

The grain of Black Birch is very fine, close and pretty; it takes a bright polish and is used to some extent in furniture and the interior finish of houses. It is practically indestructible under water, and therefore is admirably adapted for piles and wharves. These birches grow upon the best of soils and the supply in the Province is yet very great, although, in many districts, the larger trees, suitable for heavy timber, have been cut. The birch makes excellent fuel.

White Birch and Paper or Canoe Birch, though sometimes confounded are really different varieties. Owing to the vast supply of superior wood these birches are not much used except for the manufacture of show cases, spools, bobbins, brush backs, &c. It is from the bark of the Paper Birch that Indians make their canoes.

Two varieties of Beech grow in New Brunswick, the red and the white. The Red Beech is a valuable wood. It is imperishable when kept perfectly dry or constantly wet. Being a hard wood and susceptible of a high polish it makes excellent tool handles, shoe lasts, mallets and the like. For agricultural implements or any purpose where strength and durability are required, Red Beech is admirably adapted. It makes excellent flooring and is annually becoming more popular for this purpose. Red Beech forms a considerable part of large forests and is becoming an important article of export. This tree produces very palatable nuts every second year.

One of the most useful, beautiful and common trees in New Brunswick is the Maple. There are several varieties of Maple, but in general they may be described as lofty, well shaped trees, with beautiful foliage; they are of quick growth and as they bear transplanting very well are greatly esteemed as shade trees, especially as they do not injure the grass growing beneath them. Their presence in the forest indicates the best quality of soil.

Rock Maple is the king of the deciduous trees of North American forests; sometimes it grows nearly one hundred feet in height with corresponding proportions. In summer when clothed in green it is beautiful to look upon, and in