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The Imperative Problem of the Future Wood Supply of Canada
West Told From a New Angle.

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To the People of Western Canada:

This brochure talks of forests. Forests and the things they provide are as much the foundation of prosperity in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta as in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Most of us have thought that the prairie provinces had little to do with forests, but that is mostly because forests do not advertise.

You know your own town!

The buildings are made of wood. The trimmings and floors are wood. You kindle your morning fire with wood, you stand before a wooden dresser, open a wooden door, seat yourself on a wooden chair at a wooden table, read a newspaper made of spruce, balsam, poplar, scanning despatches that leaped across thousands of wooden poles, spend five minutes in the garden with a wood-handled rake, walk along a tree-shaded avenue to catch a half-wooden street car, enter an office lined and furnished with wood, take your place at a wooden desk and prepare to write with a wooden pen.

And yet you sometimes wonder what interest the Western town has in its native *wood crop*.

The Farmer and His Wooden Farm.

You are obliged to make a journey. The railway coaches are mostly wood, and run over wooden ties, past stations constructed mainly of timber. You leave the train, cross a wooden platform, and drive in a wooden democrat to a farmer's wooden home. Two hundred acres he has hemmed in with wooden fence posts procured at little expense from nearby woodlands. Great wooden barns that in due season will receive the harvested wheat! In the fields the wood-and-steel binders whip merrily into the standing grain. On the next concession a wooden threshing outfit is clattering northward. Secure from the weather, three plows, a hay rake or two, a grain wagon, a buggy and a spare wagon tongue are crowded