

servoir for the more equal distribution of the rainfall throughout the year, but act, also, as a natural nursery, producing and distributing a form of flora naturally adapted to the locality.

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The Annual Report for 1904 of the Department of Waters and Forests of France furnishes some interesting figures. The area of state forests is 1,169,820 hectares or 2,911,625 acres. The financial returns for 1903, the last available, were 29,373,903 francs or \$5,874,780, an average of about \$2.00 per acre. The product of the wood cut was 21,247,520 francs, and from other sources 8,126,383 francs. The value of the wood imported into France in 1904 was 167,400,000 francs and the export 53,900,000 francs, leaving an adverse balance of 113,500,000 francs.

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The Moosomin, N.W.T. town council, wishing to encourage tree planting upon the streets by private citizens, has passed the following by-law:—"All property owners or tax-payers, who plant trees on the streets, not less than eight feet from the street line, good, healthy maples, ash, or elm, of a size at least two inches through in the trunk, and not less than twelve feet high,—for every one in every twelve and a half feet so planted shall be paid the sum of fifty cents each."

The conditions are that the trees are to be properly planted and staked, and to be to the satisfaction of an inspector appointed by the council. The inspection is to be made in July of the year following the planting of the trees. At the time of the inspection, if the trees are found in a healthy, growing state, the inspector shall issue to the property owner or taxpayer, a certificate of 50c. for each growing tree. This certificate is to be accepted in lieu of cash by the tax collector for the sum specified, when the property owner or tax-payer is paying his taxes for the year in which the inspection is made.

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Nearly all the developed mines of the Black Hills are large deposits of comparatively low grade ore, either free milling or cyaniding in its character; frequently both processes are com-