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FINNING TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.

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TRACTORS

VANCOUVER, CANADA

BLODGEN FIRE
1329719

November 15, 1938.

Department of Lands,
Forest Branch,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. C.J. Haddon.

We are enclosing our bill covering the rental charges for the "Caterpillar" Tractors and Roadbuilders used on the Courtenay fire. We believe that this is all in order and in accordance with our recent conversation in your office.

There is one exception which you will note. We have left the time for T.J. Brown the same as that which he originally turned in. We feel that this is a proper charge and that it is not quite fair to split the day up into hours.

The charges for the other machines, I am sure you will find to be the same as we agreed on.

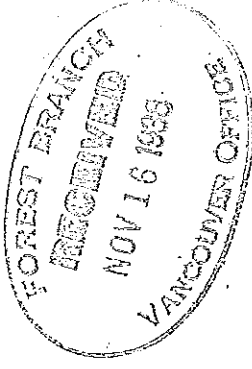
The transportation charges include three tractors returned to Vancouver. I find that this is correct, as the tractor we both thought shipped to Fanny Bay was shipped to Vancouver. The fourth tractor remained at Comox.

Yours very truly,

FINNING TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.

J.G.G. Morgan/GNW.
Encl.

J. G. G. Morgan
Sales Manager.



Vancouver, B.C.

November 18, 1938.

O.F. #230 "Bloedel"

My recollection of the Brown account was that we reduced it by certain hours we knew were worked but that every day he got a minimum of eight hours.

If my recollection is correct then, I think we certainly should not pay any more than we agreed to at the time. Otherwise the account seems O.K. for payment and you may so proceed.

CEM:J

Geo. P. Melrose,
Forester.

0131739

J.H. BLOEDEL, PRESIDENT
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S.G. SMITH, MANAGER
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TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 2201

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BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH LTD.

MANUFACTURING
PACIFIC COAST FOREST PRODUCTS
510 HASTINGS STREET WEST
VANCOUVER, B.C.

November 22nd, 1938.

Mr. D. B. Taylor,
Assistant Forester,
Forest Branch,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

Re Your File 0131739.

Your letter has been received with the information on burned slash on Block 27, Comox Logging Company, also the white prints of the "Bloedel" fire map and Oyster River and Campbell River sheets.

Please accept our thanks.

Yours very truly,

BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH LTD.,

A.B. Fraser

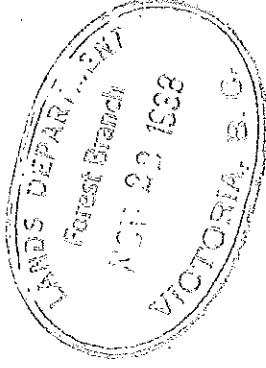
A. B. Fraser

ABF/ECS

LOGGING OPERATIONS:
FRANKLIN RIVER, B.C.
GREAT CENTRAL LAKE, B.C.
BLOEDEL, B. C.

SHINGLE MILL:
SHIPPING POINT
BOUNDARY ROAD, B.C.

SAWMILLS:
GREAT CENTRAL L.C.
PORT ALBERNI, B.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH

REFER TO
FILE NO.

Nov. 23 1938

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

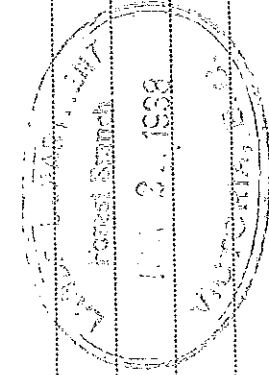
Chief Forester, Kanya, B.C.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$ 507.09

to cover the following

General Acct. #2732



Receipt to be sent to Comox Logging & Rly. Co.,
Headquarters P.O., V.I. ,
B. C.

Yours truly,

★ F.B. 313-10M-1236-3783

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Ledger-keeper.

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VANCOUVER

NOV. 30th, 1938

O.F. #230 Bloedel

The Surveyor of Taxes has requested us to advise him in regard to fire damage to standing timber on various blocks assessed as timber land involved in the Bloedel fire of this year. The information is desired to enable him to consider claims expected for reduction in assessed values on account of losses from the fire.

The Taxation office has submitted the following figures of acreage burned on various blocks and it is only these in which they are interested. The burned acreage has been arrived at by comparison of data on map accompanying the fire report with their maps showing location of timber assessed.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Assessed Acreage</u>	<u>Burned Acreage</u>
94 (except Parcel "A")	2631	709
151	4556	189
29	--	3180
76	--	110

It is desired to express the fire damage in terms of a certain percentage of the value of green standing timber used for assessment purposes. We understand Ranger Langstroth has been making an independent check of fire losses in standing timber, also that commercial cruisers are engaged in the same activity.

