

had a run-off of 95 per cent of the precipitation, experienced a run-off in April (per square mile) of less than one-third of that from the forested catchment areas, and in June the flow from the non-forested area had ceased altogether."

This has been the universal accompaniment of deforestation in Ontario and elsewhere. For the Ontario farmer this last consideration is of great practical importance. The question of preserving or renewing forests on a large scale is not for him. That is a State affair. But the denuding of local hillsides and watersheds can yet, in many sections, be stayed, or, if denuded, they may, without excessive labor and expense, be replanted, and the evils of wholesale removal of the forest, to some extent, mitigated.

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The Secretary has received several requests for copies of the First Annual Report of the Canadian Forestry Association, which it has been impossible to comply with, as the supply has been exhausted. If any members of the Association or others have spare copies the Secretary will be glad to be informed. No charge has been made for any of the reports of the Association when issued, but no doubt those who are anxious to obtain copies of the first issue would be prepared to do so even if it should be necessary to make some return to the present holders.

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There has been considerable excitement in Toronto recently in regard to the removal of shade trees from the streets. Whether the agitation is well directed or not may be a question, for sometimes the removal or replacing of trees is a necessity, considering it only from the point of view of the trees themselves. The form of butchery which passes for improvement in some civic administrations, and which is perpetrated by persons without even a rudimentary idea of proper cutting or pruning of trees, cannot, however, be too severely condemned, and there is great room for improvement in this respect in Canadian cities and towns.