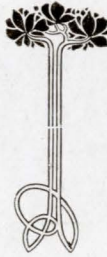


ANNUAL REPORT

Potlatch Timber Protective
Association

1919



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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

POTLATCH, IDAHO, DECEMBER 31, 1919.
POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION AND
STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen:

The fire season just closed ranked with those of 1910 and 1914 in point of hazard. There were probabilities of disastrous fires every day from June 15th to September 1st. That we did not suffer enormous losses was due partly to good fortune and partly to a good organization and the fact that there were experienced men available to fight forest fires in nearby logging camps.

The total area burned over last summer was 12,300 acres of which 2100 acres was merchantable timber and the balance, 10,200 acres, was second growth, brush and cut-over land or land which had been previously burned over.

Six million feet of timber was fire damaged and six hundred thousand feet of logs were destroyed. These figures refer only to losses inside the association boundaries. Just outside our boundaries but immediately adjacent, some rather heavy losses of timber, logs, logging equipment and farm improvements were sustained.

I am sorry to have to announce the resignation of our Chief Fire Warden, Leslie T. Mallory. Mr. Mallory made a splendid executive and was very successful in holding down our fire losses last summer under most trying and critical conditions. There was hardly an hour during sixty days when a little negligence or a little less watchfulness might have brought about terrible loss of property and perhaps of life. That we did not suffer extraordinary losses was due in a large measure to Mr. Mallory's cool judgment, untiring devotion to duty and his experience. We are very sorry to lose him from our organization and wish him every success in his new work.

We spent a lot of money—over \$56,000.00, as compared with disbursements of \$21,000.00 in 1918 and \$32,000.00 in 1917. Our assessments amounted to 14¼ cents per acre, but our expenditures and assessments might easily have been two or three times* as much under the conditions prevailing—and we might just as easily have lost a billion feet of merchantable saw timber.

While we who know conditions know that we were very

fortunate in many ways, I also feel that our small loss was due in a large measure to good leadership in the field, careful planning and preparation, twelve years of experience and an efficient organization.

Respectfully,

A. W. LAIRD, President.

REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE WARDEN

DEARY, IDAHO, DECEMBER 1, 1919.

POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION AND
STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen:

The work of the season of 1919 began on May 18th with the starting out of trail clearing crews.

The heaviest part of this work consisted of brushing out trails, which work has to be done about every three years and always makes trail clearing a long and tedious job. We cleared out over 200 miles of our trails, reduced grades in many places, repaired bridges and corduroys across streams and marshy places and brushed out our main traveled trails.

NEW TRAILS

We were unable to cut any new trails this season, owing to the fires starting so early in the season. I had planned on cutting a new trail from our smoke chaser's cabin on Green Mountain to our lookout camp on Gold Butte. Would suggest that this trail be cut early next spring, as we had much need of a trail there during the past summer as many of our fires were in the Gold Creek Basin.

TELEPHONE LINES

Our telephone lines were all carefully repaired early in the season before the danger of forest fires had begun. The care we exercised in doing this work was more than repaid by the very satisfactory working of all our lines throughout the summer.

We took down seven and one-half miles of wire between Windy Point and Hemlock Butte and used three and one-half miles of it in building a new line from our smoke chaser's camp in the Upper Basin of Elk Creek to Hemlock Butte. This change gives us much better service between Headquarters and Hemlock Butte. We used the other four miles of wire, with an

additional two miles of new wire, in building a new line from Headquarters to the top of Jericho Mountain.

I recommend and strongly urge that the Association build an additional four miles of telephone line from the mine at Jericho to Charles Schill's place. This would put all our smoke chasers and lookout men in touch with Headquarters without using the Elk River central, which gives us much bother on account of Sunday and night service.

LABOR SITUATION

Although we had many bad fires and in places that were very difficult to get men and outfits into, there was not a time that we were held up on account of not being able to get men to go in to them. All the men we used in fighting fires this season were from the camps and mills of the Potlatch Lumber Company and the camps of the Rupp-Holland Logging Company, with the exception of a few settlers we were able to pick up throughout the district.

Several times during the past season men walked and carried their bed and tools as far as fifteen miles to fight fires and but very few turned back and quit on account of being asked to do this.

FIRES

Although we had a great many bad fires this season, the loss in timber was very light. This is accounted for by the fact that the big fires were in old burned areas and cut-over land. Much of the timber that was burned can be salvaged by camps that are operating within reaching distance of it and the loss will not be as great as shown by the reports.

