

Ask Not What Your Forests Can Do For You,
But What You Can Do for Your Forest:
Dispelling Public Myths About Our Forests and Forestry

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Full Disclosure



An App to Begin?



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Outline



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Thesis: It is time for logic, not emotion, to be our guide in managing the environment

1 – Introduction

2 – Myths About the Pre-Contact Forest

3 – It Takes a Forest Industry to Raise a Province

4 – Surprising Stewardship Stories

5 – Heart Over Head Forest Policy

6 – Conclusion

1 - Introduction



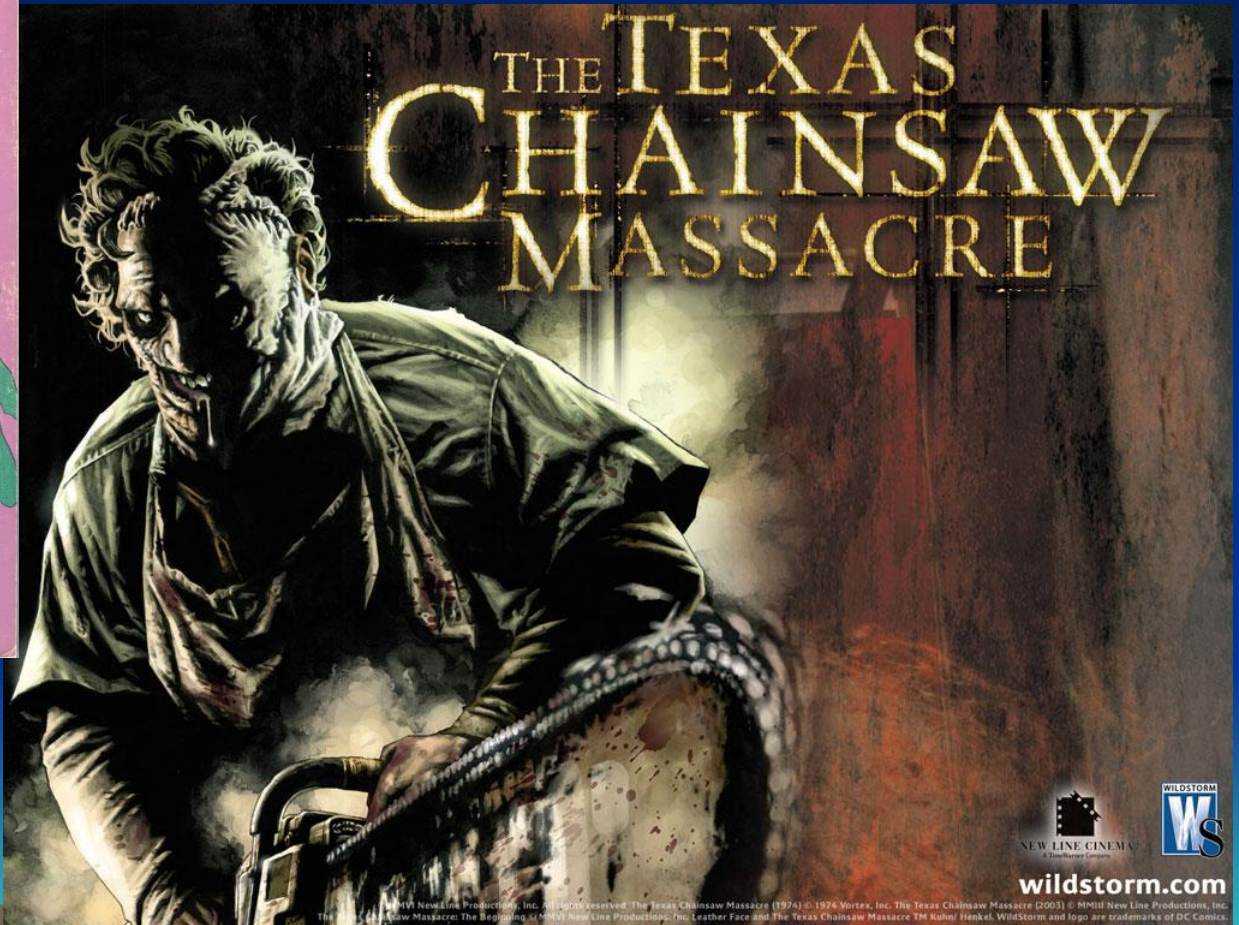
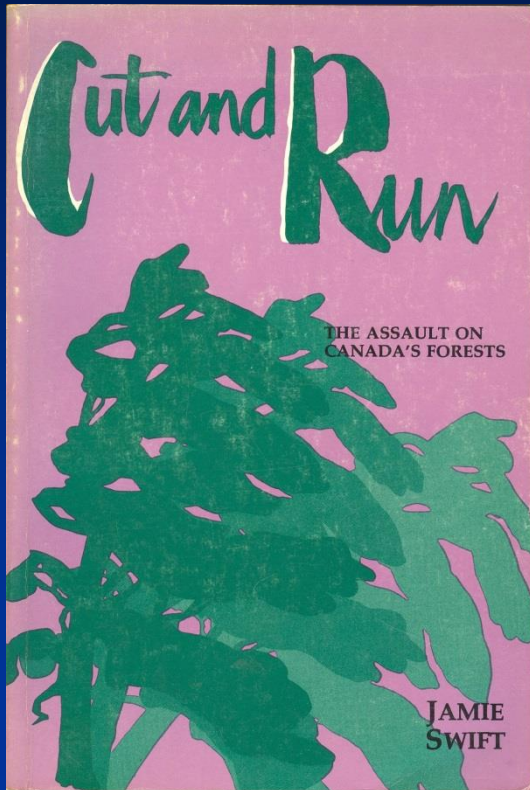
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1 – Introduction [A Hard-working Treeplanter!]



