

## Our Coal Bill Affected by Timber Shortage

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*How Canada's Coal Prices are being added to by Pennsylvania's Scarcity of Mine Timber is interestingly told in the following from the Philadelphia North American.*

"One of the most serious problems confronting the anthracite operators is the difficulty in securing sufficient timber to properly ensure the safety of the miners. This is especially true of the heavier timber needed for gangway purposes, and at the present time operations have been temporarily halted on account of the inability of timber contractors to meet the ever increasing demands upon them.

Virtually all of the mountains in the anthracite fields have been stripped of their virgin timber and in many places the young growth has been cut to meet the demand. Owners of the few remaining virgin tracts are demanding fabulous prices. The cost of mine timber has been steadily climbing for the last several months, and while the coal companies have indicated their willingness to pay the prices demanded, they have been unable to get the needed supply. Shipments of heavy gangway, slope and shaft timber from the far south have been greatly curtailed since the freight congestion early in the current year. In many instances timber shipped from Georgia and consigned to the mines has been commandeered by the government for use in the shipyards.

Contractors throughout central Pennsylvania are cutting every available stick of timber. Roadsides once sheltered by giant oaks have been stripped of that protection. Whole rows of big trees that once gave beauty to the farm lands have been cut down and sent to the mines. Small tracts held by estates have been disposed of at unprecedented prices."

### HONOR FOR COL. GRAVES

Col. Henry Graves, Forester of the United States Forest Service, has been elected Honorary Member of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society of Edinburgh, Scotland, in recognition of his eminent services to forestry.

The Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society was founded in 1854 and shares with the Royal English Arboricultural Society the leadership in forestry matters not only in Great Britain but to a large extent throughout the British Empire. Its list of 1,500 active members includes the names of a large number of professional foresters in the British Colonies and possessions, all over the world, but the Society has less than thirty honorary members, of whom about half are distinguished foreign scientists and administrators, mainly European.

The Society, in addition to the publication of its transactions and the consideration of papers at its regular meetings, makes an annual excursion for field study. It also offers annual prizes and medals for essays on practical subjects and for inventions connected with appliances used in forestry. Such awards have been granted continuously since 1855.

This distinction is shared by Colonel Graves with only one other citizen of the United States, Dr. C. S. Sargent, who was elected an Honorary Member in 1889.

### "WOODMAN SPARE THAT TREE"

According to "The Little Journal," published by Arthur D. Little, Limited, Cambridge, Mass., only about one third of a long leaf pine tree is used as merchandise, two-thirds being destroyed or discarded as waste.