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AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

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The month of October found us still sawing shingles and these were being used almost as fast as they could be sawn. For the few months we were sawing, we cut nearly 193,000. Before the season was over we ran short of 1 inch boards, but had a quantity of 2 inch that we could not make use of. I had this hauled to Stewiacke by our Agency truck and had it re-sawn. So at present we have 25,000 of inch surfaced boards, and 40,000 ft. of matched flooring. During this period I was advised to ship enough material to build ten houses to Prince Edward Island Reserve. The amount shipped, totalled 58,146 f.b.m. and this was all dry and first class lumber. I did not get the number of new houses built on this Reserve that I intended or planned to build. This was because our mill was late getting started and weather conditions held us back. There were twenty houses finished and completed in all which was not so bad considering everything and better than I had latterly expected. After writing, phoning and making a trip to Halifax, I finally had the Boiler Inspector come and test the boiler on this Reserve. After putting on around 100 lbs. of cold water pressure, a seam in the back of the boiler cracked and the Inspector stated it could not be repaired. He condemned it and left instructions that it would be of no further use. I was told that I would get a full report of this within a couple of days. However after waiting a week and by phoning and writing I finally got the report which was forwarded immediately to the Department. It was as hard to get this report as it was to get the boiler inspected. When forwarding this to the Department, I recommended the purchase of a heavy tractor equipped with a bulldozer that could be used for digging cellars, maintaining roads, breaking up land and clearing away snow during the wintertime.

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