

government authorities, and approval of each year's cutting program is often required before operations commence. It is true that working plans presently in effect are much less intensive than those to be found, for example, in Europe. Nevertheless, progress towards better management has been very encouraging and still greater advances in the not distant future seem certain.

Those of you who visit British Columbia after the Conference will have an opportunity to see some of the newly-established forest management licenses in operation. This is a very interesting new development, through which an operator may obtain rights to cut timber on Crown lands adjacent to his present holdings, in exchange for an undertaking to manage the whole area on a sustained yield basis.

Other Provincial Functions

Forest inventory surveys are being conducted by many provinces on a very large scale, and special units within the administrative organizations have been established to direct this important activity. The Minister has already told you that the Federal Government is providing financial assistance to help in these investigations, which provide the information on which management policies must be based.

Several provinces maintain large forest-tree nurseries and carry on important planting programmes. They also furnish planting stock to individuals and to communities who wish to reforest their own properties. Here again, the Federal Government is giving financial assistance in the reforestation of vacant Crown lands and in the establishment of new nurseries.

Increased efforts are being made by Provincial Governments to encourage farmers to improve the management of their farm woodlots. Government representatives are stationed in farm districts and provide technical advice to farm owners. They also assist them in the marketing of their forest products. This work is very important because farm forests are a significant source of industrial wood and wood fuel, and also because improved forest management is capable of improving considerably the economic position of the farm owners.

Another activity of provincial services which is steadily increasing in importance relates to the information and education of the public regarding the value of forests and the necessity for their protection.

In addition to the activities just mentioned, several provinces maintain forest research organizations of their own. Others rely upon the Federal Government for forest research work.

Federal Forestry Activities

I have mentioned that the Federal Government is responsible for the administration of forests on limited areas. Its main efforts in forestry, however, are concerned with research and the provision of financial assistance to the provinces.

The Forestry Branch of the Department of Resources and Development is organized in three divisions which are concerned respectively with forest research, forest products