Respectfully,

LESLIE T. MALLORY,
Fire Warden, Potlatch District.

REPORT OF LAND BURNED OVER—1919

Twp.	Rge.	Sec.	Subdi- vision	ACRES BURNED					DAMAGE			
				Merch. Timber	Second Growth	Brush Land	Cut-over Land	Old Barn	Total	M. Feet Merch. Timber	M. Feet Logs	
38	1E	19	NW SE					1.00	1.00			
		19	NE SW					30.00	30.00			
		19	SE ¼	60.00					60.00)	550		
		20	W ½ SW			30.00			30.00)			
		30	NE NW			2.00			2.00			
		31	SW NE			2.00			2.00			
39	1E	24							.25			
40	1E	9	NW NW*					5.00	5.00			
		27	N ½ SW	.50					.50	6		
41	1E	6	Lot 3	20.00			20.00		40.00	135		
		6	Lot 4	10.00			30.00		40.00	49		
		6	Lot 5	41.51					41.51	217		
		6	SE NW	20.00					20.00	63		
		6	Lot 6	41.43					41.43	156		
		6	NE SW	2.00					2.00	26		
		6	Lot 7	20.00					20.00	146		
		31	NE SW				20.00		20.00			
		32	NE ¼	69.00					69.00)			
		32	E ½ NW	30.00					30.00)	416		
		32	NE SE	10.00					10.00)			
		32	NW SE	10.00					10.00)			
		33						1.00	1.00			
		34						.25	.25			
42	1E	19	SW SE	18.00					18.00			
		19	SE SE	30.00					30.00	456		
		20	SW SW	2.00					2.00	30		
		29	NW NW	5.00					5.00			
		30	N ½ NE	55.00					55.00	1169		
		30	W ½					130.00	130.00			
		31	W ½	140.00			170.00	10.00	320.00)	50		
39	2E	1	NW NW	10.00					10.00	35		
		2	NE NE	6.00					6.00	11		
		3	NW NW				15.00		15.00			
		3	SW NW				15.00		15.00			
		3	SE NW				10.00		10.00			
		4	NE ¼				60.00		60.00			
		8					1.00		1.00			
		24	SW NW	.50					.50			
40	2E	12	SE SW					15.00	15.00)			
		12	SW SE					10.00	10.00)			
		13	NE ¼					65.00	65.00)			
		13	NE NW	35.00				5.00	40.00)			
		13	NW NW	20.00			20.00		40.00)			
		13	SW NW	40.00					40.00)	1200	50	
		13	SE NW					40.00	40.00)			
		13	NE SW					35.00	35.00)			
		13	NW SW					30.00	30.00)			
		13	SE SW				35.00		35.00)			
		13	SE ¼	80.00			20.00		100.00)			
		24	NE ¼	35.00			25.00		60.00)			

REPORT OF LAND BURNED OVER—1919

Twp.	Rge.	Sec.	Subdi- vision	ACRES BURNED					DAMAGE		
				Merch. Timber	Second Growth	Brush Land	Cut-over Land	Old Burn	Total	M. Feet Merch. Timber	M. Feet Logs
		21	NW NW					1.00	1.00		
		23	SW NE					1.50	1.50		
		33	SE SW				2.00		2.00		
		33	SW SE				6.00		6.00		
		29					.50		.50		
		27									
		28	E½, E½ SW								
		33	NE¼, E½ NW, S½)				1130.00		1130.00		
		34	NE NE, W½)								
		35	S½ SE	50.00					50.00		
		36	SW NW					20.00	20.00	416	
		36	W½ SW	49.00				20.00	69.00		
38	3E	9	SW SE	1.00				.50	1.50	6	
39	3E	22	NW SE	1.50					1.50	10	
40	3E	19	SW SE	3.00					3.00	25	
		27	NE SW		2.00				2.00	20	
		29	NE NW	15.00				5.00	20.00		
		29	NW NW	15.00				5.00	20.00	250	
		29	SW NW	5.00				5.00	10.00		
		29	SE NW	5.00				5.00	10.00		
41	3E	5	NW NE					3.00	3.00		
		16	NE SW		1.00			1.00	2.00		
		24	NE¼		40.00				40.00	100	
40	4E	16	SW SW	9.00					9.00	22	
		20	SE SE	7.00	1.00	1.00			9.00		
		21	SW SW	20.00	10.00	3.00			33.00		
		21	SE SW	8.00	1.00	1.00			10.00	144	
		28	NE NW	10.00	5.00	2.00			17.00		
		28	NW NW	23.00	12.00	5.00			40.00		
		29	NE NE	20.00	11.00	8.00			39.00		
40	1W	14	NW SE				6.00		6.00		
		31	NW SE			5.00		4.00	9.00		
41	1W	1					450.00		450.00	500	
		2					160.00		160.00		
		3					90.00		90.00		
		36	SE¼				1.00		1.00		
42	1W	25						620.00	620.00		
		26		70.00		100.00	200.00	250.00	620.00		
		27		10.00	300.00	70.00	20.00	40.00	440.00		
		28					10.00		10.00	60	
		33					80.00		80.00		
		34				80.00	280.00	280.00	640.00		
		35					480.00	160.00	640.00		
		36					620.00	20.00	640.00		
40	2W	5					1.50		1.50		
		8					1.50		1.50		
		12	NW SW	.25					.25		
		36	S½ NE				20.00		20.00		
		36	SE NW				5.00		5.00		
		36	NW SE				5.00		5.00		

