

15th day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Cold 15° below
351 to come

1948

Dirt still high. Removing inner bark from
fire killed wood as much as possible.

Rosau 2 lines 2 staves 2 R.F. 1 Chipper Sinter
11
10
21

16th day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

350 to come

Cut dirt trap in W from cable conveyor
removing plenty dirt, will be problem to
haul away.

17th day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

349 to come

18th day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

348 to come

Portable conveyer is proving a success and is being improved on each day. Too many cars at present to test the conveyer on the regular labour basis for unloading slabs.

Down-river wind most of the day.
Good production at Barkers.

Portable conveyer definitely proves effective in unloading slabs.

Safety pin sheared off on figure 8 conveyer causing 45' m
 loss, while using #2 stacks
 Rough wood pile disappearing rapidly now. Should be
 finished entirely by August 25th or thereabouts.

Drive belt on #1 Barkers - broken - new belt install

Chip conveyer to be widened, 24" conveyer belt to be used
 with new system of rollers. Work started on this
 today - tearing out old conveyer prior to instalment of new
 style conveyer belt.

wind blowing up - rives constantly.

work on chip conveyer belt, completed today

Barker shift 4-12 not working due to broken cam
 gear - temporary repairs to be made so as to allow 12-8 shift
 to operate.

No I Barker down 4-12 Broken Cam Gear
 repairing same. Bull wheel at #1 Barkers was
 replaced by new cast iron wheel.

Basement chip conveyer jammed - causing loss of time of 50 minutes.
#2 stacker chain broken causing 30 minutes lost time

The return on the portable conveyer at #2 Rough Wood needs heavy repairs and so held up the completion of our rough wood operation.

At 1 p. m. one truck with driver + 2 men was used to haul reclaimed wood to sluice and so into river. Only the top pieces could be used as the bottom pieces are still too heavy to remain afloat.

New conveyer for #2 and #3 chip unloading units is working well - new roller system + wider belt much faster.

Certain amount of lost time in chip unloading - due to the improper placing of cars by the locomotive. - to be checked -
Wind blowing up - river - moderate winds -

Again the return on the portable conveyer at #2 Rough Wood caused delay in completing this operation.

Salvaged wood being dumped into river - taken from pile along bank behind #1 Pile

Heavy burst of rain at noon.

Down-river wind all morning - overcast

Rough wood operation on #2 Pile - cleaned up today.

#1 Pump jammed - moved to #3 Unit. Being repaired.

Sewer plugged under Wood Room and backed up about 18" - 24" of water. Only one drain outlet; not enough to drain off any surplus water that may back up.

1/2 hr lost on day shift; 1/2 hr lost on night shift (unloading)

Up-river wind about 12 midnight. Flying - fish broken, causing a drop in barks production for that shift

Down - river wind prevailing this morning - still warm

Salvaged wood being cut down quickly now - 2 trucks on today
all this wood is dry and will float, so it is being dropped
into the river and hauled through the barkers.

Counters moved to stacks, one counter to be used from now on, as
wood handling will supply men to keep stacks since these.

D. P. Lourde seems quite content with his new job.

Woodroom counter - Senesque who was replacing M^r Sean, had his
arm broken, just above right wrist, but remained on the job.

Down - river wind this morning - very warm - beautiful day

An uneventful day in all departments of the woodhandling.
The wood is definitely of a larger circumference and should
average far less than 120 pieces to the cord.

#3 pile has been cut down considerably but still a lot of wood on
hand.

Senesque - woodroom worker taking M^r Sean's place as counter, broken
arm, etc; stayed on the job all day without disobeying vector's
orders.

Not much of a wind today - great weather.

The wood is much larger now and fuels almost completely with
result that the bark presses are overloaded.

Took two checks at the river haul-up today to prove that
the piece count is too high - first test showed 7.1" average
diameters. this test taken at 9:15 A.M. second test taken at
3:30 P.M. showed average diameter of 6.9 - Thus the two
tests proved that the average is 7 inches.

Our piece count was taken down from 120 to the cord to
105 pieces to the cord.

Down-river wind - clear weather
 Only one applicant for pension was considered eligible at this date and so he was immediately signed up.

Transfer chain at Barkers broke twice - during 4-12 - 12-8 shift.
 Poor production from the Barkers - still too much lost time.

Attended meeting regarding sports in the company - proposed to enter a team from the woodhandling in the mill softball league.

Very heavy fog during the night; operation slower as a result

Slight up-river wind this morning. Very overcast.

Two straps broke loose in Fig. 8 conveyors, were carried down toward Wood Room - stopped cable to remove same.

The final step was taken in the clearing-up of the past troubles of the Reclaiming end of the Woodhandling Dept.
 Change made from Woodroom to Reclaiming + vice versa.

