

plantings. Every year, general reforestation tasks fell through. Its entire forest protection service was constantly occupied in timber extraction.

The integrated logging enterprises were quickly able to restore order here. Tending fellings were handed over in toto to specialized crews and the foresters are now solely occupied with their own duties. Any attempt to divert them to other work is severely dealt with, even to the point of dismissals.

The complexes are performing forest reforestation work at the optimum times silviculturally, in full volume and to a high standard of quality. On the one hand, this is because they are working for themselves, and on the other, because the facilities for doing the work have become available. As logging is sharply curtailed in the spring owing to the lack of roads, it is possible to freely divert workers to silvicultural operations. Last year, for example, "Karellesprom" directed 300 tractors, 150 trucks and about 3,000 workers to planting and sowing activity. Nothing like this could ever have been attempted by the former Ministry of Forestry. Under it, sowing continued from spring until late fall, and still the tasks were aborted.

The other forestry indices are also growing. The volumes of logging road construction have increased 1.3-fold in comparison with 1985, and 1.2 times more marketable timber is being obtained from tending fellings. The Petrozavodsk repair works of "Karellesprom" has begun to manufacture such forestry machinery as mounted disc scarifiers, ploughs, seed drills, and tree planters.