

VIEWS OF A DISTINGUISHED FORESTER.

Sir Dietrich Brandis, the father of the present system of Forestry in India, in a letter to Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, makes some valuable suggestions. He says:

"I cannot sufficiently urge upon you the necessity of concentrating all your energies upon one point, that is the constitution of as large an area of State Forests as possible, to enable Canada (I mean the Dominion) to supply the greater portion of the coniferous timber now imported into Great Britain, permanently.

The timber now imported into Great Britain annually amounts to over nine million tons, valued at £24,000,000; and the greater part of this is coniferous timber. Of this quantity

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Russia, as soon as the present troubles have been overcome, will develop its trade and industries in a manner not anticipated at present, and the result will be that they will consume all the timber this country can produce. Germany formerly was a timber exporting country and it now imports five million tons a year. And this, though the area of productive forests has been steadily increasing, and the annual yield per acre is now much larger than it was thirty years ago.

Sweden and Norway, tempted by the high prices and the ready market in England, are cutting more than what their forests annually produce. At the same time industry and manufactures are increasing, and the result will be, that that source also will come to an end.

The United States export very little to England now, and the Dominion of Canada is the only country from which, if the forests are properly managed, a permanent supply of coniferous timber for Great Britain can be expected.

All this means that prices will rise steadily, and it is for you in Canada now to seize this opportunity and to lay the foundation for a magnificent future development of your wealth.

Hence it is necessary that you should form as large an area as possible of State forests, and that you should place them under efficient, systematic management so as to secure ample regeneration of the species you want, either naturally or by planting.