



Can any part of Canada furnish finer spruces than those of Mr. William Pearce of Calgary? These trees were planted by Mr. Pearce about his residence and are greatly admired.

MANITOBA 75 PER CENT. UNDER FOREST.

The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are frequently styled the "Prairie Provinces." While possibly the prairies may be



A closer view of one of Mr. William Pearce's beautiful spruce trees on his grounds at Calgary.

regarded as their outstanding feature, the term is rather misleading in that it suggests the greater area to be prairie, whereas these prairies, however extensive, occupy only a small percentage of the total area of the provinces. At least 75 per cent of the entire land surface of Manitoba is covered by forests. The entire central and northern parts of the province are still practically unbroken forests. The heaviest growth in Manitoba and Saskatchewan lies generally along the Saskatchewan river from Prince Albert to lake Winnipeg, and extending some miles to the north and south.

South of the Saskatchewan river some of the principal tracts of valuable timber have been set aside by the Dominion Government as "forest reserves." These generally occur on elevated ridges or plateaus. North of the Saskatchewan river, throughout the mining district of this region and extending almost to Hudson bay, the country may be described as wooded, till the "barren lands" and open shores of the bay are reached.

White Spruce of Value.

Though this forest area is very extensive, it does not represent a high average of value. The hardwoods and most valuable of soft woods are missing, while the growth of prevailing trees is