

Blandin Paper Company

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In addition to the cooperative studies at the Gunn Memorial Park, the following Blandin Company activities were observed: (1) The Blandin Nursery, (2) site preparation in progress with the K/G shearing blade, and (3) spruce plantations.

The Blandin Nursery

A quick tour of this modern nursery provided an opportunity to see seed extraction, seeding, and cultivation equipment; spruce seedling and transplant beds; and some fertilizer trials. The stock looked very good.

Site Preparation

The details as to methods and costs of the site preparation methods used by the Blandin Paper Company are given in Latimer's paper earlier in the Proceedings. The group did, however, have an opportunity to see equipment in action using the K/G blade and to see what these aspen areas looked like before and after treatment.

Spruce Plantations

Machine-planting was demonstrated on a recently sheared area. Some recently established plantings also were examined in the field. In addition a 1957 white spruce plantation in the Gunn Memorial Park was observed. It demonstrated white spruce's ability to grow through competing vegetation and indicated that postplanting releases probably would not be required.

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