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Stripping Our Forests Bare

(Frank J. D. Barnjum)

There is a law to control the dispensers of narcotics, while dope through propaganda goes un molested. Here are two samples of sleeping potions that are being dispensed to the public by our Government: Sample number 1: "If all the lands in Canada which is better suited for growing timber than for any other purpose were under intensive forest management on a sustained yield basis it would furnish enough timber and forest products annually in perpetuity to supply the needs of a much larger population than we have at present with a sufficient surplus for profitable exportation."

"There is reason to believe that in time the loss due to forest fires will be practically eliminated once the public realizes the necessity of precaution, as ninety per cent of forest fires are due to human carelessness. Scientific methods of controlling insects and fungus damage are being rapidly developed and in time the depletion will consist almost entirely of material cut for use."

The very argument used by the Government, namely, that 90 per cent of all forest fire are due to human carelessness, is in itself convincing proof that forest fires in our north country, where we are dealing with uncontrolled thousands of pulpwood peelers, prospectors, miners, trappers, fisherman and others with their cigarette stubs and camp and clearing fires cannot be eliminated.

While the government panacea for eliminating fire losses stop short at mere talk it is to be noted that in a practical sense we are increasing the fire hazard every time we cut down a tree and leave the dry tops and branches in the woods to serve as tinder for the first cigarette stub, lighted match or flash of lightning to start another conflagration. We are annually creating at least seven million acres of this dry fire-kindling slash from cutting operations alone, not to mention the other millions of acres, of dead, diseased, insect killed and blown down trees. In view of these facts, the utter impossibility of eliminating forest fires becomes perfectly apparent and in this connection I want to repeat the warning that "in the first dry year we are bound to experience forest fires that will make the tragedies of Porcupine, Iroquois Falls and Hall's Bay of a few years ago look like mere camp fires."

With regard to the control of insects that the Government treats so lightly—this has been an age-old combat dating back to early Egyptian history. Scientists tell us that it is an open question whether man or insect will win the final battle, with the odds in favour of insects. As most of us can possibly hope for with all the aid that science can contribute, it is barely hold our own. As to their "elimination" surely no one would think of suggesting such other than as a joke. Ask the farmer, who has to spray his orchard two and three times every year, year in and year out; ask the man who has ever raised a field of potatoes, or in fact any other crop.

Another Governmental sleeping potion is contained in the recent announcement that an inventory of our forest resources is shortly to be undertaken. Shades of my esteemed erstwhile friend, the Royal Pulpwood Commission, peace to its ashes and the dust that rest on its long forgotten report together with the vouchers for the \$75,000.00 attached thereto. The joker in this latest "dope" is that by the time the inventory is completed the forests will all but have disappeared. What Canada needs today is not more forest inventories but action. The authorities now have all the information they need in the many reports in their possession. When it begins to be realized by the people that the ever increasing floods and wind storms, with their terrible toll in human life and enormous financial loss, are the direct results of stripping our country bare of trees and that the erratic and rapid changes in our climatic conditions are the result of the work of man in upsetting Nature's entire equilibrium, some drastic action will be taken.

Just to prove to the people that we do not need any more information and that immediate action is imperative, I will quote a few statistics from one of the Government's optimistic reports which confirm my con-

temptation. The report from which I shall here quote is entitled "Forestry in Canada" (Prepared in collaboration with the Forest Service, Department of the Interior) and is dated 1928. "Total stands of softwoods of all kinds, 1,942,561,350 cords." "The forests on about two-thirds of our forest area are either too small or too expensive to be operated profitably." In other words, only one-third of the above stand is available, namely, 648,000,000 cords. "The annual consumption of standing timber for use amounts to about 29,000,000 cords." "The destruction occasioned by the spruce budworm averages 13,450,000 cords per annum besides the injury from bark beetles and other insects." "While the attacks of fungi are more insidious, the loss caused by the various forms of rot and other funests caused by insects under normal conditions."

"The average amount of timber destroyed by fire annually is estimated as equivalent to 4,105,690,000 ft. board measure, (8 million cords). In addition there were 891,254 acres of young growth and 500,944 acres of cut-over land burned over, on which the increment of perhaps 30 years, on the average was destroyed."

If we only estimate the 851,254 acres of young growth destroyed by fire at 2 cords per acre it represents 1,782,508 cords. Merely adding together the quantity utilized and that destroyed by fire it shows an annual depletion of 39,000,000 cords, without figuring the large loss suffered through insects and disease. This is accepting all Government figures at their face value (which is impossible both as to the stand and the depletion) and is also entirely ignoring the most serious factor that from a climatic standpoint we are already over-denuded of forest growth.

When a billion cords are mentioned few realize just what it means. It is not a billion minutes since Christ was on earth; in other words, if anyone had begun measuring up cords of wood at the rate of a cord a minute, 24 hours a day for nine-hundred years, it would not amount to a billion cords.

No one has yet been able to show me where all this wood, represented by Government figures is, and I have explored Canada from Labrador to Vancouver, and from the St. Lawrence to the waters of James' Bay. The unavailability of wood is, of course, too remote and too scattered ever to become commercially available and in any event it will be wiped out by fire and disease before it can be reached. A large proportion of even the available wood is diseased and unusable. Wind storms alone with their enormous increase in number and violence now account for an amount of destruction equal at least to the gross annual growth.

We have for more than one hundred years been cutting into the sound trees, leaving the diseased and deformed growth to propagate their species. Consequently a large percentage of our present stand cannot, as I said before, be utilized on account of its diseased condition. I have too high an opinion of the good sense of the Prime Minister to believe for a moment that he will consent to the waste of any more time or any more of the people's money in further futile efforts to increase our wood supply through the means of pencil and paper. These figures have already been revamped and exaggerated beyond all reason. As the forests have been growing less; the more we cut, burn and otherwise destroy, the more we have left.

What we are counting and cutting in our eastern forests today are not trees but mere poles. When we need a real tree now, we are obliged to rail or water freight it three thousand miles and the end of even these is drawing near. Large timber has become such a curiosity that in the case of a recent shipment from the Pacific Coast they stopped a freight train at various points in the United States in order to allow the school children to see it as it passed through.

Even in my day a pine tree stood on land I owned in Maine that measured seven feet in diameter and when I remonstrated with my woodman for having had this cut down during my absence, and told him that I intended having a tablet placed on its trunk so that future generations of school children might see a monument to the forests of the past, he simply laughed at me and I can imagine that his mental reservation might have been the "poor nut." Today they are even glad to show the school children sticks of timber that have been hauled, as I said before, 3,000 miles and so sceptres pass.

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TWO MEDALISTS FROM ST. LOUIS—Miss Bertha May Knox and Miss Frances Kenny, have been respectively declared winners of the gold and silver medals awarded by the Lord Strathcona trust for physical training at Prince of Wales College. The examinations were held on the 14th, and 15th of this month by Captain Campbell, District Cadet Officer. Both young ladies are from St. Louis.

ST. JAMES CHURCH—Empire Day was patriotically emphasized at St. James Church yesterday, when the Minister, Rev. W. Bruce Muir preached forceful sermons both morning and evening and the hymns chosen were of a patriotic strain, and sung with expression and sweetness by the Choir under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. A. Lawson, with Mr. Walter McNutt at the organ. At the morning service Mr. Raoul Raymond was never more pleasingly heard than in his rendition of the solo, Land of Hope and Glory. During the offertory the choir sang as an anthem the Recessional, with Mr. C. J. Gallagher as soloist.

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