

that district, made the following observations following the discussion by the Cochrane Board of Trade of the Canadian Forestry Association's proposals:

From Any Angle.

"Take it from any angle you will, forest fires are a tremendous waste and waste in any shape or form is always sinful. There is no intention to prevent the settler from clearing and burning every stick of timber on his homestead, if he feels thus inclined, but when that settler sets fire to his slash carelessly and consequently destroys and lays waste the country for miles and miles around him, wasting in our days what it took nature half a century to produce, destroying his neighbors' property and endangering their lives, that man is culpable and should be dealt with accordingly. What would become of our rivers, streams and lakes were we to denude the land here of all its timber growth.

That the burning of settlers' slash can be done judiciously we have ample proof in our neighboring province, where strict laws of forest protection are enforced and the clearing there is going ahead at a perhaps greater ratio than in our own province."

Paper Shirts for Soldiers

It is said the paper shirts made in Japan are now being served out to Russian soldiers for use in the cold and wet weather. A number of these paper shirts were used by the Russians last winter and they proved to be much warmer and cheaper than ordinary shirts. The paper is made from the bark of the paper mulberry tree. Shirts of this kind have been used by the Japanese army and people for many years, their only drawback being that they cannot be washed.

One Year's Pencils

The world's production of lead pencils probably amounts to nearly two million a year, half of which are made from American grown cedar. Owing to the growing scarcity of red cedar and to the fact that many other trees now little used appear to be more or less valuable substitutes for that wood in pencil making, the U. S. Forest Service has carried out a series of tests which show that next to the two species heretofore used for the purpose the best trees are in order of merit, Rocky Mountain Red cedar, Redwood, Port Orford cedar, and Alligator juniper.

Merchantable Timber

(From Mr. G. C. Piche's report in Quebec Statistical Year Book.):

Provinces.	Millions of acres
Nova Scotia	5
New Brunswick	9
Quebec	130
Ontario	70
British Columbia	100
Manitoba
Saskatchewan	100
Alberta
Total	414

Bushmen's Battalion

A report states that permission has been granted to lumbermen now attached to overseas battalions of the 2nd Divisional Area to be transferred to the 224th Foresters' Battalion of Ottawa.

The Battalion will mobilize at Quebec early in April and will be ready for the transports within five weeks from the time the war office asked for it. The officers in command are Lt.-Col. Alex. McDougall, Major Gerald White, M.P., and Major B. R. Hepburn, M.P.