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Notes from the Editor

Yesterday, I received my second Covid-19 vaccination. I am very pleased with my decision! I am also very encouraged knowing that most of our team have already received their first dose and are booked for their second dose. Nova Scotian's are demonstrating they know how to beat this thing! Good on us!

I am so looking forward to summer 2021. I am hoping it is filled with family, fun, Atlantic Bubble travel, and of course, golf. In the September 2020 issue of "Wood N You Like to Know", I told you about my whale watching adventure at Brier Island and the seasickness I suffered and the absence of whale sightings. That said, I am looking forward to re-booking this summer. I still have a supply of Gravol and an optimistic view.

In the last weeks of our third wave, I had an astonishing revelation. Just before our last shutdown, I was scheduled for my regular hair appointment. Typically, this is chore I address every 5 - 6 weeks. As soon as hair salons reopened, I called for an appointment and my regular gal was booking August appointments. I suggested I would take their first open appointment and I am booked for July 7th. So, what's my revelation you ask? I clearly have grey hair!

Tim Isenor sent Robin these 2 funnies about vaccine hesitancy, and I thought I could use them as filler for my article.

"So, you have been eating hot dogs and McChickens all your life and you don't want to get the vaccine because you don't know what's in it."

"All Amazon delivery drivers should be trained to administer the Covid-19 vaccines. The whole population would be immunized by Saturday. Thursday if you have Prime.

Until next month, I encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Gennie.

Notes from the Safety Committee

2021 in Review

Jan	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Feb	1 lost time	0 medical aid
Mar	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Apr	1 lost time	0 medical aid
May	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Jun	0 lost time	0 medical aid

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

We are doing a great job filling the COVID-19 vaccination appointments across the province, with many people now booked for their second shot! Yeah, Nova Scotia! The sooner we get to 'herd immunity' the sooner we can put COVID-19 in our rear-view mirror and get back to a pre-COVID normal....and travel!

As most everyone knows, we have lots of projects on the horizon this year and our yard traffic is soon going to increase as we break ground on our next sawmill project and our boiler room expansion. Please always be cognizant of the extra traffic in the yard and always drive slowly through the yard.

We have added a few new faces to our team recently and will be conducting orientations on Monday. Our next safety meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29. If you have a safety concern at any time, please reach out to your supervisor or a member of our safety committee.

Until next month, Nick Miller, Don Isenor, Darren Isenor, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber

Notes from the President's Corner

Paper Excellence is the company that owns Northern Pulp. Because of my support over the past couple of years during Northern Pulp's efforts to continue operations, I was introduced to, and became friends with several of the Paper Excellence management team including Mr. Pedro Chang. On Father's Day, Pedro sent me a very interesting text and I would like to share it with you.

Mother – One who loves until her eyes close.

Father – One who loves without an expression in his eyes.

Mother – Introduces you to the world.

Father – Introduces the world to you.

Mother – Gives you life.

Father – Gives you living.

Mother – Makes sure you are not starving.

Father – Makes sure you know the value of starving.

Mother – Personifies care.

Father – Personifies responsibility.

Mother – Protects you from a fall.

Father – Teaches you to get up from a fall.

Mother – Teaches you walking.

Father – Teaches you the walk of life.

Mother – Teaches from her own experiences.

Father – Teaches you to learn from your own experiences.

Mother – Reflects ideology.

Father – Reflects reality.

Mother – Love is known to you since birth.

Father – Love is known when you become a father.

Our new boiler is scheduled to arrive some time in July. The building will not be ready for it. We knew from the start, the steam tunnel from the boiler room to the planer mill was going to be an issue and would have to be relocated. This tunnel also carries all our communications lines from the boiler room to the planer mill and also from the boiler room to the sawmill. Lindsay Construction's surveyor has been on site this week. Survey equipment has changed dramatically over the years. This new survey equipment has plotted millions of points, yes millions, at the boiler, planer, and sawmill buildings. By the time you read this article, the survey should be complete, and we will be ready to break some ground. First, we will relocate and install new steam lines

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The foundation for the addition to the boiler room will follow. At the same time, the foundation work for a new log brow at the sawmill. We require a new log line into the debarker completed before the building foundation can be completed as the new foundation will run through the existing log line. Most contracts for the first phase of the sawmill upgrades have been signed. Four of the companies we will be dealing with are Lindsay Construction (Halifax), Molnar Welding (Lantz), TS Manufacturing (Ontario) and McDonough Manufacturing (New Brunswick).

