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Sir William Schlich on Canada's Policy

From a letter written by Sir William T. Schlich, until recently head of the Forestry Department at Oxford University, to Mr. Ellwood Wilson, Chief Forester of the Laurentide Company, Grand Mere, P.Q.

"You have 85% of the Canadian Forests as State Forests, but they are not sufficiently protected and systematically managed. You must, under a proper forest law, demarcate out a sufficient area to be placed absolutely under the management of the Forest Department, which must take steps to regulate the management, to thoroughly protect the areas, to prevent any settlement in the areas without previous permission and consent of the Forest authority. Also, to prevent the springing up of new rights."

Irrigation and Watershed Forests

Editor's Note:—Irrigation will prove the magic wand over millions of acres of agricultural land in Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is well to bear in mind, also, that irrigation projects do not create water; they distribute the contents of existing streams. These streams, as far as concerns the two prairie provinces in question, take their rise on the Eastern slope of the Rockies and are dependent for their proper regulation on the protective ground cover provided by the forests. Wherever the sources of streams are bared of forests, the Spring "run-off" of melted snow and rains rushes without obstruction to the lowest levels, overflowing the river banks, washing away the best soil of farms and leaving a weak and insufficient flow of water for the later months when most required.

In perusing the following interesting excerpts from an address by Mr. G. R.

Marnoch, President of the Lethbridge Board of Trade, Chairman of the Irrigation Development Association and a Director of the Canadian Forestry Association, the reader doubtless will hold in view the close relation of irrigation and forest maintenance, also the fact that while it is possible to grow trees on "dry" prairie, it is a much more certain and rapid process to grow them on irrigated land.

Farming under irrigation has proved so successful and profitable in the areas east and south of Lethbridge where it has been increasingly practiced during the past fifteen to twenty years that one might wonder why the demand for the extension of the use of the mountain stream waters has not hitherto been more clamant. The reason is simply this—that grain growing on dry land, in spite of the drawbacks of an erratic climate,