

today's perspective would run counter to the interests of the State. At the time it was stated that Yenisei rivermen were obliged to gather all logs along the river between the mouth of the Angara River and the Igarka River. The same logs thrown about by timber industry workers.

At the time when this document first appeared, the forest industry was weak and lacked machinery. Rivermen were much better equipped. Today the situation has radically changed. Each logging and timber distribution establishment is provided with machinery just like a proper factory. The decision has lost its significance. Moreover, it leads timber industry workers to be irresponsible. And they, sad as it is, are attempting to impose fines on... us. In 1986 they brought suit for half a million rubles, last year it was 300,000 rubles.

Naturally, the arbitration court refused the timber industry workers. But it's not so much the money, which will not compensate even a tiny bit for the national loss. What rubles can fully pay for the thoughtless destruction of timber, without which there are no homes, no furniture, no children's toys! It is destined to rot.

Under the current system it is impossible to find a specific culprit. But I think this could easily be corrected. Simply introduce marking of trunks in order to determine their origin and change the system of payment. Let stock be taken not of sawn timber in general, but only of what is supplied for processing.

How is this done in Finland? In an allotment let us say 100 trunks must be cut. The rest have still not reached market condition. So