

FORESTRY AND THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

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THAT provision should be made by the State for instruction in Forestry in Ontario is acknowledged on every hand. What does not meet with general agreement is the manner of effecting this desirable end.

PRELIMINARY STEPS.

Let me first give a brief account of the steps taken by the University of Toronto towards the establishment of a School of Forestry in connection with the Provincial University.

At the outset two distinct plans regarding the subject were advanced: (1) to establish a School in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph; (2) to follow the example of Yale and Cornell, and establish such a School at Toronto in connection with the Provincial University. On discussion of the whole question, the advantage of utilizing the instruction already provided in the scientific departments of the University became so apparent that it was unanimously agreed, as between the two Provincial institutions, to adopt the latter plan. This plan includes a summer school at Guelph for instruction in Forestry in its relation to Agriculture.

In pursuance of this plan a curriculum was drawn up, providing for a three years' course in Forestry, and leading to a diploma in the subject. The statute including this curriculum was unanimously adopted by the Senate, as was also a second statute providing for the additional instruction required by the curriculum; and these statutes await only the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to become operative.

THE CLAIM OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

At this stage the question becomes complicated by a claim put forward by Queen's University for state aid in establishing a School of Forestry in connection with that institution at Kingston, and forming a part of the School of Mining already existent there. For the Government and Legislature to accede to the