

A GLOSSARY OF WOOD

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Stobart and Son Ltd., (London). 656 pages. £7.50

This is a re-issue of a book first published in 1948. Its 10,000 terms in alphabetical order cover such topics as tree names, both common and botanical, types of timbers, their workability and uses. It also deals with joints in timber for use in the construction industry, particularly concerning roofing, flooring, windows, doors, machine wood working and mill work. In essence this book is an elaborate wood technologist's dictionary, since it also sets out in explanatory fashion the terminology relating to wood seasoning, wood preservation, construction methods and wood decay. There is a wealth of line drawings (over 1000) to further clarify many of the terms.

Unfortunately the book was not revised upon re-issue and so there are no references to the use of new materials (i.e. particleboard) for construction which are nowadays widely used. Likewise much of the material on woodworking machinery is out of date.

Nevertheless, the book is a splendid source of information which specialists in the timber and woodworking trades will find extremely useful. However, its doubtful relevance to the practice of forestry makes it one which is unlikely to find a place on the bookshelves of many foresters.

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