

A Small Town in the Wood Business

**Perth, Ontario, Sells Hardwood, Delivered,
at Eight Dollars a Cord and Makes a Profit.**

How an Ontario municipality, not afraid to tackle fuel difficulties along new lines, has brought to the doors of its citizens 1900 cords of wood this year, at a cost of \$8 per cord for hardwood and \$6 for softwood, and made a thousand dollars profit for the municipal treasury is told in the following letter from Mr. J. T. Conway, Chairman of the Fuel Committee of Perth, Ontario. Surely this highly successful enterprise by a live town government could be repeated again and again wherever woodlots are within easy reach.

"In reply to enquiry of July 10th, re how the Perth enterprise in wood fuel was worked out I would say that we were very successful. In fact we came out nearly one thousand dollars ahead, when we only wanted to come out even.

We first bought ten acres of hardwood bush about three or four miles from Perth for five hundred dollars. When cut we had forty-five cords to the acre. Then we bought one hundred acres for twelve hundred dollars, in mixed wood, and we will have about two thousand cords off it.

We engaged a foreman and had the men driven out to the bush every morning, as many objected to staying in the bush. For hardwood we paid for cutting \$2.50 per cord and for soft wood \$2.00, and the men made good money. We paid a foreman \$4.00 per day and expenses, but we found that we could get along without him by paying \$1.25 to the best man amongst the choppers to measure up the wood when cut and allot the work to the men. We put up in the bush a large tent with a stove and benches for the men to use when eating their dinner. Also an emery stone for them to use to sharpen their axes.

We paid \$2.00 per cord for drawing. The teams made two trips each, with

a cord and a half per trip, which made \$6.00 per day for drawing.

The Chief of Police of Perth took the orders and had it delivered at \$8.00 per cord for hardwood and \$6.00 for soft wood, with a limit of two loads to each party.

After sleighing was done the men continued cutting and now we have over four hundred cords of dry wood in the bush.

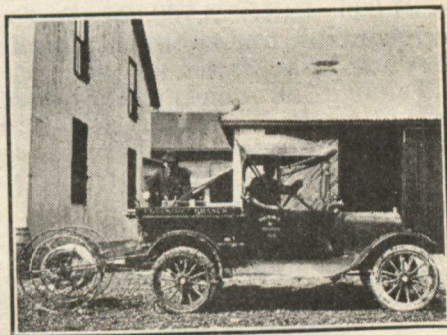
We have delivered altogether about fifteen hundred cords of wood from what we have brought in by train and from the bush, and the people of town have never been without fuel.

The great secret in keeping down the price of wood is in buying a bush near town. It is worth twice the price when a team can make two trips per day.

BUSH FIRES KILL HONEY CROP

The honey crop of the lower Fraser Valley will be one of the smallest on record, according to an apiarist at Cloverdale, B.C. Dry weather and smoke from the bush fires is given as the cause.

One of the largest producers in the Fraser Valley, who usually gathers around 200 pounds of honey per colony, says that the crop has ended so far as he is concerned.



An effective way of carrying a hose reel for a fire fighting pump. Used by the Ontario Forestry Branch at Cochrane, Ontario.