

us with skidding tractors in only 37 (!) percent of the requirement. How much longer can we put up with the irresponsible performance of sub-contracting plants?

On the other hand, at a number of sites our producers too are paying scant attention to the organizing of felling operations. For instance, in the first quarter the plant for skidding was disrupted by the "Arkhangelsklesprom" and "Komilesprom" associations, notwithstanding the fact that TDT-55 tractors were in operation there, the requirement for which has been almost fully met.

Again and again we appeal to the railway workers, especially those of the Northern and Sverdlovsk main lines. Of course we understand their difficulties but we still ask them to improve the deliveries of empty freight cars. For in the three of the the largest associations - "Komilesprom", "Sverdlesprom" and "Tyumenlesprom" - the stockpiles of timber are currently almost as large as they were in May! The timber is spoiling and rotting, and the lower landings cannot be prepared for winter."

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Joint Venture With Japan Established at
Lidoga on the Amur

In the village of Lidoga on the Amur River, the first joint venture involving the Soviet far eastern timber sector and Japanese firms has been established. It is to be known as the "Lidoga enterprise".