

Vancouver, B.C.

November 16, 1939.

Enclosed please find copy of letter from Mr.
J.C. Smith of Comox.

As Mr. McKinnon was mentioned, we discussed
the matter with him and he has drawn up the attached memo.
covering his recollection of the occurrence for your aid.

It is not clear from Mr. Smith's letter
whether he is enquiring about his pay or for compensation
for the alleged injury while on the job.

If his injury was the outcome of his work a
W.C.B. form should undoubtedly have been submitted but by
Mr. McKinnon's report this seems doubtful.

We have merely acknowledged the letter as per
copy attached and await your report.

TAS:J
encl.

T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

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G. A. Playfair, Esq.,
The Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B. C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

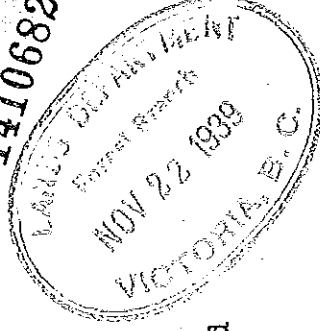
VANCOUVER, B.C. November 21, 1939.

Refer to yours of

Your File No.

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We have been checking up on weather records kept at Campbell River over the past years with a view to securing as many records as we can ~~before~~ use by some of the lawyers in connection with the Bloedel Fire case. Langstroth has rustled around at Campbell River and has sent down all that he could find there. What I particularly want to know from you is, did you commence keeping the Dominion meteorological records on their form 37A, which is in book form, the first year you worked at Campbell River? If not then, when did you commence keeping them? We have one book forwarded to us by Langstroth which commences with the month of February, 1936. Langstroth stated he could find no previous record on this form. If you kept these records prior to this date, do you know what became of the original record book?

Up to the time that you left Campbell River, did you look after the hygrothermograph records and also the hazard sticks? If not, can you advise me who did during the years these records were kept? We have hygrothermograph records dating from 1932 to 1939, inclusive. The original hazard stick charts (that is, the daily record) apparently cannot be found in the Campbell River office. Do you know what became of them, whether they were forwarded to the Vancouver Office or possibly Victoria?

If you can give me this information or anything that you can give me along this line, it would be much appreciated.

C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

Please reply for attention of
and refer to our File No.

OF #230, Bloedel (1938)
OF Humidity Charts, etc.

Push reply
Has your personally keep the 1938 Records if not. Can you advise who did?

Vancouver, B. C.

November 23, 1939.

O Fire No. 230, 1938. "Pioneer"
OF Humidity Charts.

Please refer to your letter of November 21st concerning
the Campbell River weather records.

To answer your first question, we did not keep records
on Form 27A previous to 1936. We did, however, keep those on the
standard U.S. Forest Service sheets in 1935 and 1937, and I am send-
ing those two sets of records under separate cover.

In addition, I have discovered Hazard Atlas Graphs
for July to August 1937 and 1938, together with the humidity, wind,
rainfall and temperature for those months. These I enclose herewith.

In reply to your second question, I did keep the weather
records myself, though actual readings were usually taken by Ranger
Assistants. 1937 was an exception to this rule as I was in the interior.
In this connection I remember that all records (or copies of them) were
sent each year either to Vancouver or to Victoria. The ones sent here
are being forwarded at once, as I mentioned above.

I am about to visit Campbell River for the purpose of
segregating radio equipment, overhauling the receiver, etc., and I will
make a careful search for any further records. I remember storing a
number of old files in out of the way corners and it is quite possible
that I may find some which have been overlooked to date.

I hope to start for Campbell River on Friday morning,
so will be reachable by telephone on Saturday should you wish any fur-
ther information.

Yours truly,



G. A. Playfair,
For Forester.

GAP/PC

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Received at 17, 10 8.

D.P. #230. Flooded 1938.

I visited Os Shell River over the weekend and searched the old files for any further weather records.

Apparently you now have all data available as I was unable to find anything further. With the exception of the enclosed precipitation record. It is probable that you already have this, but in case there may be gaps in your figures I am sending it along.

Yours truly,

GAP

GAP/DC

G. A. Playfair,
For Forester.

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Vancouver, B.C.

November 27, 1939.

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Attention: Mr. Haddon

With reference to your enquiry as to whether or not Messrs. Playfair and MacQueen could be sent to Vancouver for questioning re the use of hazard sticks, I would advise that this can be done if the parties making the request guarantee their salaries and expenses for the time taken.

If you will secure this guarantee and advise me I will have them go over. This could be done by Wednesday or Thursday of this week and you should let me know the most suitable day.

CEM:J

Geo. F. Melrose,
Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

TO The Chief Forester,

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Postment Buildings,

November 28, 1939.

VICTORIA, B. C.

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Your File:

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My File: OF #230, Bloedel (1929)

Attention Mr. Melrose

With reference to your memorandum of November 27th, Mr. Lundell would very much like to have Mr. Playfair come over on Thursday of this week to discuss his keeping of weather records at Campbell River. Mr. Lundell is quite prepared to pay his salary and expenses covering the time of his visit.

