

won't buy our furniture anywhere. So let us use government channels to develop the economy of the sector and eliminate the shortage of the commodities in greatest need.

It stands to reason that management and the trade union must work as a team, so as to solve these problems together. Above all else, I earnestly appeal to you to support our efforts in their entirety, for in the two months remaining until the end of the year it is necessary to increase (or at the very least, not decrease) timber extraction by two million cubic metres in comparison with last year. This will enable us to put our affairs in order. It won't do to carry over our debts into the new year, especially into the new Five-Year Plan.

Although, in my opinion the plan for 1990 will enable all of the enterprises to work in a stable and steadfast manner, people have developed the bad habit of laying the blame for blunders and misunderstandings in one's work on sub-contractors. An example of this is the railway workers. But take a good look at the figures: even though the railway workers undersupplied us with 283,000 railway cars in the current year, 150,000 cars were lost by the loggers and woodworkers through their own fault.

Today, we at the Ministry are occupied with deciding on many central questions, such as, for example, the formation of a machine-building arm for the timber industry, the organization of joint ventures with foreign companies, improvements to managerial structures. Already, 32 plants of the Ministry of the Automobile Industry have been transferred to us and we are pressing for the transfer of the Altaisk and Onega tractor plants. There is an urgent need to begin producing wheeled