

Frank Barnjum Puts Up "For Sale" Notice

Discouraged by Lack of Support
Pulpwood Embargo Proposal.

Montreal.—It is already apparent from press comments and private conversations that Frank J. D. Barnjum's letter on the forest problem of Canada has aroused more attention than any previous contribution he has made on the subject. Mr. Barnjum has admitted frankly that the campaign for the pulpwood embargo has been a failure; that he has been wasting time and money fighting for it and he intends to retire from the fight. He says, "I offer all his properties in Canada for sale and 'Join the trek to another country.'" Since writing his letter, Mr. Barnjum has actually sold his properties for sale. These include pulp mills, timber lands, rivers, motor boats and other property in Nova Scotia.

It is learned, though, that this is not Mr. Barnjum's last word. The pulpwood embargo is shortly to be ordered-in-council he intends to remain in Canada and continue as a leader for forest protection.

His letter, which has been extensively published, Mr. Barnjum asks the following striking questions: Do the people know that an aerial survey of the territory north of the Lawrence and east of the Saguenay revealed the astounding fact that the whole territory is seventy-five per cent. burnt?

Do the people know that in the space of Quebec alone, between six and seven million acres were burned during the single season of 1923. That of three million acres as announced by the government of that province (which is, God knows, sufficiently appalling) and that despite perfectly colossal shrinkage in standing supply, exports of raw wood go on unchecked?

Do the people know that the very existence of the great pulp and paper industry is threatened, not only by the premature exhaustion of raw material supply, but through competition brought about by furnishing of cheap raw material to competitors in the United States?

Do the people know that there is Canadian mills have been reduced to idling at 80 per cent. or less of capacity. American mills, owing their existence entirely to imported Canadian wood, are running 100 per cent. and upwards?

Do the people know that there is a pulp company in Canada that is not any profits—many being actually in the hands of a receiver—or the paper companies, if they were paying off adequate amounts for depletion and depletion of their timber limits through insects, fungi, fire, and cutting, would be running at a loss?

Do the people know that pulpwood imported to the United States cost the Americans only \$9.77 per cord, while wood used by Canadian mills cost Canadian manufacturers \$13.30 per cord? (These figures are both from the report of the Minister of Trade and Commerce.)

Do the people know that a cord of dried wood leaves in Canada a ton to the extent of \$50 to \$60?

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