He prefers not to call Mr. MacQueen at this time but may wish to do so some time just prior to the trial of which he will notify me later on.

Playfair advised C.F. Haddon
C. F. Haddon,
District Forester.

CJH:JM

Wm CJH.

Playfair will report to you tomorrow morning

FOREST BRANCH
VICTORIA, B.C.
NOVEMBER 29, 1939.

DISTRICT FORESTER
MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PLAYFAIR WILL REPORT TO YOU TOMORROW MORNING.

CHARGE: FOREST BRANCH
FILE: 0131739
GEM:J

CEO. P. MELROSE

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Vancouver, B.C.

December 1, 1939.

O. Fire #230, (1938) Bloedel.

Please refer to our letter of November 3rd regarding records of this fire to be collected and sent here for safety.

We presume that these were obtained by you but they have not yet been sent here for safeguarding.

We understand that this case commences shortly so possibly you are retaining them in your office and trust that suitable arrangements have been made to store these in a suitable safe manner.

TAS:J

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T.A. Simmons
T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER 1413043
VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 2, 1939.

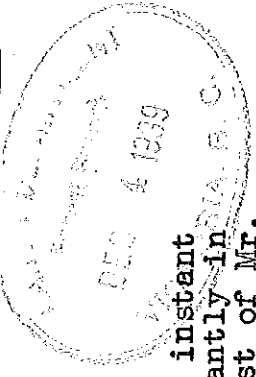
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My File: OF #230 (1938) Bloedel.

Attention Operation

Replying to your memorandum of the 1st instant I would advise that as these records were constantly in demand by the various lawyers, and at the request of Mr. Lundell of Lawson, Clark & Lundell, the records were kept here instead of being forwarded to Victoria. As the case comes off on Monday we presume that these arrangements might just as well stand. The documents are perfectly safe here.

C. J. Haddon
C. J. Haddon,
District Forester.

CJH.JM



Refer to yours of

TO The Chief Forester,

Parliament Buildings,

VICTORIA, B. C.

Vancouver, B.C.

December 8, 1939.

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It is quite in order for the witnesses attending the Bloedel Fire trial to submit a personal bill for the expenses incurred to the lawyers concerned. This has been the procedure in the past.

Will you please notify the witnesses accordingly except those from here who have already been notified.

CFM:J

Geo. F. Melrose,
Forester.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

December 11, 1939.

File: 0131739.

Memorandum to the Chief Forester

Following the morning session on Wednesday, December 6th, and while in the courtroom, I encountered Mr. Locke, counsel for the plaintiff, who asked me if I had been present on the Bloedel Fire as stated by the previous witness, Mr. Playfair, and during what dates. I answered "Yes, from July 18th on."

I also remarked that the questions being asked the previous witness were entirely beyond his sphere of activity, and if accurate information was desired they should be addressed to myself.

The above encounter took place in the courtroom in the presence of Mr. Farris.

Wednesday afternoon, the 6th, Mr. Farris in cross-examination asked me the nature of my discussion of that day noon with Mr. Locke. He asked further, whether I had had any other conversation with Mr. Locke since the trial opened. I answered as outlined above.

On the previous occasions referred to by Mr. Farris, I merely enquired from Mr. Locke whether or not my presence would be desired in the courtroom that day, and when.

These meetings were accidental and not by any appointment.

I.C. MacQueen
I.C. MacQueen,
Assistant Forester.

ICM:J

Mr. MacQueen
Dec 11 1939

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December 15, 1939.

File: 0131739

Yours: OF #230--Bloedel '39

District Forester,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me an idea by wire tomorrow morning what is coming up on Monday in the Campbell River fire court case? If there is anything particularly interesting I should like to try to be in Vancouver on Monday, otherwise I shall remain here.

When is Mr. Terman giving evidence?

Yours truly,

Chief Forester.

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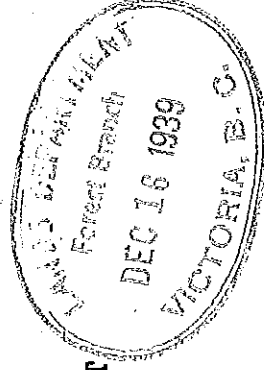
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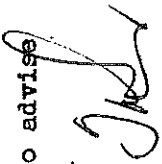
Vancouver, B.C.

December 28, 1939.

O.F. #230 (1939) "Bloedel"

May we refer to our memo. of November 16th with reference to the letter from Mr. Smith of Comox regarding pay or compensation in connection with the above fire.

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Are you yet in a position to advise

T.A. Simmons,
for Forester.

TAS:J

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TO Chief Forester,

Forest Branch,

Victoria, B. C.

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FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

VANCOUVER, B.C.

