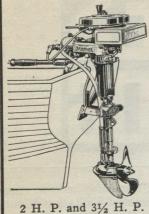
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Deciduous and Evergreen Forests

Those who lament the disappearance of the primeval forests of the older parts of Ontario probably have specially in mind the deciduous trees, which shed their leaves in autumn and renew them in spring. These were nearly everywhere interspersed more or less thickly with evergreens, such as the spruces, balsams, and hemlocks, and in many localities the evergreens predominated. Pines and hemlocks were cut up into lumber in local sawmills, while the deciduous trees were got rid of by the aid of fire. The Canadian white pine, economically the most valuable lumberproducing tree in the world, has become practically extinct in the older settlements, and is becoming very scarce in the Laurentian region that was once its natural home.

The removal of the white pine, either by the lumberman or by fire, leaves room for an extensive and rapid growth of young deciduous trees that are of no great economic value; birches, poplars, basswoods, maples, and others. Unless these spaces are reseeded with white pine, there will be no new valuable crop of timber, and the denuded spaces will remain what they are now: the "waste lands" of the Crown domain.

In this connection arises the question of utilizing these same waste lands for ranching purposes. Assuming that the ranching of beef cattle would be a good use to put such lands to, then it is worth while to recall to mind that while cattle are fond of browsing on the leaves and twigs of the young deciduous trees, they have no inclination to