

autumn when its leaves change to blood-red, golden-yellow, brown and many other colors its appearance is magnificent. The wood of the Rock Maple is white when freshly cut, but becomes slightly reddish with exposure. The grain is fine, close, silky and very pretty, especially in the accidental, though common varieties, known as Curled Maple or Bird's Eye Maple. Maple is adapted for all the purposes that Beech is, but the more beautifully grained wood is much sought after by cabinet-makers and others desiring a light wood of attractive appearance for finishing purposes. The Bird's Eye Maple makes excellent violin backs. The ordinary Maple is now sawn into various dimensions for builders' uses, and its popularity is on the increase. As a fuel Rock Maple is superior to all other woods; it makes the best charcoal, and its ashes are rich in alkali.

The Rock Maple is also known as the "Sugar" Maple, because of the richness of its sap in the saccharine principle. Maple Sugar is a regular article of commerce, the quantity produced in New Brunswick annually being about half a million pounds. It is made from the sap of the Maple which begins to flow in the month of March. Syrup made from the sap is preferred to the finest grade of West India molasses.

There are two species of Elm in New Brunswick, the white and the red. Both are beautiful shade trees. The White Elm often grows to the height of one hundred feet, its branches are long and pendulous, its foliage rich and pleasing in shape. It grows wild on the low, deep soiled intervals, and the quantity available for commercial uses is limited. The wood is strong, tenacious and elastic, does not split easily and bears the driving of bolts and nails better than any other wood. It is durable if kept either constantly wet or constantly dry, but decays rapidly when these conditions alternate. It is used in making ships' blocks, and for other purposes in which wood of its peculiar properties is required.

The Red Elm does not grow to as great a size as the White Elm. Its wood possesses the same properties as