

We are of course, doing whatever is within our power. In order that the short-length pulpwood derived from the cross-cutting of wood in the lower landing can be converted into lumber, a building has been erected and lathes acquired. We expect to obtain the initial output by the end of the year. Even so, this will not salvage the situation. What is needed is a sawmilling shop, if only for the conversion of 50,000 cubic metres of raw material.

Indeed, we have more than enough raw material. In addition to the cross-cutting wastes, there is also the possibility of including in the economic turnover both the wood of broad-leaved species which is not usually rafted and forms mountainous accumulations in the lower landing, and small-diameter wood. For all this lies around for years, becomes soaking wet and rots. Try and tell the workers that there is not enough wood for the economy! They are more likely to heed the bonfires, in which every year it is not only the wastes from cross-cutting that are burned, but even finished produce and boxes made from good quality wood. Many thousands of roubles are lost in this way. The Aslanovo Department of Workers' Supply alone posts an annual loss of 25 to 30 thousand roubles worth of destroyed packing material. And all this is legitimized by the "special conditions attaching to the supplying of consumer goods to the regions of the Extreme North and other regions subject to pre-term delivery". Efforts to have the packing material returned for reuse are to no avail and it continues to "litter up the street".

The situation is no better with respect to such an "essential timber saving resource" as waste paper, the requirement for which, according to the Concept, "is to be almost tripled and brought up to 8