

large, they may support a miserable family while the timber is being cut and then all there is to show for it is denuded land and a tumbled down cabin, while the effort to clear that particular place is sure to have done more or less damage by fire. The abandoned farms of New Hampshire, Connecticut and other States, show the futility of some of the colonization dreams. What forest is left in the State of New York is a good example of what causes the real destruction of forest land. There where the lumberman is undisturbed by settlements he is going over the same cuttings time and time again and will be indefinitely, and the forest lands are many times the value of the adjacent cleared lands not only to the individual who owns it but to the States, and this is so recognized by the latter.

Where forest land is destroyed the water courses are spoiled or ruined,