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DEVELOPMENTS IN USSR FORESTRY, TIMBER, PAPER AND
 WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, MARCH 1953

Karelo-Finnish SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the first-quarter 1953 and the 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season plans for timber haulage in the okrugs of the republic:

Okrug	<u>10 Mar (1)</u>		<u>15 Mar (2)</u>		<u>20 Mar (3)</u>		<u>25 Mar (4)</u>	
	<u>1st</u>		<u>1st</u>		<u>1st</u>		<u>1st</u>	
	<u>Quarter</u>		<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Season</u>
Petrozavodskiy	69.6		77.6	85.2	85.1	90.1	93.2	94.9
Segezhskiy	63.4		70.5	85.0	78.7	90.0	87.4	95.4

Production of wood chemicals is increasing every year in the Karelo-Finnish SSR. Artels for the distillation of resin, manufacture of turpentine, and preparation of charcoal are in operation at 14 places in the republic.

In 1952, workers of these artels provided the country with hundreds of tons of products. In 1953, production of wood chemical products is to increase considerably. New resin distillation equipment is to be put in operation in the Medvezh'vegorsk and Segezha areas and in the vicinity of Petrozavodsk. Workers of the Zaonezhskiy Wood Chemical Artel intended to tap and collect about 40 tons of pine resin during spring 1953.(5)

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season plans for timber felling and skidding and haulage in oblasts of the republic:

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>28 Feb (6)</u>		<u>10 Mar (7)</u>	
	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding and Haulage</u>	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding and Haulage</u>
Pyarnuskaya	72.3	45.7	77.6	54.2
Tallinskaya	77.3	43.7	82.3	52.2
Tartuskaya	78.2	54.2	83.5	63.6

Lithuanian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season plans for timber felling, skidding, and haulage in oblasts of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>28 Feb (8)</u>			<u>10 Mar (9)</u>		
	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>
Kaunasskaya	75.4	62.9	67.2	80.7	65.3	78.4
Klaypedskaya	89.8	87.3	66.7	93.7	92.2	68.1
Shyaul'yayskaya	86.2	72.4	54.5	94.0	84.8	70.6
Vil'nyusskaya	75.4	69.1	44.9	82.4	75.4	57.7

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Mar (10)</u>			<u>20 Mar (11)</u>		
	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>
Kaunasskaya	83.2	70.3	85.9	88.7	77.3	93.1
Klaypedskaya	95.7	89.8	84.6	97.9	93.6	88.6
Shyaul'yayskaya	92.5	93.8	80.9	94.9	95.9	93.2
Vil'nyusskaya	87.5	80.0	67.1	94.8	84.2	80.9

Pantsyrev, a carpenter at the shipbuilding yards of the Administration of the Trawler Fleet, has developed a combination woodworking tool which has aroused a great deal of interest. This machine saws, planes, and drills wood. Yearly savings effected through use of this tool in wooden shipbuilding work amount to 36,000 rubles.(12)

Belorussian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season plans for timber felling, skidding, and haulage in oblasts of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>1 Mar (13)</u>			<u>20 Mar (14)</u>		
	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>
Baranovichskaya	68.3	46.0	75.1	79.5	55.6	86.0
Bobruyskaya	76.9	51.0	67.1	93.5	59.4	82.6
Brestskaya	65.7	51.8	63.5	81.6	63.6	87.3
Gomel'skaya	117.9	95.6	92.7	141.3	116.3	113.9

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>1 Mar (13)</u>			<u>20 Mar (14)</u>		
	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>	<u>Felling</u>	<u>Skidding</u>	<u>Haulage</u>
Minskaya	66.8	46.8	51.8	80.5	55.9	64.5
Mogilevskaya	77.7	66.8	66.0	85.6	75.0	72.0
Molodechnenskaya	63.6	39.6	65.6	73.3	52.4	78.6
Pinskaya	103.8	77.6	93.3	116.4	87.7	109.8
Polesskaya	74.7	48.3	68.9	88.7	56.9	83.5
Polotskaya	62.4	41.8	54.4	73.2	49.2	65.8
Vitebskaya	67.6	45.1	49.7	79.6	52.3	59.1
<u>Ukrainian SSR</u>						

The Pereginskiy Lespromkhoz (Timber Management) of Stanislav Timber Trust in Stanislavskaya Oblast successfully fulfilled its fall-winter season timber felling plan. More than 10,000 cubic meters of timber above plan were shipped from this timber management to the great construction projects.(3)

Georgian SSR

A new furniture combine was under constructed in Tbilisi in March 1953; its first shops were expected to begin operations during 1953. This combine is to be the largest furniture enterprise in the republic. A new factory is also to be constructed in Kutaisi.

