

Of different trees, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Abies excelsa*, and *Sarix Europea* are found in pleasure grounds; also *Abies pectinata*, first planted by a Scotchman. *Betula alba* is the most common tree next to the fir. We have *Alnus incana*, *Alnus glutinosa*. *Corylus avelana* is much used for making barrel hoops. *Populus tremula* is found everywhere, but not in great numbers. Ash grows wild, but is always sadly misused for the sake of the foliage for the cattle. Mountain ash is common, especially on the islands, where it is mixed with birch. Oak is found wild in one or two places, but there only like a shrub. Besides these, there are the following, of no economic value:—*Salix caprea*, bird-cherry, many willows, *Sorbus area*, holly, white thorn, and crab apple; lime trees are also found in one or two places.

*Nordmore Bailiwick.*—The greatest extent of wood is found here; formerly it must have been much greater, which is seen in the large size of the beams in old houses, many of which are from 8 to 12 ells long, and five quarters in breadth. Long ago this was a secluded district, and prices were not so high as to tempt the people to cut down the woods. Most of the inhabitants were engaged in seafaring pursuits. Even yet the sawing up is done by the hand, and of course not on a large scale. It also seems as if the fiord and coast population were economical in their consumption of the timber, especially with regard to young trees. Had they been as extravagant as their neighbours the woods would have altogether disappeared, the climate and soil being both bad. As it is, there is a great change for the worse within the last ten years. The population is rapidly increasing, and the sale of Government lands is hastening the work of destruction. Many of the farmers (*bonderne*), are awake to the evil, and wish there were some regular system of forest management. Nowhere have I seen the pernicious practice of leaf stripping so common, even in the path of the avalanches, which, as the forests disappear, are becoming more frequent and formidable: one killed thirty men in one night.