

*Polar Europe*

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divided as follows: Wood pulp, etc., 28, timber 21 and minerals 9.

Norrland is thus becoming a land of thriving communities, one town, Kiruna, having ten thousand inhabitants. Agriculture, being unprofitable, is replaced by cattle-breeding, while the wandering Lapps find a good market for their reindeer and have commenced to have glass windows in their turf dirt-covered huts, and use alarm clocks and sewing machines as signs of a new life.

Of the changes a Swedish writer, Stiernstedt, says: "Northern Sweden, long neglected, is in process of becoming our richest treasure. The leading materials, iron of the very best quality, and forests cultivated scientifically, are attracting crowds of workmen. White coal as a motive force is there available. The electric current created by its torrential waterfalls would furnish electricity to the whole country at quite a small cost. Special enterprises for manufacturing cellulose, wood pulp, steel, etc., are contributing to transform the arctic regions, hitherto deserts, into civilized districts covered with roads. This in a section where formerly there was only one person to a square kilometre."