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INTRODUCTION

White spruce (Picea glauca (Moench) Voss) has a transcontinental distribution and grows under a great range of climatic soil and topographic conditions (Sutton, 1969). Research on the geographic variation of white spruce in eastern Canada has been in progress since about 1950 under the direction of Mark Holst of the Petawawa Forest Experiment Station, Chalk River, Ontario. As part of these investigations a series of plantations of provenances from the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Forest Region (Rowe, 1959) has been established in several locations in North America. One of these plantations was established at the North Pond Experimental Area in the spring of 1963 (Wilton, 1964). The purpóse of this plantation as it pertains to Newfoundland was to test the suitability of these provenances for forestation under local conditions and to cơmpare their performances with that of a local control.

## METHODS AND MATERIAIS

Seed collection, growing of seedlings and the experimental design were planned and/or carried out by the staff at the Petawawa Forest Experiment Station. Planting of the experiment and subsequent maintenance and measurement has been carried out by staff in the Newroundland Region.

There are 31 provenances whose origins range from northeastern New Brunswick west to Minnesota and from Napanee on the northeastern shore of Lake Ontario north to latitude $49^{\circ}$ in northwestern Ontario (Appendix I, II). A local provenance from the Humber Valley in western Newfoundland was included for comparison. The mainland provenances were planted in the spring of 1963 as 2-2 nursery stock and the local provenance consisting of 3-to-5-year-old wildings was planted in the fall of 1963.

The experiment is established in a six-replicated randomized block design with plots consisting of two rows of 20 trees each (Appendix III). The entire plantation is encompassed by two rows of surround trees. All trees are planted at six-foot spacing.

The plantation is located about mid-slope along the south side of the shallow valley of the North Pond drainage system. The slope is about 10 percent with a northern aspect and the elevation is about 500 feet above sea level. The area is underlain by a deep glacial till. It formerly
supported an 80 -year-old balsam fir-spruce stand which was clearfelled for pulpwood in 1956. It was subsequently burned over in a forest fire which occurred in August of 1961.

Site variations in the plantation were mapped in the summer of 1968 (Appendix III). There were three major site types: 1. fresh sites on deep, well-drained podzolic soil; 2. fresh sites on deep well-drained podzolic soil with moist sites in localized patches; 3. wet mucky organic soil.

Parent naterials had a loamy texture ( $44 \%$ sand: $48 \%$ silt: $8 \%$ clay). There appeared to be no significant differences in the foliar mineral content of trees growing on the different types (Table 1) indicating small differences in nutritional properties of the various sites, at least for the minerals tested.

The first ten-year remeasurement, as suggested by the cooperator, was to be carried out in the fall of 1958. In addition to measuring the height of all living trees, some observations on phenology for the 1968 growing season and on annual leader growth for three years were made on five randomly selected seedlings per plot for each provenance.

Table 1. Mineral contents of white spruce needles from the site types in the plantation and from natural stands in the vicinity.

|  |  | Total mineral content, \% |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | N | P |  |  |
| Natural stands: | Gander | 1.079 | 0.300 | K | 0.815 |
|  | Gambo | 1.328 | 0.328 | 0.008 |  |
|  | North Pand | 1.301 | 0.288 | 0.715 | 0.0095 |
| Plantation: | Type I | 1.207 | 0.364 | 0.750 | 0.025 |
|  | Iype II | 1.204 | 0.328 | 0.715 | 0.0450 |
|  | Type III | 1.312 | 0.300 | 0.680 | 0.0390 |

Complications arose when attempting to compare provenances statistically because the long axis of the blocks paralleled the direction of the slope and average height growth of seedlings on the lower portion of each block was often double that of seedling on the upper portion. Also, in spite of the random method of locating provenances in each block it was found that some provenances tended to occupy upper positions on the slope more frequently than others, Variation in site type within some blocks also caused differences in height. The above factors introduce bias in an analysis of variance so an analysis of convariance was used to test differences between provenances after heightshad been adjusted to a standard position on the slope (Steel and Torrie, 1960, page 311). This analysis was carried out using data only for blocks
one and two because these were the only ones with a uniform site type and the relationship of height ( $Y$ ) to position on the slope ( X ) was almost linear. The local provenance wes omitted from this analysis because growth was extremely poor.

A non-statistical method was used also to adjust provenance mean heights. For each block the provenance height was plotted over position on the slope and a free-hand line that best fit the points was drawn. Deviations from this line (assumed to have been caused by inherent differences among the provenances) were determined for each provenance in each block. The average deviation for each provenance was then calculated, and added to the plantation mean. Provenances were then ranked.

In summary, the convariance analysis, based on two blocks, serves to establish the statistical significance of differences between provenances after the effects of position on the slope were removed. The non-statistical method, based on all six blocks, provides a means of comparing provenances after the major environmental effects were removed.

Measurements of leader growth in 1966, 1967 and 1968 and bud bursting and bud setting dates in 1968 were obtained for five randomly selected trees per plot for each provenance ( 30 per provenance for the whole experiment). Bud bursting date was defined as the date on which new needles became visible on the terminal. Bud setting date was defined as the date on which the terminal bud became visible. Great difficulty was experienced in making the latter observations because, although the needles on the terminal became stiff and whorled, buds did not develop substantially. The reason for this is thought to be the unusually cold weather in August (and indeed during the whole summer of 1968, Table 2) which prevented a normal "ripening" process.

