

REPORT OF THE NEFTIC WHITE PINE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

On August 9, 1966, the Committee met at Toronto to review accomplishments during the past two years and to discuss plans for future activities. R. G. Miller, J. A. Pitcher, and C. R. Sullivan joined the Committee; J. W. Andresen had been added to the membership previously. The following conclusions were reached:

1. "A survey of research with white pine species in the United States and Canada", edited by G. R. Stairs, was enthusiastically received. Prof. Stairs stated that a limited number of copies are available upon request. He agreed to receive suggestions for changes or additions in the next issue, which was tentatively scheduled for two to three years hence. The Committee commended the editor and the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University for this valuable contribution.

2. Further work on a bibliography covering genetic improvement of eastern white pine was deferred, because the S.A.F. Tree Improvement Committee plans to include this species in its genetics manual.

3. J. B. Genys reported by letter that the P. griffithii literature review is progressing well.

4. R. G. Miller agreed to report on blister rust resistance aspects at the next meeting.

5. J. W. Andresen's suggestion for a taxonomy section was approved, but because he was not able to be present, no specific project was adopted.

6. A select tree register was discussed at considerable length. Divergent opinions were expressed about the value of and need for such a service. It was agreed that the most important objectives could be met by obtaining some additional individual tree data by means of the next survey. Clyde Hunt was asked to explore this matter further, and report on his recommendations at the next meeting.

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