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THE LAST DAYS OF WINTER IN AN ONTARIO SUGAR BUSH

The wooded land on individual farms throughout Ontario and Quebec is fast being depleted of its timber value. The ready market awaiting all kinds of timber and especially hardwoods has been a sore temptation for many to sacrifice the forest wealth of their farms. The merciless thinning that has been carried on has exposed the remaining trees to unnatural conditions with the result that many have passed their prime and are now fit only for the axe. Pasturing by cattle, also, has worked untold damage in destroying smaller growth and in tramping the soil, thereby materially affecting the larger stand. The farm woodlot, as specially if it be a sugar bush, merits more rational treatment than it has received in recent years. The illustration was taken on the farm of Mr. Cunningham, Huron Co., Ont.

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