

Canadian Resources Help Build a Strong and Prosperous U.S.A.

Can we be equally satisfied with the progress we are making on domestic fronts? The particular question I would like to deal with today is: Are we making the most effective use of our bountiful natural resources in North America? Is everything you are doing here in the United States and we are doing in Canada designed to serve most effectively our needs and those of other friendly nations? Are we keeping the long-term good of North America and of other free countries constantly before us, or are we apt to overlook it on occasion under the pressure of current events?

That Canada is a treasure house of a great variety of natural resources of high quality which can be developed at low cost and sold abroad at competitive prices is well known. Our country has a population of just over 15 million. As such we comprise about two-thirds of one per cent of the world's population. But we produce more newsprint, nickel, asbestos and platinum than any other nation. Canada is second in the world's output of hydro-electric power, pulp, aluminum, gold, zinc, uranium, magnesium and titanium, and third in the production of silver, cadmium, cobalt and sawn lumber.

Canadian resources supplement the resources of the United States in many ways. Here are a few examples:

4 newspaper pages out of every 5 printed in the United States were originally part of a Canadian tree; that means enough newsprint is exported to the United States every day to provide a strip of paper five feet wide that would encircle the globe four times at the equator;

Nine out of ten of your cars coming off factory assembly lines with shiny nickel-plated trimmings are likely to have used Canadian nickel;

Our exports to the U.S. of iron ore which are now running at two million tons per annum may rise, as present plans materialize, to some 30 million tons, sufficient to meet one-quarter of the requirements of American steel industry working at full capacity; this means Canadian iron ore could contribute each year to the production of enough steel to produce thirty large diameter (30") natural gas pipe lines connecting New York with Los Angeles;

Canada supplied the United States with enough lumber last year to build some 200,000 homes.

Our country is one of the two chief suppliers of uranium without which the United States would not have been able to make the dramatic progress which she has made in the atomic energy field.

These are some of the highlights and I could mention many other examples in the field of mining and forestry, agriculture and fishing of the part played by Canadian resources in making the United States a stronger and more prosperous country. Since Canadians are low-cost producers