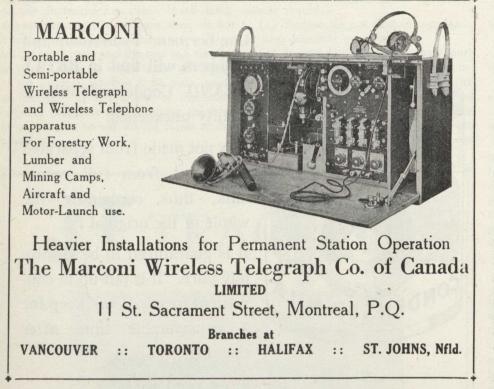
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and acknowledged facts, and then every one, whether he be an expert or a layman, can figure out whether we need any further information before we come to a realization of the alarming condition that is facing us with regard to the future of our wood supply.

In the first place, the word TIMBER is a misnomer as applied to our wood growth east of the Rockies to-day; for our timber is practically a thing of the past, and we are down now largely to a pulp wood proposition.

The Story of Maine.

Take the State of Maine, for instance. A few years ago this was called the Pine Tree State, while to-day the pine is gone. It next became the great spruce lumber producer. To-day the saw mills of the mighty Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers are little more than a memory; while here in Nova Scotia it is very difficult to fill an order for lumber calling for even 5 per cent of 12-inch stock.

In addition to the loss from cutting, fire, and wind, very few are yet fully aware of the tremendous loss we have suffered the past three or four years through the spruce bud worm and its resultant pests or followers. It is perfectly safe to state that Maine has lost through dead and still dying timber 50 per cent of her spruce and fir stand. The same figure will apply to New Brunswick. The loss in Quebec has been set by competent authorities at 75,000,000 cords. Nova Scotia has practically escaped this pest. Owing to the small amount of fir or balsam in that Province, it has been unable to gain a foothold here. This scourge, having swept over the eastern country, is

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