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Update on Work Picture

Work on the Road – At this time we have 44 members working in Local 424 and a lot of them are apprentices and hoping for more calls. In Kitimat we have 34 members working and we should be getting more calls soon. Things are still slow in the mid west and may pick up later on this year.

Newfoundland – They may be hiring late summer or early fall and that should be for Long Harbour. It should be a year or two years worth of work. Lower Churchill Falls – that will be next year sometime. There is a new mine starting in Labrador City. Lots of work coming in Newfoundland.

Around home – Things are still slow and not much coming. We are getting a few members out for some short calls but there is some talk about the Sugar Extractor at the Pulp Mill. Sounds like it may be a go, if so, it should happen soon and there is a lot of work to it.

The Maritime Link- This has started; they are cutting the wood for it now. The power line will start in September; we are hoping to get some of the ground work from it. No word when the Building will start for the substation. Hope that it will be this year. I have talked to NSP They will more than likely have us do the substation because they do not have man power for it and that should be 40+ jobs for at least a year. There is a lot of talk in the Newspaper about Goldboro going to go. Announcements are to be made on March 24th, this is an eight Billion Dollar job.

Our Contract - You may already know that we were not able to settle on the new contract, so we will be posting a Notice soon for a special meeting to vote on the Contract and a Strike vote. We will be in a strike position at the first of July.

Business Managers meeting - We finally have a tentative date of May 13/2014 for a meeting with all of the Business Managers across Canada to meet for two days to talk about the Dispatch system and the disconnect within the IBEW; And of course a long debate about CLAC.

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