

Maine should rejoice over the formation of this new association and at the present renewed public spirit in behalf of forest preservation, the salvation of our rivers from floods and protection to the great wealth represented in our forests.

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With the beginning of 1908 the Canadian Forestry Association has inaugurated a series of newspaper bulletins, or short articles, the first of which has recently been sent to the newspapers throughout Canada. A number of favorable responses have already been received to the request for their publication. The bulletins will be printed in both English and French, and sent to the press at suitable intervals. It is the intention to make them brief and to the point, seldom, if ever, exceeding half a column in length. The articles will treat, among other topics, of Canada's forest areas; the consumption of timber; Canadian forest reserves, their purpose and extent; forest protection; forestry education and many other subjects.

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The difficulty in procuring railway ties is, of course, not so great in Canada as in the United States, but in one respect at least the scarcity that is sure to come might be anticipated. Railway companies all over the United States are planting millions of young trees from which ties will be made in future years. Some planting of this kind has been done in Canada, but it can hardly be said to have gone beyond the experimental stage. Except in the prairie country, tree-planting within the right of way would not be tolerated on account of the danger from fire, but there is not a railway in Canada which does not pass through rocky, swampy or "barren" land which could be acquired at a nominal price and planted with trees of the kinds best adapted for tie-making. What private individuals do not feel warranted in doing railway companies may well do as they do not need to consider the question of quick returns on the money invested, and though railway presidents and directors may come and go, the railways remain. The amount of money required would not be great and the growing trees could always be reckoned among the assets—would indeed be among the most valuable assets of a company, as they would increase in value every year.