

## 70 Acres of Bushland For Each Canadian Say Forestry Men

Ontario's policy is to manage forests as renewable assets, so they may yield harvests in perpetuity, says the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests.

"Every Canadian has a stake in Canada's forests because \$25 of every \$100 of our wealth and income branches out from our trees," states District Forester A. J. Herridge. "One-quarter of the things we need from abroad is obtained in exchange for wood products — sugar from the Indies, oranges from the United States, tableware from Britain; things which we cannot grow or make at home.

"Forests are among our five main natural resources, the others being farm land, mineral areas, water power and fisheries. When combined, forests and water power form the basis of Canada's greatest industry, pulp and paper.

"Trees suited to commercial use do not only offer an opportunity for business profit but vitally affect the social life of Canada. Besides the large firms employing thousands of persons, there are many small operators and individuals who find a source of income in the woods. Veterans of the wars have shown interest in establishing themselves and their families in forest activity where they supplement their woods operations with such 'sidelines' as trapping, guiding, conducting fishing and hunting camps and growing root crops. Farmers in many sections gain their main 'cash crop' by working in the woods in winter.

"It is common to look upon the forest as a kind of residuary in the forest scheme; whatever land is not good enough for annual crops is let run to trees. That is a wrong view. Much land which was once densely wooded, then cut clean to make way for the plough, is now useless for either timber or agriculture.

"Forests can be of permanent benefit, not only by preserving nature's balance but by providing an annual cash income to maintain the farmer's balance in the bank or the woodsmen's daily living; they can supply raw materials for industrial use,

giving employment to scores of thousands.

"On the basis of productive possibilities, Canada has 813,110 square miles of forest land. In addition, there are 477,550 square miles of inaccessible or unproductive forest land, 38 percent of Canada is forested, being as big as two Ontarios. Counting forest and jungle of all kinds, Canada has eight percent of the world's forested area.

"The forests are the foundation and support of the pulp and paper industry, the great lumber industry, and hundreds of subsidiary businesses. We are so accustomed to having plenty of wood for many purposes that we seldom stop to think of what conditions would be like without it. Look at a few examples:

"No satisfactory substitute has been found for wooden cross-ties in railway line construction. Canada has 57,000 miles of railway lines and sidings, each with 2,800 ties eight feet long — a total of about 26 million ties, each 50 feet tall and a foot thick. Frame houses are commonplace in Canada, forming 72 percent of the total dwellings. Our telephone poles alone would form a large forest of trees.

"It cannot be overlooked that more than 92 percent of Canada's total forest land is owned by the Crown or, in other words, by the people. The productive forest of Canada works out at about 70 acres for every Canadian of voting age. This means that the share of any 55 adult persons could produce an annual harvest of 1,000 cords of wood — and every cord is roughly equal to a ton of newsprint.

"It's a nice prospect — but it carries responsibilities with it. One is the responsibility for so handling the forests that they are renewable assets, yielding harvests in perpetuity.

"This means that if forest industries are to be kept in healthy condition, extensive investment must be made now for returns at distant dates. This may vary, according to the kind of tree and conditions, from 25 to 100 years."

## Sunday School Convention Held Today in Markham

The 87th Annual Convention of the Markham Twp. Sunday School Association will be held in Markham on Thursday, January 19th.

The morning session will be held in the Presbyterian Church starting at 10 a.m. The President, Mr. Norman Reid, will preside and reports and business of the Association will occupy the morning until 11.15 when a panel of Sunday School teachers will discuss the International Lesson for the Sunday following the Convention. Members of the panel will be: Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse, Miss Dixon Riley, Mr. Lambert Stouffer and Mr. Lorne Wideman.

The afternoon session of adults will be held in the United Church and will be addressed by Rev. Kenneth Dowling of Hamilton, Mr. Cecil Roberts of Kitchener and Rev. Wm. Berry of Toronto. Rev. Dowling was born in Kenya, Africa, and has spent his entire ministry in Africa until becoming the General Field Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission in Hamilton. Rev. Dowling's message will have a missionary emphasis as he follows the Convention theme of "The Sunday School and its Evangelizing Mission."

One of the very worthwhile projects of the Markham Twp. Sunday School Association has been the placing of Bibles in the Public Schools of the Township. The Association has been assisted in this by the Gideon Association, a group of men dedicated to making the Bible available to any who will use it. Mr. Cecil Roberts, Eastern Field Secretary of the Gideons, will discuss the work of the Society briefly at 3 p.m.

Rev. Wm. Berry is the Associate Secretary of the Board of Evangelism & Social Service of the United Church. He will address the afternoon session and give the main inspirational address of the evening session.

Rev. Harry Green of Markham Presbyterian Church will take the devotional service at the morning session and Rev. G. H. Thomas will have the service at the evening session.

The Markham Township Sunday School Association is one of the oldest and most active in the Province and it is the one common ground of all the Denominational Sunday Schools in the Township. There are

many Sunday School problems in this day of intense business activity and the counter attractions of Sunday sports and other activities. The Convention is a good place to discuss the active Sunday School workers and the Ministers of the Township will attend. Dinner and supper will be served in the United Church by the ladies of the Markham and district churches.

