

These roads will be carrying the timber of British Columbia to the millions of square miles of our interior where no timber grows and where the greatest grain fields of the world are fast settling up and calling for lumber. Although our forests are large, many of us will see their depletion, not many years hence.

THE MERCHANTABLE WOODS

Douglas Fir



FIR is the most plentiful wood in the South Western part of our Province. Douglas or Yellow Fir grows to a great size and height, some trees being 12 feet in diameter and 175 feet to the first limb; but the average and the most cheaply logged areas are those that are covered by timber which runs from three to five feet on the stump and from 75 to 150 feet to first limb. These trees, if they hold their size evenly, cut enormous quantities of lumber and I have seen many trees in a day's travel that would cut 25,000 feet of merchantable timber. Fir has great strength and is specially valuable for structural purposes. It is used largely in ship building, bridge work, wharves and railway cars. For many years we have been shipping to the Eastern Coast spars for their largest ships. In fact, fir is used wherever great strength and length is required. Here we use it both for inside and outside work. It finishes and stains well and has a grain almost equal to oak.