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Notes from the Editor

On Tuesday of this week, I had a telephone chat with my favourite person at Eacan Timber. For those of you at Eacan Timber reading this article, please note that I appreciate each of you very much but when Barb and I have a chat it turns out to be the highlight of my day. We laugh a lot, and we share a similar passion for the young folks we work with. I called her to thank her for Eacan's recent support and tell her we really appreciated our adjusted schedule, and we were ready to get things back to our normal processing. As always, she was quick to remind me we were all on the same team and how important it was that we continue to work together for our common goals.

That sentiment led to a chat about how the benefits of our long-term relationships are best learned and appreciated over a period of time, and how important it is to each of us to share this with our "youngens". We both agree it is our responsibility to take the time to mentor the next generation and how sometimes it is best to stick to the tried and true even when occasionally the grass might seem greener on the other side.

At ELCO, we have learned that lesson time and time again. We have accumulated a wealth of well established, loyal associates over the years and these relationships have served us extremely well. If you ask Warren, he has stories about how our suppliers have stepped up to the plate to help us when we are in need. Stephen Thompson can attest that our log supply is very dependent upon a shared commitment. Most recently, our capital investment required the support of our long-term relationship with RBC and Brad Saunders (our Relationship and Account Manager) has paid off. We were able to secure the funding required with only a few phone calls and a few signatures. This is just a small example of the value we have enjoyed because of the many relationships we share.

Until next month, can't wait for our next chat Barb. Gennie

Notes from the Safety Committee

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

April 28 marks Canada's Day of Mourning. It is a day set aside to remember lives lost, and a day to resolve to make workplaces safer. The day of observance was passed into legislation by the Workers Mourning Day Act and encourages all Canadians to remember workers killed and injured in the workplace, or as a result of an occupational disease. In observance of this day, ELCO's flag will be flying at half-mast.



Consider this. We are under construction and have been for the past 2+ years. Activity such as this tends to add more risk to our work environment. This March, our accumulative safety award points reached the highest amount since we have begun our awards points program. At this point we have a whopping 135 points in the bank for those employees who have been with us for a minimum of 6 months. Each point is worth \$1.00 toward a safety award! We have the opportunity to add more points to the bank over the next 4 months. We will cash out these points in July 2023. What a team! Congratulations!

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

Notes from the President

Last month, I reported to you the passing of Clint Hines and mentioned the numerous projects he was involved in here at ELCO over several decades. Here we are, just short of a month since his passing and I am now having to report Clint's wife, Shirley also suddenly passed away. Shirley worked in our office along side Leonard Ashley, Doug Miller, Jim MacDougall (our controller), Elspie Caterer and Dad and me. Those were the days when short-hand, typewriters, and carbon paper with the tools of the day. I can only guess that some of our younger folks would not know what these tools look like. I remember one day a few years ago, when my youngest grandson was visiting the office and spotted an antique electric typewriter in our office. He approached it with caution and ran his hands over the keyboard with delight. I am sure he was thinking it was some sort of futuristic gadget. Imagine his disappointment when he learned the true use of this antique.

Shirley was diagnosed with MS in her middle years and continued to work until it became too difficult and after my dad passed away. I often wonder if she stayed as long as she did as a commitment to my dad.

The computer age was upon us, and Gennie came to our rescue working alongside Leonard, Elspie, and Jim. Leonard passed away much too young, Elspie retired, and Jim MacDougall retired.

I have a lot of fond memories of Shirley.

On a happier note, fishing season is here. I have been going to the same fishing camp on the Eastern Shore for 68 years. Yes, I know, I am not only getting old, but I have also arrived. Us fly fisherman can hardly wait for the hatching of the Mayfly and catch trout on the dry fly. For more than the first 50 years of my 68 years of fishing, I could count on seeing one or two May Fly on the second of May and by the 10th of May they would be in full flight.

Our first trip to the camp always took place on the last week of April.

Notes from the President, con't

The ice made it impossible to get to the camp any sooner. After a few years, the ice was still a bit of a challenge.