December 29th, 19 39

Your File: 0131739

My File: O.F.#230 (1938) Bloedel

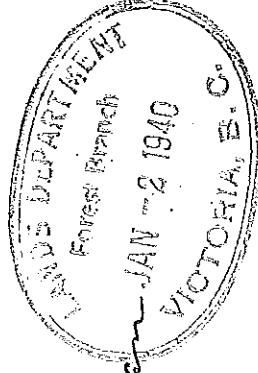
In reference to yours of December 28th we would advise that on receipt of your letter of November 16th last we wrote to Mr. Smith, Comox, advising him that Mr. McKinnon, who was with him on the trip referred to, advised us that he was employed only one day and on this basis we informed him that we would pay him \$4.00 for that day as our records showed that he had never received any payment from us.

We also told him that we were passing a voucher for that amount but it appears that this matter was overlooked and we would suggest that he be re-imbursed in the amount of \$4.00 covering the day he worked for us on the Bloedel Fire.

Would you please advise whether or not you will pay this amount or whether we should do so from this office.

CCT:AC

C. C. Ternan,
Asst. District Forester.



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January 5th 1939

2 p.m.

Mr Davis of Messrs Lawson & Davis, Victoria
phoned and requested us to supply him with
the following information:-

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A. Number of fires on Vancouver Island during May and June, 1934 & 1937.

B. Number of fires on Mainland, (Vancouver Forest District) during May and June 1934 & 1937.

Requests send as soon as possible to:-

Messrs Lawson & Clark
Barristers etc.
Standard Bank Bldg
Vancouver, B.C.

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January 5, 1940.

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Messrs. Lawson, Clark & Lundell,
Standard Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

We have been requested by Mr. Davis of
Lawson & Davis, Victoria, to supply you with the
following information:

No. of Fires	May		June	
	1934	1937	1934	1937
Vancouver Is.	9	17	39	34
Mainland, (Vancouver Forest District)	5	7	33	46
TOTAL	14	24	72	80

Yours very truly,

Ian L. MacQueen

I. C. MacQueen,
Assistant Forester.

ICM:JM

*This data taken from Victoria records - and
is subject to revision by Vancouver office.*

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FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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TO Chief Forester,

Forest Branch,

Victoria, B. C.

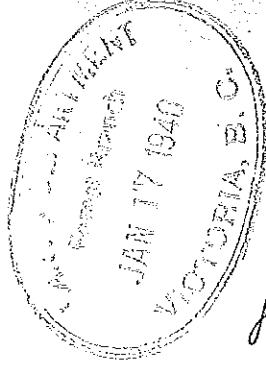
January 16th, 1940

Your File: 0131739

My File: C.F. #230 Bloedel (1938)

Refer to yours of

Will you please let us have a reply
to our letter of December 29th, 1939 in connection
with payment due to Mr. Smith of Comox.



J. G. Macdonald
J. G. Macdonald,
Fire Inspector

JGM:AC

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Vancouver, P. C.

January 16th, 1940.

January 13, 1940.

O.F. #230 Bloedel (1938)

Please voucher this payment
to Mr. Smith in the usual way.

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T. A. Simmons,
For Forester.

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COVERING LETTER.

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From

Vancouver

Office.

File No.

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To

Victoria

Office.

File No.

DF#230 Bledel
(1938)

Attention

F.S. McKinnon

Referring to

Please advise the date on which
you employed J.C. (Conroy) Smith
on the above job; we require this
information for ~~research~~ purposes

JAN 25 1940

JAN 25 1940

(Signature)

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 26, 1940.

DE #230 Bloedel (1938)

Attention Mr. Dunn

In reply to your memorandum of January 24, I wish to advise that Mr. J.C. Smith of Campbell River was employed on the Bloedel Fire on or about July 27, 1938.

back.

F.S. McKinnon,
Forester.

FSV:JG

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER

VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 11, 1940.

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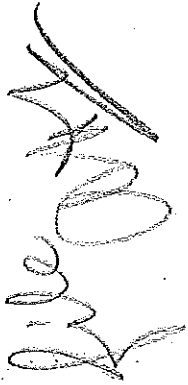
OF #230, Bloedel (1938)

Attention Mr. A. H. Nunn

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Attached please find General Account No. 2949 made out to H. Matson covering an overpayment of \$9.43 on the Bloedel Fire.

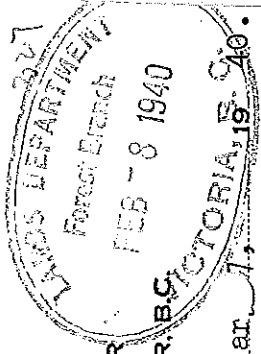
Cheques Nos. 140169 and 140175 amounting to \$10.47 and \$29.97, respectively, were issued. On interviewing this man in December, last, he stated that he was employed for 7 days as pumpman and 9 hours as faller from July 24 to 31, which amounted to \$35.10, less deductions of \$4.09, totalling \$31.01. An amended copy of Time Certificate #74963B is attached hereto for your information.



