

rather expensive as compared with the broad leaf varieties. The evergreen, however, is a tree especially suited to a country where the winters are so long and where thick windbreaks are such an advantage, so that the cultivation of this class of trees should be encouraged as much as possible. Nowhere in the west have conifers been extensively planted, but there is no doubt that several varieties will prove quite hardy and also profitable.

During the past five years something over 5,000,000 seedlings have been distributed from the nurseries of the Forestry Branch. In the future it is the intention to grow all the stock that may be required on the new nursery station at Indian Head which is now well equipped for the purpose and will in a very few years be well sheltered by the trees already planted for windbreaks. Any varieties hardy to the Northwest can then be grown from seed without fear of damage being done by the strong wind storms which at certain seasons of the year are extremely violent.

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In the report of the Boer Delegates, Messrs. Jooste, Lane and Rood, on the agriculture and stock farming of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, which has recently been published under the title of "Agriculture within the Empire," they have the following to say in regard to Forestry when summarizing their conclusions:—

"The planting of trees for shelter for stock and for future farm requirements should not by any means be overlooked. In fact this is a very important factor in successful farming. We recommend Cypresses, Pines and Wattles and any of the many varieties of Australian Eucalypts or Gum trees, all of which grow rapidly. Gum trees are especially desirable for fence posts, farm buildings, sheep and cattle pens, &c. It is a good plan to plant small groves of trees here and there about the farm, because a sheltering clump of trees will break the cold winds of winter and afford shade during the hot summer months, besides adding greatly to the beauty of the homestead. We noticed everywhere on our travels that progressive farmers always laid out small plantations, and the results were invariably found to fully repay the trifling initial cost and trouble. For garden hedges the Cypress pine will be found to answer as well as any, being very dense and hardy and standing both extremes of heat and cold."