> Table 2. Mean daily temperatures in the summer months for 1966, 1967, 1968 at Gander International Airport

| Month | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | Normal |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| May | 43.5 | 41.7 | 39.3 | 43.8 |
| June | 54.4 | 56.5 | 46.8 | 52.8 |
| July | 63.6 | 66.2 | 58.5 | 62.3 |
| August | 59.4 | 66.2 | 53.1 | 61.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Analyses of variance were carried out on these factors and correlations between them were calculated using individual seedling values and provenance mean values. The means and coefficients of variation are listed in Appendix VI.

## RESULTS

The general appearance of the plantation was good. The majority of trees had healthy leaders and were growing well. Survival over the whole plantation was 86 percent and the plantation mean height was 91.5 cm . (Appendix IV). Height and survival on the different site types can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. Mean height and survival in the different site types

| Site <br> tyge | Nlanted | Surviving | Survival <br> $(\%)$ | Means <br> height $(\mathrm{cm})$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| I | 2,989 | 2,849 | 95.3 | 97.3 |
| II | 3,633 | 3,004 | 82.5 | 88.6 |
| IIa | 70 | 65 | 92.8 | 96.2 |
| IIb | 88 | 86 | 97.7 | 99.2 |
| III | 800 | 501 | 62.6 | 88.6 |
| IIIa | 13 | 6 | 46.1 | 76.6 |

Site type IIb with a mean height of 99.2 cm . supported the best growth but this was due largely to its low location on the slope. Therefore, the well-drained loam of site type $I$ on which the mean height was 97.3 cm . provides the best conditions for growth. The mean height on site type II , situated on the lower part of the slope, was 96.2 cm . The height growth on site types II and III were eauivalent and were approximately 9 percent less than on site type $I$. The mean height on site type IIIa was more than 20 percent less than on site type I indicating very poor growing conditions, but it represented an insignificant part of the total area.

The survival was best on site types IIa and IIb at 92.8 and 97.7 percent respectively and was slightly less on site type I at 95.3 percent (93.8 percent if the replaced seedlings in blocks 1 and 2 are considered). Survival on site type II was intermediate at 82.5 percent and was least on site types III ( 62.6 percent) and IIIa ( 46.1 percent). Survival therefore was higher on the better drained sites.

Height growth differences between provenances in blocks $I$ and 2 were statistically significant (Table 4) indicating that differences over all six blocks would most likely be significant as well if they could be tested by a valid statistical method. Provenances were ranked for observed mean height and mean height adjusted according to the
freehand graphical method (Table 5). It is thought that the latter method offers better provenance comparisons because the affects of site variations and position on the slope were largely removed and six as opposed to two blocks were included in the analysis.

The tallest provenance was from Grandes Piles, Quebec (No. 2447). Other top-ranking provenances were also from the region encompassing eastern Ontario and southwestern Quebec (No. 2444, 2445, 2459). There is a general decrease in height with distance from this region with the provenances from northwestern Ontario (No. 2480, 2483) and one from Minnesota (No. 2601) being the shortest. Exceptions to this pattern are the second provenance from Minnesota (No. 2571) which is 19 cm . taller than its neighbor; the Martin River, Ontario, provenance (No. 2478) which is shorter than others in the vicinity and the two from northwestern New Brunswick (No. 2473 , 2475) which are taller than neighboring ones to the north and west in Quebec. These results correlate well with those of other investigators working with provenances from approximately the same region. Genys (1964) and Nienstaedt (1966) both reported that provenances from eastern Ontario and southwestern Quebec grew bent and that there were clines of decreasing growth rate both northeast and northwest from that general region. The provenance from western Newfoundland was much shorter than the others but this may be primarily due to a slow recovery from the uprooting - planting shock rather than from an inherently inferior growth rate.

Table 4. Analysis of covariance on blocks 1 and 2 to test the significance of differences in provenance heights (Y) after the effects of position on the slope (X) are removed.

| Source | df | Sum of products |  |  | Y adjusted for X |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | yy | xy | x x | df | ss | ms | F |
| Total | 61 | 21.184.88 | 8,011.07 | 5,270.34 |  |  |  |  |
| Blocks | 1 | 1,411.20 | -68.62 | 2.68 |  |  |  |  |
| Provenances | 30 | 14.808 .40 | 5,185.40 | 3,265.80 |  |  |  |  |
| Error | 30 | 4,965.28 | 2,894.29 | 2,001.86 | 29 | 314.77 | 10.85 |  |
| Provenances Error | 60 | 19,773.68 | 8,079.69 | 5,267.66 | 59 | 1,966.24 |  |  |
| Provenances adjusted |  |  |  |  | 30 | 1,651.47 | 55.04 | 5.07* |

*F significant at 95 percent level

Table 5. Mean heights of white spruce provenances ranked from shortest to the tallest.

