

5. Cut-over tracts varying in age from one to fifteen years in shortleaf, loblolly, and longleaf types, and differing widely in respect to severity of cut and remaining virgin stand.
6. In general, ample seed trees were left in all past logging due to market conditions which cut down approximately to a 14 inch diameter limit. Later cutting followed a 12 inch stump diameter limit.
7. A very heavy seed crop of longleaf pine in 1913 which, accompanied by moist warm weather in November, resulted in splendid seed germination. By early December longleaf seedlings were present in great abundance near practically all longleaf trees of seed bearing age. This means that large areas for which artificial reforestation had been considered necessary are now well restocked.

Attitude of the Company

Mr. Hardtner, who is the principal owner and the moving spirit, is deeply interested in forest protection and culture. He is working toward developing a normal forest representing all ages in a cutting rotation of 40 to 60 years for shortleaf and loblolly pines. The aim is to have a continuous yield (of possibly about 15 million board feet annually) from the tract. The company has for some time been purchasing worn-out homestead lands and cut-over tracts of young pine lying within or near their main body of land.

A system of fire protection is in active force. Four fire wardens, supplemented by five to eight other temporary employees, are employed and paid for services during a part or all of the year. Mr. Hardtner is strengthening the