

Ugly Facts That Canadians Face

By Frank J. D. Barnjum.

It has been recently brought to my attention that some foreign buyers of Canadian wood, who are trying to camouflage their own operations, are making the statement that my efforts to conserve Canadian wood for Canadian industries is not an unselfish campaign, as an embargo on wood being shipped out of the country would materially increase the value of lands which they claim I own in the United States.

I do not own an acre of land in the United States or a dollar's worth of property of any nature in that country. Even my own relatives who have small land holdings in Maine have sold a large part of the stumpage on the same, leaving them with but a small supply of wood for their own mill, so that they are in the same boat with other pulp and paper manufacturers in the United States.

If I had any selfish motives I would not be advocating an embargo on fee land wood, as my holdings are all fee land in Nova Scotia, and if it is worth more to the settler and farmer to be free to ship his wood to the United States, the same argument would apply to my holdings as well.

I have become so thoroughly imbued with the critical situation that is facing this continent with regard to its wood and timber supply that I am withdrawing from business as rapidly as possible so as to be in a position to devote my whole time to what I consider is the most important problem facing Canada, namely, the conservation of her wood supply.

It has been frequently stated that the bud worm has passed over New Brunswick and departed, but from a recent cruise on quite a large area in that Province it was discovered that thirty-five per cent of the soft wood trees were defoliated by this pest the past summer.

An owner of some 250,000 acres of land in Maine advised me last week that after a careful cruise of his lands the investigators found the fir was all dead, and from 48 to 52 per cent of the spruce as well.

I have seen another recent report on a large area in Northern Maine which shows 64 per cent spruce and fir dead.

The whole situation looks very serious to me. It would seem as if man and insect were fighting for control of the earth as, without trees, human life could not exist.

Slash Threatens Destruction.

The time is approaching when we shall be forced, for the very preservation of our lives, to burn all logging slash and debris left in the woods. This slash has

been very aptly termed by Dr. J. M. as a breeding place for insect life which Swaine "the garbage of the forest." It threatens the destruction of our forests as just as much a menace to our tree growth the garbage of a city is to human life,

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