| Observed Means |  |  | Means adjusted for position on slope and site variations |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Origin | Height cm. | No. | Origin | Height cm. |
| 301 | Western Newfoundland | 52.2 | 301 | Western Newfoundland | 53.0 |
| 2601 | Cook Co., Minn. | 72.7 | 2601 | Cook Co., Minn. | 74.0 |
| 2480 | Kakabeka Falls, Ont. | 73.4 | 2483 | Pagwachuan Lake, Ont. | 82.0 |
| 2478 | Martin River, Ont. | 77.9 | 2478 | Martin River, Ont. | 82.3 |
| 2604 | Shipshaw River, Quebec | 82.7 | 2480 | Kakabeka Falls, Ont. | 82.8 |
| 2602 | Iuce Co., Mich. | 83.6 | 2602 | Luce Co., Mich. | 85.2 |
| 2440 | Napanee, Ont. | 84.6 | 2570 | Cheguamegon Nat. For., Wisc. | 86.3 |
| 2482 | Kapuskasing, Ont. | 87.2 | 2604 | Shipshaw River, P.Q. | 87.2 |
| 2486 | Swastika, Ont. | 88.1 | 2472 | Price, P.Q. | 88.2 |
| 2570 | Cheguamegon Nat. For., Wisc. | 90.1 | 2479 | Aubrey Falls, Ont. | 88.4 |
| 2473 | Edmundston, N.B. | 90.4 | 2486 | Swastika, Ont. | 88.5 |
| 2484 | Mitchenamakus Lake, P.C. | 90.7 | 2462 | McNally Lake, P.Q. | 89.0 |
| 2491 | Valcartier, P.Q. | 90.9 | 2482 | Kapuskasing, Ont. | 89.4 |
| 2468 | Searchmont, Ont. | 91.2 | 2491 | Valcartier, P.O. | 90.8 |
| 2483 | Pagwachuen Lake, Ont. | 91.8 | 2440 | Napanee, Ont. | 91.5 |
| 2472 | Price, P.Q. | 92.1 | 2463 | Notre Dame du Laus, P.Q. | $9 ? .1$ |
| 2572 | Huron Nat. For., Mich. | 92.3 | 2477 | Ashley Mines, Ont. | 92.2 |
| 2477 | Ashley Mines, Ont. | 92.6 | 2481 | Potter Ont. | 92.3 |
| 2479 | Aubrey Falls, Ont. | 92.7 | 2468 | Searchmont, Ont. | 92.5 |
| 2454 | N. Baskatong Lake, P.Q. | 93.6 | 2572 | Huron Nat. For., Mich. | 93.0 |
| 2462 | McNally Lake, P.Q. | 96.0 | 2571 | Grand Rapids, Minn. | 93.0 |
| 2475 | Upper Green River, N.B. | 96.4 | 2484 | Mitchenamakus Loke, P.Q. | 93.5 |
| 248? | Potter, Ont. | 96.5 | 2475 | Upper Green River, N.E. | 95.2 |
| 2485 | Lac Simard, P.Q. | 98.9 | 2473 | Edmundston, N.B. | 95.7 |
| 2438 | Peterborough, Ont. | 99.5 | 2451 | Lake Edward, P.0. | 96.4 |
| 2463 | Notre Dames du Laus, P.Q. | 99.6 | 2454 | N. Baskatong Lake, P.Q. | 96.7 |
| 2577 | Grand Rapids, Minn. | 99.8 | 2438 | Peterborough, Ont. | 98.2 |
| 2451 | Lake Edward, P.Q. | 100.2 | 2485 | Lac Simard, P.Q. | 99.7 |
| 2445 | Cushing, P.Q. | 100.9 | 2444 | Beachburg, Ont. | 102.8 |
| 2444 | Beachburg, Ont. | 103.4 | 2445 | Cushing, P.Q. | 102.8 |
| 2459 | Algonquin Park, Ont. | 109.0 | 2459 | Algonquin Park, Ont. | 105.1 |
| 2447 | Grande Piles, P.Q. | 113.1 | 2447 | Grande Piles, P.Q. | 106.6 |

The mean survival (Appendix IV) of the mainland provenances ranged from 73 to 93 percent. Those with lowest survival were No. 2444 (73\%), No. 2486 ( $75 \%$ ), one of the better and one of the poorer provenances respectively in terms of height growth. Those with highest survival were No. 2438 ( $93 \%$ ), No. 2459 ( $93 \%$ ), No. 2484 ( $93 \%$ ), No. 2571 ( $92 \%$ ), No. 2481 (91\%) and No. 2485 ( $91 \%$ ). All of these showed above average height growth as well. The survival in the local provenance ( $56 \%$ ) was much less than in the other provenances; probably for the same reasons that height growth was less.

The ability of a provenance to perform consistently with regard to others in different environments, i.e. always above average or always below average, has been termed "adaptive stability" (Nienstaedt, 1966). A tentative appraisal of the adaptive stability of these provenances may be made by looking at the graphs of provenance heights plotted over position on the slope for each block which were used previously to adjust provenance heights for position on the slope and site veriations. If the deviation from the freehand line fitted to these points is fairly consistent in magnitude and direction in all six blocks, then the provenance has a high adoptive stability; if the converse is true it has low adaptive stability. Those provenances with relatively high adaptive stability are No. 2445, 2459, 2463, 2480, 2491, and 2571. Those with the least adaptive stability are No. 2440, $2454,2462,2475,2479$, and 2572. In practical application, plantations made up of provenance (s) from the former group would make relatively uniform stands on variable planting sites while the opposite is true of the latter group. However, no conclusions should be made in this regard until other plantations in the series are analyzed.

