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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 30, 1996

Cutlass Inn, Antigo

Committee reports were presented as follows:

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. Mrs. Harm, co-chairperson of the annual meeting planning committee, reviewed plans and commitments to date with regards to accommodations, facilities and speakers. Meal choices were agreed upon by consensus. A public address system is needed and arrangements still need to be made for a bus and box lunches for the tour part of the program. Meeting headquarters to be at the Best Western.

AUCTION/RAFFLE. By consensus, it was agreed to have both because of continued interest in the auction. Despite fewer items becoming available, the raffle is desirable as an experiment to gauge future responses. Rohe's suggestion to consider the purchase of artifacts for resale at the auction was disapproved due to risks involved. By proper motion and second, approval was given to the sale of early day logging photos, and further, that ten double matted photos, at a maximum cost of ten dollars each, be offered for sale at FHAW annual meetings and conventions at which our traveling exhibits are displayed. Lambrecht will arrange for publicizing the foregoing in C&S. Sohasky agreed to have his office print flyers regarding raffle prizes and to arrange for the printing of the raffle tickets.

PUBLICATIONS. Editor Lamont Engle reviewed several problems involved with the printing of the 1995 "Proceedings" and Treasurer Fixmer reported on the cost of that edition. The fewer number of pages resulted from no written papers by several speakers and a smaller number of copies printed. Final cost was \$6.59 per copy. Due to doubts about being able to sell surplus copies at cost, it was approved to sell them at \$6.00 each.

A letter from member Paul Brenner of Boulder Junction to Gene Harm suggested that FHAW obtain publishing and sale rights for Malcolm Rosholt's logging books. Considerable discussion ensued over the major financial and legal problems that could be involved. Consensus was to disapprove such a project, with the opinion that FHAW had neither the funds nor the staff to undertake such an enterprise.

Secretary Fixmer then reported on the status of the publishing of the revised "Firsts", for which the paper stock has been donated by Wausau Paper Mills, and a \$500. grant received from Mosinee Paper Corp. Approval was given to proceed with the printing of 5,000 copies.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT. Chairman Fixmer reported that the schedule for 1996 includes: Wausau's "Log Jam", June 21-23; Wisconsin Farm Progress Days, July 16-18; the TPA's Logging Congress, Sept. 5-7; and FHAW's annual members meeting, Sept. 28-29. Tentatively, a showing may be on Sept. 23rd at a lecture in Marinette's UW Center. Participation at WWOA's annual convention will not be possible due to its dates conflicting with FHAW's. Fixmer also reported that progress on the new exhibit theme of "School Forests of Wisconsin" is proceeding slowly.

PUBLICITY. A letter from Chairman Krog requested details on the foregoing exhibit schedule. Krog would like FHAW to co-sponsor a lecture at the UW Center, Marinette, September 23rd, with the traveling exhibit featured. Baumann will check location and facilities as to the desirability of participating.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS. President Lambrecht chaired the process to consider and vote on nominations for the 1996 awards. Chairman Rohe's two nominations and two received from the floor were then acted on by closed ballot. Results were that Eugene Harn will receive the individual award. By acclamation, Consolidated Paper Corp. was selected to receive the organizational award.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS. Secretary Fixmer distributed the list of 22 members who were dropped from the roster because of nonpayment of dues for 1995-96. However, seven new members have been added to date, including two nonprofit organizations and one college student.

WIS. FORESTRY HALL OF FAME. Chairman Lambrecht reported that the recent meeting of the selection committee resulted in the election of John Macon (deceased) as the 1996 inductee into the Forestry Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the fall meeting of Wis. SAF. Lambrecht also displayed a sample of the 16 page brochure containing bios and citations of all inductees since 1984. This sample may be used by sponsoring organizations to reproduce copies for its members. Approval was given to make five copies for potential sale to FHAW members at five dollars per copy plus postage.

