

(Extract from a letter from Dr. Murray McFarlane, 18 Carlton St., Toronto.) I have always taken an interest in Forestry, and have just returned from a trip to Algonquin Park, which I consider will prove a most valuable asset to Ontario, provided some steps can be taken to prevent the cutting of the hardwood forests. That would be criminal in the face of the resultant damage to the northern water courses. After having seen the splendid forestry work of France, Saxony and Austria, it grieves me to see the slow progress we are making towards saving our timber.

NOTES.

The Ogdensburg (N. Y.), Soda Pulp Company has secured a large quantity of sunken pine in the Rideau Lakes region of Ontario. The pine is said to have been completely submerged for some eighty years, but is still sound. The company will raise the logs with dredges and take them to Ogdensburg for use in its mills. They expect to recover some 500,000 cords.

"Arbor Day" is gaining some hold in Ireland, celebrations having been lately held at Dublin, Doneraile, and Portumna.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE PROTECTION.

The British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on November 11th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Hon. President, Mr. Wm. Shannon; President, Mr. E. P. Bremner; 1st Vice-President, Mr. M. S. Logan; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. J. F. Clark. Mr. Bremner, President of the organization, highly commended the efforts of the Dominion Government to conserve the forests of the Railway Belt, efforts which he declared "worthy of every commendation." It was decided to appoint a committee which would represent the British Columbia Forestry Association, the Loggers' Association and the Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association, for the purpose of drafting an outline of suggested amendments to the Bush Fires Act of the province.

NEW BRUNSWICK MODIFIES REGULATIONS.

A change in the timber regulations of New Brunswick, lately announced by the surveyor-general of the province, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, reduces the minimum size of the logs allowed to be cut on crown lands of the province from eighteen feet in length, with a diameter at the top of ten inches, to sixteen feet in length, with a diameter at the top end of nine inches.