In analysis of variance showed significent differences between provenances for the phenology and leader growth parameters (Table 6). No further comparisons were made between provenances due to the complicating effects of site variations that were not accounted for in the analysis. It is noted however that leader growth of the Newfoundland provenance (No. 301) in 1967 and 1968 has increased substantially over that of 1966. This suggests a recovery from the planting strok mentioned earlier.

> Table 6. Summary of analyses of variance for phenology and height growth parameters

| Parameter | Provenances | Blocks | PXB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date of bud burst | 4.948** | 4.886\%* | 1.343 |
| Date of bud set | 1.863** | 0.718 | 0.984 |
| Days of grovth | 1.774* | 0.314 | 1.055 |
| Leader length, 1958 | 3.418* | $20.241 \% *$ | $1.702 * *$ |
| Leader length, 1967 | 4.243** | $10.440 \% *$ | 1.959** |
| Leader length, 1966 | 3.893** | 7.891 \%* | 1.390* |
| Leader growth, 1956-68 | 4.793** | 20.171** | 1.813** |
| Height of tree | $6.457 * *$ | 9.970** | $1.694 * *$ |

[^0]Correlation coefficients are listed in Table 7 and the main features of the analysis are summarized below;

Table 7. Correlation coefficients between growth and phenology parameters calculated on the basis of (a) individual tree values and (b) provenance mean values

| Parameter |  | Parameter Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Date of bud burst 168 | (a) (b) | $\begin{aligned} & 1.000 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Date of bud set 168 | (a) <br> (b) | $\begin{aligned} & 0.222 \\ & 0.354^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.000 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | Days of growth 168 | $\begin{aligned} & (\mathrm{a}) \\ & (\mathrm{b}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.158 \\ & -0.224 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.925 \\ & 0.831 * * \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.000 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| 4. | Leader length 168 | $\begin{aligned} & (\mathrm{a}) \\ & (\mathrm{b}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -0.193 \\ 0.175 \end{array}$ | 0.234 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.130 \\ & 0.188 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.000 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 5. | Leader length ${ }^{6} 67$ | (a) <br> (b) | $\begin{aligned} & 0.081 \\ & 0.381 * \end{aligned}$ | 0.256 | 0.044 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.694 \\ & 0.848^{* *} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.000 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 6. | Leader length, '66 | (a) <br> (b) | $\begin{aligned} & 0.217 \\ & 0.503 * * \end{aligned}$ | 0.128 | -0.150 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.384 \\ & 0.648 * * \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.677 \\ & 0.870 * * \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 7. | Three-year growth | (a) <br> (b) | 0.386* | $\begin{aligned} & 0.066 \\ & 0.249 \end{aligned}$ | 0.037 |  |  |  |
| 8. | Height of tree, '68 | (a) (b) | $\begin{aligned} & 0.109 \\ & 0.480^{* * *} \end{aligned}$ | $0.221$ | -0.047 |  |  |  |
| 9. | Height of tree, ${ }^{167}$ |  |  |  |  | 0.760* |  |  |
| 10. | Height of tree, '66 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.855* |  |
| 11. | Height of tree, '65 | (b) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.842* |

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Note: } & \text { for (a), r. } 05=.062, r .01=.081 \ldots 958 \mathrm{d.f.} \\
& \text { for (b), } \mathrm{r} .05=.349, \text {. } 01=.449 \ldots 30 \mathrm{d.f.}
\end{aligned}
$$

1. The number of days of growth (time from bud break to bud set) is closely related to date of bud set but not to date of bud break.
2. There was little relationship between days of growth in 1968 with leader length in 1968 or other grovith measures.
3. Leader lengths in successive years were quite closely correlated but there was a substantial drop in the level of correlation when leader length in 1966 was correlated with leader length in 1968.
4. Correlation coefficients between leader lengths based on "all seedlings" were approximately .3 less than those based on provenance means. The differences are related to the variation of indivicuals within provenances.

## CONCLUSION

It is not possible to recommend the most suitable provenances for introduction to Newfoundland on the basis of this remeasurement. However, those from southeastern Ontario and southwestern Quebec appear to be the most promising as their growth is up to 15 percent above average and survival is on a par with the others. The local provenance appears to be recovering from a poor start and may yet prove to be as good as those from southeastern Ontario and southwestern Quebec.

