

us. It is estimated in Sweden that between 15 to 20 years are required to get a re-cut of 11 or 12 inches on the stump. From observation and experience I am of the opinion that from the sapling to the 12 inch spruce tree it will be about 30 years. The average growth of pine from the sapling in propitious ground would be about 2 feet high for each year. A 12 inch pine would be at least 40 feet high.

I noticed in the Northern part of Sweden, farm after farm, consisting of only 4 acres or there about of good land under cultivation, the balance of the farm was entirely in forest trees. These farmers supplement their agricultural products by the profits which they make out of forest culture, in fact, one might say that the greater part of a Swedish farm in this section of the country is a wood or timber farm, and the natives pay as much attention to the culture of the forest as our people do to their farms. If this practice had been followed by the colons in the Province of Quebec, where similar circumstances exist, they would have a large forest on the farm, instead of a desolate, burnt-up and valueless piece of ground with hills completely denuded of soil.

This forest farm would be a constant source of revenue to the farmer and we would retain our population. The abandoned farm as we know it now would be a thing of the past and a source of wealth to the Province. Now it is an eyesore and a reflection on the system which produces it.

As a consequence of this forest culture, in all my travels in Sweden I never saw a house which was uninhabited, however isolated it may have been in the forest. I found the houses inhabited by a seemingly comfortable family.