

RESIGNATION OF MR. E. STEWART, DOMINION SUPERINTENDENT OF FORESTRY.

Mr. E. Stewart, who has held the position of Dominion Superintendent of Forestry since the organization of that office, has submitted his resignation to take effect immediately. It is Mr. Stewart's intention to engage in the lumber business so that his interests will still be in the forests directly.

Previous to Mr. Stewart's appointment as Superintendent of Forestry he resided in Collingwood where he enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens so fully as to be elected mayor of the town. By profession Mr. Stewart is a land surveyor and has combined with it an interest in lumbering. His ability in the survey of timber and the judging of forest properties is unexcelled. Mr. Stewart is also one of the founders of the *Canadian Magazine* and has taken a live interest in public questions affecting the welfare of the Dominion.

The practise of his profession took him into the forested districts of the country and he was strongly impressed with the destruction which was being wrought by fires and the careless and unscientific manner of dealing with the forests. He brought the question before the Surveyors' Association for discussion and mainly through his efforts it was so strongly pressed upon the attention of the Dominion Government that it was decided in 1899 to establish an office in the Department of the Interior to carry out a Forestry policy. Mr. Stewart was invited to take charge of this office and accepted the task of formulating a policy of Forest administration and organizing the service. The success which has attended his efforts is shown in the work which has since been accomplished and in the sure and strong position which the whole Forestry movement holds in public opinion.

The Forestry work under Dominion administration divides naturally into two branches. One branch is that of tree planting on the farms. The bare and unsheltered prairie has forced on the settler the necessity for shelter and fuel, but, though this condition was long recognized, no adequate effort had been made to remedy it. The Superintendent of Forestry outlined a scheme for supplying the settler with young trees and for giving them expert advice in preparing the soil, planting, etc. This plan has so thoroughly met the case that it has received general approval and up to the present time 7,000,000 trees