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## WESTERN SPRUCE BUDWORM IN VANCOUVER AND KAMLOOPS FOREST DISTRICTS 1978

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A marked decrease in larval populations of the western spruce budworm on Douglas-fir is apparent in the Pemberton Valley, and in the areas along the Fraser River, and a number of its tributaries where the insect has recently been epidemic. This observation is based on counts of larvae in buds, during May, and in larval "beating samples" taken in June by the Canadian Forestry Service field staff.

Observed defoliation of the new growth is generally light, however it is reasonable to predict that there will be scattered areas of moderate defoliation in some portions of Kamloops and Vancouver Forest districts before the feeding period is concluded.

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