

It is well within the bounds of possibility, however, that the larger companies, whose cables and wires are strung along our highways and streets, will appoint expert tree pruners, with the result that in future the trees will be pruned without mutilation, and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Trees for Planting in Ontario

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THE Ontario Government, through the Provincial Forestry Branch, desires to assist land owners in Ontario to improve their woodlots and reforest waste portions of their holdings. It is preferred that besides supplementing the existing wooded areas on farms, areas such as steep hillsides, sandy, rocky or gravelly spots, swamp land, portions of farms cut off by streams, etc., should receive first attention. Planting of evergreen belts about open borders of woodlots is encouraged, but trees for hedges, ornamental planting, city or park purposes, will not be supplied. The material sent out is meant primarily for forest plantations.

What Forestry Branch Will Do.

In so far as is possible, the Forestry Branch will assist in the growing of forest plantations or woodlots by giving advice, through one of its officers, as to preparation of soil, species to plant, manner of planting and care after planting. It will also supply a limited number of trees for this work, free of charge.

It is suggested that persons contemplating waste land planting make a start of one acre the first season. Two acres will be the largest area for which the Department will undertake to furnish planting material in any one year. Larger areas may be planted by arranging to continue the work throughout successive seasons.

What Prospective Planters Must Do.

Persons wishing to take advantage of this co-operative plan of forest tree distribution should secure an application from the Branch; fill it out and return promptly. They will be informed when the trees are being shipped.

As stated above, trees are supplied free of charge, but the person receiving such material shall pay the cost of transportation by express to his nearest express office. One thousand to two thousand plants will range from 100 to 300 lbs. in weight. This season the trees will be shipped by Canadian Express from St. Williams, Norfolk County. If the applicant desires to know about what the express charges will be he should find out from his local express agent, the rate per 100 lbs. from the above shipping point. It is not considered safe to ship these plants by freight, and the Forestry Branch cannot receive money to prepay transportation charges.

Some Other Considerations.

Applications for trees will be received and filled as long as the stock is available and it is not too late in the season for planting. Applications should all be received early in April. If, however, an applicant is unable to receive stock in