The Georgian SSR furniture industry has increased its productive capacity considerably. A new shop for the production of furniture accessories has been built at the Tbilisi Plywood Plant. The Batumi Plywood Plant, where period furniture is being produced, has been enlarged considerably. The furniture enterprises of the republic are being supplied with the newest production equipment. Drying devices, polishing machines, and other types of machines have been installed in the shops.

During the Fifth Five-Year Plan, furniture enterprises of the Georgian SSR are to increase their annual production by 35 percent, as compared with 1950; production of bentwood furniture is to be almost four times as great by the end of the plan period as it was in 1950.(15)

The products of the Marelisi Bentwood Furniture Factory are well known. However, the factory does not meet even half of the demand for furniture, especially chairs, made upon it. The principal reason for this is a lack of planning in supplying the factory with raw materials. This results in much lost time, reduced labor productivity, and increased cost of production.

The factory has a yearly production capacity of 170,000 chairs alone, and upon completion of reconstruction work in 1954 will be able to produce up to 200,000.(16)

RSFSR

Timber managements of the Udmurtskaya ASSR have shipped construction timber to more than a thousand projects. Every day, trains loaded with first-class timber leave the 30 loading points in the republic for various parts of the country.

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Udmurt timber has been shipped to such great projects as the Tsimlyanskaya, Kuybyshevskaya, and Stalingradskaya GES projects, as well as the project at Takhia-Tash. The timber managements of the republic completed the first-quarter 1953 plan for loading of timber intended for the Kuybyshevskaya GES project about 20 March; more than 450 carloads of telegraph poles, ties, and other high-quality timber were dispatched to this project.(17)

A new shop has been established at the Novo-Lyalya Paper Combine; it utilizes lumber and paper production waste in the manufacture of wood fiber boards. The shop has already shipped eight carloads of wood fiber boards to the Main Turkmen Canal project.(18)

The Leningrad Papermaking Equipment Factory imeni Vtoroy Pyatiletki has just celebrated its 100th anniversary. Before the Revolution, it was a small enterprise producing cast-iron products, scales, beds, and safes; now, the factory is equipped with first-class Soviet-made lathes and machines.

The workers of the factory were pioneers in the building of Soviet paper-making machinery. During the period of the Stalin five-year plans, they built numerous complex machines for producing different types of paper, artificial leather, and cellophane. In 1951, the factory built two of the first Soviet-made machines for the manufacture of cigarette and other fine papers.

The production of machines for the film industry and for manufacturing corrugated cardboard and fine papers is on the factory's program for 1953.(19)

Timber Industry Worker Production Data

At the Krasnovskiy Lespromkhoz of the Omega Timber Trust, labor productivity rose sharply during the first quarter 1953. Felling production per man-day amounted to 3.8 cubic meters, as compared with a norm of 3.5 cubic meters; tractor skidding production per machine-shift was 51.1 cubic meters as compared with the plan figure of 45 cubic meters.

At the Syavskiy Lespromkhoz, during February, average production per man-day for sorting and loading was 25.3 cubic meters of timber, as compared with a norm of 20 cubic meters.

At the Kerchevskiy Reyd (Roadstead) of the Kamlesosplav (Kama Timber Floating) Trust, the brigades headed by Steskin, Petrunenko, Kovtun, and Gordyev have regularly floated from 2,000 to 2,500 cubic meters of timber and on some days as many as 3,000 cubic meters, as compared with a norm of 1,580 cubic meters.(20)

Machine productivity is very low at enterprises of the Kotlas Timber Trust. Skidding production of a KT-12 tractor per machine-shift averages only 22.5 cubic meters, as compared with a norm of 27 cubic meters; skidding production of a TL-3 winch per shift averages only 24.3 cubic meters, as compared with a norm of 30 cubic meters.(18)

During the first quarter 1953, each locomotive at the Derevyanskiy Lespromkhoz of the Southern Karelian Timber Trust hauled 11,240 cubic meters of timber, as compared with a norm of 10,000 cubic meters.(21)

A. A. Zhukov, winch operator of the Yurinskiy Lespromkhoz, Mari Timber Trust, skids an average of 46 cubic meters of timber, as compared with a norm of 27-30 cubic meters.(22)

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