

## Canada's Storehouse of Paper-making Woods

It has been estimated that there are 500,000,000 acres of forest land in Canada, about half of which is covered with merchantable timber. On this there should remain, deducting the amount declared, according to estimate at 3,000 board feet per acre, a total of 3,279 billion feet. Owing to destructive fires this has been lessened considerably. Just exactly how much pulpwood is available it is impossible to state. A statement put out under governmental authority in 1915, estimated Canada's supply of pulpwood at 1,033,370,000 cords. A more recent estimate made by the Commission of Conservation gives the total pulpwood resources of Canada at the present time as 901,000,000 cords of coniferous pulpwood species, and adds that there are also large amounts of poplar and jackpine in all the provinces which are, to an extent, used in the manufacture of some papers.

### Situation in Eastern Canada.

A study of the pulpwood situation in Eastern Canada by the Commission of Conservation gives a total estimate of actually available spruce and balsam in Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, roughly speaking, 306,000,000 cords, with a possible addition of 38,000,000 cords in Ontario with the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. Accessible and inaccessible, the Commission places the supply of spruce and balsam in the Eastern Provinces at 501,000,000 cords.

The Commission's estimate includes roughly 100,000,000 cords in Ontario, 18 per cent of which are privately held; 155,000,000 cords in Quebec, 14 per cent private; 26,000,000 cords in New Brunswick, 46 per cent private; and 25,000,000 cords in Nova Scotia, practically all private. The annual consumption and pulpwood exports of spruce and balsam from these four provinces is between five and six million cords.

British Columbia is estimated to contain 92,000,000 acres of absolute forest land, of which 33,000,000 acres contain merchantable timber, about half of which has been damaged by fire. There are estimated to be 225,000,000 cords of pulpwood in the Pacific Coast province. Exploitation in this province has only begun, but already British Columbia ranks as third producer in the nation's pulp and paper industry, and very extensive developments in the near future are quite assured.

The total unexploited pulpwood resources of the Prairie Provinces are estimated to account for 85,000,000 cords. Great areas of young forest growth exists on lands previously burned, and these should in time considerably supplement the present pulpwood supplies.



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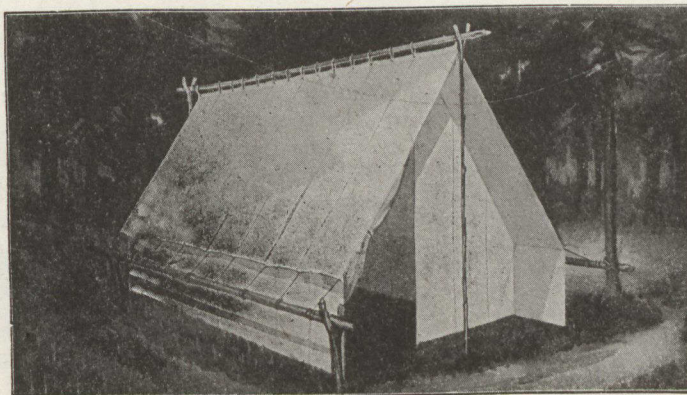
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