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## Appendix I

White spruce provenances planted in experiment

| Seedlot |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number | Origin | Latitude | Longitude |
| S.2438-59 | Peterborough, Ont. | $44^{\circ} 18{ }^{1}$ | 780181 |
| S.24, 4 0-59 | Napanee, Ont. | $44^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $76054{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| S.2444-59 | Beachiurg, Ont.. | $43^{\circ} 61$ | $80^{\circ} 36{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2445-59 | Cushing, P.Q. | $45^{\circ} / 88$ | $74^{\circ} 54^{\text { }}$ |
| S.2447-59 | Grandes Piles, P.Q. | $46 \% 8{ }^{\prime}$ | 72042 |
| S.2451-59 | Lake Edward, P.Q. | 46\% ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | $72^{\circ} 54^{1}$ |
| S.2454-59 | N. Baskatong Lake, P.Q. | $46^{\circ} 54{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $75^{\circ} 48^{\prime \prime}$ |
| S.2459-59 | Algonquin Park, Ont. | 45036: | 780361 |
| S.2462-59 | McNally Lake, P.C. | 46042: | 760301 |
| S.24.63-59 | Notre Dames du Laus, P.O. | $46^{\circ} 6$ | $75036{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.21,68-59 | Searchmont, Ont. | $46^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ | $34^{\circ} 00{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2472-59 | Price, P.Q. | $48^{\circ} 361$ | $68^{\circ} 61$ |
| S.2473-59 | Edmundston, iv.B. | $47^{\circ} 24^{1}$ | $68^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ |
| S.2475-59 | Upper Green River, N.B. | $47^{\circ} 48^{1}$ | $68^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ |
| As above for | double surround rows |  |  |
| S.2477-59 | Áshley Mines, Ont. | $48^{\circ} 6^{1}$ | $80^{\circ} 00{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2478-59 | Marten River, Ont. | $46^{\circ} 421$ | $79^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ |
| S.2479-59 | Aubrey Falls, Ont. | $46^{\circ} 361$ | $82^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ |
| S.2480-59 | Kakabeka Falls, Ont. | $48^{\circ} 24^{\prime \prime}$ | $89^{\circ} 36^{\prime}$ |
| S.2481-59 | Potter, Ont. | $43^{\circ} 541$ | $80^{\circ} 48{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S. 2482-59 | Kapuskasing, Ont. | $49^{\circ} 24$, | $82^{\circ} 24^{\prime}$ |
| S. 2483-59 | Pagwachuan Lake, Ont. | 490301 | 86061 |
| S.2484-59 | Mitchinamekus İke, P.Q. | $47^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $75^{\circ} 00{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2.485-59 | Lac Simard, P.C. | $47^{\circ} 361$ | $78042{ }^{1}$ |
| S.2486-59 | Swastika, Ont. | $48^{\circ} 61$ | $80^{\circ} 6^{\prime}$ |
| S.2491-59 | Valcartier, P.Q. | 46054' | 710361 |
| S.2570-59 | Cheguamegon Nat. For.,Wisc | . $46^{\circ} 361$ | $91^{\circ} 00{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2571-59 | Grand Rarids, Minn. | $47^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $93^{\circ} 301$ |
| S.2572-59 | Huron Nat. For., Mich. | $43^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ | $83^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ |
| S.2601-59 | Cook Co., Minn. | $47^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ | $92042{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2602-59 | Luce Co., Mich. | 460181 | $85^{\circ} 00{ }^{\prime}$ |
| S.2604-59 | Shipshaw River, P.Q. | $48^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$ | $71^{\circ} 6^{\prime}$ |
| 301 | Western Newfoundland | 49000: | $58^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ |



APPENDIX II-LOCATION OF WHITE SPRUCE PROVENANCES

Block 1 Block 2 Block $3 \quad$ Block $4 \quad$ Block $5 \quad$ Block 6


## Plantation Description

32 provenances
6 blocks
2 rows of 20 trees in each plot
240 trees per provenance
744 trees in 2 surround rows
(Provenance No. 2475)
Tree spacing $6 \times 6$ feet
Length 738 feet
Width 402 feet
Area 6.8 acres
Planted April 1963 with 2-2 stock

## Site Types

I Characterized by fairly deep soil and organic layer, dry-moist; vegetation chiefly pin cherry, aspen, polytrichum with occasional Kalmia.
II Characterized by widely varying soil depths and moisture conditions in localized patches; vegetation is scattered aspen, alder, pin cherry, Polytrichum, Dichranum and occasional bunches of Carex, Vaccinium, Kalmia and Cornus.

IIb Like IIa but with less organic matter burned off
III Wet site with mucky soil; vegetation is alder, some willow, dense, high Carex spp. with occasional patches of Sphagnum.
IIIa Wet site; vegetation alder with coarse Carex spp.