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1 – Introduction: An Exercise in Social Values

Wood Pile at Kapuskasing Mill, ca. 1921
Ron Morel Memorial Museum, Kapuskasing, ON



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Happy Bunnies



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Less Happy Bunny



Not that what your friends can do for

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Happy Frog



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Less Happy Frog



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Would You Kill It?



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Deer at Peace



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Deer at ... for Dinner



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Gortex or Fur?



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You Just Think We are Evil



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2 – Myths About The Pre-Contact Forest



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Sarah Hart, a 22-year-old environmental science student, takes a core sample from Nova Scotia's oldest tree.

Student finds 418-year-old tree

Eastern hemlock ranks third-oldest of its kind in Canada, 11th in the world

each tree. The samples were then taken to the lab where the rings were measured and counted under a microscope.

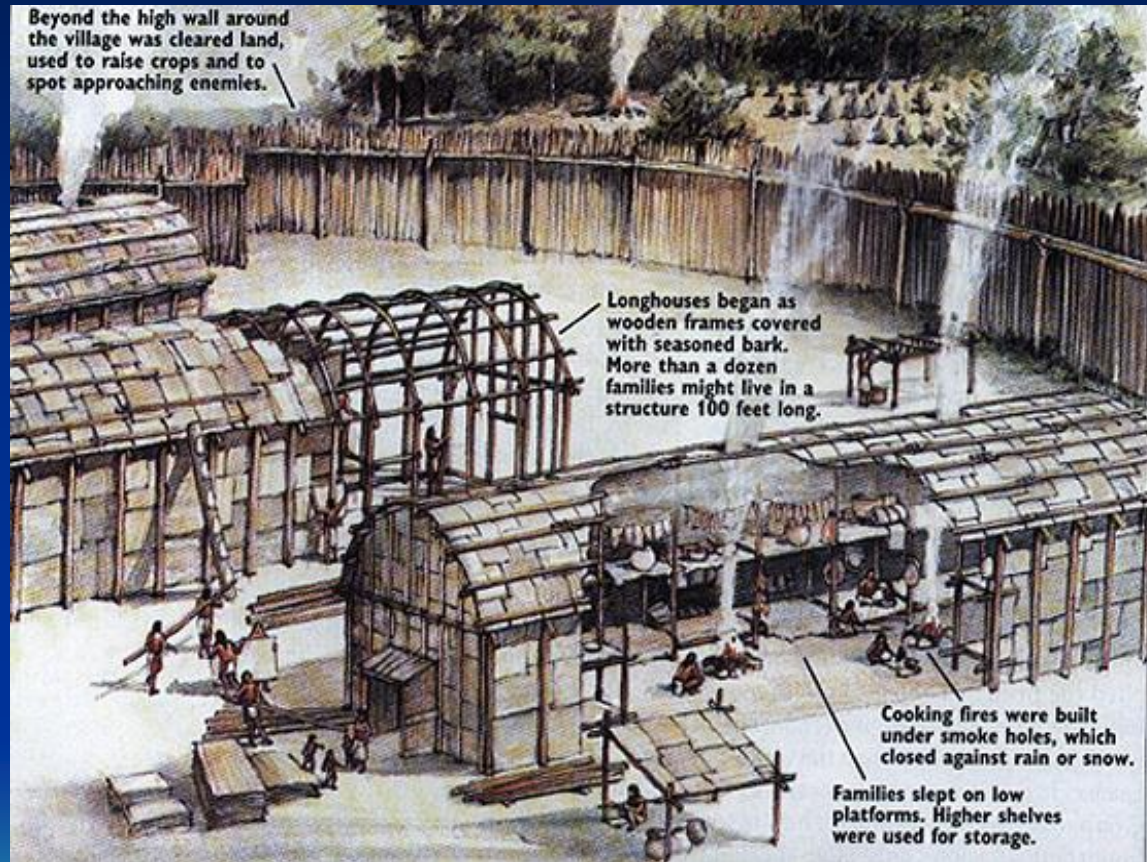
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**DID YOU PUT YOUR FIRE OUT?
RIGHT OUT?
NOW TAKE ANOTHER LOOK!
YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL**