C. C. Ternan,
 Asst. District Forester.



HJD:JM
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ANSWER 24

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Island Blaze Jury Decision In Favor Of Elk River Firm

Reply to Questionnaire Shows Verdict Favors Plaintiff Timber Company

JURORS IN SESSION 44 HOURS

The eight-man Supreme Court jury deciding the \$104,000 damage action by Elk River Timber Co. against Bloedel, Stewart & Welch for forest fire loss filed into the courtroom at noon today with a list of answers which were heavily in support of arguments advanced by counsel for the plaintiff logging company.

Chief points scored in the twenty-four answers to the twenty-six detailed questions prepared by counsel and passed to the jury by Chief Justice Morrison were:

1. That the Bloedel company was negligent in operating steam equipment under conditions of hazard without taking extraordinary precautions.
2. That the defendant failed to utilize all its forces at the beginning of the fire.
3. That it failed to take measures to prevent the eastward spread of the fire.
4. That its operations constituted a threat to adjoining properties.
5. That the plaintiff suffered damage to its limits and incurred expense in fighting the fire.

SEVENTH WEEK

After reading the answers, Chief Justice Morrison adjourned the case to 2:30 p.m., when the list will be given further consideration.

Lumbermen, lawyers and a sprinkling of interested followers of the civil action, now midway through its seventh week, waited most of the morning for the jury to end its deliberations, carried on in the Supreme Court room amid maps, aerial photographs and seventy exhibits ranging from bulky spark-arresters to jam-jars full of carbon samples.

Among lumbermen in the courtroom were Roger Cobb, manager of Elk River Timber Co., and T. F. Daly, superintendent of the Bloedel firm.

C. H. Locke, K.C., was counsel for the plaintiff, with Oscar E. Lundell, Senator J. W. deB. Farris, K.C., and John L. Farris appeared for the defendant.

At noon exactly, forty-four hours after they were left to bring in their verdict, Sheriff Frank Keill conducted Foreman Samuel Kirkham and the other jurymen to their places.

Ten minutes later, his lordship paced to a bench on which was stacked 1800 pages of transcript, in a pile nearly two feet thick.

LIST OF ANSWERS.

Court Registrar Aubrey Clarke then asked the jury if they had agreed upon a verdict.

"We have, your lordship," replied Samuel Kirkham, and handed over the three-page list of questions and answers.

The list is as follows:

Question 1—Did the defendant carry on logging and lumbering operations on properties in its possession and control, namely, Block B of Lot 145, Sayward district, at the time of the start of the fire July 5, 1938?

Answer—Yes.

Question 2—Did the plaintiff at the time material to this action own timber limits and other properties as described in paragraph 16 of the statement of claim in the vicinity of the said property occupied by the defendant?

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See TRIAL

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Answer—Admitted by plaintiff and defendant.

Question 3—Did a fire start on the said Block B of Lot 145, Sayward district, on July 5, 1938? Answer—Yes.

Question 4—If so, where on the said premises did the fire start?

Answer—Between Track 21C and cold-deck pile.

Question 4 (a)—When on July 5, 1938, did the defendant become aware of its existence?

Answer—Approximately 4 p.m. on July 5, 1938.

Question 5—What caused the said fire to start?

Answer—Logging operations.

Question 6—Did the said fire extend to and cause damage to the plaintiff and its property?

Answer—Yes.

Question 7—Was the starting of the fire due to the negligence of the defendant?

Answer—Yes.

Question 8—If so, in what did that negligence consist?

Answer—In using steam equipment in the woods under extremely hazardous conditions, without taking extraordinary precautions.

Question 9—Did the fire escape from lands occupied by the defendant, owing to the negligence of the defendant?

Answer—Yes.

Question 10—If so, in what did such negligence consist?

Answer—In not bringing all immediately available men and equipment to the fire, on July 5 and 6, and thereby preventing its spread eastward from Gosling Lake.

Question 11—Did the said fire which spread eastward across the fire trails on Lots 51, 100 and 99, on July 13th and 14th, so spread owing to the negligence of the defendant?

Answer—Yes.

Question 12—If so, in what did such negligence consist?

Answer—A large number of men were sent back to logging operations and no added precautions were taken against further spread of the fire by wind.

Question 13—Were the operations carried on by the defendant on the said properties on and prior to July 5, 1938, carried on in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance having regard to all the circumstances?

Answer—Yes.

Question 14—If so, what were the operations constituting such nuisance?

Answer—Operating steam equipment under extremely hazardous conditions, thereby endangering adjoining properties.

Question 15—If so, did the operations referred to in paragraph 14 cause substantial injury to the plaintiff and its property?

Answer—Yes.

Question 16—Did the activities of the defendant in connection with the user and occupation of the lands in question, between July 6, 1938, and July 14, 1938, both dates inclusive, constitute a nuisance having regard to all the surrounding circumstances?

Answer—Yes.

Question 17—If so, what were the activities which constituted the nuisance?

Answer—Continued logging operations under still hazardous conditions.

Question 18—If so, did the said activities referred to in question 17 cause substantial damage to the plaintiff and to the plaintiff's property?

Answer—Yes.