REPORT OF LAND BURNED OVER—1919

Twp.	Rge.	Sec.	Subdi- vision	ACRES BURNED					DAMAGE		
				Timber Merch.	Second Growth	Brush Land	Cut-over Land	Old Burn	Total	M. Feet Merch. Timber	M. Feet Logs
42	2W	3	N½	20.00	90.00	10.00			120.00		
40	3W	1	SW SE	8.00					8.00		
		11		45.00					60.00	5	
41	3W	8	SW NE						6.00		
		9	NW SW					.50	.50		
		15	SW NW						10.00		
		15	NW SW						5.00		
		15	NW SW				4.00		4.00		
		15	NW SW			1.00			1.00		
		18					300.00		300.00	20	
		21	SE NE				1.00	1.00	2.00		
		21	SE NE)								
		21	NE SE)	20.00			10.00		30.00	10	
		22	SW NW)								
		22	NW SW)								
		21	SE SE)								
		22	SW SW)				9.00		9.00		
		27	NW NW)								
		28	NE NE)								
		28	NE SE	14.00		2.00			16.00		
		28				.25			.25		
		28	SE NE				10.00		10.00		
		28	SW SE			35.00			35.00		
		28	NE SE				6.00		6.00		
		33	NE NE)	3.00				2.00	5.00		
		34	NW NW)								
40	4W	6)		100.00			80.00		180.00	100	
		7)									
41	4W	11)									
		12)		100.00			830.00		930.00	10	
		13)									
		14)									
		21	N½ NE)	61.00			8.00		69.00	20	
		22	NW NW)								
		30	S½ NW	65.00			40.00		105.00	15	
		16)								
		17	)	100.00			460.00		560.00	10	
		18)								
40	5W	1)								
		2	)	380.00		300.00	1200.00		1880.00	150	
		11)								
		12)								
41	5W	35	)	50.00			250.00		300.00	20	
		36)								
				2098.69	473.00	657.50	7240.25	1835.00	12304.44	6068	610

No loss of logging equipment or property other than timber was sustained within the Association.

CAUSE OF FIRE	NO.	%
Unknown	17	26
Sparks from Locomotives	16	24
Lightning.....	15	23
Hunters	5	8
Incendiary	5	8
Slashings and Old Fires	3	5
Campers	2	3
Sparks from Donkey	1	1
Sparks from Ditcher.....	1	1
Berry Pickers	1	1
	56	100

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BOISE

MARCH 19, 1920

Mr. W. D. HUMISTON, SECRETARY-TREASURER
POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION,
POTLATCH, IDAHO.

Dear Sir:

From a report on an audit of the Potlatch Timber Protective Association made by Wm. Gowen and B. E. Hyatt, representing this department, dated March 6, 1920, I hereby certify that the receipts and disbursements of the Potlatch Timber Protective Association were examined covering a period from November 30, 1918 to December 31, 1919, and it was found that all expenses were proper in amount and character, and that the revenues and cash receipts have been properly entered in the books and accounted for.

That the bank balances were verified with the bank statements and found correct.

That the assessments for 1919 were correctly figured and allotted according to the acreage and levies stated in the report.

Yours very truly,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
By (Signed) JAMES MUNRO,

Chief Examiner.

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POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Potlatch, Idaho.

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L. T. MALLORY, Deary, Idaho - - - - Fire Warden

REPORT AND AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS

of the

POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

for the period Nov. 30, 1918-Dec. 31, 1919.

Spokane, Washington,
March 6th, 1920.

