

TIMBER SUPPLY OF THE UNITED STATES

What Will Be And What Been Done With It—Work Of American Forestry Association

The total wooded area in the United States is estimated at 1,094,514 square miles, or about 699,500,000 acres, which is 36 1/2 per cent of the total land area, exclusive of Alaska.

The lumber industry is fourth among the great industries of the United States. According to the census of 1900, the total capital invested in lumber enterprises was \$611,611,543, the total number of wage earners employed was 283,260, and the yearly wages paid amounted to \$104,640,591. The amount of lumber produced by the mills was 35,084,166,000 board feet. The value of lumber products is estimated to have increased 29 per cent during the past decade.

At the present rate of cutting, the forest lands of the United States cannot long meet the enormous demands made upon them. The great pineries of the Lake States have been almost entirely eliminated, and great inroads have been made in the supply of valuable timber throughout all parts of the country.

A long step forward in the preservation of forests for purposes of permanent timber supply and the protection of watersheds and grazing lands was made, when, on February 1, 1905, the transfer of the administration of the National forest reserves from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture was made. This was the culmination of the movement toward the preservation of the country's timber supply, which began in 1876 with the appropriation of \$2,000 for the investigation of timber conditions. Under the present management of the National forest reserves, the area of which on October 12, 1905, amounted to 97,192,573 acres, is undertaken by the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The specific policy of the Forest Service in the management of the reserves will be to devote all land to its most productive use, for the permanent good of the whole people, and not for the temporary benefit of individuals or companies. All the resources of the forest reserves are for use, and this use should be brought about in the most prompt and business-like manner, under such restrictions only as will enforce the permanence of these resources. The permanence of the resources of the reserves is indispensable to continued prosperity, and the policy of the Forest Service will invariably be guided by this fact.

In addition to the management of the National forest reserves the Forest Service carries on extensive lines of forest work throughout the country. It cooperated in work with private individuals, work which not only benefits the individual, but is also of help to many other people. From the beginning of this cooperative work in 1898, an insistent demand has affected a broadening of its scope, until now it affords assistance not only in the preparation of working plans, but in tree planting, and in discovering the most conservative and profitable use of the products of the forest. Cooperative State forest studies are another development of this branch of the work of the Service. Further, it attacks independently those urgent forest problems whose solution by private enterprise is impossible, and thus becomes a national duty. Such problems are dendrological studies, studies of commercial trees, timber tests, and experiments with preservatives for cutting railroad ties, and telephone and telegraph poles.

New York was the first state to take active measures for forest preservation. In 1885 it established a forest preserve. It has, at the present time, a forest, fish and game commission, upon which devolves the enforcement of the forest, fish and game laws, the management of the forest preserve, and the acquisition of lands by the state. In 1897 provision was made to enable the state to gain control of all, or as much, of the Adirondack region as might be advisable, and \$1,000,000 was appropriated for the purpose. In subsequent years similar appropriations have been made, and the acquisition of land has been continued.

Pennsylvania has recently been most active in taking measures for the preservation of its forests. In 1897, this State, to conserve the water supply, provided for the purchase of three forest reserves, of not less than 40,000 acres each, at the heads of the three principal river systems of the state. In accordance with this and other acts, land has

been rapidly acquired, until, at the present time, the holdings of Pennsylvania amount to more than 600,000 acres. In 1901, Pennsylvania made its bureau of forestry, formerly subordinate organization of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, a separate department. The state has established a school of forest wardens, and in its legislation of 1897 took vigorous action with reference to the forest-fire problem.

Minnesota long took the lead in the excellence of a forest-fire law, it being the first state to appoint a fire warden. Maine and New Hampshire are the other states possessing excellent fire laws. New York in 1900, also made provision for a chief fire warden. In 1899 Michigan appointed a commission to study the forest question, and to select land for a state forest reserve. Wisconsin has also taken the initiative steps toward the adoption of an advanced forest policy. Indiana took an important step forward when the state held forth encouragement to private owners to plant trees. California has manifested great interest in forest preservation. Under an appropriation of the legislature of the state a study of its forest resources has been undertaken, and is now in progress in co-operation with the Forest Service. A state forester has recently been appointed.

The States now having officers charged with the care of forest interests are: California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Baltimore forest school, at Baltimore, North Carolina, was established in 1898. Its director is Dr. C. A. Schenck, formerly to the Baltimore estate. The only forest school established in 1900, is a post-graduate school, whose head is Prof. Henry S. Graves. Harvard has had a forest school since 1903. Its head is Richard T. Fisher. The University of Michigan has a four-year undergraduate course in forestry. The lecturer is Prof. Ellbert Roth.

The American Forestry Association is a national organization, with members in all the states and territories, and in Canada. It meets annually in Washington, D. C. The recording secretary is Mr. Edward A. Bowers, of New Haven, Conn. Local or state forestry associations have been formed in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah and Washington.

A LYRIC IN PROSE

In Which the Coming Celebration At North Bend is Anticipated With Pleasure by the Author

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