## APPENDIX III-LAYOUT AND SITE DESCRIPTION OF WHITE SPRUCE PROVENANCE PLANTATION

Appendix IV. Mean height and survival of white spruce provenances

| Prov. <br> No. | Block 1 |  | Block 2 |  | Block 3 |  | Block 4 |  | Block 5 |  | Block 6 |  | Mean |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ht} . \\ & \mathrm{cm} . \end{aligned}$ | No. trees | Ht. cm. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { trees } \end{aligned}$ | Ht. cm. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { trees } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ht} . \\ & \mathrm{cm} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { trees } \end{gathered}$ | Ht. cm. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { trees } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ht} . \\ & \mathrm{cm} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { trees } \end{aligned}$ | Ht. cII. | $\underset{\%}{\text { Survival }}$ |
| 2438 | 116.0 | 39 | 104.1 | 38 | 85.9 | 38 | 95.8 | 36 | 96.1 | 38 | 98.9 | 36 | 99.5 | 93 |
| 2440 | 79.7 | 37 | 104.1 76.8 | 37 | 85.6 | 36 | 87.0 | 34 | 86.3. | 31 | 92.0 | 23. | , 84.6: | 82 |
| 24.44 | 136.5 | 40 | 125.6 | 38 | 100.3 | 27 | 85.9. | 22. | 85.7 | 27 | 86.5 | 21 | 103.4 | 73 |
| 2445 | 93.8 | 37 | 85.2 | 42 | 110.6 | 32 | 106.3 | 35 | 109.6 | 35 | 100.2 | 34 | 100.9 | 90 |
| 2447 | 133.9 | 39 | 109.0 | 38 | 115.9 | 37 | 112.4 | 39 | 98.2 | 31 | 109.4 | 22 | 113.1 | 86 |
| 2451 | 121.9 | 38 | 94.1 | 40 | 107.2 | 35 | 99.8 | 32 | 100.2 | 29 | 77.7 | 27 | 100.2 | 84 |
| 2454 | 111.2 | 35 | 95.3 | 39 | 78.8 | 37 | 91.2 | 25 | 103.1 | 36 | 82.1 | 36 | 93.6 | 86 |
| 2459 | 95.0 | 40 | 118.6 | 40 | 118.6 | 32. | 114.1 | 37 | 114.7 | 39 | 93.0 | 36 | 109.0 | 93 |
| 2462 | 121.3 | 39 | 96.6 | 38 | 73.7 | 31 | 88.4 | 40 | 97.3 | 30 | 98.7 | 37 | 96.0 | 90 |
| 2463 | 113.9 | 34 | 121.8 | 40 | 97.3 | 37 | 100.2 | 35 | 83.5 | 30 | 80.7 | 31 | 99.6 | 86 |
| 2468 | 95.8 | 39 | 78.8 | 37 | 94.4 | 39 | 92.8 | 33 | 97.7 | 30 | 87.8 | 37 | 91.2 | 90 |
| 2472 | 122.3 | 37 | 104.5 | 40 | 73.2 | 34 | 92.5 | 27 | 84.7 | 21 | 75.4 | 35 | 92.1 | 81 |
| 2473 | 87.5 | 40 | 87.3 | 38 | 93.1 | 31 | 92.8 | 23 | 90.6 | 32 | 91.5 | 39 | 90.4 | 85 |
| 2475 | 126.7 | 37 | 85.5 | 36 | 104.8 | 27 | 101.6 | 31 | 77.9 | 28 | 82.1 | 33 | 96.4 | 80 |
| 2477 | 116.5 | 39 | 107.0 | 37 | 80.2 | 37 | 76.2 | 29 | 90.4 | 32 | 85.4 | 36 | 92.6 | 87 |
| 2478 | 85.2 | 39 | 69.2 | 40 | 92.4 | 28 | 74.2 | 26 | 74.9 | 35 | 71.8 | 21 | 77.9 | 79 |
| 2479 | 105.2 | 38 | 105.0 | 40 | 97.7 | 37 | 92.3 | 36 | 81.5 | 29 | 74.4 | 32 | 92.7 | $88 \quad \stackrel{ }{G}$ |
| 2480 | 69.8 | 38 | 63.7 | 41 | 83.0 | 33 | 81.5 | 36 | 64.6 | 31 | 77.6 | 25 | 73.4 | 85 |
| 2481 | 101.9 | 37 | 109.6 | 38 | 91.9 | 37 | 88.9 | 35 | 95.6 | 34 | 90.8 | 38 | 96.5 | 91 |
| 2482 | 72.4 | 36 | 76.5 | 35 | 102.6 | 34 | 93.2 | 26 | 91.0 | 24 | 87.5 | 34 | 87.2 | 79 |
| 2483 | 119.1 | 39 | 101.8 | 40 | 80.4 | 24 | 84.4 | 40 | 74.2 | 29 | 90.9 | 35 | 91.8 | 86 |
| 2484 | 79.5 | 39 | 114.0 | 40 | 78.7 | 40 | 98.2 | 36 | 92.2 | 32 | 81.6 | 36 | 90.7 | 93 |
| 2485 | 120.0 | 37 | 87.2 | 40 | 91.6 | 40 | 98.0 | 37 | 105.4 | 40 | 91.2 | 25 | 98.9 | 91 |
| 2486 | 97.4 | 34 | 71.0 | 40 | 95.1 | 32 | 87.6 | 26 | 105.0 | 23 | 72.7 | 24 | 88.1 | 75 |
| 2491 | 122.3 | 38 | 74.5 | 39 | 90.8 | 27 | 90.4 | 35 | 78.2 | 27 | 89.4 | 40 | 90.9 | 86 |
| 2570 | 92.3 | 38 | 102.3 | 38 | 87.8 | 34 | 85.8 | 37 | 81.9 | 36 | 90.5 | 26 | 90.1 | 87 |
| 2571 | 122.1 | 36 | 104.2 | 37 | 92.4 | 39 | 96.2 | 37 | 100.5 | 37 | 83.2 | 35 | 99.8 | 92 |
| 2572 | 96.3 | 39 | 113.6 | 40 | 76.8 | 36 | 109.6 | 31 | 78.5 | 28 | 79.6 | 34 | 92.3 | 87 |
| 2601 | 73.9 | 37 | 80.6 | 41 | 60.1 | 39 | 81.3 | 23 | 69.3 | 35 | 70.8 | 38 | 72.7 | 89 |
| 2602 | 78.7 | 40 | 74.2 | 39 | 88.1 | 24 | 85.9 | 25 | 96.1 | 28 | 78.9 | 33 | 83.6 | 79 |
| 2604 | 100.3 | 37 | 75.0 | 40 | 69.5 | 36 | 83.8 | 20 | 77.4 | 36 | 90.1 | 39 | 82.7 | 87 |
| 301 | 60.0 | 29 | 59.9 | 31 | 44.5 | 28 | 51.5 | 15 | 57.7 | 14 | 52.2 | 18 | 54.3 | 56 |
| Mean | 102.1 |  | 92.9 |  | 88.4 |  | 91.2 |  | 89.7 |  | 84.8 |  | 91.5 | 85.7 |