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Director of Forestry

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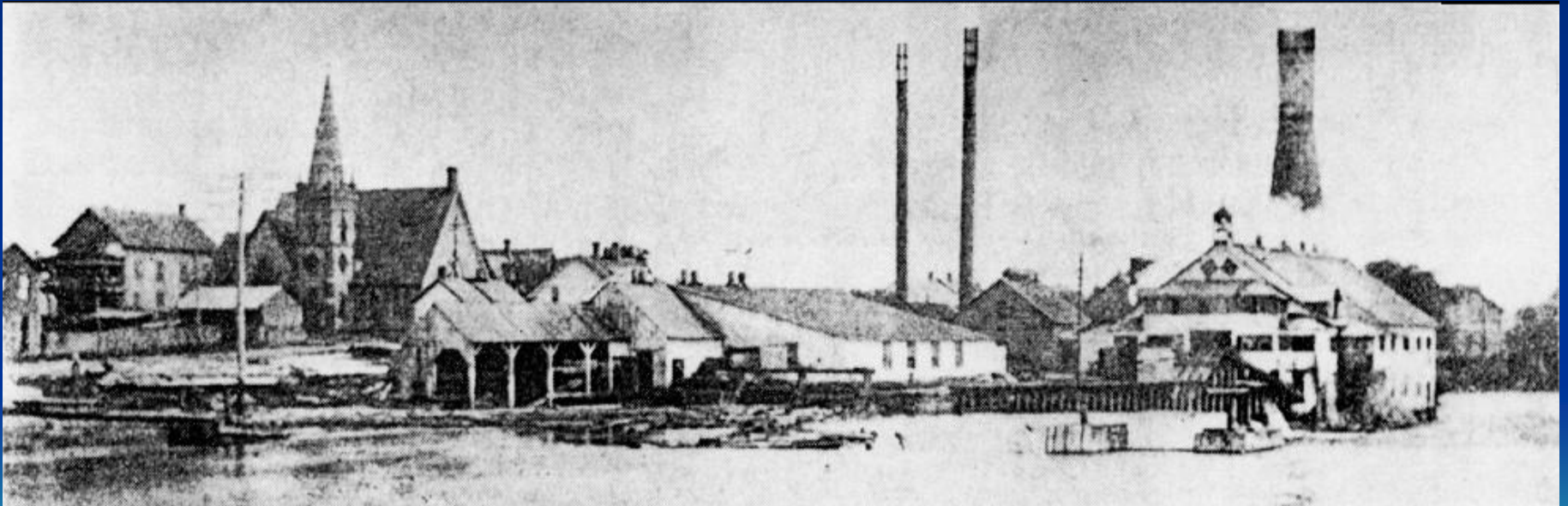
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Hewing square timber

