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Ontario has abundance of pulp spruce, and it stretches northward almost to where the Mackenzie River flows into the Arctic Ocean. On the Pacific coast along the mountainous bays of British Columbia the spruce grows more abundant as exploration is pushed northward. The Douglas fir, although partaking more of the nature of balsam than spruce, is a good pulp wood, and the trees, towering 250 feet in the air, and measuring from 30 to 50 feet in circumference at the ground, have made the timber of the coast famous. In northern Ontario pulp spruce is the most abundant forest growth, and the surveyors, although charged specially with the duty of discovering and estimating the pine, feel obliged to make constant mention of the more abundant timber. Of 150 reports examined the greater number refer to the surprising extent and value of the spruce growth, although the primary object of the reports was to discover the location and value of the pine preserves of the province. The largest spruce trees of this district measure about seven feet in circumference. The references to the abundance of spruce are the more significant, as they were made before it was known to be the best wood for the production of paper pulp. In Quebec the early reports of surveyors also testify to the abundance of spruce, although at the time they were made it was regarded as an inferior forest product. This forest growth, which modern science has made so serviceable to man, is abundant around James Bay and extends northward on both sides of Hudson Bay, receding a few miles from the coast, and reaching almost to the shores of Hudson Strait on the east and the Arctic channels on the west. The great peninsula of Labrador, a thousand miles long and about the same in width, larger in extent than Great Britain, France, and Germany combined, although abundantly wooded, is but a small part of our pulp spruce area. In New Brunswick there is also abundance of this important raw material, and several pulp mills are in operation, their total capacity being about 140 tons per day. Successive reports of geological surveys show that this tree, the most abundant in the province, has the faculty of reproducing itself, without any forestal supervision, where it has been removed by fire or other destructive agencies. In Nova Scotia there are four or five large pulp mills in operation, and the development of the industry was comparatively early in that province. The climate is moist and exceptionally favorable to the growth of spruce, which is still abundant and apparently capable of meeting all demands within the measurable future.

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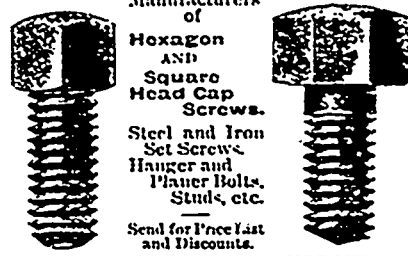
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