Stephen (Frenchie) and I and two other friends ventured to the camp last Thursday, April 20th. On the 21st, we saw a few Mayflies on our lake. A friend and I decided to visit two other lakes to the west of our lake, which are traditionally 2 days earlier than the hatch on our lake. The Mayflies had not only started, but they were also on full boar. More than 15 days earlier than any year in the first 50 - 60 years of my travels to our fishing camp.



Scientists may tell you global warming may move things 2 - 3 days forward. This is a forward move of 2 to 3 weeks. This is craziness and has me worried that some scientists are grossly underestimating the speed of global warming. Most Canadians don't see this. Northern New Brunswick, just a few hours drive from here has much or more snow than they normally get providing great snowmobiling through late spring.

What's happening here? My belief is that we are right next to the ocean which may be experiencing the effects of global warming faster than we think, which has a huge impact on the weather near coastal communities. Just something to think about!

Until next month, Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

Well spring is finally here! I, for one, am ready for the nice weather. The phones are definitely ringing more over the last few weeks here at Eacan, and it is a welcome sound for all of us.

For several months the entire building industry has been holding back on stocking up their yards for the upcoming season. Concerns around higher interest rates for mortgages, and the general cost of living has made for a slower start. But that seems to be changing. Our Province is growing (very quickly), and homes and businesses need to be built, and people need a place to live and work. The overall feeling here at Eacan is that we will have a strong market through spring heading into summer.

“Oh, I hear my phone ringing again. Got to run. I hope it’s a big order!

Until next month, enjoy the warmer weather.

Warren Beeler



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Notes from Woodlands

Forest conditions appear to be drying up fast this spring. Although this is great for operations, the concern around potential forest fires is growing. We are aware of this with our own operations and will proceed with caution. Managing our log inventory continues to be a challenge for Stephen Thompson, as we are still experiencing high volumes of saw logs needing a home from many harvest operations. This trend will likely continue for a while, and we acknowledge this is a tricky thing to navigate for harvesting contractors and we appreciate their patience as we work with them to establish delivery schedules.

We started our annual planting program this week as the seedlings were ready for pickup Monday. We purchase our seedlings from the Northern Pulp Nursery in Debert and work with the nursery manager Toosje Anderson to schedule delivery of the seedlings we ordered in the previous year. This spring has presented additional challenges for Toosje and her team, as they sustained significant damage to their nursery greenhouses from Hurricane Fiona. This has put a strain on the number of seedlings available and created a big job ahead to rebuild the greenhouses.

With implementation of high production forestry and reforestation requirements for hurricane cleanup sites, the tree nurseries are a fundamental part of the overall supply chain necessary for long-term sustainability in our province. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into the development of high-quality seedling stocks, and we thank the Northern Pulp Nursery for working with us to see we get our seedlings through their challenges.

Notes from Woodlands, con't

I am heading in in for my yearly "one and done" fishing trip tomorrow. It is a 4-day extravaganza with two gentlemen you would know from the mill and a couple other outsider misfits we allow to tag along. Although the trip usually provides more laughs than fish, from what I hear the fish are biting now, so I am sure there will be both tight lines and good times! To everyone else that finds themselves in a boat or shoreline, enjoy the outdoors and good luck!

Until next month, Jason Casey and the Woodlands

**Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner**

Maggie and I are enjoying some fun in the sun in Cuba. I will have a full report next month.

Notes from Rob Himelman : I hope you and Maggie are enjoying your vacation. I just want to let you know I accept American dollars and I am sure you are well aware of the fact that Toronto is up 3 games to 2 in the series so make sure you save 20 of those American dollars you took with you to Cuba.

April Anniversaries

Don Isenor	31 years
Stephen Molnar	44 years
Robbie Peters	24 years

**May Birthdays**

Greg Grant	May 5
Jeff Hankey	May 23
Warren Hirtle	May 5
Chris Myers	May 27
Craig Stewart	May 18
Pam White	May 27

**April 50/50**

April 7	Corey White
April 14	James Sawler
April 21	John Ashley
April 28	Angie Kainola

Congratulations!