

regard for forestry; and fresh tracks of bear had been found on the trail just outside camp.

What is more pleasant than an evening in camp, especially on a lake full of fine pike? When too late for fishing there is always a vacant place for you at the camp fire. The pipes are lighted, good yarns are following each other, and for hours you sit there listening, till suddenly you find yourself alone. Throwing a piece of wood on the dying fire you manage in the upflaming light to look at your watch. Midnight! All the fellows in bed. And with lingering steps you go to follow their example. From the lake there comes the weird cry of the loon and back in the forest the wolves are howling.

Much more could be said about a forester's interesting work and his pleasures; about rainy days and millions of mosquitos. But what true woodsman would mind the latter when he knows that they are the evils of the early summer and that better days are coming?

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There are farmers in every section of the older provinces who regret their lack of foresight in the early days of settlement, when trees were cut down heedlessly and indiscriminately on their lands and burnt on the spot or sold as cordwood in the neighbouring towns leaving them, as many are to-day, with little or nothing to occupy them in the winter season, and without shelter for their live stock at a time when pasture in the old days was still accessible for weeks longer on the approach of cold weather than it has been of later years.

The influence of the forests of Canada upon the streams and lakes has long been a problem with our people. The floods at Montreal have cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars besides interfering with business and affecting the health of the citizens. It has been well known for years that the almost sudden down-pour of water and cakes of ice in the spring, as compared with early days, was due to the denudation of the forests in the upper reaches which prevented the too rapid thawing of the ice and snows on the inland lakes and streams, the feeders of our great rivers.

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