3 – It Takes a Forest Industry to Raise a Village

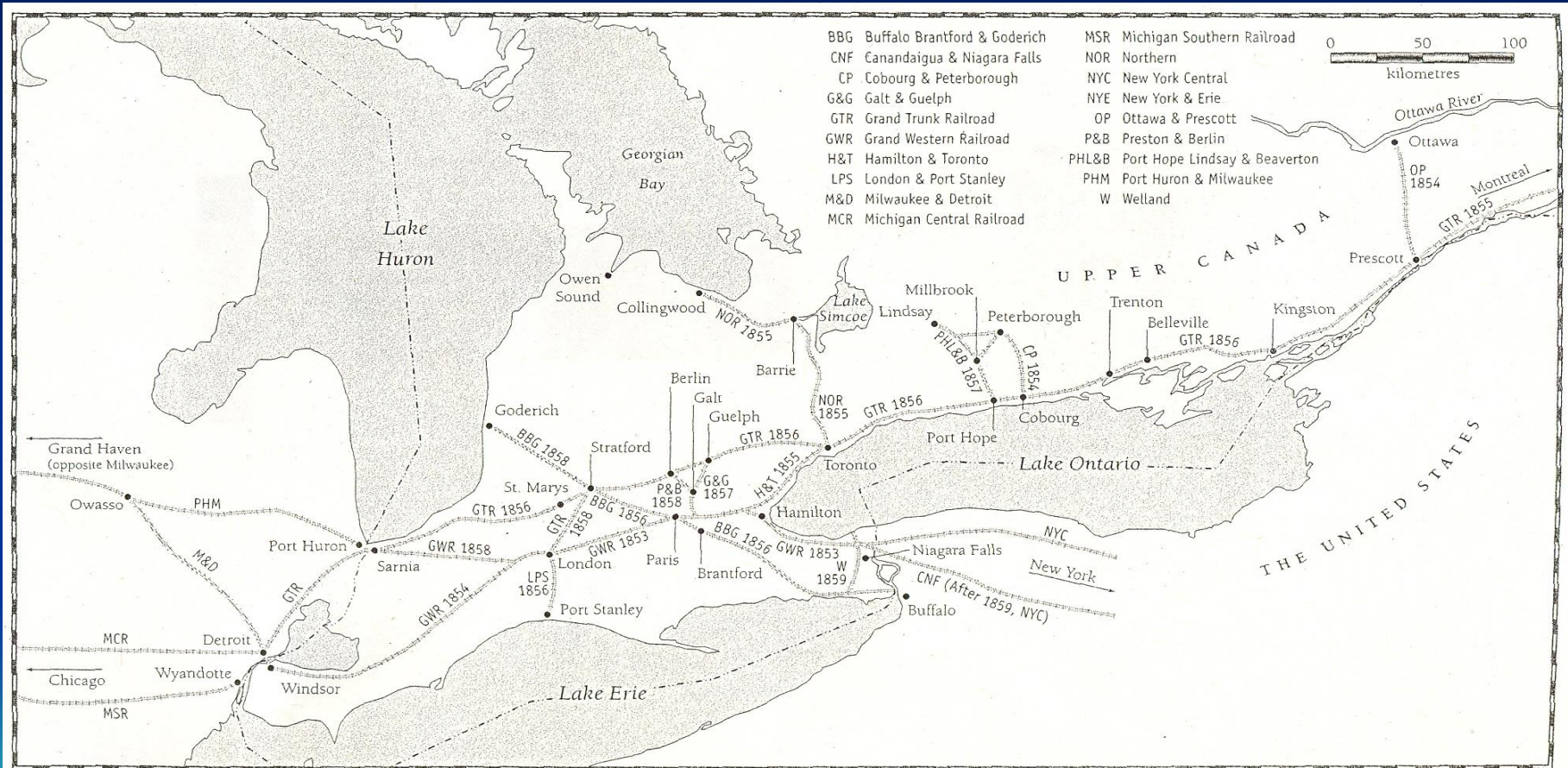
Gillies Ltd. Sawmill, Lanark, Ontario, ca. late 1800s



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3 – It Takes a Forest Industry to Raise a Village

Railroads and Major Communities in Southern Ontario, mid-1800s



Upper Canadian and American Railways, c. 1860. From Peter Baskerville, 'Americans in Britain's Backyard: The Railway Era in Upper Canada, 1850-80', *Business History Review* 55 (1981): 331.