SEVENTH AMERICAN FOREST CONGRESS. The secretary distributed copies of a condensed report on the results of this landmark event, at which 1400 participants from six regions of the U.S. developed a "vision" statement and principles for the management of the nation's forests. Copies may be obtained from the secretary upon request.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. No report from cochairs Sohasky and Saemann. It is assumed that they will prepare and distribute publicity flyers in time for the fall semester, to generate competition for the \$600. award to be made in February, 1997.

REFERENCE LIBRARY CATALOGING PROJECT. The secretary reported that this project was completed last February at a cost of \$524. and resulted in a bibliography of about 250 reference works that have been cataloged, labeled and included in the UW Stevens Point library's on line computerized catalog. Approval was voiced to have FHAW make photocopies of the 24 page bibliography available to members for five dollars plus postage.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Treasurer Fixmer reviewed his ten month operating statement and projection for the end of the year. Also reviewed was a proposed budget for 1996-97. Fixmer then reaffirmed his resignation as treasurer after twenty years of service in that position, and Bob Brisson, former UW Extension Forester for Marinette County from 1964 to 1986, was announced as his successor starting July 1, 1996.

1997 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. An investigation will be made on the availability and facilities of a site in the Woodruff/Minocqua area for the annual meeting sometime in late September or early October, 1997. Secretary Fixmer will contact former president Joyce Bant for her assistance.

The WISCONSIN BLUE BOOK, 1903 shows that as of 1900 there were 1,189 "establishments" in the state which were involved with the manufacture of lumber products. These establishments were owned by 1,407 proprietors and had 1,376 salaried employees. The numbers of wage earners in the industry included 25,276 men over 16 years of age, 89 women, and 713 children under 16 years of age.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 22, 1996
Lakeland Community Senior Center, Woodruff

Committee reports were submitted as follows:

1996 ANNUAL MEETING. Mrs. Harm stated that a public address system would be available and that she had obtained a supply of brochures on the Flambeau Mining Company operations. Discussion on arrangements for a tour of the mine, for those who don't choose the Rusk County Forest tour, ended with agreement for a sign-up process at the registration table.

AUCTION/RAFFLE. Chairman Sohasky was unable to attend this meeting, so secretary Fixmer reported for him. The response to the flyer in the May issue of C&S for donations of prizes for the proposed raffle was almost nil. Only five items have been offered, with a total value of under \$500. The recommendation was to defer the raffle to 1997, and this was approved. The auction will be held as usual, and promises to be another success as a result of a major donation of numerous artifacts by Ralph Swanson. Also, another fund raiser will be inaugurated at the Logging Congress in Green Bay September 5-7, by offering early day logging photos for sale.

PUBLICITY. Baumann, reporting for chairman Krog, gave the secretary a copy of the press release Krog had prepared and had ready for distribution to newspapers within a 75 mile radius of Ladysmith.

PUBLICATIONS. Lamont Engle, editor of the "Annual Proceedings" for 1996 has previously confirmed his willingness to continue as such for the 1996 edition. Secretary Fixmer reported that only 11 sales of the 1995 issue had been made to date, although over 200 announcement letters had been sent out early in July to local historical societies and libraries. He also reported that the revised "Chronology of Firsts in Wisconsin Forest History" had attracted considerable interest at FHAW's exhibit at Farm Progress Days.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS. The plaques are in the process of having the usual log marks routed on them and engraved plates will be ordered as soon as the citations are prepared.

WISCONSIN FORESTRY HALL OF FAME. President Lambrecht, as FHAW's representative on the selection committee of the Hall of Fame, explained our nomination in three prior years had not been chosen as an inductee, presumably because his service and accomplishments had been mostly out of state; he therefore was now ineligible for further consideration. For 1997, secretary Fixmer was named as the nominee. Lambrecht will prepare and process the necessary nomination papers for submittal to the selection committee later this winter.

TRAVELING EXHIBITS. Secretary Fixmer reported that the photo histories of Forest Products Transportation exhibit had been displayed at Wausau's "Log Jam" festival in June, and "80 Years of Reforestation" at Farm Progress Days in July. Both exhibits were viewed by large segments of the total number of visitors at both events, which totaled over 30,000 at the former and over 100,000 at the latter. The exhibits are also scheduled for Prentice's Pioneer Days August 31st and the Logging Congress in Green Bay September 5-7. Progress on the proposed School Forest exhibit has been slow; responses from association members via C&S has been disappointing to date.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. Announcement flyers should be distributed early in the school year to give potential contestants time to research and prepare their essays.