Note — the location of the Convention is Markham, not Unionville as earlier announced.

## HEALTH UNIT GUARDS WATER

The fact that water is such an every-day requirement for domestic purposes makes it essential that it be readily obtainable. Likewise, the knowledge that it can carry disease-producing bacteria and be responsible for a number of diseases makes it imperative that it be safe and of good quality.

All municipal water supplies are tested weekly — water samples are examined bacteriologically in the laboratory. The samples are collected and taken by the York sanitary inspector to the Provincial laboratory.

Private wells are also tested on request of the owner to the York County Health Unit. The sanitary inspector takes the sample, then sends the report to the owner of the well. If the report is unsatisfactory, a method of disinfecting the well is included in the report, or a visit is made to the premises and the well is examined and recommendations made to repair the well and ensure a safe water supply.

(Editor's Note — This is the 26th in a series of articles designed to better acquaint the residents of this district with the work of the County Health Unit. Other articles in the series will appear in future issues of The Tribune.)

A husband may be an asset to his wife and also might represent a great liability.

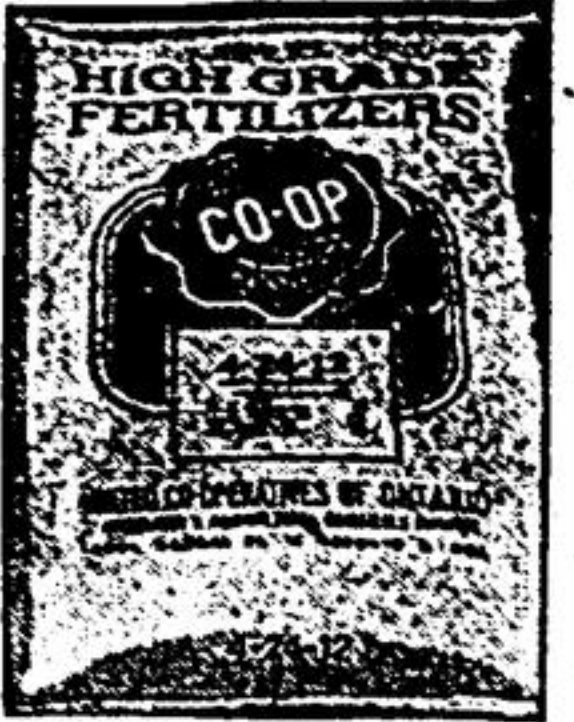
"The average person should try to live only a day at a time," says a psychologist. That's excellent timely advice. In this era of high prices, that's about as much as the average person

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## Big Indoor Farm Machinery Show Next Week

Again, for the eleventh consecutive year, the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Association will stage its annual show in the Coliseum Building at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, January 24 to 27 inclusive.

ORFEDA's genial Executive Secretary, Len L. Sykes, forecasts that it will be the biggest and best show in the Association's history.

Innovation at this year's event will be the inclusion of displays of heavy machinery and crawler type tractors that are suitable for agriculture purposes. Here at this colourful show, distributors and dealers from across Canada will have the first opportunity of seeing what is new in farm machinery lines for 1956.

President S. G. Hall, Peterborough, and Vice-Pres., D. A. Dalziel, St. Catharines, have

each made extensive trips to Northern Ontario and have successfully created interest among dealers in that area who have promised their support and attendance of both themselves and their customers. Mr. Sykes made an official trip to Quebec for the same purpose and reports that an increased attendance from that Province can be expected at the show.

In addition to displays of all the newest and the best in farm machinery, there will also be such products as Fertilizers, Milk Coolers, and governmental and institutional displays that will make their first appearance. The show is held in conjunction with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association and thousands of Ontario farmers will journey to Toronto many in company with their local farm machinery dealers during those four days to hear what is new from agricul-

tural experts in the soils and crops fields as well as having the opportunity of looking over the latest model machines on display.

ORFEDA has had an exceptionally good year under its new Secretary, Len L. Sykes, who has put every effort forward to provide new and additional services that will be of benefit to the fast growing ORFEDA membership.

Members obtain all kinds of business information from their Association office and this year a new Group Insurance Plan was inaugurated as a forward step in the services available to members. In addition to this, a complete bookkeeping system designed especially for farm equipment business is available to the membership.

ORFEDA has thought of everything to provide an enjoyable visit for farmers, distributors and dealers who attend.

This is one Convention where the ladies are always welcome. Members are requested to bring their wives as there are special women's features on the program. The Annual ORFEDA Banquet will be held on Jan. 25th at the ultra-modern Seaway Hotel on the Lakeshore Road. In addition to the banquet, the program will feature top entertainment and dancing.

More than 60,000 square feet of display space, all on one floor, makes the ORFEDA Show Canada's biggest indoor farm machinery event.

Some people who try to keep up with the Joneses lose their way and wind up at the poorhouse.

Captive kangaroos are easily taught to box men in exhibitions. The main problem is teaching them to forego their terrible kick.

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