



# The Forester

## Payeur's Articulated Forwarder

**Landowners often refuse to let large equipment leave its mark on their property, and logging operators have found that the new and smaller machines now on the market are not only more efficient but also very practical.**

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For decades, the evolution of commercial logging equipment has been moving toward larger and more powerful woods machines. Motivated, in part, by the need to decrease labor needs, large machines came on the market which could perform a larger variety of chores, often with a single operator. And some of these machines are massive. But times have changed, as they frequently do.

I had the opportunity to travel into Quebec, Canada, and meet an enlightened logger who has taken advantage of this trend. Jean Claude

Boulangier hails from East Angus, Quebec—a small town outside of Sherbrooke. He is an experienced and woods-toughened logger who started out logging many years ago working with horses. Jean Claude graduated up through the ranks of woodsmen, using crawler tractors, then large skidders, and eventually feller-bunchers. Now Jean Claude has taken a big step in the other direction and employs logging units consisting of a rugged wheel tractor combined with a forwarding trailer.

The Boulangier crew consists of three brothers plus two of their sons.

At the time of our visit, they were operating in a large forest tract that had been severely high-graded in the past, and they were now removing some of the remaining low-grade material as pulpwood. Jean Claude and his crew operate somewhat differently from what some in the past



*Unloading pulpwood with stabilizers in place.*





