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Notes from the Editor

On May 16th, we were visited by Brad Saunders (our RBC Account Manager) and his counterpart, Jay Chishamba. Brad was conducting his scheduled annual review. We always enjoy our visits with Brad. Among other delightful things about Brad, he is very British. I really enjoy his accent. I also know he is an avid reader of this newsletter and I have not asked his permission to detail some of the items discussed at our meeting.

During our visit, Robin was excused to take a telephone call. So, to fill time, I asked him Brad if he was a fan of Britian's Got Talent. I shared with him that I recently watched a young lady's audition and was blown away. Her name is Sydnie Christmas (yes, that is her actual name). I suggested (ordered) Brad go on YouTube and check out her performance. He promised he would, but I was not confident he would follow through. I insisted he write her name down and being a true gentleman, he complied.

When Robin returned, he came in on the tail end of our conversation and confessed I already made him watch her and he confirmed for Brad that she is a genuine talent. Robin suggested Brad also check out Paul Potts (another Britian's Got Talent success story). Susan Boyle also became an international singing sensation after her appearance on BGT in 2009.

The following day, I received an email from Brad saying both he and Jay fully appreciated our comments on our annual performance, update on our capital investments, and the industry as a whole. Here is the following quote from his email; "First off, I have listened to both Sydnie Christmas and Paul Potts - both performances were exceptional. Paul Potts performance of Nessun Dorma is one of my favourites not that I am an opera fan at all."

Until next month, do yourself a favour and check out Sydnie Christmas on YouTube. It will be good for your soul. Gennie

Notes from the Safety Committee

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

We are happy to report that our in-house Standard First Aid course has been completed and we now have 10 newly certified folks on our team. Thanks all.

Our current safety committee terms are up at the end of the summer, and we will be looking for nominations to fill the spaces from the yard, the planer mill, and the sawmill. Current members are eligible for nomination if they choose to accept. Give some thought to who you would like to see join our committee and watch for the nomination sheets coming out this summer.

Until next month,

Trevor Hare, Brian Myers, Nick Miller, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber



Notes from the President

Robin and Chris are on a well-deserved vacation with Stephen “Frenchie” and Rozelle Mombourquette and friends, Linda and Bobby Wilson. By all accounts, they are having a wonderful time. He will have stories to share upon their return. Until then, he is confident he has left our ship in good hands.

Robin sent me the following update for the newsletter: Robbie Connelly, a Shubenacadie boy and good friend of Katie Wilson, Leslie, Mark and many more of our younger people, left home for a career with Princess Cruise Line. He worked his way up to Assistant Cruise Director and just by luck is on the Island Princess, the same ship we are sailing on. About a week before we arrived, he sent us a note to say he got a promotion to the big job, Cruise Director. His first day on the job was the day we joined the ship. Of course, he is a very busy guy, but he does make a point to join us sometime each day.



Respectfully submitted by Gennie.

Until next month, Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

A few weeks ago, the Eacan crew was treated to a mill tour and lunch at ELCO. During the visit we spent a lot of time watching the new sawmill equipment, filing room, boiler room/kilns, and planer mill.

It was nice to see the progress after months of extensive renovations. I personally could sit and watch the mill producing high quality lumber all day.

I know it can become old hat to the ELCO staff that spend most days on site, but I can say it was very impressive to the Eacan crew.

Thanks again for the hospitality and I'm looking forward to touring the mill again in the near future.

Cheers

Joel MacLaggan

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Notes from Woodlands

It has been quite dry so far this spring. This has brought up mixed emotions, as operationally speaking in the woods it has allowed for consistent harvesting and trucking. On the other hand, with the Tantallon fire that happened last spring still very fresh in our minds, the threat of another significant wildfire is very real. We are still cleaning up the burned area on our property in Hammonds Plains that was affected, and the magnitude of that cleanup effort (Dana Rafuse still has 5–6 weeks left) is a stark reminder to us all to stay on high alert.

Last month, I reported on a couple significant changes regarding ELCO's harvesting contractor partnerships. As a bit of an update, I would like to pass along that Colton Noble and the Tomahawk Transport team have adjusted nicely into the harvesting world. Colton has been adapting to the equipment and working through some machine repairs while developing his harvesting skills. With his skill set and ambition, we have no doubt he will be successful as we start to see him hit his stride.