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Collingwood Harbour, 1877



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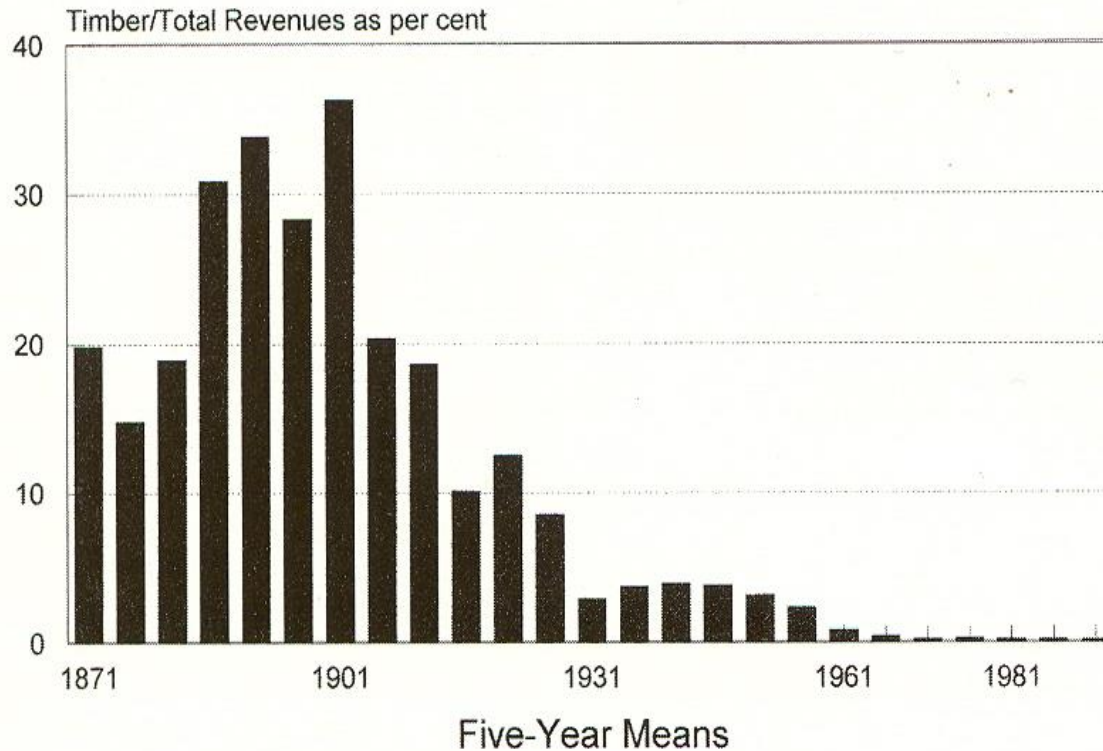


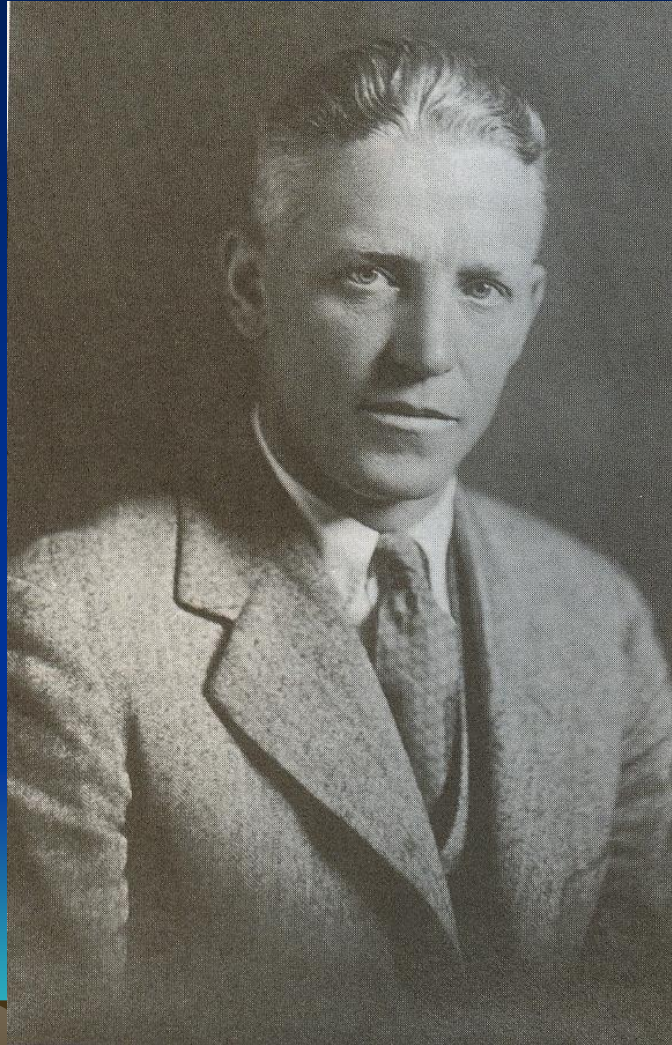
Figure 5-25
Timber revenues as per cent
of total Ontario government
revenues, 1867-1990
Source: Pross, A.P., 1967 & Ontario Gov.

