

The Part You Should Play!

If the prairie provinces are going to have the timber that they will require in the future for the buildings of the towns and villages and for the supplying of wood using industries, it is necessary to begin considering *immediately* where the supply is to come from and where it is to be located. If there is no local supply of lumber there will be nothing to regulate the cost and almost any price may be charged by the importer. The time to make sure that the future prices and supply of lumber will be kept under control is now. A crop of trees cannot be grown in one year like a crop of wheat, and it is necessary to decide a long time ahead what particular piece of land is going to be kept for producing timber. Fortunately timber will grow where nothing else will and the decision as to the lands on which the timber crops should be grown should be easy if it is once realized that the timber crop is essential and that a fair proportion of the land must be used for that purpose.



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Scores of islands and points are covered with spruce pulpwood. There is evidence that formerly much greater areas were similarly covered... A great fire some fifty years ago swept away the forest. The land, composed of rocks, is now covered by a growth inferior. Taken at Little Shell Lake, Churchill River Basin.

Your Decision—Then Your Action.

The thing to do is to decide now and set apart the lands required for growing timber, and to provide for protection, good management and reforestation where necessary. For proper protection of the valuable public property in forests men who are well qualified and reliable should be selected and the inefficiency and carelessness of officials should not be allowed to waste the public wealth.

If you conclude that as a business matter this is one well deserving of your attention in the interests of the present and the future of the community you can best assure the carrying out of such a policy by laying your views before the authorities which are concerned with forest administration or before the representatives for your district.