

W. H. Rice 17051
Mr. Morris' report on the Shubenacadie, Agency dated Oct. 27- Nov. 1



SARKILL, SHINGLE HILL AND EDGER -

Have been very serviceable - about 800,000 feet of lumber has been manufactured during the past three years. The mill and area immediately surrounding was flooded with water due to the heavy rains. Lumber piles were in about two feet of water. The agent stated that he knew the boiler would not pass inspection. I instructed him to have the boiler inspected immediately. If the boiler can be repaired and made serviceable at small cost then the work will be authorized. If a new boiler is required then the cost might justify giving consideration to the purchase of a diesel crawler tractor. Such a machine would be much more serviceable as it could be used to haul logs, grade and repair roads, etc. Action will be taken on receipt of information from the agent on the condition of the boiler. Consideration will have to be given to locating the mill on a higher site so that flood conditions will not affect it.

PILING OF LUMBER -

Lumber was piled alongside of the highway without proper supervision. Agent Rice on being asked several times as to why this site was selected did not give a satisfactory explanation. It is my opinion that the lumber could be stolen very easily. In fact it appeared as if it had been deliberately piled there to encourage or make it possible for persons to steal it. The agent was instructed to have the lumber hauled and piled on another site where it could be given protection. I also drew the agent's attention to the careless manner in which the lumber was piled. It had not been sorted and sized properly which meant that the piles were upset when certain types of lumber were required for building purposes. The foreman, John Babb, has been sick for several months and that may explain why the lumber piles were so untidy.