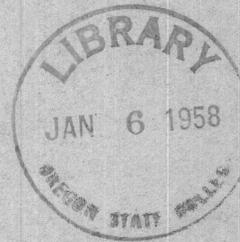


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## PREFACE

The vast area of devastated land in the Pacific Northwest has always been a subject of interest to the writer. It was proximity of these lands to his home and early life that first emphasized to him the need for forestry and influenced him to take up forestry for his life work.

The interest has remained, and it was only fitting and proper that he should choose this subject for his graduation thesis, and in this way attempt to bring together, briefly, in readable form, all the available facts touching on this problem.

The writer hopes that this brief presentation, although, perhaps, incomplete and sketchy in spots, will serve to emphasize to the reader that good forestry, timber cropping instead of timber mining, is desirable, possible, and profitable.

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Past Practices, Present Policies, and Future Possibilities  
in Forestry by the Private Timber Operators of This Region

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Those of us who have had close contact with the logging camps of the Douglas fir country have carried away lasting impressions. As youngsters we were thrilled by the husky cry of the faller, "Tim-br-r-r," the echoes of which were drowned out by the thunderous crash of a giant yellow fir. How well we remember the crunch, crunch of the loggers' spiked boots as they headed down the tracks toward camp with swinging stride, their once-white woolen underwear giving off odoriferous fumes of yellow fir pitch and Scandinavian sweat. As we grew older this romantic (or is it poetic?) side of logging was overshadowed by the realization that logging resulted in the complete and rapid destruction of the wonderful forest. In a few years the surrounding timber had been completely logged-off, the camps had retreated farther back into the mountains, and finally had suspended operations altogether. We inquired as to the cause of this devastation and were told it was caused by the