

CHAPTER X.—FORESTRY*

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

Land is the basis of the Canadian economy and wise use of the land is the foundation of good forestry. In addition to providing the greatest amount of the most usable woods as economically as possible, good forestry will aid in maintaining agricultural lands against drought and erosion; will continuously protect water-catchment areas and assure supplies of water; will furnish cover for game and fur-bearing animals; and will give Canadians and their tourist guests opportunity for recreation which only the forests can provide.

Section 1.—Forest Regions†

The forests of Canada cover a vast area in the north temperate climatic zone. Wide variations in physiographic, soil and climatic conditions cause marked differences in the character of the forests in different parts of the country; hence eight fairly well defined forest regions may be recognized. These are shown on the accompanying map and are listed as follows, with the relative proportion of the total area of all forest regions occupied by each:—

<i>Region</i>	<i>Percentage of Total Regional Area</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Percentage of Total Regional Area</i>
Boreal.....	80.1	Acadian.....	2.0
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence....	7.9	Columbia.....	0.9
Subalpine.....	4.0	Deciduous.....	0.4
Montane.....	2.5		
Coast.....	2.2	TOTAL.....	100.0

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† A more detailed discussion of forest regions is given in Bulletin No. 89, *A Forest Classification for Canada*, by W. E. D. Halliday, obtainable from the Forestry Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa. Accounts of variations in Canadian physiography, climate, etc., are given in Chapter I of this volume.