

inion reserves and parks cover about 45,000 square miles in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the area under Dominion control in British Columbia. The other provincial areas in square miles are as follows:—Quebec, 174,000; Ontario, 23,000; British Columbia, 3,000.

For a large proportion of the present forest area of Canada, there is little reliable information. Comprehensive forest surveys have been made only for the provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia. Reports of these surveys were published by the Commission of Conservation. A survey of conditions in Ontario, commenced by that Commission, is now being completed by the Dominion Forestry Branch in co-operation with the Provincial Forest Service. Extensive areas in the three Prairie Provinces have been examined by the Dominion Service, but the extent of their total resources is still undetermined. The New Brunswick Provincial Service has examined sixty per cent. of that province's Crown timber lands and the Forest Service of Quebec is also collecting data as to the forests under its control.

The estimates given here for both area and quantity are based on data insufficient for accuracy; they must be accepted as being subject to revision as more complete information becomes available.

Table 1 gives a rough distribution of these quantities and indicates that the greater part of the raw material in the Dominion is to be found in British Columbia, but that over forty per cent. of the total resources, including all classes of forest products, is to be found in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

1.—Estimated Stand of Timber of Merchantable Size in Canada, by Regions, 1922.

Region.	Saw-material.		Pulpwood, Cordwood, Posts, etc.	
	1,000 ft. B.M.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cords.	1,000 cu. ft.
SOFTWOOD.				
Eastern Provinces.....	76,101,000	16,666,115	552,210	64,700,590
Prairie Provinces.....	17,985,000	3,938,715	272,010	31,825,170
British Columbia.....	345,762,000	75,721,878	47,500	5,557,500
Total Softwood.....	439,848,000	96,326,708	871,720	102,083,260
HARDWOOD.				
Eastern Provinces.....	32,134,500	7,037,430	209,815	20,342,417
Prairie Provinces.....	9,305,000	2,037,795	196,010	18,620,950
British Columbia.....	788,000	172,572	2,160	205,200
Total Hardwood.....	42,227,500	9,247,797	407,985	39,168,567
Grand Total.....	482,075,500	105,574,505	1,279,705	141,251,827

5.—Forest Administration.

1.—Administration of Dominion and Provincial Timber Lands.

The Dominion Government administers Crown lands, including timber lands, in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and in the Railway Belt and Peace River Block of British Columbia.

In all other cases timber lands are administered by the provinces in which they occur. On the area under Dominion control and in most of the provinces, only the right to cut timber is disposed of, the title to the land remaining in the Crown, so that there are few privately owned timber lands other than farmers' wood lots. As new regions are explored, their lands are examined and the agricultural land disposed of. Absolute forest land is usually set aside for timber production, and the policy of disposing of the title to lands fit only for the production of timber has been virtually abandoned in every province in Canada. The ownership of forests by