

Splendid Work by Forest Corps

The following letter, speaking in the highest terms of the work which has been done by the Canadian Forestry Corps, has been received by Sir Edward Kemp, overseas Minister of Militia, from Lord Derby, and forwarded by him to Sir Robert Borden:

"Dear Sir Edward:

"I am writing this letter to let you know, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, how warmly they appreciate the splendid work done by the Canadian Forestry Corps in connection with the urgent demand which was received early in February last for some 40,000 tons of timber to be sent to the front. This was an unexpected demand, and it was requested that delivery should be completed not later than the 31st March. Shipment was commenced from the 10th February and the whole order was completed on the 20th March, eleven days ahead of the specified time.

Worked 90 Hours Per Week.

"I am informed that this satisfactory result is mainly to be attributed to the energy put into the work of production by the Canadian Forestry Corps, who supplied no less than 34,000 tons of the total. When the corps understood that it was an order of urgency, and that the material was required for the front, many of the companies voluntarily worked long hours without any extra pay, some of them doing as much as 90 hours per week. They were at work during the whole of the Easter holidays, so that had any further demand been made at that time it would have been possible to deal with it.

"It is, as you are no doubt aware, largely due to the operations of the units of this corps in France that we have, with the exception of sudden and unforeseen demands such as the present one, practically stopped the shipment of British-grown

timber to France, thus saving cross-Channel tonnage; while we are also able to save the shipment of foreign timber by having the production of the corps in England to meet the various national demands.

"Feel Real Gratitude."

"I hope that the Canadian Forestry Corps will realize the real gratitude which we feel for their admirable work and for the spirit which they have shown throughout, in sparing no exertions whenever an opportunity has been afforded them of assisting the fighting men at the front.

"Yours sincerely,

"(sgd.) DERBY.

GERMANY'S PRICE LIST

The Berliner Boersen-Zeitung states that the prices of all sorts of lumber have risen to astounding heights. Latterly the requirements of the army on the eastern front have considerably diminished but orders from the railway car factories have greatly increased. The most serious factor is the scarcity rather than the high price level. Indeed it is a serious problem how the flying machine factories may be kept supplied with sufficient wood. Material for these factories is so scarce that none of the wood which is usually discarded in the sawing is now thrown away. Concerns which do not belong to the flying machine syndicate have to pay at least \$156 per M at the station in East Prussia; concerns which belong to the syndicate pay \$125 per M, i.e., the price fixed by the war office.

Ash is also very scarce and the price is as high as \$226 per M of round wood; although this figure is the fixed official price for sawed ash it does not even represent the average level of prices paid for "free" ash.

Alder costs \$113 per M, when it is obtainable at all. Basswood is very much in demand.