

reserves. They have set aside in the Counties of Frontenac and Addington 80,000 acres, 45,000 acres in the township of Sibley.

In 1901 the pine-bearing region around Lake Temigami containing one million four hundred thousand acres was set aside. All this in addition to the Algonquin Park, which contains over a million acres of what may be regarded as forest reserve. For no settlements are allowed within its limits. The total amounts to 2,600,000 acres of forest reserve.

The Ontario Act contains this wise provision, that although an order in Council only is required to establish a Forest Reserve, an Act of Parliament is required to reopen such lands for sale or settlement.

Lands under license would not of course be interfered with, but exhausted limits and burnt districts could be withdrawn from the license and placed in the reserve.

In 1883 the Quebec statute chapter 9 of 46 Vic. was enacted; it provided for a forest reservation. It was repealed by 51, 52 Vic., chap. 15, section 4, and a reserve of 20 per cent. of each lot as a timber reserve was established. In 1892 this provision of the law was repealed.

A forest reserve of all land unprofitable for agriculture would remove many of the difficulties and complaints now so frequent in the administration of the department. It would facilitate the enactment of a more perfect system of fire protection. It would also enable the government to adopt a better system of forestry in the direction of a perpetuation of the supply of merchantable timber.

If our Government desires to perpetuate the supply it must regulate and control the system effectively.

Manitoba has set aside a reserve of forty-five townships, comprising about one million acres, which serves the double purpose of protecting the timber and water supply.

The State of Idaho has set aside 5,300,000 acres as a forest reserve, an area as large as the State of Massachusetts.