MEMBERSHIP. The secretary reported that membership renewals have been coming in at about the same rate as last year; 126 to date compared with 134 in 1995. Three new members have been enrolled so far this fiscal year. Life members were solicited for supplementary contributions and responses were exceptionally generous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS. Newly appointed treasurer, Bob Brisson, gave a brief report of income for the six week period of this fiscal year and indicated no significant problems with the transition to date. Retiring treasurer Fixmer reviewed the operating statements and summaries of cash assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996. Details of these financial reports are available upon request from Fixmer.

WISCONSIN SESQUICENTENNIAL. Secretary Fixmer reviewed several tentative proposals for FHAW's participation in the statewide observance of Wisconsin's 150th anniversary of statehood in May 1998. No action at this time, but a committee needs to be appointed and decide on a specific project and begin implementation early in 1997.

1997 ANNUAL MEETING. Discussion on dates, place and themes resulted in president Lambrecht appointing a committee consisting of Joyce Bant, John Baer and Ralph Swanson to begin planning for this event. The preferred date seems to be October 4-5, 1997, depending on the availability of suitable facilities. Guidelines are to be developed to assist the committee in arranging the many details involved.

LIBRARY CATALOGING PROJECT. Because there are continual additions to the association's reference library at UW Stevens Point, the secretary says that there is a need for additional funding for further cataloging of those acquisitions. It was approved to add \$200. to the 1996-97 budget for that purpose.

OTHER BOARD ITEMS. President Lambrecht appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Rohe and Fixmer, to propose a slate of nominees for directorships that expire at the annual members meeting on September 28th, when terms of office end for Albrecht, Baumann, Engle, Harm and Sohasky.

FALL MEETING OF BOARD. By mutual agreement, the Board will meet again on October 15th at the Stage Stop Restaurant (in its Wisconsin Room) in Mosinee. This will be the last meeting until May, 1997.

BIG DRIVE

(From the Marinette-Menominee Eagle Herald, Sept. 17, 1996)

100 YEARS AGO. The last log in the Main River drive was brought into the boom limits yesterday. The drive was down the night before, but the big crew was engaged in sacking them into the pond. The drivers, over 200 in number, will arrive here tonight. It was 59 days in coming down and every log was brought down.

BRISSON NEW TREASURER FOR FHAW

Robert Brisson, Menominee, MI, was appointed as treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin at a meeting of the Board of Directors May 30, 1996. Brisson's appointment became effective on July 1st, succeeding Frank Fixmer, who had decided earlier to resign from that office after having served in that position for the past twenty years, ever since the founding of the organization in 1976.

Brisson's membership in FHAW began in 1981, when he was the University of Wisconsin extension Forester serving as the natural resource agent for Marinette County. Bob's many qualifications for treasurer include a total of ten years of service as treasurer for the Marinette Jaycees, the Marinette and Menominee Youth Hockey Association and the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters.

Brisson earned two bachelor of science degrees at Michigan Tech, Houghton, MI, and a masters degree in forestry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His credentials include having been the 4H and Youth Agent for Marinette County, which led to his appointment in 1991 as Director of the Upham Woods 4H Club Environmental Educational Center near Wisconsin Dells. Upon his retirement in September 1995, he chose to return to the area where he had worked for 31 years, but across the river from Marinette, in Menominee, MI, where he plans to be a tree farmer and practice what he had always preached.

CAMP ESTABLISHED NEAR MARINETTE

(From the American Lumberman, July 3, 1926)

Lumbering operations have been resumed in Marinette County by the Sawyer 6 Co., which owns a large tract of virgin white pine and Norway pine in the vicinity of Amberg. There are 43 40's in all, estimated at about 15 million feet. An 8 mile railroad is being built to transport the logs. The company expects to harvest the logs in about three years. The presence of a lumber camp in the confines of Marinette County is a rarity, recalling the olden days when similar camps were numerous hereabouts.

