

'The foregoing plainly shows the scarcity of wood in Soudmore, the people being obliged to import largely. Matters have come to such a pass that Government ought to interfere to prevent further mischief. To further this end I offer the following advice:—

'1st.—That all woods attached to clerical or other offices should be taken in charge by the Government. Their extent is small; but doing this would spread information, and awaken an interest in forest science, especially in Nordmore, where the people are intelligent enough to see how profitable the forests might be made. I found it very encouraging that the farmers voluntarily accompanied me to the woods for the sake of instruction, although it was in the midst of harvest. They expressed sorrow and wonder that the Government had not interfered earlier.

'2nd.—The purchase of forests on a great scale by Government would also be a profitable investment, but in Soudmore there are some obstacles to this. The land is much subdivided and expensive; and the rights of pasturage and communism would be an almost insuperable obstacle to the purchase of great continuous stretches. It is much to be regretted that the Crown lands were sold in this district.

'3rd.—All Government employes should be bound to assist and instruct the inhabitants in the best modes of forest culture.

'4th.—Great stretches should be planted. The climate and soil are pretty good; shelter at first is all that is required; but here again we are met with the obstacles of rights of pasturage and communal privileges.

'5th.—Scientific planting and development should be steadily carried on. Something has already been done in this direction by Storthingsmand Aarflot, and Judge Thamb, by a distribution of seed; but with small result, except in attracting attention to the subject, which it has now done in some measure.'

As is the case with this so is it with others of the reports from forest officials, they all ring the changes on the same