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Logging karri in Western Australia. This timber occasionally produces 300,000 feet b.m. per acre.

AUSTRALIA STEALS A MARCH ON CANADA

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Remarkable New Legislation Gives the State
Thorough Mastery of Forest Properties—
Public Interest Triumphs.



A few Canadians may have observed the strenuous propaganda that has been conducted during the past four years in Australia for the improvement of state forest administration.

The programme, which was initiated by Messrs. Jolly, then state forester for Queensland, who had had the benefit of Oxford training, Hoy, the chairman of the New South Wales Forest Commission, and McKay, State Forester of Victoria, has received great impetus from the efforts of the West Australia Conservator of Forests, Lane Poole, who brought to West Australia in 1916, the benefits of training at Nancy, followed by ten years administrative experience in South Africa and Sierra Leone.

Canadians who are interested in forestry would find much of profit and interest in the

publications now issuing from the forest departments and forest associations of the Australian States.

Virgin Forests Fire-Killed.

It may astonish some of us in this country to realize that the timber industry of the State of Western Australia has been of greater relative importance to the inhabitants of that state than is the case in any Canadian province. One generation of development and settlement, accompanied by fire, has produced the same forest effect in Australia as in Canada. The forests of this State, the population of which is 300,000, which since settlement have produced timber to the estimated value of \$127,000,000, are now stated by the president of the newly-formed forest league to be good for only twenty years.