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(By GEORGE CARRUTHERS, President Can. Pulp and Paper Ass'n., in Canadian Forest & Outdoors)

Canada, as we are all aware, is very large country, having a populaion of less than ten million, Our Forestry authoroities tell us that even consuming our wood much faster than it is being produced by our forthe population this country is capable of accomodating.

Obviously the time has come when we can no longer afford to temporize. The Canadian forestry problem has so seriously neglected and has now assumed such proportions that t requires the most urgent action of the whole Canadian people, if we are to avert, what in my opinion, would amount to a national catastrophe. We have a number of notable men

in Canada who have devoted the greater part of their lives to the scientific study of Forest conditions as they obtain in Canada and in other countries, and we have also many ractical foresters, who are more or less familiar with the problem from a scientific standpoint. We also have in Mr. Frank J. D. Barnjum an outstanding citizen, who has proved himself a veritable Moses in leading the Canadian people to a realization of their forestry responsibilities, and who in doing so has spent and is spending liberally of his own private neans. It seems deplorable that we have never fully availed ourselves of the knowledge and guidance of these men in forestry matters and that we have not given them the encouragement and support to which they are entitled. The Canadian Forestry Asociation has also done excellent serice. I am sure that every Canadian who is at all familiar with its activities, is justly proud of it. It is an Association which ranks among the first, if not the first, in teaching the Canadian people the importance of forests from an economic and from

national viewpoint. There are millions of trees growing in Canada to-day, it is safe to assert, which would not now be in existence if it were not for the good influence of this Association; trees ciation receives the co-operation and support which it justly deserves.

In passing, I would like to mention the official organ of this Association, with equal truth, that four times as the illustrated "Canadian Forest and much wood is being destroyed by fire, to suit Canadian conditions. I be-Outdoors." We have seen this mag-azine grow from very humble begin-our wood using industries. Some aunings, gradually improving, until to- thorities say ten times as much, but the loyal co-operation of the women of

ter which must be most welcome in rather than risk an over statement of of our most useful institutions, such the dwelling places of the humblest the facts in all cases. Such a brochure as the church, our educational syspioneers. At the same time it is a should state these facts, but should almagazine which is worthy of a place so give a pointed explanation of the largely due to the influence of our on the library tables of our foremost duty and responsibility of every citi- women. I know of one national inmen of affairs. It is this and similar zen in regard to fire protection. I stitution, which was at first operatliterature on which we must depend once arranged to enter a coal mine, ed by men with indifferent success finally to make the Canadian people Before descending I was relieved of until the co-operation of women was "Forest Conscious"—a consummation all the matches I possessed and was enlisted, and since that time it has devoutly to be wished.

venue returned from Canadian forests was a safety precaution. It seemed serious mistake to undertake promotis \$500,000,000 . It will be understood most reasonable. Should we not then ing a same Forestry policy of national that it is of the highest economical make it clear that it is equally rea- scope unless it provided for the coimportance to Canada that the basis sonable that every citizen should be operation of our women. Women's of this enormous volume of wealth deprived of the privilege of going inshall be maintained; and the only to the forest with matches, in the dry effective and most vital force in the way in which this can be done is to season, unless on urgent business. In world to-day. put into actual practice a rational view of the tremendous fire loss, forestry policy such as will at least which the nation annually sustains, trial conditions of the present time, forestry policy such as will at least which the nation annually sustains, ensure a continuance of the present is it right that any person should ex- it is regrettable that many people are volume of our wood supply. Great is pect such a privilege unless under the employed so intensively that their the need of such a policy, for finan-cial reasons, it is equally essential in order to ensure an abundance of the auspices of our Advisory Council,

they are at the present time and are ready to support such a policy.

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adian people with the actual and essential facts. Much has been spoken on the subject, and there is a lot of literature that contains an abundance of indisputable facts concerning the of a brief prepared under the auspices of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association for submission to the

Royal Commission on Pulpwood. It is a document which should be read by every Canadian who is interested in forests. It is dignified and in no way oversteps the facts, and I believe reflects great credit on the Canandian Pulp and Paper Association

who prepared it. space generously to arguments) favoring Reforestation and Forest Conservation. Unfortunately writers on these subjects sometimes contradict one another, and this brings confusion to the lay mind. I am, therefore, under the conviction that the practical way to deal with this pro- likely that its Federal grant would blem is to set up competent authorities, whose first duty shall be to deduce from existing literature, say, ten our public administrators, no matter or twelve of the most vital and indisputable facts concerning our precent precarious position. These facts the support of enlightened public opshould then be printed in pamphlet inion. If the public had shown a form and distributed broadcast, with really intelligent interest in forests, the authority of the various Provincial Governments, the approval of the for the appointment of a Royal Com-Federal Government, and backed by mission to ascertain the position that all the leading authorities on Forestry | Canada should take regarding the ex-

in Canada. Let us for a moment consider the any raw material which is needed by character of the facts which in my opinion should be incorporatel in such omically and basically unsound noa brochure. We have already known body will dispute. which stand as a living proof of the it to be a fact that we are consuming good work already accomplished, and and destroying more wood than is as a token of the greater work which actually being produced. You know mulating the sort of a forestry prothis is true. I know it is true. But gram I have outlined and to develop there are hundreds of thousands of a policy, based Canadians who do not know it, do not the plans which have been proved realize the significance. It is said, to be sound by the experience of other day it regularly contains leading mat- I would strongly favor under-stating Canada. We know that the success

informed that it is contrary to law to made wonderful progress. I believe, It is estimated that the annual re- take matches into a coal mine. It therefore, that it would be a most

cheap material for the construction of and receiving the approval of the auhomes and for the general support of thorities already mentioned, would occupation in the open air and suna wholesome form of civilization for serve as an authoritative foundation light and any Forestry policy which millions of Canadian citizens as yet by which all Canadian citizens could would permit of such an arrangement learn the true significance of the For- would be highly desirable. I know The establishments of a forestry ests to Canada. Copies of the brothat it has been worked out in a small policy, which would be at all com- chure should then be thoroughly dis- way by individual firms, and believe nensurate with the work to be done, tributed throughout the length and that it can be worked out in a larwill naturally involve the expenditure breadth of the country, so that every ger way, under a system of Provinof large sums of public money. It is public man, every school teacher, cial Forest administration. doubtful, therefore, if any govern-ment will be able to deal with it in and industrial Association, every Boy any adequate manner, until the Can- Scout, every Girl Guide, the officers of tion from our Foresters and Governadian people are very much better all public service clubs, every immi- ment authorities. The main thing at informed on Forestry matters than grant who comes into our country, they are at the present time and are should be presented with one of these pamphlets and urged to study it. I that we are clever enough both to I have every confidence in the am under the impression that the discourage, common sense and the ability tribution of this and other Forestry publications should be supervised and managed by the Canadian Forestry Association. Also the directing of gents and lecturers, whose functioned be to confer with the various would be to confer with the various country councils and to visit communities in woodland settlements. The fact that this Association is not conducted for profit, but purely for the purpose of advancing the interests of Forestry, entitles it to our complete confidence and gives it a unique position to enable it to do this work. In co-ordinating our forces we should give the Association, together with all professional and practical foresters, much greater moral and financial sufficient than they have hithouteness.

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