

establishments (lespromkhozy) and woodworking enterprises of the autonomous republic, and publishing houses in Moscow and Leningrad. In all, there are 46 full members. Life itself forced them to merge into an association. In view of the transition to an allowable cut and market relations, deliveries of raw materials to the timber processors have been curtailed and the threat of a shut-down of the papermaking capacities at Kondopoga has increased.

The Kondopoga papermakers decided to forestall the negative phenomena and suggested joining forces, in order that together they could sidestep a difficult situation. Their initiative found warm support.

The association has already drawn up an action plan. Its participants organized an economic assistance fund based on the contributions of papermakers and publishers and decided right away to spend it on the development of timber extraction enterprises. To this end, machinery and equipment, as well as building materials, are being purchased and assistance is foreseen for improving the social conditions in the logging settlements, which will help to preserve and integrate the workers' collectives of the lespromkhozy. In return, the loggers must increase the felling volume, accelerate the utilization and conversion of the timber, and arrange for the production of pulp chips, so as to provide the papermakers with the raw material they are lacking.

The publishing houses stand to benefit from this, for they will be guaranteed a supply of newsprint.

The Karelian members of the association will continue to belong to the "Kondopogabumprom" concern. But the management of "Kondopogabumprom" will be situated in Kondopoga, Petrozavodsk and Moscow.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the association is V.A. Federmesser, General Director of "Kondopogabumprom" and an enthusiastic supporter of its formation.