WM. GOWEN,
B. E. HYATT,
Examiners, State of Idaho.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, MARCH 6, 1920.

HON. C. B. WALKER,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE,
BOISE, IDAHO.

Dear Mr. Walker:

The records and accounts of the Potlatch Timber Protective Ass'n were in such excellent order and condition that comment is hardly necessary. While the accounting systems of all the Timber Associations are in general outline the same, there are certain features used by the Potlatch Association, if adopted by the other Associations, would add to the completeness of their already splendid systems.

Receipts and disbursements were checked from vouchers and found to agree in every particular. Examinations of the pay roll and disbursement vouchers proved that each is subjected to careful scrutiny and audit by the proper officers, of the Association, before payment is authorized. All disbursements appear to be proper in amounts and character and confined directly to the purposes of the Association—timber protection and fire fighting.

We respectfully submit in detail on the following pages for your consideration the result of our audit.

Very truly yours,

B. E. HYATT,
WM. GOWEN,
Examiners.

POTLATCH TIMBER PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Receipts and Disbursements, Dec. 7, 1918-Dec. 31, 1919.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Deposit at beginning of year.....	\$ 403.25
<i>Assessments, 1919:</i>	
Blackwell Lumber Co	159.60
Milwaukee Land Co	1,057.50
Rupp-Holland Logging Co.	2,082.50
Edward Rutledge Timber Co.	16.66
Clearwater Timber Co.	1,279.90
Northern Pacific Ry. Co.	906.91
Winton Lumber Co.	262.93
State of Idaho	8,904.00
Potlatch Lumber Co.	27,934.84
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Total on 1919 Assessments	\$42,604.84
<i>From Other Sources:</i>	
Week's Law Fund (Federal)	\$ 995.00
Sale of Supplies	32.25
Refund from State, Liability Ins.	118.48
Refund Telephone Toll	1.50
Borrowed from Bank (Notes)	5,500.00
Refund on Grazing Lease Blanks	15.39
Grazing Leases	1,427.20
State of Idaho, 1918 Ass'mt.	3,865.93
Blackwell Lumber Co., 1918 Assmt.	6.72
Milwaukee Land Co., 1918 Assmt.	101.52
Rupp-Holland Logging Co., 1918 Assmt.	86.16
Rutledge Timber Co.	1.60
Northern Pacific Ry. Co.	88.32
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Total other sources	\$12,239.07
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Total cash from every source	\$55,248.16
Deficit for year in operation of cash.....	914.20
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	\$56,162.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Clearing out old trails	\$ 829.91
Fires (fighting)	24,851.47
Miscellaneous Exp.	494.17
Patrolling	7,842.35
Salary and expense of Fire Warden	2,199.09
Office Expense	530.24
Transportation	3,084.28
Equipment and Tools	1,242.06
Horses, Harness and Saddles	377.21
Telephone System	481.95
Interest	118.09
Maintenance Headquarters	163.03
Maintenance Telephone System	412.03
Headquarters Expense	639.85
State of Idaho, Interest	134.30
State of Idaho, Expenses A. F. Parker	39.23
Subsistence and Provisions	399.45
Liability and Insurance	424.59
Bills Payable (Notes Paid)	9,116.33
Western Forestry Ass'n. (Contributed)	670.64
Clearwater Timber Protective Ass'n.	5.13
Coeur d'Alene Timber Protective Ass'n.	674.63
Pend d'Oreille Timber Protective Ass'n.	5.13
Grasing Lease Fees Remitted to Members	1,427.20
Total Disbursements for the year	\$56,162.36

ACREAGE AND AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1919

MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS	ACREAGE	ASSESSMENT			
		No. 1 Rate 1¼c	No. 2 Rate 2c	No. 3 Rate 3c	No. 4 Rate 8c
Blackwell Lumber Co.....	1,120.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 22.40	\$ 33.60	\$ 89.60
Clearwater Timber Co.....	20,440.00	255.50	408.80*	615.60	1,641.60
Milwaukee Land Co.	16,920.00	211.50	338.40	507.60	1,353.60
Potlatch Lumber Co.	196,034.00	2,450.42	3,920.68	5,881.02	15,682.72
Rupp-Holland Logging Co.	14,760.00	184.50	295.20*	438.00	1,168.00
Edward-Rutledge Co.	266.54	3.33	5.33	8.00	21.32
Winton Lumber Co.	4,207.00	52.58	84.14	126.21	336.56
Northern Pacific R. R. Co.....	19,347.39	181.38	290.21	435.37	1,160.84
State of Idaho	63,600.00	636.00**	1,272.00	1,908.00	5,088.00
	336,694.93	\$3,939.21	\$6,637.16	\$9,953.35	\$26,542.24

NOTE:

* The acreage used for determining the amount of Rupp-Holland Logging Company's Assessment for No. 3 and No. 4 was 14,600 acres; and for Clearwater Timber Company for the same assessments, 20,520 acres was used.

