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## FORESTRY REPORT.

The report of the third annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association has been distributed within the past month. It contains 130 pages, in addition to a number of interesting and appropriate illustrations, and is carefully compiled. A paper dealing with "The Forest Fires of 1901" furnishes information as to the loss occasioned from this cause in the different provinces, with the plans adopted for preventing them and some detailed suggestions as to the lines upon which such protection should be provided. This paper brings out clearly the

field for operation. Happening to meet in Scotland R. G. Reid, a family connection and then the proprietor of the Newfoundland Railway, Mr. Reid advised him there was ample field for large operations in the almost unknown and unexplored timber areas of Newfoundland. Mr. Miller immediately deputed one of his most experienced timber cruisers to go out to the colony and examine the area in question. A few months later a most favorable report was received and Mr. Miller decided at once to move his plant and outfit from Sweden to Newfoundland. Inside of a year from that

except a surplus of bark and small clippings in excess of that required for the boilers." Most of the machinery is of the most modern type and of Canadian make. The largest mill is built on the Red Indian lake, on a branch line 21 miles off the trunk-line of the Newfoundland Railway and almost in the centre of the colony. A village of dwellings, school house, church, and large stables for horses employed in the lumber woods (and all beautifully white-washed) are grouped about this great mill that runs day and night. Over 300 people are employed here. Mr. Miller brought over



BURNT FOREST IN TEMISKAMING DISTRICT.

great advantage and the comparatively small cost of an efficient system of fire rangers.

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## LUMBERING ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY.

A correspondent at St. John's, Nfld., sends the following interesting information to the Railway and Shipping World:

An immense impetus has been given to the traffic of this road in the past year by the establishment on a very large scale of a saw mill plant by John Miller, a Scotchman, who has for the past 25 years been operating in the spruce and pine forests of Sweden. Two years ago Mr. Miller found that his timber limits were about exhausted in Sweden and that he would have to look about for a new

date he had three large saw mills erected, some 25 miles of branch railways and sidings built, and the largest lumber wharf in the colony constructed at Lewisport, on Notre Dame Bay, on the east coast. His shipments this year it is expected will reach 25,000,000 feet; already some 700 men are employed in the woods cutting logs and operating the mills. It is expected that after this year the average it will not be less than 40,000,000 feet. As all this lumber is hauled from 50 to 75 miles on the Newfoundland Railway it can be seen that a great impetus must be given to its somewhat limited traffic. The lumber is principally spruce, but a considerable quantity of excellent white pine and tamarac is also turned off the limits. The striking feature of this great plant, says one who has recently seen it, is "that practically nothing is wasted

about 70 Swedes with him, but most of them have gone home or to the west, and the employees now are, with few exceptions, natives of the colony. They are said to make excellent operators in all lines, after a few months' training under the experienced managers who have long been in Mr. Miller's employ in Sweden. The largest portion of the cut is deals. Material not large enough for deals is cut into pickets, box shooks, laths, and a variety of other small dimension stuff. Mr. Miller claims that barring fires he has limits that will yield a yearly cut of 40,000,000 feet for 50 years. The Red Indian lake on which the mill is situated is over 40 miles long and about an average of three-quarters of a mile wide. Outside Mr. Miller's people there is not a habitation or a settler within many miles. He already has one steamer plying on this lake and another one about ready to launch.