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The concluding speech was delivered by USSR Minister of the Timber Industry M.L. Beryzja.

In monetary terms, the forest industrial sector within the Ministry's jurisdiction had fulfilled the industrial production plan for 1988 by 105.2 per cent, as against a projected figure of 102.7 per cent, notwithstanding the fact that new conditions of management were introduced at the beginning of the year. The plan for 1988 with respect to timber extraction and the production of pulp, paper (including newspaper), wood fibreboard, and consumer goods other than foodstuffs (including furniture, white paper products and wallpaper) had been fulfilled. Substantial increases over the 1987 level were achieved in all the most important indices.

In all, 217 million cubic metres of wood were extracted.
Production volumes were as follows:

commercial timber - 194.2 million cubic metres (representing a shortfall in production of almost 6 million cubic metres);

marketable pulp - 3,281,700 tonnes;