IN MEMORIUM

ROBERT W. COOK, 1935 - 1996. Word was recently received of the death of Robert W. Cook, Oconto, who died on January 2, 1996. Cook was a charter member of FHAW. Before his retirement in 1985, he was a forester for the Wisconsin DNR. Bob was born July 2, 1925 at Hastings, MI and graduated from Albion College, MI and the School of Forestry at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and in the Korean War. As a member of the Society of American Foresters beginning in 1950, Bob was active in the programs of the Wisconsin chapter, particularly in the fields of county and state forest land management. He was also very active as a member of the Oconto Lions Club, serving over the 41 years of his membership as a director and successively in each of the officer positions up through the presidency.

FHAW's Board of Directors extends its belated expressions of sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Wilma Cook, and its appreciation for her donation to its student scholarship fund in Bob's memory. FHAW members may send a similar memorial to FHAW's secretary or to any of the following: First Presbyterian Church, Oconto, Oconto Memorial Hospital or the Unity Hospice, Green Bay.

FREDERIC W. BRAUN, 1911 -1996. Frederic W. Braun, Antigo, died suddenly on May 27, 1996. He was a certified public accountant, graduating from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1933, and was nationally known for his woodland management practices in central Wisconsin. Braun was a 14 year member of FHAW and a co-founder of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association in 1978, with which he served as treasurer for a number of years. Braun's business interests were numerous, among them being founder and senior partner of the accounting firm of Braun, Preboske and Brettingen, with offices in Antigo, Rhinelander and Crandon. He was a co-owner and secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Timber and Land Company, a Mattoon based vender firm. His many community interests included active membership in the Area Industrial Development Corporation of Antigo, the Tradewell Corp., the Public Library Foundation, the Board of Directors of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association in Antigo, and the Community Health Foundation.

Memorials have been established in his name for the Antigo Public Library and St. Ambrose Episcopal Church.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

FHAW 21ST ANNUAL MEETING September 28-29, 1996 LADYSMITH

You can still register for our annual members meeting, to be held at the Best Western El Rancho in Ladysmith, September 28-29. In fact, you can even register at the door if need be. All FHAW members are encouraged to attend; each member should already have received a registration form and other details on the event. Nonmembers are also welcome.

The theme for this years meeting is "The Flambeau River Area's Forest Heritage", with several scheduled speakers who look to have informative and interesting presentations. The auction also looks promising, with many old logging tools and literature being offered.

Anyone who did not receive a registration packet, or who seeks more information on the meeting, may write to or call the FHAW secretary.

THE MAN WHO HAS A PIECE OF WOODLAND WHERE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS HE CUTS HIS FIREWOOD AND FENCING AND A FEW LOGS FOR THE REPAIR OF BUILDINGS AND IMPLEMENTS, AND DURING CERTAIN YEARS WHEN PRICES ARE HIGH CUTS SOME LOGS FOR THE NEIGHBORING SAWMILL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME LOOKS AFTER THE PIECE OF WOODS, CLEARS IT OF DEAD TIMBER AND OTHER RUBBISH, THUS KEEPING OUT FIRE AND INSECTS, AND OTHERWISE MAKES AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE LAND COVERED WITH FOREST - SUCH A MAN PRACTICES FORESTRY. HIS FOREST MAY BE SMALL OR LARGE, HIS WAYS OF DOING MAY BE SIMPLE AND IMPERFECT, THE TREES MAY NOT BE THE BEST KIND FOR THE PARTICULAR LOCALITY AND SOIL, THEY MAY NOT BE AS THRIFTY AS THEY SHOULD AND COULD BE; BUT NEVERTHELESS HERE IS A MAN WHO DOES NOT MERELY DESTROY THE WOODS NOR CONTENT HIMSELF WITH CUTTING DOWN WHATEVER HE CAN SELL, BUT ONE WHO CARES FOR THE WOODS AS WELL AS USES THEM, ONE WHO SOWS AS WELL AS HARVESTS. HE IS A FORESTER, AND HIS WORK IN THE WOODS IS FORESTRY.