As mentioned earlier, Fritz Weirathmeuller is the engineer guiding us through a huge number of issues to make our project successful. Fritz has been on site this week and things are really starting to come together.

Every company needs a "Jack of All Trades". Besides his diverse skills, our "Jack of all Trades" earns extra Brownie Points for his positive attitude. When challenged with "other duties as assigned", he is always willing to give it his best. In the last days of this month, Mark and Craig challenged Darren Isenor with yet another "out of the ordinary" chore.

For years, we have been using our old packaging shed to store things we didn't have a specific home for and, in true guy fashion, determined we might have a use for them in another decade or so. Now that we are expecting a substantial amount of equipment deliveries for our upcoming projects, we will require a safe and secure place to house them until they are ready for installation. So, it's an "out with the old and in with the new" project for Darren.

In a few short days, Darren has cleaned out the old and made the packaging shed ready for the new. While tackling this job, Darren formulated a plan to deter the birds that made this place their home and bathroom. Well done, Darren. We are lucky to have you on our team.

Until next month, Robin.

Notes from Sales

For the next several months, we will begin a monthly showcase of each Eacan employee to get the ELCO team better acquainted with the Eacan team. This month, I drew the short straw.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Joel MacLaggan. My wife Amy and I have 3 children; twin boys (Will & Ben - 14 years old) and a daughter Kate (11). I began my career in the lumber world working for a pulp and paper mill in New Brunswick before being moved to Blackville Lumber and then to Bathurst Lumber (Fornebu). I met Brad Meisner (Eacan President) many years ago and have been working at Eacan for the past 18 years. I truly enjoyed my time working at both sawmills as it gave me a good base for the commodity trading side of the business.

We are a family of avid skiers and spend as much time in the winter at the hill as possible. All 3 kids play soccer and in our "spare time" we go to the field 😊. I was raised in Miramichi, New Brunswick and have enjoyed a few days fishing on the river or hunting on our family's woodlot in Blackville.

Enough about me, let's talk market. The past 4-6 weeks have been the slowest I believe I've seen in the past 20+ years. Buyers became nervous of prices and put their PO books away. Clawing and digging for orders have been the norm in the past few weeks with limited success. However, the past 1-2 days have been the most positive as many buyers have seen their inventories drastically reduce. Couple that with a price drop of over 40% (approximately \$800/m) and comfortability has finally crept into their mindset. I expect we will see a flattening of prices in the next 1-2 weeks as takeaway picks up at the retail level. The bright side of all this is housing numbers from the USA are still strong.

Enjoy the weekend, Joel MacLaggan



Notes from Woodlands

We are well under way with the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative (MFI) commercial thinning and irregular shelterwood trial harvest taking place on the MFI St. Croix lands. It is exciting to have the opportunity to participate with the trial which will be studied by Department of Lands and Forestry going forward to determine treatment effects on the stand. The trial study should also help provide some clarity on how this new approach to forestry can be conducted from an operational perspective. This will be possible by looking at productivity numbers which have been recorded and provided graciously by Back Country Farm and Forestry whose cooperation and great work is much appreciated. Having the ability to evaluate additional associated costs and identify required support will be necessary to see these types of treatments conducted successfully. The folks from MFI have organized a field day this Friday where several DLF staff have planned to attend, including the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forestry, Paul Lafleche. These opportunities are a great time for discussion and as I always say - "On the ground in the forest is the best place to talk about forestry".

On the private land side of things, Beaverdam Enterprises should be finishing up planned thinning work on Spence Managed Forest (SMF) in a couple weeks. I met with the SMF folks Thursday, and they were very pleased with the work Beaverdam has been doing and look forward to the final product. When we wrap things up on SMF, we plan to move back into the Pockwock watershed for Westfor to continue the work we have been completing which is part of a carbon study by Dalhousie PhD student David Foster. We are pleased to continue our participation with David as the work he is doing is very interesting as it involves the relationships between forest management, carbon, and water quality.

Lots going on and we will keep you posted.

Until next month, Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

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Before I get into this story I'm about to tell, I would like to mention to Robin that the Habs-Leaf's series is no longer 3-2 for the Leafs. You will learn the outcome and why it happened in my opinion shortly. So, let's start at the beginning. The Leafs had a great regular season while the Canadiens on the second last day of the season secured the last playoff spot in the North Division. This setup a Habs/Leafs first round playoff series; the first one since 1979. All the so called "hockey experts" picked the Leafs in 4 or 5. A couple said the Leafs in 6. One expert was bold and brazen enough to say the Leafs in 7. The Habs were given a zero chance of winning.

