

EVANTON WOOD

(Novar Estate Records – Inverness Archives)

Evanton Wood including Culags Belts 172.153 acres

(D538/B/2/3/i)

March 1882

The wood is now about 64 years old and composed of Scots fir, larch and patches of hardwoods: Beech, Oak, Ash & Elm and also a few clumps of Spruce. The fir and larch are very well grown and clean timber – with fine long straight poles and some very heavy especially amongst the hard woods; but as a rule there is a large amount of ?... The Scots firs are sound and good quality. The oak and other hardwoods are on indifferent.

During the year the following were sold from the wood:

1029 spar larch trees

74 Scots fir trees

3 Spruce trees

40 Beech – for firewood

6 small dying oak

Total £264-2-8

98 small larch trees for estate purposes

£ 7-13-10

1883

There were 3 lots sold in this wood during the year to Messrs Morrison & Laurence, Timber Merchants Inverness. One piece 25 to 30 acres was clear cut opposite and adjoining Cnocrash and Drumour fields another piece about 8 acres in extent nearer to Blackrock, and thinnings throughout all the wood. The total numbers were as follows:

5584 Larch trees

2311 Scots fir

140 Spruce

Fetches [total] £3295-0-0

Other sales 112 trees

£30-15-4

Paid for forming roads and clearing drains

£29- 1-8

1884

Sold during the year: 17 Beech, 25 Ash, 18 Spruce, 8 Larch, 82 Scots fir – for £39-3-4

1885

Sold during the year: 770 Larch, 120 Scots Fir, 5 Beech – for £409-17-10

1886

Sold during the year: 445 Larch, 845 Scots Fir, 12 ash, 4 Beech – for £471-1-6

And the cost of cutting off the root of the 3 lots sold in 1883 amounted to £67-11-0

Cutting other trees £25-7-0

The following trees were cut for estate purposes 11 Larch trees

The ground was cleared of brushwood by the villagers of Evanton very soon after the trees were cut.

There was a larger amount of the Larch trees royed than I anticipated fully one half being more or less affected.

1887

Sold during the year: 23 Larch trees, 130 Beech, 9 Oak, 3 scots Fir, 60 Spruce – for £65-7-6

And the following cut and carted to the sawmill: 32 small larch trees £3-4-0

Paid for cutting and crosscutting £6-8-6

1888

Sold during the year: 230 larch trees, 4 Fir Trees, 13 Beech trees, 8 Ash, 3 Elm, 3 Oak

£246-6-7

And cut for sawmill for making posts 38 small larch trees £3-16-0

Paid for cutting off root £3-7-3

1889

Sold during the year: 79 Larch trees, 145 Scots Fir, 46 Spruce, 39 Ash, 15 Oak, 18 Elm, 10 Beech – for £161-79-0

Paid for cutting off root £7-16-0

1890

Sold during the year: 1113 Larch trees = £425-0-5, 281 Scots Fir = £182-8-5, 36 Beech = £37-14-8

Paid for cutting £28-16-4

1891

Sold during the year: 174 Larch trees, 178 Scots Fir, 28 Ash, 104 Beech - for £271-7-11

Paid for cutting £12-2-0

1892

Sold during the year: 60 Larch trees, 50 Scots Fir, 2 Spruce, 81 Beech, 9 Elm, 20 Ash £93-0-4

Paid for cutting £6-3-2

Storms of 1893 & 1895

During this year the following trees were blown down by wind and were sold to Mr John Ross
Culcairn Mills: 919 Scots Fir Sleeper (?) trees, 146 Scots Fir Spar trees, 75 Spruce and sold for £260

Other sales of blown wood were: 74 Larch, 11 Beech, 569 Fir, 5 Larch, 48 Larch = £189-8-10

1894-5

Planted in Evanton Wood during the season:

82.000 Larch plants £61-10-0

34.000 Fir £20-14-0

22.400 Spruce £11-4-0

Cost of planting £27-15-0

Cost of draining

In April 1896 20 Larch trees were cut averaging 14' 8" £8-3-10

6 " (small yards) 4'8" £ 16-0

In May 1896 11 Larch trees were cut averaging 10'7" £3-4-2

In July 1896 8 ditto 22'7" £5-2-8

In August 1896 15 ditto 10'5" £3-2-6

In September 1896 14 ditto 14'6" £4-18-0

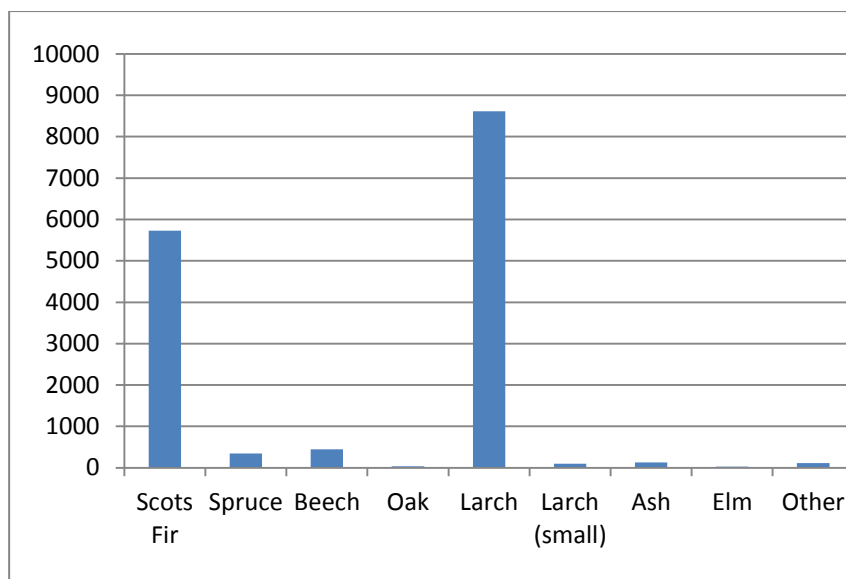
In November 1896 48 ditto 9'8" £14-8-0

41 Fir trees 12'2" £5-2-6

In January 1897 20 Larch trees were cut averaging 20'7" £11-13-4

In February 1897 100 ditto 14'7" £40-16-8

1882-1896



(Figure: Graph by AC 15.1.2014)

Some Notes from Novar Forest Plan Control Ledger

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1900

Aug Wire netting, killing rabbits & vermin £14-6-11

Aug Forster's salary £6-5-9

1901

April Spruce and other plants, planting & carting £104-2-4

1902

Jan Crosscutting £5-3-4

Feb Killing squirrels £0-6-4

1904

May Day labour planting 67.500 bet.Scotfir, Douglasfir & Pinus Montana £54-14-0

Sept Erecting noticeboards £0-13-0

Carting noticeboards to Blackrock £0-0-6

1905

Aug Repairing fences £5-19-0

September	Burning brush	£1-2-4
Oct	Day labour planting	£4-17-6
<u>1906</u>		
Feb	Cutting whins	£5-0-0
Apr	Insurance on growing timber	£0-7-0
Dec	43.100 plants transplanted	£19-1-6

Costs	£
1900	30
1901	606
1902	63
1903	20
1904	243
1905	40
1906	35

(Chart by AC 15.1.14)

Novar Woods – Summary of the provisions of the Working Plan and of its Execution

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1907-08

Evanton Wood:

Provisions of Working Plan

Cuttings: 20,000 Intermediate Cubic Feet

Results of Working Plan

Cuttings: 22,499 Intermediate Cubic Feet

Remarks: 'Cut to save natural regeneration'

(Transcribed from originals by Adrian Clark Jan .2014)