If available, would you please let us have a summary of Langstroth's or other forest service findings as a check on company figures which you intimate in your letter of October 19th were being secured from the companies involved. Please give us such information as is available if not complete.

EBP/MM
Management
0131739

E. B. Prowd
FORESTER

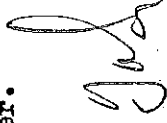
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E.B.P.

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Vancouver, B.C.

December 7, 1938.

O. Fire No. 230 "Bloedel"

Please refer to your memo. of October
19th advising that a more detailed report would
be sent to us, - this is just a reminder.



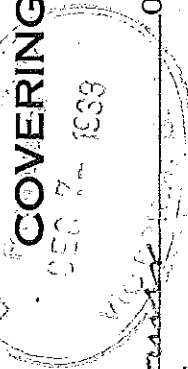
T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

TAS:j

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.	FOREST BRANCH.	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.
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COVERING LETTER.

From Vancouver Date Dec. 6th, 1938
Office. File No. D.F. # 230 Blood
To Electronis Office. File No. 0131739 1333884
Attention Mr. Crow

Referring to Yours of May 30th

We have the information available
at this time. As far as is known none of our
field staff are making an independent
check of fish losses in standing timber
that would the Co's re information you want
expected to have some small way that the workers
(Signature)

John G. Crow

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MEMORANDUM412
1334387

TO Chief Forester,
Forest Branch,
Victoria, B.C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

Dec. 8th, 19 38

Your File: 0131739
My File: O.F.#230 Bloedel

Refer to yours of

Attention Mr. Simmons

We expected that a more detailed report on the Bloedel Fire in regard to damages might be available on receipt of a map which that company and the Elk River Company were having completed by the engineer who surveyed the whole fire for them. However, on looking into the matter further I am doubtful whether we would get sufficient information which would warrant adjustment of our final report, but as we have not yet obtained the map we cannot be definite in this.

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In regard to Chart "A" which was sent you, would you kindly correct the total cost fires to read "426" rather than 428.

CCT:RJ .

C.C. Ternan
C.C. Ternan,
Asst. District Forester.

MEMORANDUM

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TO Chief Forester,
Forest Branch,
Victoria, B.C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER **1334386**
Vancouver, B.C.
December 8th, 1938

Your File: 0131739
 My File: O.F.#230 - Bloedel

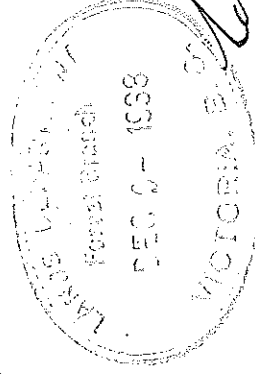
Refer to yours of

Attention Operation

We have received an account from Mr. V. Schjelderup of the Comox Valley Lands Limited in which he bills us to the amount of \$35.00 for the loan of two tents during the evacuation of settlers from the area of the Bloedel Fire.

In this connection we are in receipt of a letter from Corporal Clark of the Provincial Police, Courtenay, in which he states that no trace of these two tents belonging to Mr. Schjelderup could be found although every endeavour was made to locate them without success.

In view of this it would appear that Mr. Schjelderup is entitled to payment of this account, or, as an alternative, it might be that we have two tents in the Property Room at Victoria which could be turned over to him. However, as the loss of this property is a charge against the Forest Protection Fund, probably this account should be passed for payment.



C.C. Ternan,
 Asst. District Forester.

CCT:RJ.

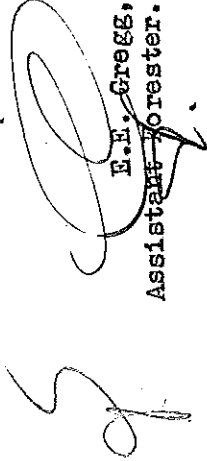
Vancouver, B.C.

December 8.

December 10/38.

O.F. #230 "Bloedel"

It appears that Mr. Schjelderup's tents were used in the evacuation of settlers which is in the nature of welfare work. If this is so would you advise Mr. Schjelderup to submit his account to the Superintendent of Welfare, Weiler Building, Victoria.


E.E. Gregg,
Assistant Forester.

EEG:J

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MEMORANDUM

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1337030TO The Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

December 15, 1938.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Your File: 0131739

My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Refer to yours of

Attention Mr. Prowd

With reference to your letter of November 30th, we have received a letter from the Comox Logging & Railway Company, owners of Blocks 29 and 76, replying to our request for information in connection with standing timber burned.