The Leafs took 7 out of 10 in the regular season. On paper, the Leafs were a superior team. They had John (the Traitor) Tavares up front, along with Austin Powers (Rocket Richard winner) for most goals during the season. There was also Mini Me (Mitch the Snitch Marner). The defense was anchored by the Drunken Irishman, Captain Morgan Reilly. In net, they had Steady Freddy who said he was ready, but they took a gamble and went with Jack Campbell. Wow, on paper they looked unbeatable, but unfortunately for the "Make Beliefs", the game is played on ice. The Habs took the opening game on a shorthanded winning goal. The Leafs took the next 3 games and had a commanding 3-1 series lead. They were patting each other on the back for a job well done. I guess they forgot the series was the best 4 out of 7 and the best was yet to come. Game 5 in Toronto saw the Habs get a 2-man breakaway in overtime and the Habs scored to win game 5. Back to the Bell Center for game 6. After the Habs wasted a two-goal lead and the Leafs tied it to send it to overtime once again. If the Leafs were to score and they would move on, it's was simple as that!

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The Leafs were all over the Habs in the OT period, out shooting them 13-1 late in the period. Just what do you think was going through Leaf's goalie Jack Campbell's mind as he stood there with cold feet watching JESUS PRICE making save after save at the other end of the rink. I would guess he was saying, please score and end this thing. Then he thought, oh, no, here they come. Second shot of the period for the Habs and its game over. Back to Toronto for game 7. All the pressure was on the Leafs, and they cracked under the weight of it all. Brendan Gallagher scored on a wrist shot from his wrong wing. I might add, he went five-hole on the goalie. A softy, for sure. I knew we had them right at that moment. The Habs have moved on and sent the "Laffs" packing. I wouldn't compare it to winning the cup, but it was friggin' pretty close to say the least. I picked up a few bucks along the way. Rob you are not the only "Laff" fan I got money from so you are not alone. But even more important than the money is being able to look at my "Laff" friends and smile. Go Habs Go!

Yes, Yes I Do!

This month, I attended my first live streamed wedding ceremony. It was interesting to say the least. Like anything, it has its pros and cons. It would have been nice to be with the happy couple in person and to watch the bride walk down the aisle for sure. But it was also nice to be able to be in my shorts and tank top with beer in hand and not feel out of place (LOL). Congratulations to Dwight and Becky Isenor.



Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't**Christmas in June**

Some of you may remember, this past Christmas Maggie and I bought a loveseat and sofa from Leon's during their Boxing Sale. It wasn't a matching set. During our negotiations, we were told the Canadian made sofa would not be available before the end of April at the earliest, with the possibility of it being even later. The overseas made loveseat was available immediately. Maggie agreed to this timeline, so we bought our furniture. The loveseat was delivered the next week. Maggie called mid-April and asked about the sofa and was told due to Covid, the sofa would not be here until May at the earliest. We were in town last week and stopped in to inquire about the sofa. The lady told me that it was on its way to Scarborough. After arriving in Scarborough, it would be delivered to Dartmouth within three weeks. "Great, when will it arrive in Scarborough", I asked? She told me she didn't know. I asked her where the sofa was coming from to get to Scarborough. Again, she didn't know. I followed up by asking her how she knew it was on its way to Scarborough. She answered that's what was showing on her computer!! I asked if I could get a credit and choose another. With a yes answer, Maggie was once again sofa shopping. A salesman came up and asked if he could help us and what might we be looking for. We told him we were looking for a sofa and he asked if we had a particular style in mind. I told him we were extremely interested in one they might have in stock in their store.

Not only did Maggie find one, but they had a couple out back in their warehouse and they had the colour Maggie was looking for. So, if there are no more bumps in the road, we will have our Boxing Day Sofa delivered on June 30th.

June 50/50

June 4	Austin Hull
June 11	Peter Dillman
June 18	Jason Isenor
June 25	Warren Hirtle

**July Birthdays**

Jason Barr	July 15
Gordie Beaman	July 29
Devin Castle	July 9
Rob Himelman	July 17
Austin Hull	July 7
Angie Kainola	July 22
Nick Miller	July 2
Stephen Molnar	July 6

**June Anniversaries**

John Ashley	41 years
Austin Hull	1 year
Leslie Isenor	31 years
Dwight Isenor	22 years
Owen Isenor	4 years
Jon Molnar	12 years
Shawn Preeper	33 years
Stephen Thompson	48 years