*-By Filbert Roth, in "Forest Trees
of Wisconsin", 1928*

ROUND LAKE LOGGING DAM DEDICATED

On August 21st, 1996, the Friends of the Round Lake Logging Dam and the Price County Historical Society were to hold a ceremony for the official dedication of the reconstructed Round Lake Logging Dam. This project, begun in 1992, has involved many participants and has resulted in a structure that should help to preserve a piece of Wisconsin history for generations to come. Patricia Schroeder, one of our members from Park Falls, has been a long time promoter, supporter and leader on this project. FHAW has made several donations in the past few years for this reconstruction. Don Lambrecht and Frank Fixmer had planned to attend the dedication ceremony. I shall try to get more information on the ceremony and the status of the project, and print this in the next C&S.

WISCONSIN COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY ANNUAL CONVENTION, October 25th & 26th

The Wisconsin Council for Local History (WCLH) will hold its annual convention on October 25th and 26th at the State Historical Society in Madison. Activities scheduled for Friday the 25th include a "birthday" tour of the State Historical Society, the Local History Awards ceremony, and a candlelight reception honoring award winners. This year the Society marks its 150th anniversary and Friday convention participants are invited on a special behind-the-scenes tour emphasizing the Society's early collections including rare books, manuscripts and photographs.

Saturday the 25th features a day devoted to Wisconsin history. Deborah Kmetz, Local History Specialist, will present a program entitled "In the Words of Wisconsin." Using excerpts from diaries, letters, speeches, oral histories and other historical sources, Kmetz will offer a look at the state's history through the words of people who have lived and traveled through the place we know as Wisconsin. As a second half of the morning program, the popular Local History Resource Center returns featuring informational tables and displays about successful activities and projects by local historical societies. To close the Saturday program, Dr. Norman Risjord will speak on "The Path to Statehood", addressing the course of events leading to Wisconsin's admission to the Union as the thirtieth state in 1848. Dr. Risjord is the author of the popular Wisconsin: A Story of the Badger State, recently published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

For registration or more information, call Connie Meier (608) 265-6579.

CAMP FIVE LUMBERJACK REUNION

(This event will have passed by the time you receive this issue, but I believe it to be significant nonetheless. One of our members sent me this article, but failed to note from which publication it came. I apologize to the originating publication for not being able to give them proper credit.)

Camp Five museum in Laona will hold a Lumberjack Reunion for former employees of Connor Forest Industries and the Connor Lumber and Land Company on August 18 to celebrate and record the lives and lore of Wisconsin's lumberjacks.

"Camp Five Museum is dedicated to preserving the life and times of the Wisconsin lumberjack," said Catherine Dellin, President of the Camp Five Museum Foundation, the nonprofit organization that operates the museum. "We realize that much of this history is being lost with the passage of time. So we are inviting the lumberjacks to come home to celebrate their achievements with their former colleagues and record their favorite lumberjack stories for future generations."

All former Connor employees prior to 1982 are invited to Camp Five as its guest for the day. In honor of the Lumberjack Reunion, the Museum will feature many pieces of equipment and artifacts not normally on public display. Lumberjacks will be asked to help identify the people, places and time periods of photographs in the Museum's archives. These Northwoodsmen will be given the chance to swap stories with other lumberjacks and record them on videotape for future generations.

"This will be the first reunion of Connor employees since the company's centennial celebration in 1972," said Mary R. Connor, Executive Director of the Camp Five Museum Foundation. "A whole new generation has joined the lumberjack family since then and they should have a chance to hear the stories of the hardy souls who shaped the North."

The idea for a reunion of former logging employees originated with a phone call from Jean Bauman of Stratford, the daughter of a former employee who passed away recently at age 92. She wanted to give a donation to the museum in his memory because he enjoyed his visit to Camp Five and was able to identify many of the people pictured in the old logging photographs on display. Over the years, many families of the original lumberjacks have given photographs and artifacts to the Camp Five Museum. Two whole new collections of photographs will be brought to the reunion by their descendants.



