

no value as protection forests. What their timber value is has yet to be proved.

The urge for all this is most probably the political desire to balance an ever-hungry budget, no matter at what cost to our future prosperity, nay, existence, as a nation, because no nation can prosper without adequate protection forests, especially one so dependent on land products as New Zealand is.

The time is long overdue for an adequate overhaul of our forestry operations by some outside expert authority, absolutely unbiased and reliable.



Rage of a mountain stream, Nature's vengeance for the slaughter of forest on steep watersheds. That flooded torrent destroyed 400 homes in La Crescenta, California, in 1934.

Similar revenge has been taken by Nature in New Zealand.

GERMAN OWL OUTLAWED.

The good example of the North Canterbury Acclimatisation Society in offering a shilling a head for German owls has been followed by the Ashburton Acclimatisation Society. Similar action against these enemies of small native birds has been taken by the Waitaki and Southland Societies, which all deserve the gratitude of New Zealand for their effort to check a horrible pest.