

In addition, the industry provides seasonal work in the woods for about another 225,000 workers. Except in British Columbia, woods-workers are employed chiefly on a seasonal basis. While the industry is the largest exporter of manufactured goods in Canada, the products that it manufactures for home consumption loom large in domestic trade.

Outlook.—To-day there is an urgent need throughout the world for pulp and paper products of all kinds. Pulp, formerly used merely for paper, is in increasing demand as raw material for the fabrication of rayon, cellophane, plastics, building and packaging materials and many other products.

The main pulpwood sources of the world lie in the forests of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States, Canada and Scandinavia. In the United States, pulp and paper consumption far exceeds that country's production of pulpwood. Production of wood-pulp in Scandinavia appears to have reached the productive capacity of the forests in that area. No extensive development for pulpwood of the tropical forests of the world appears imminent, and any considerable increase in pulp and paper production in the Soviet Union could be absorbed within that country. Thus, it is apparent that for some time to come the task of supplying a major portion of the pulp and paper demand of the free world must fall to Canada. In meeting this need, the pulp and paper industry can contribute in no small measure to the stability of the Canadian economy, particularly in the years that lie immediately ahead.

With vast supplies of wood, streams to float the logs to the mills, and abundant electric power for their conversion into pulp and paper, the resources of the industry are unsurpassed anywhere and from these resources flow an essential commodity—one which is the very currency of civilization. All these advantages and qualities would be meaningless, however, if the industry could not dispose of its products. So far as Canada is concerned, it is largely an export industry and, as such, must depend for its existence on its ability to secure and maintain export markets.