THE LANDLOOKER DIARY OF ALBERT C. STUNTZ

(Taken from The Visitor Who Came to Stay - Legacy of the Hayward Area, by Eldon Marple, 1971.)

The "landlooker", a woods trained surveyor and timber estimator, took a prominent part in the life of the logging days and in the settlement of our north country. His job was to find and report to his employers the worth of any piece of land, regardless of remoteness, weather, wild beasts or insects, and the fact that there were few roads and little shelter. Thomas McClaine and Harry Johnson were local men well known to our older residents who spent much of their younger years in this most interesting profession.

Albert C. Stuntz was a noted member of this proud clan and had, as a government surveyor, laid out many townships of land here. As a landlooker working for the government in 1863 to 1868, he made five trips into the Hayward area. This intrepid and indefatigable man coursed the unbroken forests in amazing treks, covering as many as forty miles in one day, usually on foot. Most fortunate for us, however, he kept a terse diary of his daily activities, giving us invaluable information on the place and extent of the logging and who the loggers were. This diary was acquired by the State Historical Society and they have given me the privilege to quote from it as I wish.

Stuntz made his first recorded trip into the Hayward area in 1863 to locate lines for the Indians at Lac Courte Oreilles. A measure of his acceptance of the hardships attendant on travel in those days was the fact that he made no mention of the difficulty of the traverse of the Grand Portage from the White River to Long Lake (Lake Owen) and on to the Namekagen after five days of strenuous labor in paddling, poling and carrying their canoes from Ashland. The party camped at "puch-wa-a-wang" (Pacqawong Lake, near Secley), probably at the Indian village, since his men were Indians. They also followed the Namekagen Portage from the river to Lac Courte Oreilles, also without comment on its obvious hardship.

The entries in his diary were usually of the mundane events of work or travel, but he did add a few dry bits of humor. Of Lac Courte Oreilles village he wrote that it "is a pretty Place but so far from any Place to be of Present Value!" Chief Ah-kem-en-oy-e pointed out the lands wanted for a Reservation and they started out from the meander post on the lake near the present tribal office. Their traverse ran to the township corner near Now Post, thence south to Radison, thence west to near Summit Lake and then north to the beginning; forty miles of line in five days! He did not mention any of the difficulties of the trip over mountains and through wet swamps, his only comment when he got back was that he "found the Black Smith at home!" He sold his canoe to Alex Corbine for \$4.00 and returned to Ashland by trail.

The next year Stuntz came up the "Nimekagen", as he spelled it, to check for

trespass at the "works" of Hanson and Teuksberry and found "about 1000 Norway logs" cut in the town of Springbrook. Their camp was in section 2, a mile east of Sunnett, probably beside the little lake on the Harry Shue farm. Mr. Shue pointed out to me the site of a very old camp near his barn and told me that parts of the old buildings were still there when he came in 1904. The diary states that about three inches of snow fell and there was "good Sleighing if There was any one to Sleigh ride."

The next day, April 1, 1864, Stuntz "went to Mackey Bros. camp in Sec. 27" (the present site of Hayward, southeast of the tracks) and found that they had cut a million feet of mixed pine. He "Laid over at Mackeys camp weather fair without any much appearance of rain verry Long day nothing to read or amuse myself about camp Life is carried on as usual Some mending Boots and fiddling Some reading Some Sleeping & Some Talking!" Also, "five men came to drive", this may have been the first drive on the Namekagen.

This entry is the first mention that I have seen of any settlement at the site of Hayward. Since the Stuntz party traveled by here the year before and he made no mention of a camp, the assumption can be made that it was established in the fall of 1863 and that T. Mackey and a few loggers were the first white residents of Hayward. My guess is that the camp was located near the Country Print Shop.

When Stuntz left Mackey's camp he went to the Totogatic River to check the "works" of several loggers along the north line of Washburn county. On this trip, as in later years, he stayed at the camp of Joseph T. Blackburn, an eccentric lover of the wilderness who had settled on the Totogatic in 1860 where he did some logging and later was a storekeeper and Indian trader and was foully murdered in 1897. After checking Blackburn's cutting, he went on west to the "Bridge" where the St. Croix - Bayfield road crossed the Namekagen near its confluence with the St. Croix.

