

Canada's Commanding Position.

European students of forestry, who have been forced by the condition of affairs on that continent to carefully study the question of wood supplies, have sounded a note of alarm as to the future. M. Mélard, one of the leading foresters in France, says:—

"At the present moment the forestry situation in the civilised world can be summed up in these words: The consumption of wood is greater than the normal production of the accessible forests. There is in this production a deficit which is for the moment supplied by the destruction of the forests."

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"If Sweden, Finland, and Canada should supply the importations of all the countries requiring manufacturing wood, their normal production would not suffice, and their forest capital would soon be dissipated."

Dr. Schlich, a leading English authority says:—

"The great standby for coniferous timber will be Canada, provided her Government does not lose time in introducing a rational management of her forests."

Sir Dietrich Brandis, the father of the present system of forestry in British India, says:—

"I cannot sufficiently urge upon you Canadians the necessity of concentrating all your energies upon one point, and that is the constitution of as large an area of State Forests as possible, to enable Canada to supply permanently the greater portion of the coniferous timber now imported into Great Britain."

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"Prices will rise steadily, and it is for you in Canada now to seize this opportunity, and to lay the foundation for a magnificent future development of your wealth."