significant number of them (mostly younger) being “burnt”. Some of you may have noticed many smaller trees looking orange and not so healthy, and the more I made my way around to different areas, the more frost damage I was seeing. A number of people in the industry that I deal with on regular bases were seeing the same thing and feeling the same concern. In some areas, it was bad enough that a number of us were beginning to wonder if they were going to come back. After some discussion with industry peers, there were a few folks who have seen this before in certain areas and have also experienced the trees returning to normal form after a couple of years. I was glad to hear this, as with the extent of the trees affected, it would be quite a hit to our sustainability to lose a significant portion of younger stands, let alone the investment already made on a good portion of those areas. I am not sure if this is a sign of more extreme unpredictable things to come, but it was certainly unsettling to see how much of an impact a small sway in timing of weather patterns can have.

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On another note, last week I was reminded yet again, on the accuracy of knowledge within Downey's head when it comes to everything forestry related. I was organizing some boundary line work and was having trouble locating a particular boundary line on the ground. As is the case sometimes, the recorded provincial property mapping was showing something that I was unable to find in the field. A little frustrated when I got back to the office, Stephen suggested "why don't you go see Dad, I bet he knows something". Great idea, so downstairs I go with map in hand, and after 30 seconds of explaining that I would appreciate some guidance, Downey simply points on the map and says, "Should be right here". I was thinking that is too easy but based on past results I probably should look there next. Needless to say, a couple days later I walked out to the suggested location and there it was just as Downey described.

I think the moral of this story is, you can have all the technology in the world, but it can't replace a lifetime of experience and a great memory.

Until next time, Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

After You

As everyone knows, we take pride in what we do here at ELCO and produce a superior product. But that's not the only thing we produce. We like to think we produce gentlemen as well (quit laughing Craig, I am going to give you an example). Earlier this month, we were headed down the hill after work at 4:30 when I noticed Robbie. As we approached the road, we noticed a blonde headed lady on the sidewalk headed towards Elmsdale. Robbie stopped to let her go. The lady smiled and waved him on. Robbie waved her on to go.

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Once again, the lady smiled and waved Robbie on. Robbie put his car in reverse, backed up a couple feet to let her know she was good to go. Careful Rob, I am right behind you. Again, the lady smiled and waved Rob to go. I was starting to wonder if I was ever going to get home. Rob left, and I pulled up to the road. I looked at the lady, gave her a wave, she smiled and walked behind me as she made her way up the sidewalk.

Happy Hunting

I'm sure over the course of everyone's lifetime they have lost one thing or another. Sometimes, they will turn up and sometimes they are gone forever. This has certainly happened to me on many occasions. Sometimes, I have been lucky and able to find what I misplaced but that is not always the case and the item is lost forever. I have often wondered where I could have lost it. For me, curiosity is a killer. I have also found my share of things. You wouldn't believe some of the things I have picked up at the Legion over the years; hats, jackets, eye glasses, keys, etc. I always put them behind the bar in hopes the people who left them eventually retrieve their possessions, but that is not always the case. So, they sit collecting dust on the shelf. We have no way of telling who owns these items in most cases, but if we do, we give them a call but that's about all we can do.

I was golfing recently up at Renfrew. I always get a chuckle when I find a ball that has an initial on it. Like that tells me who you are and I'm going track you down to return your ball. Although, I have found balls and tees personalized with their full names on them and have been able to return them to their rightful owners. Stephen Thompson can attest to this if his memory recalls.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't

Anyway, back to my story about golfing. As I was walking the course, something caught the corner of my eye. The sun was hitting it and it was shining ever so brightly. I stepped over a couple of feet to my right and bent down and picked it up. As I held it up, I said to myself, holy smokes, wow! There in my hand I held one of the nicest earrings I had ever seen in my life. I knew right away it was real and expensive because I have purchased Maggie jewelry over the years for special occasions at the Dollar Store and it didn't look anything like this. There's no way you could get two earrings like this for \$9.99.

I thought, how in the world did such a beautiful earring end up on a golf course. The only thing I could figure was that a high-end lady must have started her round, then realized she was wearing her earrings and took them off and put them in her purse or handed them to her caddy and got dropped. So, if I found one of these, there must be two. For the next 30 minutes, I looked high and low for the second earring. I even let a couple of groups play through. No luck, I couldn't find the second one. So, if you should be golfing in Renfrew and find that second earring, I'd be willing to buy it from you for \$40.00. You are probably wondering why I would only be willing to pay \$40 for it. Well, one earring is no good to you, so you might as well get something out of it. Look at it this way, $0 \times 0 = 0$. Something is better than nothing. If you find it before my anniversary on July 12th, I'd be willing to pay \$50 for it. If you happen to find it, let Gennie know at the office and she will get in touch with me. Thanks.

June 50/50

June 1	Stephen Molnar
June 8	Stephen Mombourquette
June 15	Roland Murray
June 22	James Sawler
June 30	Jason Barr



June Anniversaries

John Ashley	38 years
Leslie "Sass" Isenor	28 years
Dwight Isenor	19 years
Cole Isenor	2 years
Jason Molnar	28 years
Jon Molnar	9 years
Shawn Preeper	30 years
Stephen Thompson	45 years

Congratulations

July Birthdays

Jason "Bubba" Barr	July 15
Gordie Beaman	July 29
Rob Himelman	July 17
Tara Isenor	July 13
Angie Kainola	July 22
Nick Miller	July 2
Stephen Molnar	July 6

