

men, a fair living may be made by the occupant; gradually this market vanishes and the soil becomes worked out; the surface wears away, the rocks are exposed, and the people are left destitute and miserable.

#### *The Farming Population.*

There is still another reason for the prosecution of the survey and that lies in the fact that a portion of the population of this region occupies farms unfit for sustaining civilized conditions. Not only have many farms been abandoned by the removal of their occupants to more hopeful conditions, but a considerable number that ought to be abandoned remain occupied by those who

lack the means and energy to move, thus forming a poverty-stricken community. A far-reaching policy for the management of this region must include a plan for the removal of this degenerating population.

The problem presented by this region requires the formulation of a broad and far-reaching scheme of development and recuperation. The water-flow should be safe-guarded, and industries should be developed to utilize such small resources as are left, and to contribute freight to the canal, thus assuring a better future for this area than can be anticipated under the present policy of indifference and neglect."

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## *British Columbia Forest Club*

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At a Club meeting and dinner held recently in the Blue Room of Hotel Vancouver, Mr. O. P. M. Goss, consulting engineer of the West Coast Lumber and Shingle Association, Seattle, delivered a most interesting address on the uses of creosoted fir lumber. About thirty members of the Club were present, Mr. R. D. Craig, vice-president, occupying the chair. The after discussion proved profitable, Mr. Aird Flavelle bringing out some new points by judicious questioning.

The annual meeting of the Club was held in Vancouver on April 6th, when the following officers were elected for 1916-7: President, W. J. VanDusen, Forest Branch, Victoria; vice-president, R. L. Morse, Howe Sound Timber Company, Limited, Vancouver; programme secretary, Dr. Judson F. Clark, Vancouver; secretary-treasurer, John Gilmour, Forest Branch, Victoria; executive, M. D. Rector, International Timber Company, Limited, Vancouver; A. D. Flavelle, Thurston-Flavelle Lum-

ber Company, Limited, Port Moody; R. D. Craig, Commission of Conservation, Vancouver.

An effort is to be made to increase the usefulness of the Club by arranging for more frequent addresses by men who are prominent in the various departments of the lumber industry. In line with this intention a hurried meeting was called for Monday evening, April 17th, at the Terminal City Club, Vancouver, to hear Mr. J. A. Newlin, of the United States Forest Service, who in the afternoon addressed the members of the British Columbia Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers, Limited, on the proposed scientific grading rules for Douglas fir, now being widely discussed by the manufacturers of Washington and Oregon. Later in the season the Club will be addressed by the chief of the testing department of the United States Forest Laboratory at Madison, Wis., on the subject of the strength of Western timbers, and by W. D. Starbird, of Portland, Ore., on "Log and Lumber Flumes."