



A Drive in City Park, Winnipeg.

Six portable sawmills having a capacity of from 4 to 12 M feet per day were reported to be operating during the winter in the region known as the 'heavy green timber.' In order to effect rapid clearings settlers would sometimes hire a sawmill and pay the owner \$4 to \$5 per M to saw their logs. Lumber sold for about \$15 per M.

Grazing was a minor industry. No large herds were reported to be in the mountains, though a majority of the older settlers at that time possessed a few head of cattle.

It was reported that many of the settlers found it difficult to make a living. It was found impossible to subsist entirely on what could be gleaned from wood cutting and small garden patches. Nearly all settlers are reported to have spent from 4 to 6 months at some other employment outside of the mountains.

The dearth of good hay meadows through the heavily timbered region made it difficult to winter stock. The hay raised was an inferior quality.

In discussing the practicability of setting aside a Forest Reserve in the mountains, the report states:

'There are not enough vacant lands lying contiguous in the region that would be suitable for reserve purposes.' Only about

one-twenty-fourth of the area between Ranges 70 to 77 West, north of Township 160 North, was vacant. Nearly all of the unentered lands were found in the foothills where timber had never grown to any appreciable extent.

The report concludes with a recommendation that a certain described area be established as a Forest Reserve, provided an exchange of lands could be effected with the settlers owning the lands within the area suitable for Forest Reserve purposes.

From this review of the report it will be observed that an area (approximately 560,000 acres) embracing the Turtle Mountains might well have been included within a National Forest except for the heavy percentage of alienated land within the region and the impracticability of attempting to solidify the government lands of the area.

TWO CONSERVATIONISTS.

'Nothing lost here but the squeal,' declared the pork packer. 'Are you as economical in conducting your business?'

'Just about,' answered the visitor. 'I'm in the lumber business. We waste nothing but the bark.'