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Annual Report

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The Urania Lumber Company

50,000 ACRES DENUDED LANDS IN LASALLE, CALDWELL & WINN PARISHES
NOW BEING REFORESTED WITH PINE AND HARDWOODS
A CROP OF TIMBER CAN BE GROWN IN 40 YEARS
SIMPLE EASY PREVENT FIRES

HENRY E. HARDTNER
PRESIDENT

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To The Conservation Commission
of the State of Louisiana.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with Article IV of Timber Conservation Contract,

I herewith submit my second annual report for year ending April 1, 1915.

Long leaf pine seedlings which are now sixteen months old have grown rapidly during the year and are in good stands of 1000 to 5000 to the acre so I might say that all the denuded lands now have a prospect for complete reforestation. The year has been favorable for tree growth and weather conditions during the fire season from Oct. to April ideal for protection of forest against fires. Rain has fallen continually from Nov. 24, 1914 to March 1, 1915 and the ground kept wet and thus fires were not frequent. About 200 acres were burned over during the past year as against 400 acres the previous year. The damage was not great as over 100 acres was in virgin timber where there was no loss and on the 100 acres of denuded lands there was only a 50% loss to seedlings and saplings. The cost for fire fighting not including regular wardens was only \$19.50.

During the month of November, 1914, surface fires were prevalent on forest lands from the Gulf to near St. Louis. The smoke was dense-- the sun obscured and for days it was so dark in the cities of St. Louis, Little Rock, Monroe, Alexandria and other towns that traffic was interfered with--besides the smoke was annoying and irritating. Much damage was done to timber, millions of acres being burned over. The cattle range was destroyed for at least five months and the fact stares us in the face that if such conditions continue to exist we have no advantage over the colder climates of Canada where grazing lasts

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