

recent years, of summer droughts is no doubt due to the like cause, and such changes developed over a larger area of the great valley of the St. Lawrence will reduce the productivity of the farms and will especially damage the dairy and cattle raising industries which now form the mainstay of the province's agricultural population. The bare possibility of such a wholesale impoverishment of the resources of the province is appalling, and the people of Quebec may well ask themselves:—'Are the few dollars derived now from the sale of pulpwood any compensation for the destruction of resources so vital to the future well-being of the land?' Has the present generation any right to sell away for such paltry consideration that which is necessary for the very existence of their children? Have we any right to bequeath an inheritance of poverty where nature has given the opportunity for profitable industry and the increased comfort of a numerous people? The French-Canadian with his love of children and his strong family affections will be the last man on earth to calmly contemplate such a future for his people, but the indiscriminate wiping out of the forest for the mere purpose of selling pulpwood, without the creation of a pulp and paper industry, and without regard to the effect on climate, rainfall and water-powers, is national suicide. It is, therefore, the duty of every Canadian who would make his country more prosperous and powerful to see that the forest is so scientifically treated that it will be a perpetual blessing, so that it may shelter and maintain the millions of posterity as it sheltered and nourished the little band of pioneers who first made their homes on the banks of the St. Lawrence.