

Government is said to have sufficient material for the immediate future. The factories, naturally wishing to operate at a profit, and with as little trouble as possible, are demanding material which is the easiest to handle, i.e., long and large clear lengths. They are disinclined and in fact refuse to accept, short lengths which could be laminated in various ways and would be stronger and lighter than solid beams. They will not accept material which contains small knots or other minor defects, although some of the buying specifications allow them, and although careful tests show that such material could be used with perfect safety. To sum up the situation briefly, the factories, and therefore the purchasing agents, act as though all they had to do was to demand the kind of spruce that is easiest to use regardless of the available supply, the amount wasted in cutting up, or the way in which the trees grow. There is not proper co-ordination between the producing and the consuming ends of the business.

*Grow Trees Especially for Aeroplanes.*

Everyone who stops to think, knows that the spruce, whether eastern or western, did not grow in ten years nor in one hundred. The supply available is known very closely. We shall want aeroplanes just as much or more after the war is over, and it is only common sense and good business to use our supplies with the greatest care possible to avoid waste and still turn out perfect machines.

By proper spacing in planting and care to preserve the proper density of stand, we shall be able to plant spruce especially for aeroplane stock and ensure a supply for the future, but there should be no delay in commencing.

The United States Navy are utilizing eastern spruce and are not only obtaining enough for their own requirements but are supplying the British War Mission. They are well organized and are handling the thing in a business-like way and "man-fashion" and an arrangement has been entered into by which they will extend their operations in Canada and get what they can in the east, supplying what is needed to the Imperial Government. This has been arrived at by the closest co-operation between the Imperial Munitions Board, The British War Mission and the United States Navy, and will do away with competition and useless duplication of effort and overhead charges

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*"Forest Conservation in Canada," says the Forestry sub-committee of the British Reconstruction Committee, "is an Imperial Question of the first magnitude which deserves immediate attention."*