

of recent years and the consequent late growth, which does not give the young shoots an opportunity to ripen before the heavy frosts, account no doubt for the rather large amount of killing back during the past seasons. After the trees are three or four years old the winters do not seem to have any effect on them, at least the older trees on the experimental farm here have shown no sign of killing back for several years.

"The Russian poplar we do not distribute very much, as it has been found that after they get to be a few years old they become subject to the attacks of borers and fungi. Mr. Mitchell reports that two-year old trees planted at Gleichen in Alberta and at other points are already being affected by this fungus. When the trees are young it seems to attack the stem at the point where the root commences, and rots the outer wood and the inner layer of bark, thus destroying the circulation of sap.

"The elm and ash, especially the latter, seem to be coming into more general favour. They are both very hardy and are longer lived and produce better timber than either the poplar or willow, although they are slower in growth. The ash is very readily raised from seed, the elm not quite so easily, the seed being scarcer, and, unless sown under proper conditions of soil and moisture, it does not seem to germinate at all evenly; hence we cannot distribute this variety in such large quantities as either the maple or ash, although it is without doubt the best broad leaf tree we have."

The reports of the Inspectors of Tree Planting and of the forest protection officials are appended and give much detailed information.

*Forestry Affairs in New York, 1904. Col. Wm. F. Fox,
Superintendent of State Forests, Albany, N.Y., 28 pp.*

The reports of the New York Forest Commission are always interesting on account of the material they contain and the close resemblance between the conditions there and in parts of Canada. New York State was fortunate in the little damage done by fires during 1904, the total loss to state timber being only