

With the Forest Engineers.

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Mr. Ellwood Wilson, Superintendent of the Forestry Division of the Laurentide Co., Grand'Mère, Quebec, reports an interesting budget of news this month.

It is this company's intention to plant up its waste lands as fast as stock can be raised. Buying two year old stock, the total cost of planting has not exceeded \$8.00 per acre.

Mr. Wilson has just returned from a visit to the Provincial Government's nursery at Berthierville under the general direction of Mr. G. C. Piché and found a most excellent plant and very interesting experiments. *Pinus ponderosa* and *Abies nobilis* have been grown successfully. Mr. Roy and a party of students were busy sowing and are to be complimented on their good work.

Mr. Wilson has a nursery well started, which will have, next spring, about 50,000 trees (Norway spruce, white spruce, white, Scotch, jack and red pine and basswood). Some four years ago about \$2,000 white, Scotch and jack pine were set out and are now from four to eight feet high. Last year 10,000 Scotch pine were set out and this spring 10,000 Norway spruce and a few hundred larch and Black Hills spruce were planted.

Mr. Perrin, of the Shawenegan Water & Power Company, is considering planting of some of the company's lands.

Mr. A. H. D. Ross writes the Secretary in enthusiastic terms of his work in the West this summer. Much of the work is along technological lines.

Mr. J. R. Dickson has been transferred to the Head Office of the Branch at Ottawa, and is "getting the glad hand" from many old friends in the Capital.

Mr. E. J. Zavitz, Forester of the Ontario Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, has the following to say of the work he plans during this summer:—My chief work at the present time, and I expect all this summer, will be organizing fire protection for the Dominion Railroad Board in connection with Order 16570. Also I am spending most of my time traveling in the North Country and becoming acquainted with local conditions and the men already connected with the Department. My work this summer is chiefly in the form of preliminary survey.

Dr. C. D. Howe, of the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, is continuing the work carried on under the Commission of Conservation in Central Ontario during the past summer. Dr. Howe is investigating all forest conditions, paying particular attention to land classification and reproduction. Assisting Dr. Howe in his work are several students in forestry in the University.

J. H. White, M.A., B.Sc.F., Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, is making an investigation of conditions on the Dominion lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, both within and outside of Reserves, with a view to ascertaining what methods should be employed to deal properly with brush and to secure the best possible silvicultural practice. The work is under the direction of the Commission of Conservation. Mr. White's report will be made in October. Writing under date of June 8, he says:—"Leaving this week for a three weeks' trip through the Clearwater and Bow River Forests — which during this month will probably be a wet one."