

reproduction. The condition in which the land was left after cutting would also be a factor in the exchange value. The land suitable for agriculture would be opened for settlement, the idea being to make every acre of land sustain either trees or people.

"The eyes of the nation as never before are focused on the lumbermen. There are no bigger, more broad-minded or patriotic men in any in-

dustry than are to be found in the lumber fraternity. Let us have the breadth of vision to go forward and give the country an example worthy of a mighty industry which seeks to maintain itself, not for its own sake alone, but for the country's as well. The lumber industry is the one of the few basic industries which has within itself the possibilities of perpetuation. Let us grasp them—NOW."

Forests of South May Last 25 Years

Charles S. Keith, president of the Southern Pine Association, recently made the statement before the Federal Trade Commission that the South is denuding its yellow pine forests at the rate of one and a half million acres annually, and further that not a foot of timber is being grown to replace that cut from the virgin forests. Mr. Keith based his principal contention for an advance in lumber prices on the South's rapid inroads on the nation's supply of timber. To the average lumberman, Mr. Keith's further unchallenged statement carries deep significance: **That within the next twenty-five years the South will become an insignificant factor in lumber production.** The high water mark he placed at 1911. Mr. Keith's utterances are deserving

of consideration in the formulation of a definite national policy to insure our future timber supply.

As Mr. Keith has so forcibly pointed out, the supply of timber in the South alone is diminishing at the rate of one and a half million acres a year, and reforestation is not even considered on private lands as an element in production.

Canada's White Pine

In view of the foregoing statement, it is pertinent for Canadians to inquire how long the white pine forests of Canada will last when they are called upon to take up the burden of the vanished Southern Pine? Could the entire white pine possessions of Canada last under such circumstances, five years?

Wooden Fences and Yard Improvement

In the efforts towards improvement of back yard conditions in the City of Toronto, much emphasis is given to the riddance of unsightly back fences and the old-fashioned laneways. A member of the Forestry Association in submitting the accompanying photographs made the following comment:

"It is hardly necessary to draw attention to the fact that there is a very serious waste of lumber. Not only is there this waste of lumber, there is also a loss in productiveness, and a condition detrimental to the best sanitary state of affairs, and in addition there is a considerable loss

in community development. The smaller picture shows the junction of four back yards with wire fences. When shrubs and plants are in full bloom, the backs of these houses appear like one large garden and the neighbors vie with each other in their maintainance and productiveness.

"Can something be done to prevent the enormous waste of lumber in this way? Incidentally if open fences were adopted the fuel situation in many communities would be greatly relieved by the use of the old fences."