

## Section 6.—Forest Utilization

### Subsection 1.—Woods Operations

A short review of the differences in logging methods throughout Canada is given at pp. 195-196 of the 1941 Year Book.

In connection with operations in the woods it should be borne in mind that the forests not only provide the raw material for the sawmills, pulp-mills, wood distillation, charcoal, excelsior and other plants but that they also provide logs, pulpwood and bolts for export in the unmanufactured state, and fuel, poles, railway ties, posts and fence rails, mining timber, piling and other primary products, which are finished in the woods ready for use or exportation. There are also a number of minor forest products, such as Christmas trees, maple sugar and syrup, balsam gum, resin, cascara, moss and tanbark, that go to swell the total.

A serious situation arose in the summer of 1942 and it became apparent that the country was threatened with a serious shortage of wood fuel. Normal consumption of this commodity has been 9,000,000 cords annually; this is produced by many thousands of individual farmers and the situation was due to shortages of farm labour combined with the abnormal demands made upon agriculture. A Deputy Administrator of Wood Fuel was appointed under the Coal Controller of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in July, 1942, and a survey of the situation was undertaken. Ceiling prices were established and efforts were made to ensure at least a normal supply for all concerned. In 1943 this activity was transferred to the Department of Munitions and Supply and placed under the direction of a Wood Fuel Controller.

#### 5.—Values of Woods Operations, by Products, 1937-41

Product	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Logs and bolts.....	58,004,070	52,759,660	55,685,197	71,817,471	86,514,625
Pulpwood.....	63,057,205	53,761,999	58,302,668	74,347,132	88,193,045
Firewood.....	32,457,629	32,740,566	33,058,240	33,297,756	26,662,296
Hewn railway ties.....	3,129,207	2,222,509	2,048,186	1,788,001	1,547,780
Poles.....	2,455,345	2,824,512	2,940,361	2,691,107	2,467,336
Round mining timber.....	1,262,658	1,297,993	1,461,507	5,707,677	2,458,435
Fence-posts.....	992,610	978,679	1,111,883	999,934	964,568
Wood for distillation.....	309,892	298,110	289,230	518,204	588,747
Fence rails.....	262,160	264,480	267,437	270,320	262,521
Miscellaneous products.....	1,319,111	1,117,349	2,582,689	3,130,273	3,503,736
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>163,249,887</b>	<b>148,265,857</b>	<b>157,747,398</b>	<b>194,567,875</b>	<b>213,163,089</b>

It has been estimated that operations in the woods in Canada in 1941 involved the investment of over \$189,000,000, gave employment during the logging season amounting to 32,530,000 man days, and distributed over \$105,000,000 in wages and salaries.