

pulp logs from those large enough to saw. Floating just off the Picnic Point, Long Lake, is a large boom of saw logs waiting to climb the jackladder of the new mill... to further supply lumbering needs of the district.

And now the most easily refuted point of all in his story. He states that Long Lac has limits of 14,000 square miles when actually their holdings are only 7,204. And while he was at it he should have taken out a map of Northern Ontario and noted the large areas within these limits which are swamp lands with no merchantable timber. Tut! Tut! Mr. Roberts, your slips are showing.

He also goes on to say that these particular limits would supply six paper mills. Is this just a figment of his imagination? First of all...where would the mills be placed... what waterways would be used to get their respective logs to their six respective jackladders...where is the labour force coming from to operate the six mills with their various woodlands departments?

And last, but most important, where is the wood supply for these six mills?

And while we are on the subject of labour...the article states that 'the choking hand of unemployment clutches the throat of Lake Superior's twin cities'...very dramatic but utterly untrue. The very day this appeared in the Toronto Star Weekly, five pulp and lumbering companies had published large, two-column advertisements in the 'Help Wanted' pages of the Lakehead papers screaming for men. LongLac Pulp and Paper can use 200 men this week on their limits.

The biggest laugh of all was the caption 'The Great Lakes Lumber and Shipping mill at Fort William which was a humming concern in 1949...today employs only a maintenance staff.' These are the words in the Toronto Star Weekly on the day that this company had a large advertisement in the Port Arthur News Chronicle advertising for cutters, skidders, mechanics, tractor men, clerks, and scalers. We have listened with interest to Mr. Eddie Johnson's (Great Lakes Lumber) bellyaches about lumbering limits but he apparently has no such worries now. Mr. Roberts' story seems as timely as a model-T Ford.

Of the 201,723 cords cut by LongLac Pulp and Paper in the last year, none were shipped to the mills in the U.S.A. without being processed into pulp. Mr. Roberts states offhandedly that for every log milled in Canada another log is being shipped across the border. The above local ship-

ments are a pretty small percentage.

It should be remembered by all concerned that the planning of forest operation is a long and costly business. LongLac had just finished spending three years taking inventory of the timber on their holdings. Another year is being spent planning how these large areas should be harvested of their forests in perpetuity. The inventory is already in the hands of the government and the harvesting plan will be in the hands of publicly employed forest experts next year. These civil servants may then make the company change any phase of their harvesting plan which does not appear to be in the public interest. These large forest limits held by pulp and lumbering companies are public trust for which they have many obligations to the Ontario Government or else lose the rights to the use of these limits.

However, I am sure that should Mr. Roberts take our invitation and head up north, he will find as fine a bunch of young patriotic Canadians doing as good a job as he will find anywhere else in the Dominion.

We have answered the charges of the Toronto Star Weekly against the local company but have no doubt in our minds that if we had the money and the time to investigate, similar stories could be written about all the larger operations in this part of Northwestern Ontario.

We don't say that improvements can't be made in our forest management...after all, nothing is perfect. But there has certainly been a real awakening of all concerned in the past postwar years...and responsible writers and newspapers will stick to the facts.

Dr. Goebbels helped maintain the Nazi Government of Germany by adroit use of half-truths and outright lies. We hesitate to level a charge of using half-truths against Mr. Roberts and the editors of one of Canada's largest circulation magazines...but for our money it was straight hokum...bunkum...in army lingo a 'Snafu'.

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