

New Mills, New Jobs, if Forests Stay Green

New Brunswick has been termed the "Province of Comfortable Homes," and the lumber industry has formed a very large and important part in the development of the province since the early days of settlement. In the latter part of the eighteenth and first part of the nineteenth century the cutting of white pine for ship timbers was the main industry, a considerable trade having been worked up with Great Britain. With the passing of the ship building industry the cutting of spruce deals for the English market was the main industry. During the past few decades a considerable trade has been maintained with the United States, and other manufactured products, such as shingles, lath, etc., have been shipped, in addition to all sizes of dimension lumber. Lately balsam fir and hemlock have become commercially valuable.

The development of the pulp and paper industry has during the past few years increased the value and importance of New Brunswick timber. There are now five pulp mills manufacturing pulp within the province. The advent of this great industry has materially increased the forest payroll and has made possible the development of more water power than would otherwise have been possible. At present the investigation into the value and accessibility of the vast stands of hardwood by several large concerns would indicate that new industries for the manufacture of hardwoods may be expected in the near future. In fact, everything points towards a considerable enlargement in the forest industries rather than a curtailment. Such is possible in view of the vast forest resources containing many different commercial species within the province which may be kept in a productive state by regulated methods of cutting, but which may be rendered unproductive by Forest Fires. The increased development in the industry during the past few years has been possible because of the curtailment of forest fires so destructive in the early days. Further precaution is necessary so that destruction of the forest by fire may be totally eliminated, thus increasing the amount of raw material available.

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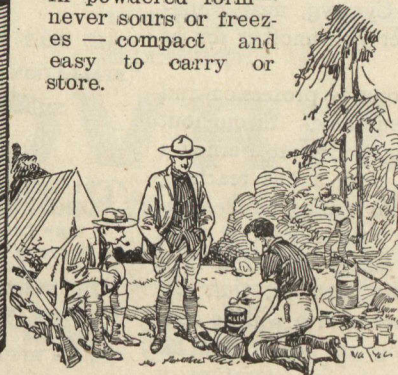
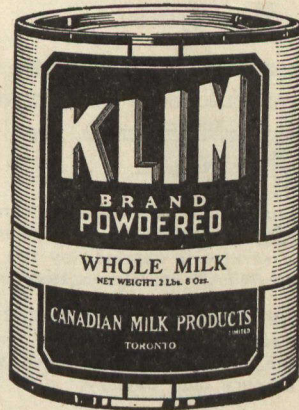
"Thus began the memorable war (the French and Italian war) which, kindling among the forests of America, scattered its fires over the kingdoms of Europe and the sultry empire of the Great Mogul; the war made glorious by the heroic death of Wolfe, the victories of Frederic, and the exploits of Clive; the war which controlled the destinies of America, and was the first in the chain of events which led

on to her Revolution with all its vast and undeveloped consequences. On the old battleground of Europe, the contest bore the same familiar features of violence and terror which had marked the strife of former generations,—fields ploughed by the cannon ball, and walls shattered by the exploding mine, sacked towns and blazing suburbs, the lamentations of women, and the license of a maddened soldiery. But

in America, war assumed a new and striking aspect. A wilderness was its sublime arena. Army met army under the shadows of primeval woods, then cannon resounded over wastes unknown to civilized man. And before the hostile powers could join in battle, endless forests must be traversed and morasses passed, and every where the axe of the pioneer must hew a path for the bayonet of the soldier." —Francis Parkman, "Conspiracy of Pontiac."

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