

hardwood type, 50 million acres to the central southern Laurentian type, and 46 million acres to the Northern Forest. Not quite 25 million acres are disposed of to private owners. From the assessment lists we learn, that of these, 14 million acres are cleared, of which 12.4 millions are in the peninsula, Lake Ontario and in St. Lawrence Valley, and 1.7 million in the Southern Laurentian plateau. The woodlots on these farms are assessed at 5.5 million acres, nearly 2 million acres are reported as slash, and 2.8 million as swamp and waste (2.4, 2, and 1 million of the latter respectively in the three sections).

Applying a general experience figure for waste land incapable of recuperation, we would come to the conclusion that 85 million acres or two-thirds of the Province will always remain in woods except so far as it may be turned into grazing lands.

Mr. Whitson of the Crown Lands Department, one of the best informed men on these matters, places the figure as at best 70 million acres productive forest area, and the stand of pine outside of licensed lands (12.5 million acres are licensed and were some time ago estimated to contain 24 billion feet, the annual cut being around 800 million feet) and of forest reserves (10 million acres) at 10 billion feet B. M., and the pulpwood at 288 million cords. He also states that of the Jack Pine not 10 per cent. is fit even for railroad ties.

For Quebec the distribution of land areas may be made as follows: Of the 218 million acres (342,000 square miles) around 144 million acres belong to the Northern Forest, 50 million, the same amount as for Ontario, to the southern Laurentian; the St. Lawrence valley with 5 million acres represents mostly farm area, and the balance of 19 million acres may be accredited to the Acadian region. There are about 9 million acres in farms, of which 7.5 million are in crops, and 1.5 million is waste land, hence the total forest and waste land area is over 210 million acres. An estimate by Langelier, Superintendent of Forest Rangers, places the standing lumber of the White and Red Pine at less than 40 billion feet, and spruce sawlogs at over 100 billion, all other saw material (including Jack Pine!) at about 18 billion feet, or altogether less than 160 billion feet.

The Maritime Provinces with somewhat over 57,000 square miles, together with the Eastern townships of Quebec, south of