The diary records another trip starting at the Bridge and again checking camps along the Totogatic. He laid over in a camp at the dam on the Totogatic because he was snowblind but arrived the next day at Mackey's camp, April 1, 1867. On the way out he "looked Land" in the Frog creek area and visited Indian lodges in the "Sugar Bush" in Section 28, about two miles west of the present junction of Hwy "27" and the Chittamo road. He wrote in the diary, "via Sugar Camps got 2 mokuks Sugar and Some cakes to carry home."

In 1868 he again came in from the Bridge by way of Blackburn's and the sugar camps. Among others, he "looked over the works" of H.H. Hanscomb and "Looked No's on which dam is Built for Hanscom." He then gave the description of the forty where the present Phipps dam is located, thus dating its construction. However, Hanscomb's camp was then at the present site of Springbrook and he had to make camp at "Puckaway."

ISAAC STEPHENSON

Isaac Stephenson is one of the biggest names in the history of Wisconsin's lumber industry. His autobiography, Recollections of a Long Life, 1829 - 1915, first printed in 1915, is a well written book and provides a detailed story of his life in the lumber business, as well as in politics and other ventures. The following provides a short biography on Stephenson, and is taken from American Lumbermen - The Personal History and Public and Business Achievements of One Hundred Eminent Lumbermen of the United States, 1905.

The lumber business on Lake Michigan dates back more than a hundred years, but it was not until the middle of the last century that the industry had fully begun the battle against the forests which only now is approaching its end. Among the leading spirits of those days was Isaac Stephenson, of Marinette, Wisconsin. He was born in York County, New Brunswick, near the city of Fredericton, June 18, 1829. His father, whose name also was Isaac, was of Scotch - Irish extraction, his mother, a native of London, England. Isaac Stephenson, senior, was a lumberman and farmer, and his son passed his early days on the farm, attending public school for a time when a boy, but soon having to start out in the world for himself. When fourteen years old he went to Bangor, Maine, where he had his first experience in the woods. A year and a half later he accompanied Jefferson Sinclair to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here he had a winter term of schooling, but in April of the next year Mr. Sinclair located on a prairie farm near Janesville, and during that spring and summer young Stephenson broke 130 acres of land and helped put in 400 acres of wheat.

Jefferson Sinclair became financially interested with Daniel Wells, junior, in northern Michigan lands around Escanaba, and Isaac Stephenson was transferred to that section, where as a boy he displayed such executive ability, sound judgment and honesty that in 1847 he was placed in charge of the lumber camps, continuing in this employment until he was of age. In the summer months during this period he sailed on Lake Michigan and before he was twenty-one years old owned a controlling interest in the schooner Cleopatra, which in 1853 was lost about a mile south of Chicago harbor. During the summer of 1848 he had attended an academy in Milwaukee.

His experience in the woods naturally made Mr. Stephenson an excellent judge of the value of timber lands and he explored large sections of the upper peninsula of Michigan, locating the more valuable tracts. The first land office in northern Michigan was opened in July, 1848, at Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Stephenson, accompanied by Daniel Wells, junior, and Jefferson Sinclair, attended the sale and bought large tracts on the Escanaba, Ford and Sturgeon rivers and on Big Bay de Noquet. Among Mr. Stephenson's first ventures upon coming of age was the operation of a saw mill at Flat Rock, on Little Bay de Noquet, a short distance north of the present site of Escanaba. This mill was equipped with muley saws and, with one other, made Flat Rock the largest

lumber manufacturing point in the United States west of Albany at that time. During the four years beginning with 1852, Mr. Stephenson, in connection with N. Ludington & Co., cut and delivered timber that was used in constructing the first breakwater built in Chicago.

In 1858 Mr. Stephenson bought a quarter interest in the mill owned by N. Ludington & Co. In this business he at once became the controlling spirit and soon placed it upon a prosperous footing. In 1868 it was incorporated as the N. Ludington Company; its capital is now \$700,000 and it is controlled by Mr. Stephenson. He was its vice president until 1883 and since then has been its president.

