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THE FORESTS OF CANADA.¹

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The writer, who has had extensive opportunities during the last thirty years of becoming personally acquainted with the forests of the Dominion east of the Rocky Mountains, endeavoured to give an account of their extent, general characters, peculiarities, value, means of preservation, etc. Viewing the forests of the continent as a whole, only the northern portions come within the Dominion, a large part of which lies beyond the limit of trees of any kind. The central and eastern forest region of Canada and the United States presents the greatest variety of species. In the north,

¹ The above paper *in extenso* was contributed by the author to the Montreal meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in 1884, and was accidentally omitted from the volume of "Canadian Economics." Our abstract is somewhat fuller than that given by the authorized Report of the Association. We may mention that, at the late International Forestry Exhibition in Edinburgh, Dr. Bell was awarded a diploma for a large map showing the northern limits of some thirty species of timber trees.