

WOOD, and the CHESTNUT are hardly now in sufficient abundance to make them economically important, and, as already indicated, their range in Canada is very circumscribed. The BUTTONWOOD grows most luxuriantly on the banks of rivers, in deep, moist soil. BLACK WALNUT has become scarce, and threatens soon to become virtually extinct. It is now chiefly found with us on the tributaries of the River St. Clair. BUTTERNUT and WHITE OAK have about a similar range in Eastern and Western Ontario, and though not now of very large size, are in fair abundance, especially in the Western Peninsula; but in the Province of Quebec they are comparatively scarce, White Oak becoming a rare tree in the St. Lawrence Valley towards Quebec, though found inland. Butternut is said to be absent on Bay of Fundy coast. BASSWOOD is on the whole plentiful in the country lying south of a line, drawn from the Bay of Fundy to Thunder Bay. In Southern Manitoba it is also a well-known tree. In Western Canada it enters somewhat largely into the commoner classes of furniture. Even as far north as the Manitoulin Islands it is frequent, and is there a large tree, sometimes attaining two feet in diameter. A small outlying number of these trees, as well as maples, around Lake St. John, would seem to indicate a milder climate there than the high latitude of the lake would suggest. RED OAK is entirely absent from the whole north shore of Lake Superior, excepting, curiously, Michipicoten Island. It is a common, though not now a very large tree, throughout Ontario, occurring as far north as Lake Temiscamingue at the head-waters of the Ottawa; and in the Province of Quebec ranges down the St. Lawrence Valley towards the neighbourhood of Quebec. YELLOW BIRCH appears to be a more familiar tree in this valley than around the great lakes. In Gaspé square timber two feet across is made from it. WHITE BIRCH, on the other hand, is a more northern tree, occurring everywhere far north, and in considerable abundance—even at Moose Factory, on Hudson Bay, being large enough for canoes.

WHITE ASH is fairly common from the neighborhood of Montreal West to the Georgian Bay District and Manitoulin Is-