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A FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION IN LOUISIANA

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On Lands of the Urania Lumber Co., Urania,

Henry E. Hardtner, President.

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In Cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Conservation INV-4
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A notable case of the practice of forestry under the wise provision of a State law exists in a section of the country chiefly given over to the intensive skinning of timberlands. This operation is being carried on by Mr. Henry E. Hardtner in the north central part of Louisiana, in cooperation with State and Federal forestry agencies.

a. Description of Area. The lands of the Urania Lumber Company, of which Mr. Hardtner is President, lie in the parishes of La Salle, Winn, and Caldwell. The greater part of them, consisting of about 70,000 acres, are situated within the longleaf pine belt, in which longleaf pine is the principal tree, with a few hardwoods along the streams. A portion of the tract is in the shortleaf or upland type where the principal trees are shortleaf and loblolly pines, with a mixture, particularly along the streams, of oaks, sweet gum, hickory, beech, magnolia, and other hardwoods. This is regular "piney woods" land, as it is called in Louisiana. While there are a few farms scattered through the country, the best of them are in the "hammocks" along the larger streams--the greater part of the tract is not in demand at present for farming. Large numbers of cattle and hogs, however, are running on the range, owned by local people. Except for a pasture of 2,500 acres, from which all except the company's stock and a band of tame elk and buffalo are excluded, the forestry operations have not interfered in any way with the grazing of range stock.

The tract is owned and operated for the production of timber to be used by the Company's sawmill at Urania. This is a single circular sawmill, cutting an average of about 60 thousand feet a day, with planing mill and yards. The object of the practice of forestry on the lands of the Company is to supply the mill with logs continually or until the land of the Company becomes more valuable for some other purpose than growing trees.

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