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## Our Softwoods

We have frequently drawn attention to the inroads that have taken place among our Softwoods. During the war the position has deteriorated until the forests have been depleted to an alarming extent.

It is stated that within the next five years the quantity obtained in Queensland would fall from approximately 100 million superficial feet a year to about 25 millions.

This evidence was given in the Land Court recently by Mr. Chas. Paterson, general manager of a large timber company.

In spite of the use of substitutes and other timbers, softwood consumption in most parts of the world has increased in recent years, said Mr. Paterson. No reduction in the use of softwoods could be expected, despite the decline in local supplies. If it were possible to import softwood it would be imported. Queensland would require much more imported timber after the war.

There appears to be no reason to doubt the accuracy of Mr. Paterson's forecast that Queensland will need more imported timber after the war. His evidence would seem to indicate the urgent necessity for a State Government reforestation scheme on a large scale to provide for the future timber needs of Queensland.

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