Question 19—Was there a fire burning on said Block B of Lot 145, on which the defendant was conducting lumbering or industrial operations on July 5, 1938? Answer—Yes.

Question 20—Did the defendant do its utmost to prevent the spread of the fire?

Answer—No.

Question 21—Did the defendant, without the written consent of an officer of the forest branch, continue to carry on any land clearing, lumbering, industrial engineering or construction operation on its said premises while the said fire was burning?

Answer—Yes.

Question 22—Did the defendant, without the written consent of an officer of the forest branch, resume any such operations on the said premises before the fire was wholly extinguished?

Answer—Yes.

Question 22(a). If so, on what days were the operations so resumed?

Answer—On July 11, July 12 and the morning of July 13.

Question 23. If so, were the operations on the same part of the said Block B as that on which the fire was burning, or were

they carried on in that portion of Block B adjacent to and operated from Camp 10?

Answer—(Left unanswered.)

Question 24. If operations were carried on as referred to in Question 22, did the fire escape from the property on which it started on the afternoon of July 5 before operations were begun by the defendant on the morning of the 6th?

Answer—Yes.

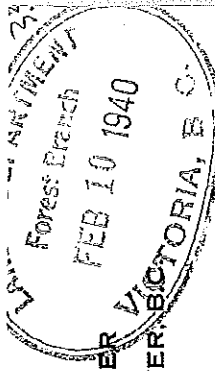
Question 25—Did the plaintiff incur expense in controlling and

extinguishing the fire after it spread beyond the boundaries of the property occupied by the defendant as aforesaid?

Answer—Yes.

Question 26—If so, did the fire in connection with which such expenses were incurred, spread beyond the boundaries of the property occupied by the defendant before the defendant resumed logging operations as referred to in questions 26 and 26 or after?

Answer—(Left unanswered.)

MEMORANDUM

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
VANCOUVER, B. C.

February 9th, 1940

1426810

Your File: 0131739

My File: O.F.#230 "Bloedel"

TO Chief Forester,

Forest Branch,

Victoria, B. C.

Refer to yours of

Attention "Operation"

Attached hereto please find a cheque from the lawyers representing Bloedel, Stewart & Welch Co. Ltd. covering transportation costs and witness fees in connection with Ranger Langstroth's subpoena in the recent fire case.

1426810

C.C. Ternan

C.C. Ternan,
Asst. District Forester.

CCT:AC
ENCL.

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Vancouver, B. C.

12th Feby., 1940.

O.F.#230 "Bloedel".

We are in receipt of your memorandum of February 9th, enclosing cheque for \$86.20, covering Ranger Longstroth's transportation costs and witness fees in connection with the recent fire case.

Kindly forward General Account covering transportation costs and Miscellaneous Account covering witness fees.

[Signature]
TVE/MP.
m.p.

Accountant.

"Records",
0131739.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

1427509

TO Chief Forester,

Forst Branch,

February 13th, 1940

Victoria, B. C.

Your File: 0131739

My File: O.F.#230 "Bloedel"

Refer to yours of

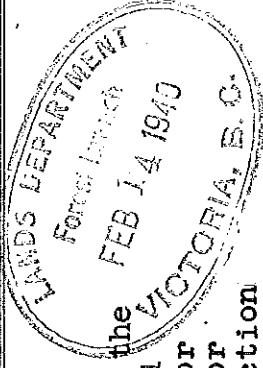
Attention "Mr. Smith"

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, attached hereto please find Miscellaneous Account #8164 for \$57.00 for witness fees and General Account #2950 for \$29.20 for transportation costs in connection with the recent court case arising out of the above mentioned fire.

AC.

ENCL. 2.

E. P. Fox,
Chief Clerk.



Vancouver, B. C.

15th Feby., 1940.

13th Feby., 1940.

O.F.#230 "Bloedel".

Further to our letter of February 12th and your reply of February 13th, we find that the amount of \$29.20 for transportation costs should be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue. We would ask that you issue a Miscellaneous Account for that amount, destroying your copy of General Account #2950 and cancelling your entries therewith, using this number for your next General Account.

WVH
WVH/MP.
W. P.

Accountant.

"Records",
0131739.

MEMORANDUM

1428303 334

TO Chief Forester

Forest Branch

Victoria, B.C.

FROM DISTRICT FORESTER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Feb 16th 1940

Your File:

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Refer to yours of

My File:

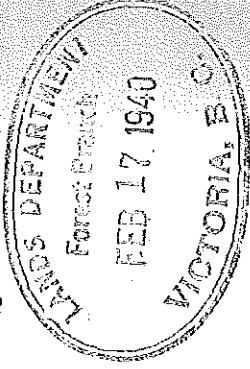
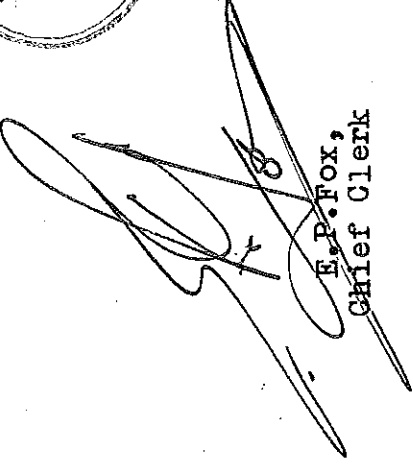
O.F.#230 Blouzel (1938)

Attention "Mr. Smith"

Enclosed herewith please find Miscellaneous
Account No.8168 covering transportation costs
amounting to \$29.20, as requested in your memo
of Feb. 15th.

