



A scene in woods operations of the 224th Canadian Forestry Battalion in the North of Scotland. The pine shown here is about 150 years old.

In Scotland with the Canadian Forestry Battalion

*A Running Description of Unique Conditions Encountered
by the Khaki Woodsmen from the Dominion*

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Perhaps one of the most interesting emergency committees arising out of the world war is that of "The Home-grown Timber Committee," which had its rise in the Department of Agriculture in the British House of Commons.

As the vastness of the war began to impress itself upon the minds of our statesmen, and the submarine tactics of Germany became a factor in the struggle, the Government was brought face to face with the problem of the

supply of the great quantities of timber products required to carry on operations in France. The submarines of Germany were causing trouble on the sea, and bottoms were fast becoming too scarce to permit of large lumber shipments. The American firms, while anxious for orders for lumber from our Governments, were not in a position to contract to lay the material down in Europe owing to the absence of an adequate American merchant marine. Norway and Sweden