

## **17. Reaffirm decision to join with Verigin Brothers May 1965**

Brother Lawrence had come hunting moose to Smithers the fall of 1964. Six of us from the CCCL Engineering office met him there and we hunted for three days, successfully felling three moose. Lawrence travelled to Prince Rupert after the hunt and stayed with us for a few days while we discussed the entire idea.

We agreed that we should carry out the plan as conceived and that I would leave Prince Rupert at the end of April 1965.

There were tempting diversions including the following:

**a. Potential "steal" to another company**

- i. Former General Manager (Stothert) at Prince Rupert established a Design / Build / Commission of Pulp Mills organization, Stothert & Associates
- ii. Former associate Engineers came to Castlegar to convince me to join their group
- iii. They were astounded that I was working as a Carpenter while we organized Verigin Industries Ltd
- iv. "We will pack you up with Marilyn and let us get you out of here!"
- v. I said "no, this is my choice, and this is where I will stay!"

**b. Other**

There were other job opportunities that were openly offered to me as we operated VIL. Many of those felt that I was working under my level of expertise. I politely thanked them and continued doing what I was doing.

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