



Building up a new forest nursery, under the Dominion Forestry Branch, at Sutherland, near Saskatoon.

A NEW TREE SUPPLY BASE IN THE WEST

One and a Half Million Trees Set Out in the Past Year.

The Tree Planting Division of the Forestry Branch, Department of the Interior, has for the past eighteen years been encouraging the planting of trees by settlers of the prairie in Western Canada. The primary purpose of this planting as planned by the Department is the providing of shelter belts against adverse winds for dwellings, live stock and gardens, and to beautify the home surroundings and later perhaps become a source of supply for fuel. That the Department's co-operative system for the distribution of trees has been an unqualified success is evidenced by the fact that the producing capacity of the 480-acre nursery at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, was reached several years ago. From 54 applicants for trees in 1901, the number

steadily increased until it had reached 5,723 in 1910, and the trees set out each year during this time rose from 58,800 to 2,570,000. It became apparent that if the rates of increase in applications continued it would soon become necessary either to obtain some additional supply or to reduce considerably the number of trees sent out to each applicant. To take the latter step was not considered advisable, since satisfactory growth and protection can not be maintained unless the trees are closely planted, and the Department accordingly proceeded to secure a new nursery site. After careful investigation a half section of land located near the town of Sutherland in the outskirts of the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, was chosen in 1912. In



Some encouraging results in the planting of hardwood trees at the Sutherland Forest Nursery.