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4 – Surprising Stewardship Stories



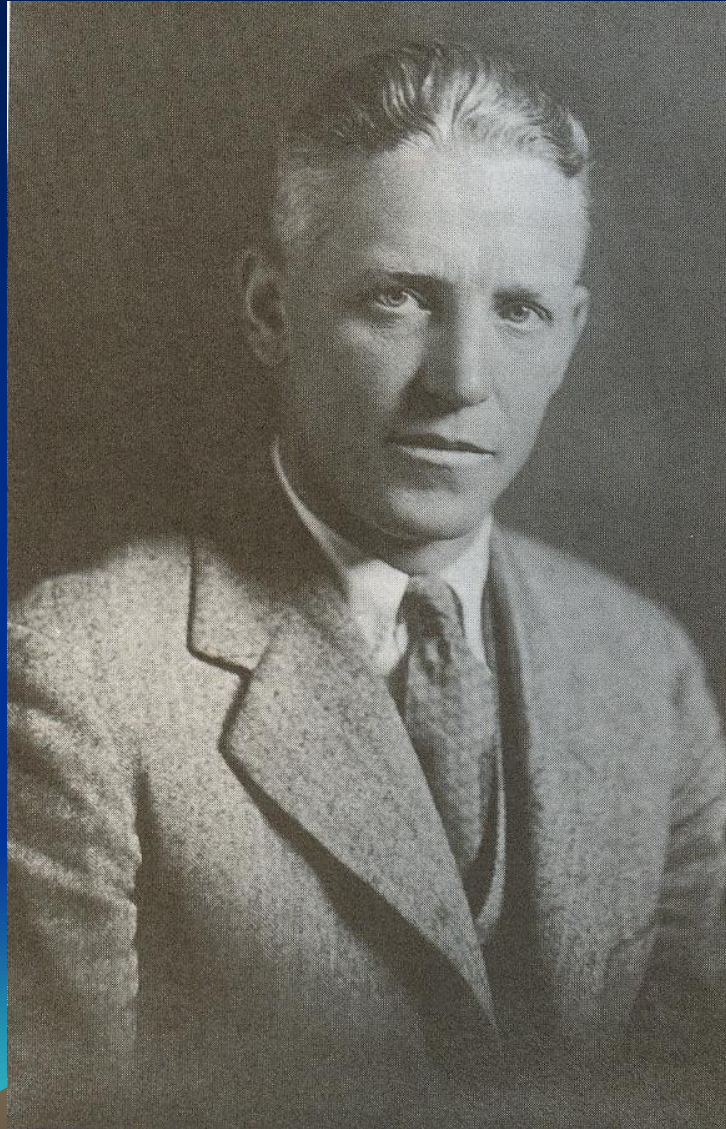
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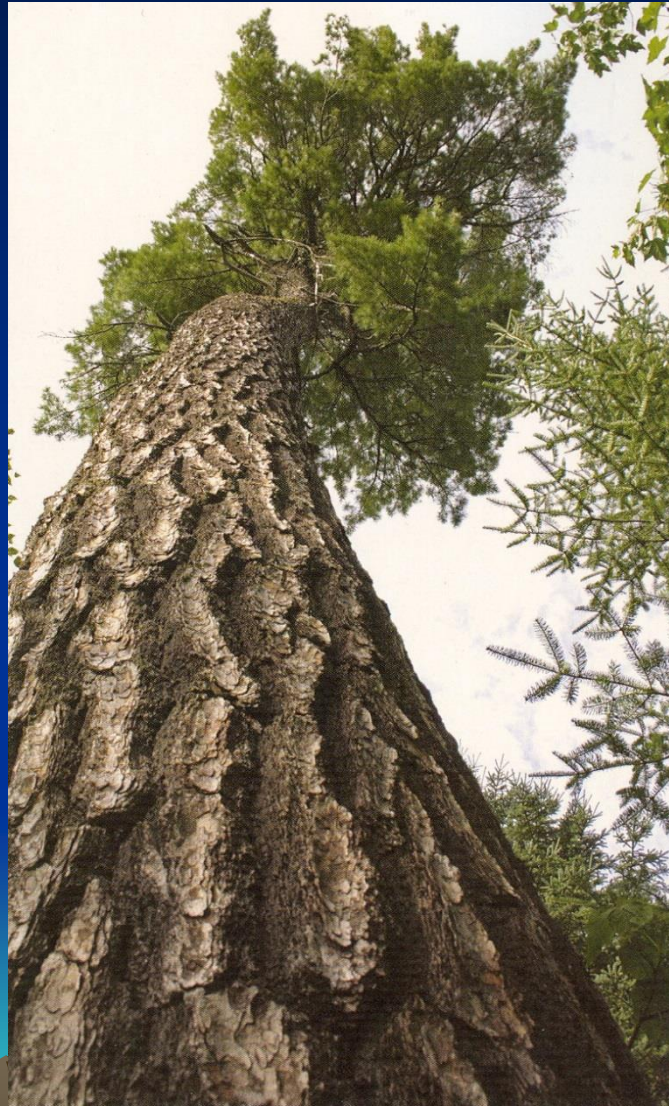
Uneven-aged: a stand with trees of three or more distinct age classes, either intimately mixed or in small groups.

