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tion is taken into account, the annual increment is considerably greater. It has been estimated that the forest resources of Finland are sufficient to insure a supply of pulpwood for requirements based upon the present rate of consumption for 145 years, without taking into account the new forests that are growing up in the meantime.

Progressive State Policy.

During recent years the Finnish government has increased its forest holdings by purchases from private owners, a policy adopted with a view to restoring the productivity of lands exhausted by reckless cutting in the past and of raising the general standard of economic forestry in the country. The most desirable areas of accessible timber lands in Finland are now well taken up and there is apparently little prospect for industrial companies to increase their holdings by purchasing additional lands from the State. During the unsettled conditions of the past few years there have been many transfers of land among private and corporate owners, with the result that several of the stronger industrial companies have greatly improved their position in this respect. Today, however, the State is doing its utmost to prevent agricultural lands from being bought up by the companies and reverting to forests.

Forest practice and lumbering methods in general while showing marked improvement in the last fifteen years are still said to fall somewhat short of the high stage of development reached in Sweden. State supervision and control, as already noted, have been responsible for great improve-

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