The other side of reporting last month was regarding Mark Thompson moving on to a new phase and project still related to woodlands. Mark is now a retail distributor of culverts mainly focused at supporting woodlands operations. This is a great advantage for local projects as Mark has a yard setup where road builders and woodlands staff can easily come in and pick up what they need. Several outfits have already taken advantage of this convenience and it looks like this is well needed service for forestry operations in our geographical area. We wish you the best of luck Mark!

Until next month, Jason and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

Covid Cup

We had our first round of the Elmsdale Legion's Covid Cup season. I was in a great foursome; Rob, Don, Andy and myself. The weather was perfect as well as the company. At the end of the day, we learned that Andy and I finished 4th, which is great for me but not so much for Andy. Rob H and Don finished in 1st place with a round of 69. All those years of being a Leaf fan has paid off for Rob as he is by far the best golfer of the bunch. His partner, Don, just recently joined our branch and he moved to Enfield about 4 years ago but hails from Ontario. He has a good sense of humor, which you better have if you are with us. He made the comment that a lot of the guys he golfed with back home carried cooler bags just like us, but he said he could not get over the fact that everyone carries food in them (as he found out a little later in the round, these cooler bags also contain other libations) But he was right about everyone enjoying their sandwiches after the first 9 holes. I noticed this as I opened my can of beer and looked around. Everyone has had to have seen a magician pull a "rabbit" out of his hat and wondered, how did he do that? Well, we wondered how Rob did it so many times because his "rabbit" was not like everyone else's "rabbits". He had donuts! I lost count at how many he pulled out of that cooler bag.

Classy, Classy, Classy

Well, the Laffs were so close once again but as usual you were a day late and a dollar short. Except for my buddy Rob. He was 20 dollars short but unlike other Laff fans and friends I have, he pays his bills (LOL). He lost a tough series, and he didn't even wait for work to pay me. He stopped by the bar when I was working and made that long walk to the bar with a twenty-dollar bill in his hand to give it to me. And as luck would have it, a few of the boys were sitting at the bar and had a little chuckle. Rob, if it is any consolation, Dougie got some of that twenty you gave me.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't**ELCO Open**

It looks like the ELCO Open is gonna be pushed back a bit this year as our organizer, Craig Isenor, has a medical condition. Looking forward to it though. With all the new guys we have here and at the sawmill, we could have our biggest turnout yet. I am sure Craig will keep us updated.

Day Drinking

Anywhere from 8 to 10 of us try to get together once a month for poker. During the winter, we play in Milford while in the summer, we move our game to Lantz. We had our last winter poker game in Milford on Saturday, May 18th. As I live the farthest away from the game, I pick up some of the guys along the way as they live in Enfield, Elmsdale and Lantz. When I say I pick them up, that's if my son JD is around and he does the driving. If he isn't, I call a cab, and we all travel together. The reason this happens is because we all get a head start of the game at home before with a couple or few drinks.

After a couple of pickups, there was only one left. Andy happens to live on Carolyn's Way in Lantz. Everyone has two parking spaces, so more times than not, we must park on the street in front of Andy's place as he has two cars. As we drove in, I told JD to hook a left and pull into the apartment beside Andy's. It was then that I saw a young lady sitting in a lawn chair enjoying the nice afternoon weather, plus, there were no cars in her driveway. When we stopped, I rolled down my window and said hello. I then asked her if she was ready? For what, she asked? I replied we were going day drinking and to get a move on. She said she was not coming with us and just then Andy came out of his place and walked towards the car. "Oh, you came to pick up Andy", she said. "Yes, we did, but we have more room for you if you want to come." "No, no, no, not this time" she said. I told her she could have a rain check.

At work, when I told one of your sons about our encounter. He asked me if she knew who I was. I told him I wasn't sure if she did or not. If I get a chance to chat with your other sons who work here, I will be sure to tell them about our visit. Inez, it was good chatting with you girl.

May 50/50 Winners

May 3	Roland Murray
May 10	Jason Molnar
May 17	Peter Dillman
May 24	Don Isenor
May 31	Dwight Isenor

**June Birthdays**

Edwin Acquah	June 21
Jason Casey	June 12
Darren Isenor	June 1
Lars Perry	June 05
Mark Wilber	June 30

**May Anniversaries**

Matt Dillman	9 years
James Hennigar	10 years
Tim Lohnes	1 year
Jason Molnar	34 years
Pam White	3 years