4 – Surprising Stewardship Stories Laurentide's White Spruce Plantation, 4 Years Post Planting, ca. 1925



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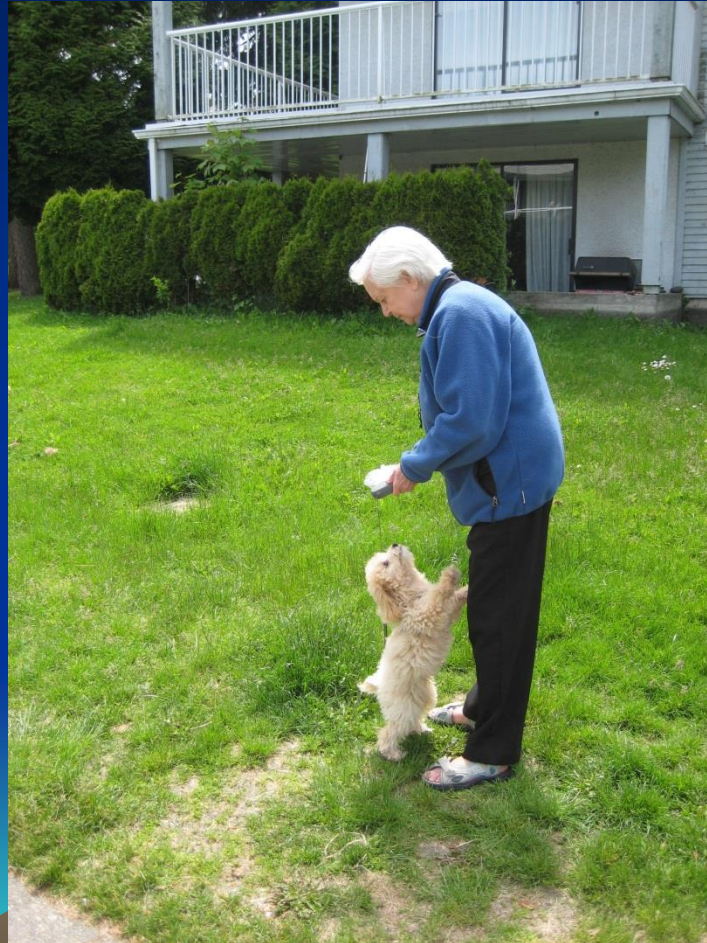
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My mother with her dog, “Killer”



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