uated throughout the country, chiefly for the training of forest rangers. There are eleven of such schools in all. At each school there is an experimental forest area for the practical instruction of the students, who are also required to spend part of their school year in the forests, themselves doing actual forest work. The course usually comprises a full year of study and the object sought is practical insight into forest management and the supervision of forest operations. Charcoal burning,

which is an important part of the industry is also taught.

A visit of inspection was made to one of the best of these rangers' schools located near Bispgarden in middle Sweden, where it has been established since 1898. The school has a director and assistant director who live on the premises. It employs two rangers and other necessary staff. It graduates eighteen students every year. A primary education is sufficient for admission. The average age of the students is

twenty-two years. There are many more applicants than can be accommodated. The students are lodged and boarded at the school free of charge, their only expenses being for books, etc. Each student is allowed 25 kronor a month (\$6.25). The studies are mostly of a practical character and include forest accounting, ditching, loggers' camp construction and other co-related subjects. The school maintains a nursery as well as an experimental plot. It also operates an extensive plant for the extraction of seeds from tree cones. It buys the cones in large quantities from the private forests and other sources and markets the seeds all over the world, deriving a large revenue therefrom.

The work that this school and its fellows are doing in training men for practical work in the forests cannot be overestimated. In the opinion of the visitors it supplies one of the most important elements in Sweden's progressive forest policy.

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Reforestation as practised in Sweden and forest fire protection will be treated in future articles.

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Sir George Foster's Opinion

Department of Trade and Commerce Ottawa, May 10th, 1921.

Robson Black, Esq., Secretary. Canadian Forestry Association, Ottawa.

I have yours of the 9th with enclosed copy of letter from your Western Organzier and Illustrated educational sheet.

I am very much pleased indeed to receive the information you were kind enough to send me and to know that there is so general and enthusiastic a response to the campaign that you have put into operation, which, if carried on with the impetus of its commencement, as I have no doubt it will be, will really almost revolutionise the North-West in this respect. Great credit is due to your Association for its patriotic and enterprising work.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Geo. E. FOSTER.