** The State of Idaho is charged at the rate of 1c per acre for Assessment No. 1; the Northern Pacific Railway Company, a contributing member only, pays at the rate of 75% of the regular rate.

RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT*

At Close of Business December 31st. 1919.

Overdraft, according to Association's Books\$ 914.20

CHECKS OUTSTANDING

1917 Pay Roll Checks	14.48
1919 Pay Roll Checks, December	124.00
Voucher No. 2188	15.00
Voucher No. 2192	25.00
Voucher No. 2205	1.82
Voucher No. 2206	37.20
Voucher No. 2207	11.00
Voucher No. 2208	2,836.53
Voucher No. 2209	3,318.45
Voucher No. 2213	10.00
Voucher No. 2215	107.25
Voucher No. 2217	1.20
Voucher No. 2218	50.00
Voucher No. 2220	19.10
Voucher No. 2221	77.93
Voucher No. 2222	102.04
Voucher No. 2223	842.34
Voucher No. 2224	72.64
Voucher No. 2225	20.98
Voucher No. 2226	51.95
Voucher No. 2227	259.32
Voucher No. 2228	1.45
Bank Balance to Credit of Association	5,827.88
Deposit not shown on Bank Statement	1,257.60
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	\$7,999.68

DISTRIBUTION OF GRAZING FEES

at Close of Season

Distribution of 1919 grazing fees based on holdings leased.*

MEMBERS	ACRES	APPORTIONMENT %	AMT.
Milwaukee Land Co.	15,680.00	5.46	\$ 77.93
Clearwater Timber Co.	20,520.00	7.15	102.04
Potlatch Lumber Co.	169,434.00	59.02	842.34
Rupp-Holland Log. Co.	14,600.00	5.09	72.64
Winton Lumber Co.	4,207.00	1.47	20.98
N. P. Ry. Co.	10,455.41	3.64	51.95
State of Idaho	52,160.00	18.17	259.32
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	287,056.41	100.00	\$1,427.20

GRAZING FEES COLLECTED

On 6,976 head of sheep at 20c	\$1,395.20
On 40 head of cattle at 80c	32.00
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	\$1,427.20

NOTE:—*The revenue derived from grazing leases was remitted by check to members and contributors of the Association in proportion to the amount of holdings included in lease agreements.

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ABSTRACT OF LEDGER ACCOUNT
of the State of Idaho

DEBITS

Dec. 1, 1918, Balance due	\$ 3,716.37
Dec. 7, 1918, A. F. Parker, Exp.	39.23
April 3, 1919, Int. on Notes	134.30
April 3, 1919, Int. on Acct. not Notes	15.26
Dec. 27, 1919, Assessments for Season	8,904.00
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	\$12,809.16

CREDITS

April 3, 1919, by Warrant.....	\$ 3,865.93
Dec. 31, 1919, Balance Due.....	8,943.23
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	\$12,809.16

BALANCE SHEET**ASSETS****Inventory**

Wash.-Idaho Telephone Co.	\$ 20.00
Provisions and Supplies	134.80
Camp Equipment and Tools	2,338.89
Horses, Harness and Saddles	1,352.40
Headquarters Bldgs.	1,362.90
Telephone Lines and Equipment	2,500.00
Automobile	300.00
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Total Inventory	\$8,008.99

Accounts Receivable

Milwaukee Land Co.	\$ 1,353.60
Edward Rutledge Timber Co.	21.32
Clearwater Timber Co.	1,641.60
State of Idaho.....	8,943.23
Northern Pacific Ry. Co.	1,160.84
Coeur d'Alene Timber Pro. Ass'n.	15,372.30
Robert Duff	25.00
Winton Lumber Co.	336.56
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Total Accounts Receivable	\$28,854.45
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	\$36,863.44

LIABILITIES**Accounts Payable**

Bank Overdraft	\$ 914.20
Week's Law Fund (Federal)	47.69

Total Accounts Payable\$ 961.89

Bills Payable

Potlatch State Bank (Notes)	\$22,972.99
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Surplus (Excess of Resources over Liabilities) \$23,934.88
 12,928.56

\$36,863.44