RJ.

Encl.


E.P. Fox,
Chief Clerk

GENERAL LEDGER CREDIT SLIP

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FILE NO. 013739

\$8620

Answered by a/c's 8164 and 8168

Answered

CREDIT

FOREST PROTECTION FUND.				ROYALTY.				TIMBER SALES.				TOTAL			
Timber Leases.	Timber Sales.	Crown-grant Lands.	Timber Lease Rental.	Scalling Fees.	Scalling Expenses.	Royalty.	Timber Tax.	Treasurer Penalties.	Stumpage.	Rental.	Cruising Expenses.	Advertising Expenses.	Revenue		
													8620	8620	

Ledger-keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C.

REFER TO
FILE NO.

1170 336

Feb. 21, 19 40

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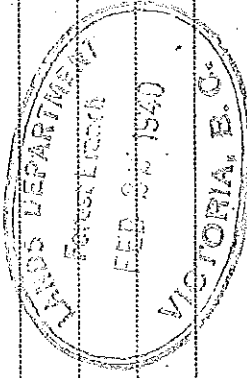
DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$

10.00

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

Misc Acct No. 8175



Receipt to be sent to Farris, Farris, McAlpine, Stultz-

Bull & Farris

510 W. Hastings St.,

Vancouver, B.C.

Yours truly,

★ F.B. 313-10M

REFER TO
FILE NO. 213739



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH

Victoria, B.C.

Feb. 28th, 1940

To Messrs Garrison & Co.
510 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of _____, 19____

has been received and Receipt No. 40191

for \$ 86.20 - No. 40252
for \$ 10.00 and ~~are~~ herewith enclosed.

Yours truly,

E. C. MANNING,
Chief Forester.

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FILE NO. 6131739

J. M. Mason

Gen. Ace 2949 Vancouver

Rec 39549

CREDIT

Ledger-keeper.



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Lawson, Clark & Sundell

Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.

Jan 11/40 H. Lawson, M.A. George F. Clark

Osman F. Sundell

TELEPHONE SEY. 3682 & 3693

CABLE ADDRESS "LAWCLA"

Standard Bank Bldg.

Vancouver, B.C.

April 11, 1940

1440420

The Chief Forester,
Forest Branch,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B.C.

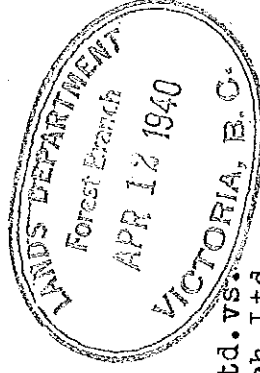
Dear Sir:

Re: Elk River Timber Co. Ltd. vs.
Bloedel Stewart & Welch Ltd.

We are proceeding with the hearing before the Registrar, of the reference to determine the amount of damages suffered by Elk River Timber Co. Ltd., pursuant to an order of the trial judge following the jury verdict of February last.

Among the items of damage which we will establish are certain losses of fire hose and fire fighting equipment. For the purpose of establishing the amount of fire fighting equipment on hand prior to the fire we wish to bring in evidence concerning the inventory of fire fighting equipment taken by Mr. Langstroth on the 10th and 11th May 1938, and the further inventory taken on the 16th and 17th May 1939.

With a view to saving the expense and trouble involved in bringing Mr. Langstroth to town for the purpose of giving evidence, Messrs. Farris & Co. and ourselves have agreed that in lieu of Mr. Langstroth's oral evidence, certified copies of the two inventories referred to above will be accepted.



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The Chief Forester

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April 11, 1940

We should appreciate it very much therefore,
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if you would permit us to use these inventories for
the purpose mentioned, and if you would advise Mr. Haddon
here that it will be in order for him to give us certified
copies that are required.

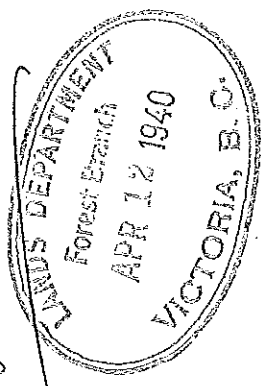
Yours very truly,

OFL:D

LAWSON, CLARK & LUNDELL

Per:

CLT Lundell



Copy for
District Forester,
Vancouver, B. C.

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April 12, 1940.

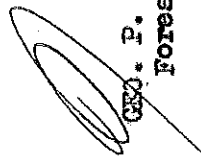
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Messrs. Lawson, Clark & Lundell,
Standard Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of April 11th, we have
advised Mr. Haddon to let you have the certified copies of
the protection equipment as requested.

