It may fairly be expected therefore that more intensive development of the country will lead to an increased per capita use of timber. Another influence for the increasing of the use of lumber in Australia, which lies largely in the hands of lumber producers and exporters of the Pacific Coast, is the development in Australia of the timbered and half-timbered type of construction so adapted to Australian climatic conditions.

The production of native woods is so near the peak that any increased use of

timber must be met by an extension of imports,