They advise that it will be some time before a proper tabulation of cruise figures and an estimate of damage area available, and state further that it was agreed between them and the Surveyor of Taxes that it would be impossible for the latter to get these figures in time to make use of them in his current assessment roll and that next year the Company would furnish him directly with the necessary information.

J. J. J.

CCT.JM

Pls. refer to
Mr. P. J. J. J.
New person
CCT.JM

C. C. Ternan,
Dist. Forester.
W. H. J. J. J.
J. J. J. J.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Dec. 24 1938

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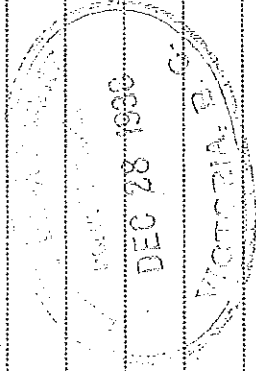
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SIR:

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royalty } accounts
stampage }

• #2756



Ltd.

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er, B.C.

Yours truly,

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(Signature)

Recd 20524

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Ledger-keeper.

MEMORANDUM

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TO The Chief Forester,

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

Parliament Buildings,

January 3, 1939.

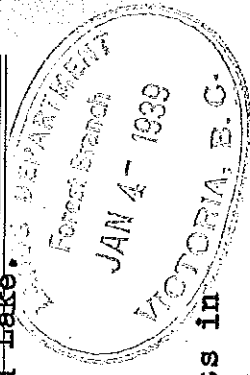
VICTORIA, B. C.

Your File: 0131739, 0132456.

My File: OF #230, Bloedel, ✓

OF #526, Mud Lake.

Refer to yours of

Attention Operation

With reference to commissary accounts in connection with the Bloedel and Mud Lake Fires.

A final check-up has been made and all commissary deductions from fire-fighters accounted for. In both cases bank accounts were opened covering all commissary payments and receipts, and all disbursements were made by cheque.

We find on the Bloedel Fire commissary purchases amounting to \$848.87, with a total credit made up of commissary deductions amounting to \$793.03, leaving a shortage of \$55.84.

On the Mud Lake Fire the total purchases amount to \$322.24, total receipts \$320.79, leaving a shortage of \$1.45 to balance the account.

The Ranger, as is customary, was made responsible for payment of all commissary accounts. In both these cases, however, the Ranger had little, if any, to do with the actual purchasing and handling of commissary. So much so, in fact, that we cannot in reason hold him responsible for these shortages. Due to the fact that purchases and receipts were handled by many different forest officers and supplies sent to various fire camps under all kinds of conditions, we feel that it is rather a remarkable fact that the shortages were not greater than they are.

In 1929 in the Nelson District on one large fire which occurred along the Kootenay Lake during the time of the railroad construction, there was a big discrepancy in commissary and owing to the conditions prevailing at that time (which were somewhat similar to these two cases) the shortage was made up out of the Forest Protection Fund, and we would like to recommend that the amounts needed to balance the commissary accounts on the

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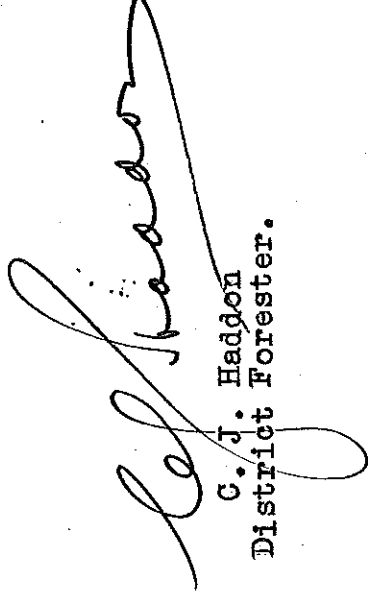
The Chief Forester -

January 3, 1938.

Bloedel and Mud Lake Fires be likewise paid from the Forest Protection Fund.

I might mention there are only two accounts yet to be paid: one on the Bloedel Fire in the name of the Comox Logging Company, amounting to \$68.70, and one on the Mud Lake Fire in the name of Merrill Ring Wilson, Ltd., amounting to \$63.76.

For your information, also, you will please find attached extracts from Ranger Langstroth's letters indicating the difficulties of handling commissary in connection with these two fires.


C. J. Haddon
District Forester.

CJH:JM
Encls.

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The District Forester,
Forest Branch,
Vanver, B. C.

Campbell River, B. C.,
December 21, 1938.
OF #230, Bloedel
(Commissary).