Yours truly,


Geo. P. MELROSE
Forester

CPM/EE



Note to District Forester: These letters are self-explanatory
and you may proceed as requested.

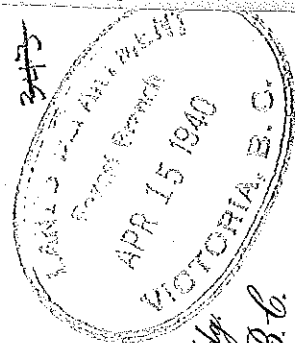
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Lawson, Clark & Lundell,
Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.

Jan — Lawson, Mr. George F. Clark
Oscar F. Lundell

TELEPHONE SEY. 3582 & 3683
CABLE ADDRESS "LAWCLA"

Standard Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.



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

April 13, 1940

1440772

Dear Sir:

Re: Your File 0131739

We thank you for your letter of the 12th
April.

We have communicated with Mr. Haddon, who
is letting us have the certified copies of the inventories
required.

OFL:D
[Handwritten signature]

Yours very truly,
LAWSON, CLARK & LUNDELL
Per: *[Handwritten signature]*

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Victoria
4 May 1981

9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lb ✓ "glass" 262
11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " 258

Had resumed logging 256

ascended 66.213⁰⁷ April 6 238

Turned down Apr 26 244

Bdew ~~said~~ = ~~prattled~~ May 20/39 280

Ken
Remains
29548

" 3
" 12
" 21
30

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(150) Cumby

(150)

- 14.7? C Langsketch to head Campshell L via ERT. found
 N had jumped across Big Bay via C Lake &
 turns on Jakes Peninsula. decided then to
 swim out all black on pen. before heat of
 next day & had crew on job at midnights.
- 15.7 morning had spotted across river - spots held
 down day - 4pm spotted across lake & into Brown
 after.

C (157) Langsketch

5.7 started cold decks reported S for 4pm.

L. in = 2 pumps seen as turns old he arranged body

6.7 Mums 6th had spread to shore C. Lake

7.7? Terman up. 3rd FBS pump in.

7.7 Retrieved C River & T to Van

8.7 L took in a horse

9.7 " on V

10 & 11 " " "

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141) Tough

5.7 observed 7 ERT Co.

7.7. 7 ERT - 7 secured good shots - Rain 4.30 pm light

9.7 General rain 9.7 at 8.30 pm.

10.7 Rain

11.7 Trace rain.

13.7 7 smoke up evening.

15.7 L.S. Tele 7 Smith - in Vic - To E.R. 7 in peninsula

" 7 jumped 7 active 7 west of Forbes edge over 1/2 of
of Green 7 in Brown's edge east of Forbes"

Curran young
back of 14th
high of 150

20.7 Light rain 5.30 am. 2 hours.

showers at sunset.

1.8 overcast - showers at 7

7.8

10.8 Rain 6 am - 11.30

13.8

met Hutchinson of BSW at courtney

16.8

Heavy rain

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D. G. Smith called this office
Sept 18/41 and asked for an
appointment sometime after
Oct 1st to review their fire
claim for #66.213.07 received
under Jan letter April 12/39 (238)
This claim disallowed Apr 26/39 (244)
Protested by Carg May 20/39 (280)

discussed with D.M. and
minutes 2/10/41, who are agreed
that ~~there was~~ earlier decision
was well founded,

C.D.D.

2.10.41.

so far as any immediate discussion
is concerned at least & until
some possible further evidence
is provided, our earlier
decision was well founded.

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October 2,
1 9 4 1.

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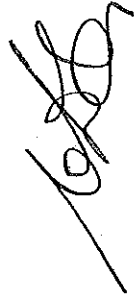
Mr. S.C. Smith,
Manager,
Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd.,
Standard Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

It was agreed at the time of your recent visit here that we would find an opportunity to discuss your fire claim some time early in October. In this connection I find that I have to keep an appointment in Vancouver on the morning of the 6th and will call up your office for an appointment during the afternoon, if this proves to be convenient to you.

Failing this, I expect to be in the office here from the 13th to the 20th inclusive and, in the event of a later trip to Vancouver, will be glad to advise you as far in advance as possible.

Yours truly,



C.D. Orchard,
Chief Forester.

CD0:KR

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Vancouver, B.C.

October 14, 1941.

OF #250---Bloedel, 1938

Will you kindly forward by return mail
Bloedel, Stewart & Welch accounts covering their
claim for refund of fire-fighting expenses on
Fire No. 250, Bloedel, 1938.

C.D. Orchard,
Chief Forester.

ODC:KR

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PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FOREST BRANCH.

DEPARTMENT OF
LANDS.

From C. Vancouver

Office.

Our File No.

To Chief Gasslin

Your File No. 0131739.

