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An interesting lecture was given recently on the subject of Canada's forest wealth by Dr. J. S. Bates, Superintendent of the Forest Products Laboratories, before the Natural History Society, Montreal.

The forests of Canada, he explained, extend from the Pacific to the Atlantic. British Columbia had half the timber in the Dominion. Coming east one finds large forests on the northern side of the prairie provinces, while there are good forest lands in northern Ontario, extensive areas through Quebec, fairly well covered lands in New Brunswick, and rather limited ones in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It should be remembered, he said, that the amount of merchantable timber in Canada is only about one fifth to one fourth of what still remains in the United States and for this reason everything possible must be done to increase Canada's forest resources. Canada, however, still stands third among the nations of the world as regards her forest wealth. Russia comes first, the United States second and then Canada. It is estimated that about 60 per cent. of the land area of Canada is good for nothing else but the grow-



ing of trees, therefore the forest must be considered as a crop which can be made perpetual and immensely valuable by proper methods of handling.



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