EXCERPT ONLY

It may here be noted with reference to the carrying of Commissary for the Bloedel Fire, that it was impossible for any one person to be responsible for same. There were several camps and all had to carry commissary as we were catering to men picked up at many places in what they stood up in, so some of them would have been in rather a bad way indeed had we not stocked some of the most necessary articles. Commissary was ordered by all and sundry who had charge of the various camps from time to time and these parties were not always at the same camp for duration. Owing to difficulties in transportation at that particular time, orders did not always reach the destination for which they were intended. Time keepers, who were the ones that naturally came in for most of the checking out of the articles, were also shifted at times, making the check up that much more difficult; also camps were moved in rather a hurry at times. At the main camp for part of the time we had one man looking after the commissary and later it was found that he was unable to keep correct records, but by that time he was gone. Another gag that was worked by men who were not personally known to the commissary man; was that a number of the transients gave the wrong names or names that did not exist on the payroll. Undoubtedly stealing accounted for some of the shortages, as I personally know that various pairs of good caulked boots and other articles went missing about the camps.

While admitting that the Ranger in a district is the man to nominally hold responsible for Commissary, it might be noted here that I cannot find where I personally ordered any commissary.

With the above conditions and many others existing at the time of this fire, it is really remarkable that the deficit is no greater. It is believed that the foregoing will give the reader at least a fair idea of the conditions we were up against during this fire and why it is recommended that the deficit be made up from the Forest Protection Fund.

All accounts are on record here and together with Bank Book and cancelled cheques, as they come to hand will be for inspection at any time.

"A.C.C. Langstroth",
Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

Subject CommissionaryRemarks Largest to the cannot be personally held responsible. then who is?

TO BE NOTED BY

J.H.S. recommends the (Signature.)
case mentioned in para-
6 of the above letter.
recommends J.H.S. (Signature.)
settle discrepancy.

(Signature.)

Jan 4/39
 Mr. Macross.

(Signature.)

(Signature.)

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Vancouver, B.C.

January 3rd.

January 6, 1939.

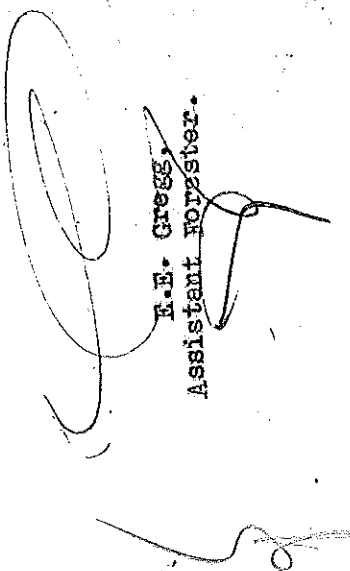
OF. #250 "Bloedel"
OF. #526 "Mud Lake"

After discussing the matter of commissary on the above mentioned fires, it has been decided to charge the sum to the Forest Protection Fund which will be required to make disbursements equal to gross receipts.

This decision has been arrived at in these cases because owing to the extraordinary circumstances neither the ranger concerned nor any other forest officer had any reasonable opportunity to administer commissary in such a way that they could balance the accounts.

These cases are not to be looked upon as precedents. As in the past, rangers will be held responsible for commissary.

EEG:J


E.E. Gregg,
Assistant Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

FOREST BRANCH



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Jan. 18 1939

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C.

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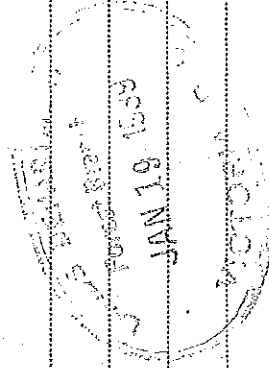
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DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$74.44

to cover the following { ~~royalty~~ } accounts
stampage

General Acct. #2760



Receipt to be sent to W.H. Malkin Co. Ltd.,

Nanaimo, B.C.

Yours truly,

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Gen. Dec 2760 Vancouver
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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C.

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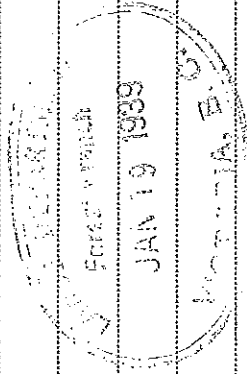
Jan. 18 1939

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DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$ 2.00
to cover the following {royalty } accounts
{stampage }

General Acct. #2761



Receipt to be sent to W.H. Malkin Co. Ltd.,

57 Water St.,

Vancouver, B.C.

Yours truly,

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J. N. Mahan

Gen. Dec 2761 Vancouver

Ref 21321

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Ledger-keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chief Forester, *Victoria, B.C.*

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$ 62.50

to cover the following { *royalty* } accounts
 { *stampage* }

General Acct. 2759



Receipt to be sent to Pacific Meat Co. Ltd.,
8950 Shaughnessy St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Yours truly,

REFER TO
FILE NO.

