## Quebec Alive to Forest Problems

A strong and definite pronouncement on the forest policy of Ouebec was given by Honorable Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands ond Forests, at the luncheon of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association

at Montreal, January 27th.

There is no doubt that the time has come to make a good start in the reforestation of our timberlands," said Mr. Mercier. "We have over seven million acres of waste lands belonging to private individuals and to the Government. We intend to begin this important work very soon, and we expect that the private forest owners will not hesitate to do their share. Next Spring, we shall enlarge the nursery at Berthierville, so as to bring its capacity to at least ten million trees per annum. We hope to be able to plant in this province every year at least a tree for every one that will be cut, so as to improve our forest wealth and remedy the losses suffered in the past by fires, bad lumbering, poor settlement and other causes. Legislation will also be introduced to encourage individual effort. I am glad to have the opportunity of commending the work done by such companies as the Laurentide Company, which maintains a large nursery near Grand Mere and has experimented extensively in various plantations. We hope that others will follow suit, as this problem requires the co-operation of everyone."

The Minister sounded a note of warning to companies which pollute the running waters by allowing mill waste to run Into rivers without first being treated to neutralize harmful ingredients. "This is a matter of major importance to the community. Pure water is one of the Creator's best gifts to man. Private interests, even those of great industrial undertakings of vast acknowledged benefit to the province, cannot be allowed to pollute public waters, endanger human and animal life and destroy our wealth of fish.

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