

tries must decline for the same reason, and the curse of barrenness must bring its sure blight upon the land as it has done in Spain and Mesopotamia and as it is now doing in great tracts of United States territory.

No matter what the momentary advantage may be to the relatively few whose interests are in favor of exporting wood, we have no right to bring ruin to our children and desolation to our land, for that is what the indiscriminate destruction of the forest means. No one who frankly studies the history of the forests of other lands can fail to realize that, from the material point of view, the forestry question is the question of life and death to this future Dominion. What Canadian worthy of the name would bequeath a wilderness to his children in order that he might live out his own little day with a few extra dollars?