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Jan. 11, 1939

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Ledger-keeper.

GENERAL LEDGER CREDIT SLIP

File No. 0131739

\$ 17.00

Rec'd 22557

Gen. Acc. 2774

Robert King & Co.

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FOREST PROTECTION FUND.			ROYALTY.							TIMBER SALES.			TOTAL.	
Timber Leases.	Timber Sales.	Crown-grant Lands.	Timber Lease Rental.	Scaling Fees.	Scaling Expenses.	Royalty.	Timber Tax.	Trespass Penalties.	Stumpage.	Rental.	Cruising Expenses.	Advertising Expenses.		
													17.00	2

Ledger-keeper.

MEMORANDUM

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TO The Chief Forester,

Parliament Buildings,

VICTORIA, B. C.

Vancouver, B.C.

March 1, 1939.

Refer to yours of

My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Attention Operation

1354476

Attached hereto please find an account from Messrs. Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd., for rental of their R. D. 8 Caterpillar used on the Bloedel Fire on an area other than that on which they were operating.

We are passing this account on to you as the question of whether or not this company are entitled to reimbursement for any expenditures in connection with this fire is a debatable one and if we were to accept such an account I suppose we would be in the position where we would also have to accept any claim they might submit for expenditures over and above any in connection with their own crew on their own areas.

I presume this matter will be discussed with the Chief Forester who, I believe, is familiar with the contention of Bloedel, Stewart & Welch in connection with this fire.

CCT.JM (Encl.)

C. C. Ternan,
Asst. District Forester.

C. C. Ternan

BOOM NO.	SCALE BILL
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BLOEDEL STEWART & WELCH LTD.

LOGGERS

INVOICE No.

SECTIONS

ROYALTY AND SCALE
PAYABLE BY PURCHASER

CHAINS

RETURNABLE IN 30 DAYS.

TERMS

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Department of Lands,
Forest Branch,
Vancouver, B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Feb. 28th, 1939

~~929-MARINE-BUILDING~~

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WE ARE NOT LIABLE IN ANY WAY
FOR DAMAGES CLAIMED TO BE CAUSED BY ANY FOREIGN SUB-
STANCE IN THE ABOVE RAFT OF LOGS AND THAT TAKING POS-
SESSION OF THE RAFT BY THE PURCHASER SHALL BE DEEMED
TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS.

To Rental of R.D. 8 Caterpillar with Bulldozer and Drum,
employed on "Bloedel Fire" other than on Lot 145,

July 7th to July 22nd, inclusive:

257 Operating hours or 32 1/8 Shifts.

32 1/8 Operating Shifts @ \$50.00

\$1,606.25

Less allowance for labor charged
on payrolls

604.02

\$1,002.23

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Vancouver, B.C.

March 2, 1939.

March 1st.

OF #230, Bloedel.

The account looks to us to be out of order in that the fire was the responsibility of Messrs. Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd., but there may possibly be some room for argument.

Before entering this argument we would like to know just where the tractor was used and whether or not it was so used by the direction or under the orders of any of our men. If so, of just what did those orders or directions consist?

GPM:J

Geo. P. Melrose,
Forester.

0131739

Frank J.

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MEMORANDUM

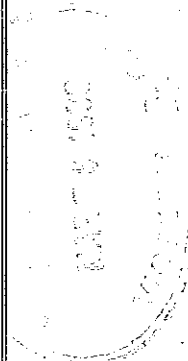
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TO The Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B. C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
Vancouver, B.C.
March 4, 1939.

Your File: 01311739
My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Refer to yours of



1355491

Attention Mr. Melrose

With reference to your memorandum of the 2nd instant, this tractor was at all times used under the direction of their own employees except on the second day of the fire when I personally directed them where to use their tractor. At that time, of course, the fire was not off Lot 145.

None of our men had anything to do with the work done by the Bloedel, Stewart & Welch Company on this fire after it broke out on the 13th as they were all occupied farther south. However, most of the work done by this tractor for which the company are billing us ~~at~~ was evidently on that area between Big Bay and Lower Campbell Lake, Lot 145 to the north and Loveland Lake to the east.

*All
Bill, all sent to the Bloedel
at
writing and hand
in a letter
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C. C. Ternan
C. C. Ternan,
Asst. District Forester.

CCT:JM

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Year: 1938

District: Vancouver

Fire Number: 230

Map Not Switchable
For Filming

MEMORANDUM

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TO The Chief Forester,

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

Vancouver, B.C.

