NEWS AND NOTES

TO THE EDITOR

As a forester who has retired from very much active participation in Institute affairs, I was much interested in the article in the June issue signed "Cam Place". Apparently Mr. Place has been contributing to the Chronicle for some time but I confess I have not read it very carefully and have missed what he has had to say.

What I want to say is that I was much refreshed by Mr. Place's forthrightness and by your courage in publishing his contribution. There was a time in which any such material would have been carefully edited to eliminate the bite, if taken at all. It has been one of the curses of the forestry profession in Canada that very few foresters (or the profession in general) in my 35 years of observation have not followed a hush-hush policy as far as criticism of the overlords, political or otherwise, was concerned.

I am sorry to note that Mr. Place seems to be going to discontinue writing for the Chronicle.

Yours sincerely,

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Re. Storm Damage in Nova Scotia

In the December, 1954 issue of the Forestry Chronicle there was an item headed "Storm Damage in Nova Scotia" in Cam Place's *Field Notes*. This item was somewhat erroneous and it is felt that a correction is warranted.

Hurricane Carol, of September 1953, did cause considerable damage in partially cut forests as well as along the margins of clearcut areas. About four million board feet were blown down in Mersey Paper Company's partially cut stands, mostly where the volume removed per acre exceeded 40 per cent. There was some damage in previously undisturbed stands but it was not severe. The damaged timber on the Company's partially cut areas was easily salvaged at but little higher cost than that of normal logging operations, but very little of the damaged timber in the undisturbed forests was economically salvageable.

Edna, of September 1954, was exceedingly promiscuous and damage from this storm was proportionally as great in previously undisturbed forests as in those which had been partially cut where the partial cutting had removed less than 40 per cent of the total merchantable volume per acre. Most of the damage was in mature and overmature forests, but many young forests 50 to 70 years old suffered considerably. There are areas up to a square mile or more in good spruce forests of this age class, previously undisturbed, where practically all trees are down.