Appendix Va. Height and survival of provenances in the three main site types


NOTE: 14 seedlings were replaced in block 1 and 30 in block 2 in the fall of 1970. Both of these blocks are included in Type 1. If these seedlings were subtracted from the number surviving, the percent survival would be 93.8.

Appendix Vb . Height and survival of provenances in the three subsidiary site types.


Provenance means and coefficients of variation of parameters measured on individual seedlings

| Prov. No. | Date of bud burst 168 |  | Date of bud set 168 |  | Days of leader pronth 168 |  | Leader <br> Lencth 168 |  | Leader <br> Jencth 167 |  | Leader lenget | 3 year |  |  | Height, 168 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\overline{\bar{X}}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\bar{X}}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{cm}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{cm}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{cm}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{cm}$ | CV\% | $\overline{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{cm}$ | CV\% |  |
| 2438 | 54.9 | 7.9 | 112.7 | 9.6 | 57.8 | 17.3 | 19.7 | 49.1 | 23.1 | 48.2 | 17.7 | 49.5 | 60.6 | 42.4 | 102.1 | 27.5 |  |
| 2440 | 50.2 | 6.9 | 111.2 | 8.8 | 61.0 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 43.2 | 17.6 | 36.7 | 14.4 | 48.2 | 51.0 | 33.6 | 89.4 | 23.4 |  |
| 24,44 | 50.5 | 8.8 | 111.5 | 9.1 | 61.1 | 15.9 | 23.1 | 40.8 | 23.2 | 43.2 | 18.8 | 51.2 | 65.2 | 37.8 | 100.5 | 33.5 |  |
| 2445 | 50.9 | 6.9 | 114.6 | 10.6 | 63.7 | 17.4 | 24.1 | 38.9 | 23.9 | 40.7 | 18.6 | 50.3 | 67.8 | 37.1 | 106.1 | 31.7 |  |
| 24,4 | 52.8 | 7.6 | 117.8 | 10.5 | 65.0 | 18.7 | 23.3 | 34.8 | 27.0 | 31.7 | 22.1 | 46.8 | 72.7 | 31.2 | 117.5 | 28.8 |  |
| 2451 | 52.0 | 9.1 | 108.6 | 7.9 | 56.7 | 14.6 | 19.2 | 36.6 | 20.0 | 44.3 | 16.7 | 53.2 | 55.7 | 38.9 | 95.6 | 32.3 |  |
| 2454 | 50.9 | 6.2 | 107.5 | 9.2 | 56.8 | 15.0 | 19.3 | 43.6 | 22.0 | 33.6 | 19.5 | 35.9 | 60.9 | 31.0 | 96.3 | 24.2 |  |
| 2459 | 52.4 | 7.1 | 110.8 | 10.5 | 58.3 | 18.8 | 24.9 | 45.1 | 24.1 | 47.8 | 18.1 | 52.6 | 67.1 | 40.6 | 112.2 | 33.1 |  |
| 2462 | 53.9 | 9.1 | 114.1 | 9.9 | 60.1 | 17.8 | 17.7 | 42.3 | 20.5 | 43.8 | 18.1 | 44.8 | 56.2 | 35.7 | 93.9 | 30.2 |  |
| 2463 | 52.9 | 8.5 | 110.3 | 10.6 | 57.4 | 20.7 | 18.2 | 46.9 | 21.1 | 39.2 | 19.6 | 41.9 | 58.8 | 36.1 | 98.3 | 32.3 |  |
| 2468 | 49.7 | 5.7 | 110.0 | 11.1 | 60.6 | 19.6 | 18.3 | 32.6 | 21.1 | 34.0 | 16.9 | 37.7 | 56.3 | 32.0 | 96.4 | 31.6 |  |
| 2472 | 49.1 | 7.5 | 107.1 | 8.5 | 57.9 | 16.1 | 20.4 | 46.1 | 21.9 | 48.8 | 18.7 | 49.1 | 61.0 | 42.4 | 99.6 | 36.7 |  |