Parliament Buildings,

April 12, 1939.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Your File: 0131739

My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Refer to yours of

Dept. of Lands

APR 13 1939

Forest Branch.

Attention Mr. Melrose

We are forwarding under separate cover a map submitted by Messrs. Bloedel, Stewart & Welch in connection with a claim received from them for fire-fighting costs on the Bloedel Fire, 1938. The claim has been submitted under four sections, which sections are outlined in different-colored crayon on the map, i. e. Loveland Lake, Gosling Creek, Branch 84 and Quinsem. The claim itself amounts to \$66,213.07 and covers the total cost of fire fighting labour expended by the Company on the Bloedel Fire with the exception of time spent fighting fire on Lot 145. It was on Lot 145 that the Bloedel Fire originated.

The question of this claim has been discussed with Mr. Melrose and it has been decided that the claim payrolls and claim books would be held in this Office pending receipt of advice as to what action you intend to take in connection with the claim. The Company were requested to write a letter outlining on what basis their claim was being submitted and you will please find attached a copy of their letter, from which you will note that no specific reason is given but that the claim is made under the provisions of the Forest Act with particular reference to Sections 117 and 120.

As Bloedel, Stewart & Welch were responsible for this fire and as, in accordance with our policy, they were expected to fight the fire at their own expense until it was brought under control or extinguished, there is no question in our minds but that this claim should be disallowed and the Company notified accordingly. It is true they employed far more men on this fire than they had in their employment at the time the fire originated but as Section 117 of the Forest Act states they shall employ the services of as many of the men employed by them, we contend that they are responsible for the payment of all the men employed by them to fight this fire. Further, we also contend that we should not be responsible for the payment of any men who were brought in by any company, unknown to the Forest Branch and over the

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Vancouver, B. C.,

To: Chief Forester -

April 12, 1939.

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OF #230, Bloedel.

actions of which we had no control. It is therefore recommended that this claim be disallowed.

You will please find attached an itemized statement of their claim by locations.


C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

CJH:JM
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OF #230, Bloedel Fire.
1938.

CLAIM OF BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH, LIMITED.

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	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Gosling Creek</i>	<i>Branch #84</i>	<i>Quinsam</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Loveland Lake	Gosling Creek	Branch #84	Quinsam	Total
July	\$16,855.87	\$17,454.61	\$18,336.94	\$2,247.05	\$54,894.47
Aug.	3,397.26	3,057.81	2,516.53	1,963.00	10,934.60
Sept.	90.55	184.60	67.35	41.50	384.00
	\$20,343.68	20,697.02	20,920.82	4,251.55	66,213.07

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BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH LTD.,

510 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B. C.

April 6th, 1939.

Mr. C. J. Haddon,
District Forester,
Department of Lands,
Marine Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to our claims for reimbursement of expenditures made in respect of the forest fire occurring in July, August and September of 1938, in the vicinity of Campbell River, we have to advise that this claim is made under Provisions of the Forest Act, being 1936 Revised Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 102. Particular reference is made to Sections 117 and 120.

Yours very truly,

BLOEDEL, STEWART & WELCH LTD.,

"F. A. Fraser"

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MEMORANDUM

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

TO Chief Forester,

Vancouver, B.C.

Forest Branch,

April 12th, 1939

Victoria, B. C.

Your File:

Refer to yours of

My File: R. Vouchers,
R. General Miscellaneous Accounts

Attention "Mr. A. H. Nunn"

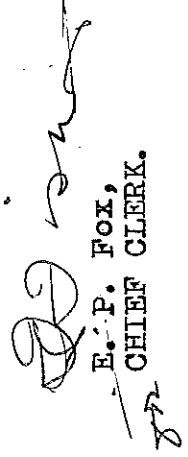
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Attached please find copy of a voucher in favour of Kelly Douglas & Co. Ltd. amounting to \$677.20 covering goods supplied for the Mud Lake Fire also your copy of General Account No. 2812 against Kelly Douglas & Co. Ltd. amounting to \$886.18.

We have had considerable trouble straightening out our account with the above Company and now find that there was a credit of \$208.98 on their books. However, as accounts shown on the attached copy of the voucher are chargeable to the Mud Lake Fire and the credit notes are creditable to the Bloedel Fire, this matter had to be handled by issuance of a voucher in full for debits and a general account covering the credits.

We trust this will be satisfactory.

Kelly Douglas and Co. Ltd. state that they will let us have a cheque for \$886.18 in the course of the next few days.

HJD:AC
ENCL.
E. P. Fox,
CHIEF CLERK.

P.S. Cheque has since been received and forwarded to your office with covering enclosure slip.

