Forestry

• 3.6 million hectares of productive forest in NL
• Labrador...5.2 million hectares!
• 1 hectare = 10,000 sq. metres
• The NL railway opened up these forests for our use and changed the shape of our province.
Importance of the Forestry

- Establishment of sawmills
- Used for goods (weapons, snowshoes, toboggans, kayaks, etc.
- Medicinal purposes (roots, leaves and trees were used to make anti-inflammatories)
- Fuel, construction (boats, shelters, houses, wharves)
Changing Economic Patterns

• Shifted from subsistence to commercial (late 1800’s)
• Most produced for local use but some (white pine) were used for export (first Sawmill in Botwood)
• By 1901 (200 sawmills with 2400 workers)
Economic Results

• After 1910 the pulp and paper industry began to dominate the forest industry.
Grand-Falls

- Grand-Falls mill went into production (1909)
- Corner Brook mill (1925)
Pulp and Paper Initiatives

- Let’s open our books to page 310 and look at Graph 4.53 (Pulp and Paper Initiatives)
Forestry + Lifestyle (Culture)

• Loggers = tough life (p. 313)
• Stayed in the woods
• Dirty living conditions, low pay, poor food, long hours
• With the development of “Company Towns” this began to change.

Grand-Falls, Tilt Cove, Buchans, Hearts Content (cable not forest!)
Log Driving

- Log Driving
- Log Driver’s Waltz
GRAND-FALLS MILL CLOSURE

• In a dramatic (and traumatic for the town) turn of events, the Grand-Falls/Windsor paper mill ceased operations.
• In the dimensions of thinking activity on page 314, we will explore it in more depth.