

Forest Conditions and Needs in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

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The great plains of Canada, stretching over half a continent, which have been kept in reserve by the omnipotent hand, that the present generation might have them for a possession and an inheritance for their children's children, have their gates wide open through which thousands are yearly entering, studding the prairie with their homes, and the products of whose fields are adding to the upbuilding of the nation.

And great provision is being made by the governments to improve and open up this country, so that its development might go on unhindered and its resources remain unimpaired. Railroads have been built, canals and ditches dug, turning swamps into fertile fields, roads and bridges constructed and many other undertakings carried out for promoting its welfare.

But while so much is being done by government expenditure to develop the bountiful resources of nature and to promote the prosperity and advancement of the country, the people themselves seem strangely lacking in an appreciation of the necessity of an intelligent co-operation, without which parliamentary enactments are of little avail. I refer more particularly to the woods and forests, the conservation of whose resources can only be maintained by the power and will of the people; nor can these resources, once wasted, be wholly restored by any efforts of the Government. It there-