

builders, and for other mechanical purposes; and for fuel it is very extensively used. The land whereon the Black Birch is found, is generally of a good description, and much esteemed for agricultural purposes.

YELLOW BIRCH — Is very plentiful in various parts of the Province — indeed, as much so as the Black Birch. It grows to a height of sixty and sometimes seventy feet, and about four feet in diameter. This wood is close in grain, and as much used by ship-builders, carriage-makers, and others, as the Black Birch; and like it too, is prepared and shipped in baulks, for sale in the various European timber markets, and extensively used by the people in the Province for fuel.

WHITE BIRCH. — This tree is to be found in abundance in every section of the Province. It usually attains an altitude of sixty feet, and two feet in diameter. The wood is generally used for fuel. The Indians, or aborigines of the Province, use it for making baskets, tubs, and pails, while they make use of the bark for sheathing the shells of their canoes, and, in many instances, for covering their camps, or the rude tenements in which they live. From the White and Grey Birch the best charcoal is principally made.

'GREY BIRCH. — The Grey Birch, a wood generally used for the planking of coasting and inland vessels, and for fuel, is to be found in large quantities in various sections of the Province, but more particularly in the vicinity of the St. John, — the largest river in the Province, navigable for vessels of light draught a distance of 140 miles from its mouth, and for beauty of scenery allowed to be unsurpassed by any other on the Continent of America. Its growth, as regards both height and diameter, in many cases exceeds that of the White Birch. The bark of the Grey Birch, like that of the White, is much used in the manufacture of canoes. It may be well to observe here, that these canoes are used by the Indians in navigating the rivers and shallow streams; they are long, narrow, light, and fragile in appearance, extremely buoyant, and, when guided by a skillful hand, capable of being propelled with great rapidity. One of these fragile barks was presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, when visiting the sister Province in August, 1860.