

*Second.* The replanting of the crown forests where burned or exhausted.

*Third.* The encouragement of tree-planting by land owners generally, and the dissemination of information about trees and tree culture.

There should be a Superintendent of Woods and Forests, whose duties should be organization, general supervision and frequent inspection. Under him would be forest rangers or foresters, who would have given districts in which they would reside, and for the oversight of which they would be responsible:—their duties being to prevent encroachment by lumbermen on unleased crown lands; to see that small trees were not cut; to investigate the cause of every fire happening within their districts, and punish the guilty parties, for which purpose they should have certain magisterial powers; to raise in a small plantation young trees for replanting the burned districts; and to collect and sow the seeds of desirable kinds of trees. Each forester would probably require the aid of an assistant. The administration of the department need not be expensive, and whilst the expense could be readily met by a small tax per square mile of timber limits under lease, or per thousand feet of lumber sawn, or cubic feet of square timber produced, the saving annually of timber trees from forest fires would alone pay the cost of the department for many years.

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