Dept. of Lands

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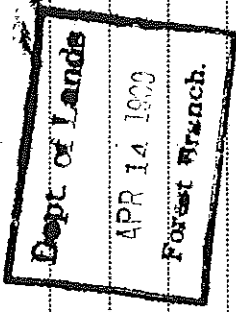
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Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C.

General Account #2812

Dept. of Lands
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Forest Branch.



367 Water St.,

Yours truly,

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April 21, 1939.

File: 0131759.

Memorandum to:

The Departmental Solicitor,
Department of Attorney-General,
Buildings.

As was mentioned in my short interview with you a couple of days ago, we wish to properly word a refusal to the claim of Bloedel, Stewart & Welch for the sum of \$66,000. spent in fighting the Bloedel Fire in 1938 and in this request your assistance.

On the file attached is a copy of a letter from Bloedel, Stewart & Welch of April 6th requesting reimbursement under Sections 117 and 120 of the "Forest Act".

The District Forester, Vancouver, in his of April 12th has outlined circumstances of expenditure and in this connection please see the tabulation appended, also the map showing by various colors where amounts were expended. The area outlined in red (lot 145) was being operated by Bloedel, Stewart & Welch and it was on this area that the fire originated. No claim has been made for any expenditure made thereon. The areas designated by green, yellow, brown and orange had previously been logged by Bloedel, Stewart & Welch and by the Campbell River Timber Company. The fire spread to these areas.

The Bloedel, Stewart & Welch Company not only employed their own crew in suppression measures but brought in additional men. They also used their equipment. Neither the additional men nor the use of equipment was directed by Forest Officers, it was at the Company's own initiative.

The fire report map on file shows that the fire jumped across Big Bay on the north side of Campbell Lake and the Company may later contend that the big burned area east of Big Bay is not the same fire. The Forest Branch contention will be that it is one and the same fire.

Your advice in replying to Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd., will be appreciated.

EEG:J

E.E. Gregg,
Assistant Forester.

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April 26, 1939.

File: 0131739

Bloedel, Stewart & Welch Ltd.,
510 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B.C.

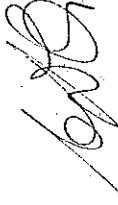
Attention: Mr. F.A. Fraser.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 6th addressed to the District Forester, Vancouver, has been forwarded to this office for attention.

In this connection may we point out that, under the provisions of Section 117 of the "Forest Act", the responsibility for fighting this fire rested on your Company and, that, in view of the provisions contained in Clause (b) of Sub-section 3 of Section 120, your claim cannot be entertained.

Yours truly,



EEG:

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Chief Forester.

Copy forwarded D.F. Vancouver



✓ 1241 Return to

Mr Gregg
Asst. Forester

DRAFT

Your letter of April 6th, addressed to the District Forester at Vancouver, has been forwarded to this office for attention.

In this connection may we point out that, under the provisions of Section 117 of the "Forest Act", the responsibility for fighting this fire rested on your Company and, that, in view of the provisions contained ^{Clause} in Part (b) of Sub-section 3 of Section 120, ~~this Section 120 cannot be permitted to apply.~~

~~Under the circumstances we do not know of any~~
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~~basis on which~~ your claim ~~could~~ be entertained.

Received by Mr. Gregg
April 11, 1919
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Mr. McLean

How does this
sound to you

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C O PY

The District Forester,
Vancouver, B. C.

From Forest Ranger,
CAMPBELL RIVER, B. C.,

April 8/39.

O. Fires, Bloedel.

We have finally been able to discuss with the Forbes Landing Hotel, their account in connection with the above mentioned fire. The delay was due to their being in Vancouver for some days.

This part of their business is handled by Mrs. Forbes and as you probably know it is difficult to argue with a woman. Her statement is that she consulted Richards concerning the amount she should charge and he recommended the \$300.

It would appear that Richards is not reliable as, according to Mrs. Forbes he was only renting a small cabin at \$11 per month and had no lease or rights to the ground in the Auto Park.

I have checked the ownership of the area across the paved road from where the cooktent and office were and find that Forbes owns only a small lot adjacent to the telephone pole on which the camp telephone was set up. This would mean that his claim for rental on that side of the road may be disregarded. The area in question is that small area on which the cooktent office, etc. were set up.

Mrs. Forbes has asked me to advise you that she will accept \$150 in full settlement of the claim. The area was in use five weeks. While \$30 a week seems a pretty stiff rental under the circumstances, we are probably at fault to a certain extent by not ascertaining the correct ownership and rental at the time. Another matter that rather complicates the situation is that we have been using Forbes telephone line as a means of communication to our Elk Falls Lookout for the past two years, and no provision has been made to do otherwise this season. It may be advisable to accept the fact that we are being stung in this instance rather than to push the argument any farther and be forced to set out and build about three miles of telephone line to maintain communication with our lookout.

