

the paper on the "Nebraska Sand Hills," Dr. Speechly was able to interpolate the whole of Monsignor Bruchesi's account of Pere Le Febvre's victory over the Oka sands, which was very well received. These students of the State Agriculture College are a fine well-set up bunch of young men, fine representatives of the 800 students in this, the largest Faculty of the State University.

The JOURNAL is indebted to Dr. Speechly for an excellent account of the meeting. This has, owing to the press of other material, had to be condensed.

FORESTRY LEGISLATION IN 1909.

During 1908 New Brunswick made several important changes in her regulations regarding cutting, fire protection, etc., which Lt.-Col. Loggie outlines as follows:—

"The regulations governing the terms and conditions of timber licenses require the licensees to cut down only spruce and pine trees that would make a log 16 feet long and 9 inches at the small end. During the year we have had a number of applications to cut undersized lumber, and where the same has been examined by competent persons and found to be a stunted growth, or thickets, we have given permission to cut below the above standard, but only where the trees would not mature to saw-logs in seventy-five years growth. The thickets are allowed to be thinned out under the supervision of a selected overseer. A great advance has been made in fire protection during the year. We have appointed upwards of one hundred permanent Fire Rangers, with four chief rangers, and these men are in the constant employ of the Government, their duties being to protect the forest from fire, to protect the game, and to see that the fishery regulations are carried out. With reference to settlements on timber lands, the department in every case where persons apply has a report as to the capabilities of the land for farming purposes and acts accordingly. The Government are grappling with the forest problem, and are determined to have such regulations made as will protect the growth of undersized lumber, and the forest from fire. I may say that the work of your Forestry Association has been the means of assisting the Government in this forestry problem."

No changes of importance have been made in the other provinces.