Several trucks hauling fuelwood here, were found to be in possession of beer, which was therefore being taken into the yards and so solving the question as to where the empty bottles came from.

Very heavy rain during the night

~~Two long slots cut in the apron of the screens; to aid in elimination of sandiest in chips.~~

Raining hard this morning - Up-river wind and rain
 #3 pile will be finished today - shall have to use river wood for groundwood mill tonight.
 Too wet to work on salvaged wood

P. Charette with men to repair plate on both ends of Figure 8 conveyors. To tighten the base for some of the bearings on conveyors.

Snow flurries - cold - wet - quite a bit of snow fell during the day.
northerly wind. Stacker cable broke 9.45 A.M. spliced. Most of the crew sent home at noon: used to cord wood in the morning.

Extra cleaning carried out with surplus man. power.

Bad knife for #4 chisels replaced - old one sent away to be rebuilt. worn badly! #1 chisels - had knife ground - should produce better chip - less scummed.

Strong north by north west wind. clear and cold.

Fair barbers production compared with the last few days.

The sewer in the barbers becoming a source of lost time due to the fact that there is now, only one cleaner for both drums. The oils will not aid in cleaning.

The pipe (cam shaft) under transfer chain at #1 Barbers has finally been taken out of the safety hazard group. A sloping board which tends to prevent the passerby from rising prematurely is used to prevent future accidents and sore heads at this point.

Cable coming into woodroom getting quite thin - need change soon as it is quite an old cable.

cold clear weather, strong down - river wind, should be a fair productive day on the barbers.

#13 filing space is now limited - will not last much longer now

Barbers production dropped - hit more lost time

Very cold during night, heavy frost - ice formations

Clear and colder.

#1 Pile slowly disappearing; very little p. wood coming in on railroad these days.

A deer paid a visit to #1 Pile and the crew around it

Clear and cold - began snowing around 8 A.M.

Carpenter work on #1 underground completed today - still working on the drive for #1 stacker and underground.

W. Belonger very much put out about selection of Vital Pelletier for the cable tender. Explained to the satisfaction of everyone, save W. Belonger.

Very mild today - slight flurry of snow.

Very quiet all around the operation

Replacing gap wheel at end of #1 stacker

Repairs to #2 stacker

355th day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

11 to come

1948

Clear - very frosty - First zero weather we have had. Threatening snow.

River frozen over this morning - ice about 1 1/2" thick. Still several air holes open. Walked out to other side to check the booms and the fuelwood is frozen solid this morning, supported my weight easily.

Woodroom stopped for some time due to flooding of the sewers, main chip belt became stiff from running through water at the zero weather.

Repairing side of Fig. 8 conveyer. - just above truck unloading platform.

356th day

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

10 to come

Clear and cold - still no snow.

Ice has thickened on the river, everything frozen solid now. Something being done about heating the new brick heaters we now have, housing the vacuum pumps for the chip-unloading units. This has to be heated in order to keep the woodroom units from freezing tight.

Checked the booms this morning and noticed that someone is using the boom as a path to cross the river.

The ice at the end of some of the booms has rotted and water is quite evident in some places. Wood itself is frozen in solid.

Decided to leave the woodroom cable for a few more weeks, if it will last, as it is still in pretty good shape. Had planned on changing it Friday Dec. 24/4.

357th day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9 to come

Clear, frosty in the morning - very mild in the afternoon with heavy frost again during the night.

Poplar wood coming in by trucks, very fast now.

Sap-peeled wood by trucks and cars, very heavy; have to fill and reclaim in the same operation.

Checked the booms, everything is O.K.

Turned off steam drain in #1 Barkers. Repairs made in order to block up the holes in the woodroom building facing new brick extension. Steam exhaust on splitters, to be extended as suggested by our mutual Interest Board.

Everything went along smoothly - Plenty of odd jobs done today.

Clear + very mild this morning.

Average work day -

Everything went O. K.

Mill stores sharks met the woodhandling knifers in a bowling match and the honours were even 2-2. Knifers won one string and had total finger - sharks won two games.

The end of a hectic, but profitable year.

Gene Rowie & Veniot (Forestry Dept.) measured the wood on #1 Pile. No results yet.

Resumé 1948.

The past year 1948 has been a very full year, as far as this department is concerned; full of worries, surprises and changes. Several innovations, repairs made and helpful suggestions tend to make for a better year in 1949, especially in the Barker operation. Quite a number of changes, in supervision, took place and it is our hope that they are for the better.

The Barker operation was closed down early due to lack of filing space and as a result about 43000? cords of wood are still in the water.

The sap- peeled wood has piled in fast and furious the past year and as the year closes it finds us still trying to use up the old wood on #1 Pile and fill the many cords coming in by car and truck.