

now working west through Ontario, as well as along the north shore of the St. Lawrence and in the Lake St. John district, and is doing a vast amount of damage in these sections.

Some writers have advocated that we should take a census of our timber supplies, but we already know, without any further information, for all practical purposes, just what the situation really is. All we need is to take the figures we now have and use a little intelligence.

The United States is cutting more than half of the entire amount of timber that is consumed in the whole world, and is using 95 per cent of this at home.

In the United States to-day there remain only 137,000,000 acres of virgin timber, quite a proportion of which is in inaccessible locations and is of indifferent quality. The cut-over and partly burned land amounts to some 250,000,000 acres, making a total of only 387,000,000 acres of forested and partly denuded land.

The loss by fire alone in the United States during the past five years amounts to over 56,000,000 acres, or more than 11,000,000 acres per year. This is from fire alone, to which must be added the depletion from cutting, wind, and insects, which means at least an additional annual shrinkage of 15,000,000 acres, or a total destruction in the United States of not less than 26,000,000 acres per annum.

With regard to the loss from wind, the United States, in just one storm last January, lost from this cause some 7,000,000,000 feet of timber, equal to 14,000,000 cords. In addition to the damage by these gales, we have the continuous loss that is going on all the time in the woods from wind which, if it amounts to only

three trees per acre, more than offsets any annual growth, and the harder our lands are cut, the greater this loss from wind will be.

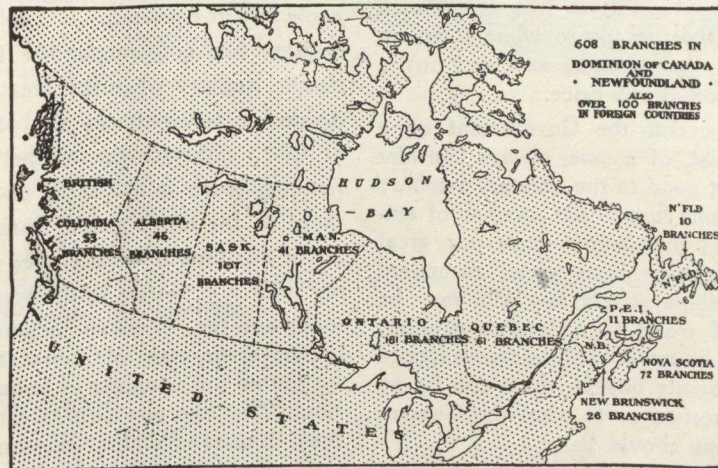
Canada Must Face Facts.

The situation in Canada is equally alarming, for while our annual cut is very much less than in the United States, our standing supply is also very much smaller, and our destruction from fire, wind, and bugs is proportionately larger. As a matter of fact, the entire supply remaining in Canada to-day would not last the United States over six and one-half years. In British Columbia alone 665,000,000,000 feet of timber have been burned, while on the Transcontinental

Railroad between La Tuque and Cochran 20,000,000 cords have been destroyed by fire as against considerably less than 1,000,000 cords which have been cut and hauled out on the same railroad. This shows the enormous waste as compared with the amount that is actually cut.

When we consider all the above facts, it is ridiculous for any one to suggest that some hardship might accrue to the farmer if he were to be deprived of an open market for his pulp wood in the United States. All I can say to this is that every day the farmer allows his wood to stand and grow he is making money very much faster than he possibly can by cutting it now, as it is increasing faster in value than

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