Attention Mr Orchard

Date Oct 16th, 1944

Referring to Yours of 14th we have been unable
to locate claim. J. Famburn file closed
has now left service and return was
in his charge. We are getting in touch with
him and hope to have documents
mailed tomorrow

(Signature)

J. MacDonald

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.	FOREST BRANCH.	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.
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Date Oct 16th, 1944From Vancouver Office. Our File No. _____To Chief Gosselin Your File No. 0131739.Attention Mr Orchard

Referring to Yours of 14th we have been unable
 to locate claim. J. Fairbairn file closed
 has now left service and claim was
 in his charge. We are getting in touch with
 him and hope to have documents
 mailed tomorrow

(Signature)

J MacDonnell

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PLEASE ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE DISTRICT FORESTER

OFFICE OF DISTRICT FORESTER
MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

November 10, 1941.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
FOREST BRANCH

Personal.

C. D. Orchard, Esq.,
Chief Forester,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Dick:

With further reference to your personal letter of November 7th and my reply of the 8th regarding the Bloedel Fire.

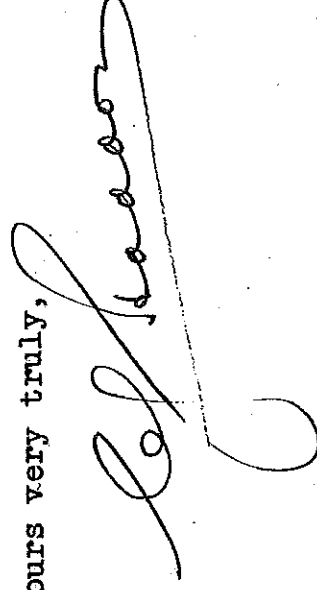
On discussing this question with Mr. Taylor and reading his diary, I find that he was at Campbell River on Friday, July 15th, in the early stages of this fire and his evidence will substantiate our claim that the backfire on the peninsula had nothing whatever to do with the fire extending south to Courtney.

The fire had practically two heads; one striking across from Deep Bay to the bluffs behind Forbes Landing Hotel in the vicinity of the Elk River operation, and the other crossing the Campbell River heading towards Elk Falls Park. At that time the backfire on the peninsula had not in any way escaped or threatened to cross either the lake or the river at the points mentioned.

I will await further advice from you as to when you would like Doug Taylor and myself to come to come to Victoria.

Yours very truly,

CJH.JM



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On the afternoon of July 14th I arrived at Jack Pine Point by boat from Forbes Landing and tried to set up radio communication at about 4.30 p.m. On not making contact I moved around into Devo Bay and tried again to make contact at about 4.45 to 5.00 p.m. We failed to make contact with Campbell River.

At this time there was a fresh to strong N.W. wind blowing heavy smoke and some embers from the hills N.W. of Jack Pine Point, where fire was going strong in scrub timber and snags. This pall of smoke and embers was going out over Forbes Peninsula.

On leaving Jack Pine Point and on the way down to Forbes Landing I looked for and expected to find spot fires in Forbes Peninsula but did not see any. On arrival at Forbes Landing I received a phone call from Campbell River to say that it had been reported that the fire was on Forbes Peninsula or possibly that it was another fire. At least there was a fire on Forbes Peninsula according to the report. I questioned this report and said that I had just come down from the lake and had not seen any fires in the Peninsula.

On arrival at Campbell River arrangements were made by phone with R.L. Cobb of the Elk River Timber Company to use a speeder and go up the E.R.T. main line to have a better look at the Forbes Peninsula. As soon as it could be arranged Supervisor Conway, myself, R.L. Cobb and P. Haranboure went up

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the main line by speeder as far as Cougar Point. At that time we could see between one-quarter and one-half mile string of spot fires of varied sizes apparently back in from the shore an undetermined distance. We could see quite clearly because the pall of smoke from the Jack Pine Point area was going over the Forbes Peninsula high enough to give us clear vision underneath. At that time the fire had just gotten into the actual point of Jack Pine Point.

At the time I was at Jack Pine Point the fire was strong on the hills N.W. of there and was some distance back from the actual point. When we arrived near Cougar Point later on the speeder the fire was burning very strong right at the point and still very strong on the hills behind it.

In my opinion the view from the Bloedel loy would have been on too flat an angle to have been any more able to determine the position of the fire in the Forbes Peninsula with regards to the shoreline than our view from Cougar Point.

Langstroth

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Mr. Conway:

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On the afternoon of July 14th I received word that the Bloedel Fire was being spread by wind on my way back from Cⁿ Lake. Met Ranger Langstroth at Campbell River and arranged to go in by E.R.T. speeder immediately. In company with Ranger Langstroth, R.L. Cobb and P. Haramboure went up Campbell Lake to Cougar Point, where a clear view of Forbes Peninsula was obtained.

While making the trip by speeder we observed a very strong fire running along the northerly shore of Campbell Lake towards Jack Pine Point. The strong fire was burning on the Forbes Peninsula with spot fires showing to windward of the principal fire, which convinced us that the spread had been from the vicinity of Jack Pint Point.

P. Conway