Yours truly,

"J. B. Conway",
Supervisor.

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The B. & O. Forestry.

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Bought of Lakes Landings,
Campbell River, B.C.

Rent of Auto Camp at Campbell River.		\$ 3.00 -
Less		1.50 -
Balance.		1.50 -

MEMORANDUM

TO The Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B. C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
Vancouver, B.C.
May 3, 1939.

Your File: 0131739

My File: OF #230, Bloedel.

Refer to yours of

Attention Operation

For some time past we have had under advisement the payment of an account submitted by Mr. Forbes of Forbes' Landing for rent of their auto campsite at Campbell River Bridge last summer in connection with our occupation with the fire camp. At the time we occupied this area a man named Richards was renting and living in a small cabin, the property of Mr. Forbes. We used, as you will remember, the area on both sides of the road at the bridge. That portion on the west side of the road was used for our cookhouse and various administrative offices, also partly for sleeping accommodation. On the east side of the road the portion we used for sleeping accommodation for the men did not belong to Mr. Forbes, with the exception of a small lot adjacent to the telephone pole on which our camp telephone was set up. The use made of this area was for telephone purposes only. Therefore, the claim now submitted by Mr. Forbes for rental is confined entirely to his property west of the highway at Campbell River Bridge. When we took over this campsite we understood from Mr. Richards that he had the sole right to that property under a rental arrangement with Mr. Forbes and he gave us permission to use it for our purposes on the understanding that we would pay him a small rental not to exceed \$25.00. No rental has yet been paid to Mr. Richards owing to this further claim of Mr. Forbes. The first account submitted by Mr. Forbes was for \$300.00 which we turned down on the basis of the understanding we had with Mr. Richards. We were finally advised by Mr. Forbes that Richards rented the cabin only on this campsite and had no authority over the balance of the area used by us for a fire camp. This put a little different light on the situation and Mr. Forbes was advised that such being the case we would recognize his right for some rental for the use of this campsite, but that \$300.00 was out of all proportion and would not be considered.

We requested Supervisor Conway to interview Mr. Forbes and you will please find attached a copy of his letter

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Vancouver, B. C.,
May 3, 1939.

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OF #230, Bloedel

The Chief Forester -

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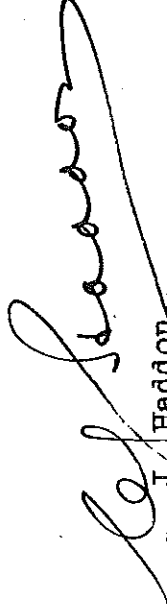
under date of April 8th. We further had Mr. MacDonald meet Mr. Forbes and discuss the situation with him and he was advised that the Department might consider a claim for rental for not more than \$50.00, as we consider this would be ample for the length of time we used the property. This would be at the rate of \$10.00 a week. The area was cleaned up and left in a much more attractive state than it was in when we first occupied it.

Mr. Forbes indicated to Mr. MacDonald that his losses were very heavy during the fire and that by submitting a bill for \$300.00 for rental for the fire camp, this was one method of recuperating some of his losses. He also admitted that the bill was too large. We are now in receipt of an amended account from Mr. Forbes for \$150.00 which we still maintain is out of all proportion, being at the rate of \$30.00 a week, and as we do not appear to be able to get any further with Mr. Forbes in this connection we are passing the matter to you for your consideration with a recommendation that Mr. Forbes be offered a settlement of this account on the basis of a total payment of \$50.00.

With reference to the last paragraph in Conway's report we would advise that we are not worried very much about the use of the Forbes' telephone line as a means of communication for Elk Falls Lookout for the past two years. If any objection is raised in the future to our using this line we can string our own or otherwise use radio.

We would be glad to receive any further comments you may care to make in connection with this account and also advice as to what action to take.

CJH.JM
Encls.


C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

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Vancouver, B.C.

May 5, 1939.

May 3rd.

OF #230, Bloedel.

I agree with you that \$150. even is out of the question for rental for the property at Campbell River which we used for a fire camp last year. I would be prepared to approve \$50. as you suggest but certainly not more.

CEM:J

Geo. P. Melrose,
Forester.

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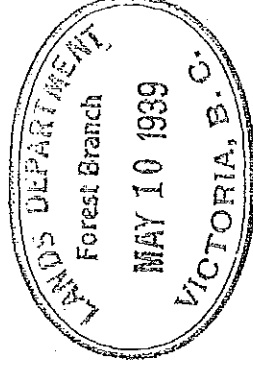
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