In 1867 he acquired an interest in the Peshtigo Company and reorganized it as the Peshtigo Lumber Company with a capital of 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Stephenson became vice president, but later was its president, which office he held until 1900. The mills of the company were at Peshtigo and it had a large yard in Chicago. In connection with this yard was erected what at that time was the largest woodenware factory in the world. The company was a heavy loser in the great fires of October, 1871, when its yards and plant in Chicago were destroyed and the whole village of Peshtigo wiped out. A loss of nearly two million dollars was entailed by this fire. However, the mill and village were immediately rebuilt.

Under Mr. Stephenson's direction the Peshtigo company operated the steamer Boscobel and six barges, although up to that time it was deemed impracticable to tow barges on Lake Michigan. He was instrumental in organizing the Sturgeon Bay Manufacturing Company, which was sold in 1900 to the N. Ludington Company.

Mr. Stephenson was the organizer of the Menominee River Boom Company, which in one year handled through its boom 675 million feet of logs. He devised the plan for the main boom and superintended its construction. The company's capital is 1.25 million dollars and Mr. Stephenson is its president. He was intimately associated with river and lake interests, placing the first boats on the Menominee, taking the first steamboat into Cedar river, the first into the Whitefish and Ford rivers and the second into the Escanaba.

One of the most important companies in which Mr. Stephenson is interested is the I. Stephenson Company, of Escanaba, Michigan, with mills at Wells. It was organized in 1886 with a capital of \$600,000. Up to 1899 it had an extensive yard in Chicago. Within the last few years the manufacturing business of this company has been greatly extended, a railroad, the Escanaba & Lake Superior, being built westward from Wells, tapping the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and traversing a country rich in hardwoods, cedar, etc. At Wells, Michigan, is a large mill equipped with two bands and a gang, a tie mill and lath and shingle machinery. In connection with it are a planing mill and a hardwood flooring factory which are among the largest in the country. In connection with this plant and tributary to the Escanaba & Lake Superior road, Mr. Stephenson and his associates own about 250,000 acres of land, which, with other tributary timber,

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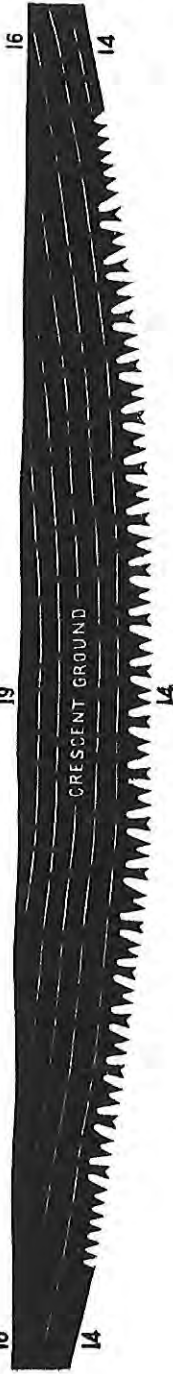


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ITS RANGE IS FROM THE GREAT LAKES TO THE GULF OF MEXICO AND EAST TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. IT FAVORS WOODS WHERE SWARMS OF WILD BEES AND RACCOONS CAN BE FOUND SINCE IT LOVES TO EAT COON MEAT AND HONEY.

THIS STRANGE CAT, NEVER SEEN BY MAN AS FAR AS WE KNOW, CLIMBS A TREE AND THEN SPRINGS FROM ITS LOFTY PERCH, STRIKING A NEARBY TREE WITH ITS HARD FACE, SMASHING THE TREE IN HALF HOPING TO FIND A HOLLOW TREE WITH A TREASURE OF HONEY OR A COON OR TWO.

THIS PROCEDURE IS REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN, ESPECIALLY IF THE NIGHT IS DARK AND WINDY. STRANGELY, MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THE WIND-STORMS, NOT THE SPLINTER CAT, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DOWNED TREES!

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