| 2473 | 51.4 | 8.3 | 111.4 | 8.7 | 60.0 | 16.2 | 18.7 | 33.4 | 22.1 | 37.0 | 16.8 | 42.5 | 57.7 | 31.9 | 92.8 | 26.7 |  |
| 2475 | 50.1 | 5.2 | 108.3 | 9.3 | 58.2 | 17.0 | 22.0 | 42.4 | 24.3 | 40.2 | 18.3 | 38.7 | 64.2 | 35.1 | 101.5 | 30.0 |  |
| 2477 | 52.9 | 9.5 | 112.8 | 9.1 | 60.0 | 13.8 | 20.3 | 44.3 | 21.9 | 43.3 | 19.4 | 30.1 | 61.6 | 34.4 | 100.6 | 27.2 |  |
| 2478 | 51.0 | 6.9 | 107.8 | 10.3 | 57.0 | 20.6 | 16.9 | 41.3 | 15.9 | 43.8 | 13.4 | 56.6 | 46.2 | 37.9 | 76.5 | 28.2 |  |
| 2479 | 51.2 | 8.0 | 107.9 | 9.7 | 56.8 | 19.3 | 17.5 | 40.0 | 20.0 | 37.5 | 17.4 | 45.2 | 54.9 | 28.8 | 91.0 | 22.8 |  |
| 2480 | 51.0 | 8.6 | 109.5 | 11.1 | 58.5 | 20.7 | 15.4 | 49.5 | 15.7 | 50.0 | 13.0 | 54.1 | 44.1 | 43.2 | 73.7 | 32.3 |  |
| 2481 | 52.3 | 6.3 | 111.0 | 10.6 | 58.7 | 21.1 | 18.2 | 41.2 | 20.6 | 32.3 | 17.3 | 31.7 | 56.2 | 24.1 | 93.5 | 19.3 |  |
| 2482 | 52.4 | 7.7 | 106.8 | 10.3 | 54.2 | 18.6 | 16.8 | 31.6 | 16.4 | 55.7 | 15.1 | 66.8 | 48.4 | 42.3 | 84.4 | 34.2 |  |
| 2483 | 50.1 | 6.0 | 105.4 | 8.3 | 55.2 | 17.2 | 19.1 | 31.0 | 22.0 | 37.0 | 18.6 | 34.3 | 59.6 | 30.1 | 95.4 | 26.0 |  |
| 2484 | 52.4 | 7.4 | 111.9 | 9.7 | 59.8 | 20.0 | 17.2 | 44.6 | 20.1 | 38.4 | 20.1 | 43.3 | 57.7 | 35.8 | 58.1 | 30.1 |  |
| 2485 | 53.5 | 7.7 | 114.1 | 9.1 | 60.6 | 18.0 | 21.4 | 40.0 | 24.3 | 34.7 | 18.9 | 47.8 | 64.5 | 33.3 | 104.9 | 27.5 |  |
| 2486 | 54.0 | 9.1 | 110.4 | 10.1 | 56.4 | 18.6 | 17.6 | 44.6 | 21.6 | 43.5 | 18.5 | 53.3 | 57.7 | 42.1 | 97.7 | 31.7 |  |
| 2491 | 52.0 | 9.2 | 111.3 | 10.0 | 59.3 | 19.8 | 19.9 | 40.1 | 21.1 | 43.2 | 17.1 | 52.3 | 58.1 | 39.0 | 94.7 | 32.2 |  |
| 2570 | 52.0 | 9.4 | 108.1 | 8.9 | 55.5 | 18.3 | 19.1 | 41.2 | 21.1 | 42.5 | 17.0 | 44.6 | 57.2 | 34.0 | 94.3 | 22.5 |  |
| 2571 | 51.1 | 6.2 | 107.6 | 10.6 | 56.6 | 20.5 | 21.5 | 40.6 | 24.2 | 30.5 | 19.5 | 42.6 | 65.0 | 31.0 | 109.3 | 22.6 |  |
| 2572 | 52.4 | 8.5 | 111.0 | 9.8 | 58.6 | 18.7 | 20.5 | 43.0 | 21.6 | 42.1 | 16.8 | 38.6 | 58.6 | 38.6 | 98.7 | 30.4 |  |
| 2601 | 49.6 | 7.6 | 111.0 | 11.0 | 61.5 | 21.4 | 17.3 | 46.5 | 17.0 | 46.8 | 13.7 | 51.2 | 48.1 | 40.0 | 78.5 | 32.2 |  |
| 2602 | 50.0 | 7.2 | 107.4 | 9.3 | 57.2 | 16.8 | 18.2 | 41.6 | 20.9 | 47.1 | 16.1 | 61.2 | 55.3 | 43.0 | 91.8 | 33.7 |  |
|  | 50.9 | 7.5 | 109.6 | 10.9 | 58.8 | 19.8 | 16.4 | 46.3 | 18.1 | 52.0 | 14.2 | 50.1 | 48.7 | 44.2 | 80.5 | 34.5 |  |
| 301 | 47.9 | 5.7 | 113.3 | 9.6 | 65.1 | 16.9 | 14.4 | 39.7 | 13.2 | 40.0 | 7.0 | 67.9 | 34.5 | 37.3 | 54.6 | 28.2 |  |
| Mean | 51.5 |  | 110.4 |  | 58.8 |  | 19.2 |  | 20.8 |  | 17.1 |  | 57.2 |  | 94.4 |  |  |


[^0]:    * = significant at . 95 level, ** = significant at . 99 level.

