

Mr. POWER: That has probably happened in all provinces, contrary to the regulations.

Mr. COOTE: Is this amount spent solely for the protection of the Dominion's own forests?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes, with the exception of the publicity and research votes.

Mr. COOTE: Alberta and British Columbia are given together in this item. I suppose most of that is spent in British Columbia?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am told that \$280,000 is spent in Alberta.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): What particular research work is being carried on in this department?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): We are carrying on experimental work or research work at Petawawa, Ontario, and in New Brunswick, Quebec and the western provinces. It is very largely an attempt to discover the best methods of encouraging the natural forest growth.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Has any effort been made to replant large areas that have been cleaned off completely by lumber companies?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): No, we are doing very little of that. We do not need to do very much in the way of tree planting, because if protection is given to the natural growth it will come up well and even in time need some thinning. In almost every part of Canada the natural growth will come right away if it is protected from fire. That is the biggest menace we have.

Mr. McTAGGART: How many forest reserves are there in the province of Saskatchewan, and where are they located?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): There are fourteen, as follows: Moose Mountain, Beaver hills, Porcupine, Pasquia, Fort a la Corne, Nisbet, Pines, Sturgeon, Big river, Keppel, Dundurn, Seward, Elbow and Manitou.

Mr. SPENCER: I wish to congratulate the minister on the excellent work he is doing to conserve our forests. Of the large amount that is being voted here I understand that a lot is being spent on research work at Montreal. What research work would this be?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): The principal work carried on in the laboratory at Montreal is in connection with the development of the pulp and paper industry. One problem in particular which I might mention is the separation of the resin from jack pine.

[Mr. E. J. Garland.]

As my hon. friend knows the resin makes the jack pine useless for the pulp and paper industry. We have large areas of jack pine in Canada which could be used in this industry when that problem is solved. That is just one of the experiments that are being carried on. Then there is also timber testing, and research work in connection with preservatives for wood, and various matters of that kind.

Mr. SPENCER: I notice that \$75,000 is being spent on tree planting. Is that done in the three prairie provinces and in part of British Columbia?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): It is all in the prairies, I am told. One of the stations is at Sutherland, and the other at Indian Head.

Mr. SPENCER: These are for the free distribution of trees?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes.

Mr. SPENCER: Is there not an item of this nature under the Department of Agriculture too?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Not that I know of.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Last year under this item I discussed with the minister the question of a road to Nordegg, which lies within the Rocky Mountain reserve in Alberta. I pointed out then that the difficulty in constructing a road to that point lay in the fact that part of the road would come under provincial jurisdiction while the remainder, some twenty miles within the forest reserve, would be rather within federal jurisdiction. The minister indicated at that time that he would be willing to discuss the matter with provincial authorities to see if some arrangement could be arrived at. I would be glad to learn if that discussion took place, and what decision, if any, was arrived at.

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): I am sorry to say that with the exception of a mere mention of the matter at Edmonton I did not follow it up. When on a visit to the provincial government of Alberta I did mention the fact that there appeared to be a demand for communication from the Nordegg mines outward, but I regret to say I did not follow the matter up further than that rather desultory conversation on that occasion. However, I shall be glad to take the matter up again. I would say, however, that I fear we