

mention may be made of two introduced species which were at one time in great favour.

A row of Lombardy poplars (*Populus dilatata*) was a frequent feature of the agricultural landscape of Ontario and the Eastern States, and although it is practically useless for any purpose, the stiff, military appearance of a row of such trees made a striking and not unpleasing feature of the landscape. The Lombardy poplar, as its name indicates, was introduced from Italy, through France, was strongly advocated by Joseph Jefferson, and was soon distributed through the Eastern States and Canada. One reason for the favour it found was that its tall spire-like form was supposed to be a protection from lightning to the buildings in the vicinity, although the belief in its usefulness for this purpose has gone the way of the faith in the lightning rod. The characteristic upward growth of the branches gives this tree an unfailingly individual appearance which makes it easily distinguishable. They never spread, and a row of these trees requires only a narrow space. The leaf is rather broader than long, and tapers toward both ends, the point being long and sharp.

Another introduced tree is the White Poplar or abele. It was frequently planted as an ornamental tree and its foliage, dark green and shining on the upper surface and cottony underneath, gave it a very attractive appearance. But its persistent and troublesome habit of spreading by suckers, and the shower of down which covered the ground when the seeds were falling, has caused it to fall into disfavour. The leaves are easily distinguished by their lobed shape, much resembling the leaves of the maple.

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The present season has not so far been marked by any great number of forest fires. In Cape Breton a fire occurred in the spring which threatened to assume serious proportions. During June, New Brunswick was visited with a fire that destroyed considerable timber, including some on Mr. Gibson's limits. It is reported that extensive fires have occurred on the Yukon River and on Prince of Wales Island. A recent fire has also taken place in the Temagami Reserve in Ontario, along the line of the Government Railway.