The Role of the Company Forester.

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On the company forester rests a great responsibility. He is the only man who knows what should be done in the forest. He is furthermore the only one who really realizes that the welfare of his concern rests on a continuous supply of raw material. He is the only one who knows what is likely to happen under various systems of cutting.

Therefore, his primary and most important function is tactfully to educate the organization for whom he works, along the lines of continuous forest production and the best methods of utilization. His responsibility does not altogether cease here, as he must also take his share in educating public opinion, as in Canada forest lands are practically entirely in the hands of the governments, and necessary legislation can only be brought about by the pressure of public opinion.

The forester who simply ignores these matters and is content to carry out such orders as may be given him is not doing his duty to the concern which employs him, nor fully earning his salary.