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Cut of Yellow Pine 100 Years Old, with 'Standards' Left.

## Notes on Some Bavarian Forests.

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A brief account of a short visit paid to three Bavarian forests, near Munich, may be of interest to those who may contemplate a visit to Germany, where they will see for themselves the result of more than a century's systematic and scientific management of forest lands.

I desire, at the outset, to make it clear that German forestry is not identical with forestry as it exists to-day in Canada, although it is remarkable how similar the forest trees and climatic conditions are in these two countries.

The main difference lies in the fact that in Canada primeval forests abound, whereas in Germany nature is assisted in the work of regeneration both by planting and by selecting the trees to be removed, as well as those to be left as seed-bearers and shelter for future crops.

On my arrival at Munich, in the middle of August, I presented a letter of introduction to the British Legation. (I had previously ascertained that Professor Heinrich Mayr, who is a well known authority on forestry, would be the best authority to consult). The Legation placed me immediately in communication with him and I lost no time in calling at his house in the experimental garden, at Grafrath. The Professor received me with the greatest kindness and courtesy, and undertook to arrange a programme which would fill up the whole of the time at my disposal. I cannot say too much of the interest shown me by Professor Mayr, who is the principal authority in the School of Forestry at Munich, as well as the head of the large Experimental Garden at Grafrath.

[Prof. Mayr has died since Major Joly de Lotbinière's visit to Munich.