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**Mahogany Easier Available For Interior, Exterior Trim**

Philippine mahogany finishing lumber, notable for its beautiful ribbon grain and rich color, is of special interest lately to home craftsmen as it is selling in many areas for little more than top grade fir.

Used for furniture, bookcases, shelving or panelling, its effect is striking and the handyman

will appreciate the qualities of a wood that cuts with clean, precise edges and resists splitting.

For home builders, lumber dealers now offer Philippine mahogany trim that gives rooms a fine finish at low cost. Doors faced with the wood are also available, complete with matching casing and base.

Use of hardwood for exterior sidewalls, hitherto restricted by price, is now possible in the low-priced home.

**NEW TYPE FINISH**  
Unlike the high gloss finishes of the old days, many craftsmen today use a natural wax which acts as both filler and coloring agent, leaving the wood almost as nature grew it.

In the U.S., where this type of wood is very popular, a bleach finish is mostly used, but in Canada it is reported that all three types of finish—red, blond and natural—are favored.

**QUEER THEFT**  
EAST LONDON, South Africa (CP)—Found guilty of stealing the stumps from a cricket pitch here, a native was fined £4 or 14 days. A witness saw him pulling up the stumps.

**Canadian Furniture Taken 'Out of the Woods'**



**STAFF OFFICER** — Lt.-Col. William M. Arnold of Winnipeg, general staff officer with the Canadian army liaison establishment in England, will attend the third course of the NATO defence college in Paris starting early next year. Col. Arnold served in the north-west Europe campaign during the Second World War.

**RUGGED COUNTRY**  
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all but the toes of one foot. These turned black and Hamburger knew that he must act, and act quickly, there being no doctor within 300 miles or more, and no way of contacting a doctor.

Hamburger Joe was with us on the river and when asked about the operation, he pulled off his boot and sock and showed us the foot, now nicely healed, with the toes as neatly sliced off as any surgeon could have done the job.

"I used a knife, a wire pliers and a chisel," said Joe, in telling of the operation. "It was painful enough but I managed and got them all off. I used a lot of lysol to wash the foot. I happened to have some in the cabin and when I got the toes off I fairly burnt the flesh with the lysol, using it full strength. In a couple of months I was able to walk around."

Few men on the frontier are more respected than this blond man of Germanic birth. He is an expert riverman, kindly, courteous, energetic. He was engaged by Le Pas Lumber Company some time ago in establishing its logging operations on the Upper Peace. He is one of Dick Corless' most trusted employees.

Back of the landing place at the Innis cabin, the mountains stand out in great beauty against the skyline. Most mountains below this point are rounded and green on top. But here they are bare, iron-stained peaks. There is a strange outline away back to the east as of a dead man lying upon a pier. One imagines it is the face of Abraham Lincoln looking up to heaven. Of course it could be the burial place of Moses. Some day tourists will flock in and this will be the subject of many photographs and paintings.

It was here that we found an Indian message crudely written on a piece of three-ply. I was told they usually write on the bark of a birch, a tree plentiful in that region.

This message told of the death of Shorty Webber and warned the Indian who found it not to go to the trapper's trading post in the Enginika for supplies.

"Shorty died," it said, "No use go home."  
That night two Indians came into camp and were glad to get this message as it would save them a long journey up river to the Enginika, where "Shorty," whose death they lamented, had operated his trading post.

Canada's forests have long been recognized as one of her greatest natural resources but only lately have Canadians themselves begun to appreciate the decorative value of wood from native trees.

Twenty years ago most of the furniture made in Canada was fashioned from imported wood. Today, however, furniture makers say the lovely grains of pine, birch and maple have scuttled the theory that mahogany alone is the ultimate in good taste.

Outsiders were the first to realize the possibilities of Canadian woods. Before the last war, Germany bought wild cherry wood from the Laurentians because of its satiny finish. Luxury furniture made of Canadian yellow birch was shown for the first time in Paris in 1928. Birch bark was used to enhance the interior of the French embassy in Ottawa.

Now, decorators agree it is smart to furnish in the Canadian manner. There are about 125 Canadian woods and half of them have commercial value. The creamy wood of white pine, the light blond of maple and the rich red-brown of black cherry are appearing in our living rooms, offices and churches. Furniture making is now ranked among the nation's top 10 industries.

Scientific research has helped bring the native materials out of the woods. Improved adhesives to replace former animal and vegetable glues, a wide range of stains, varnishes and lacquers which are both decorative and protective, have given furniture makers greater leeway and spurred their creative imagination.

In the old days "solid mahogany" and "solid oak" represented the ultimate in quality. Today's fine grain veneers are difficult to distinguish from solid wood and furniture makers declare they stand up every bit as well.

The popularity of any wood depends on what happens to it after it is cut, hauled out of the forest and sent to the mills and factories. Each has its own characteristics but many steps are needed to bring out the beauty, and science has a hand in all the steps. Laboratories throughout Canada carry on a never-ending job of testing thousands of wood samples to determine the value of different finishes.

The Canadian government, with an eye to the future, is supporting research in wood carried on by a variety of industries. The experiments cover everything from reclaiming wood waste, like sawdust, to new preservatives for timber.

One wartime project is said to offer a fine example of this type of work. When shortages of building materials hit Canada, scientists worked long hours to find substitutes. They came up with a composite laminated flooring in which even softwoods like low grade spruce and pine could be faced with a hardwood veneer. This scientific resourcefulness has helped bring Canadian furniture out of the woods.

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