

# Quebec Provincial Nurseries.

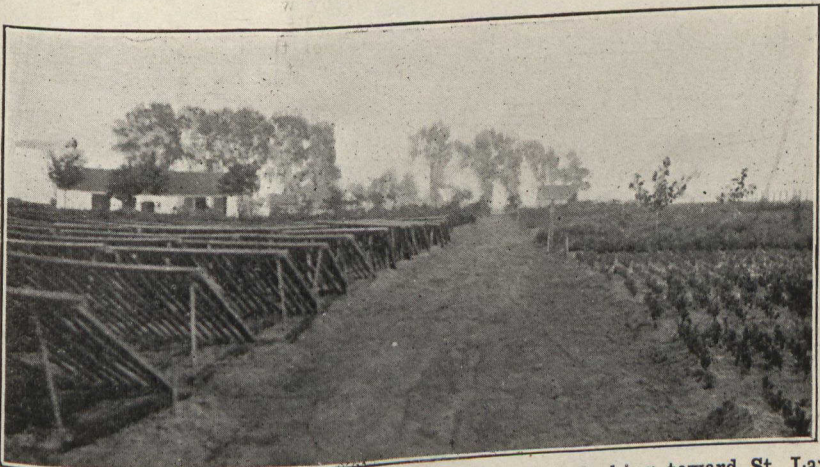
## Description of the Forest Nursery Station at Berthierville.

The Secretary recently paid a visit to the Quebec Government Forest Nursery near Berthierville. This nursery, which consists of about sixty acres, is situated on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River near the town of Berthierville, and nearly opposite the city of Sorel. The site is well chosen both as to the character of the soil and for convenience in shipping the little trees by rail and water. The farm house and barns have been fitted up for the use of the resident forester, and accommodation is provided for the students who in the spring do the work of preparing the beds, sowing the seed and transplanting the seedlings into the nursery rows.

The species chiefly grown are pine and spruce. White and red pine occupy a large place, and the nursery is also making a thorough test of Scotch pine, which promises to do particularly well in the Province of Quebec. Tamarack and European larch are also grown extensively, and another conifer that promises

well is the red fir, the seed of which was brought from Idaho. Of deciduous trees, the ash, elm and maple are the chief representatives, black walnut six years from the seed is about nine feet high, and some European walnut planted two years ago is also making good growth. As an experiment there are some specimens of tulip trees or yellow poplar being grown, and while this tree has been frozen down the last two winters to about three feet above the ground, it is hoped eventually to acclimatize it.

The Secretary was shown over the nursery by Mr. G. C. Piché, Chief of the Forest Service, who pointed out that the nursery had now reached a size of five hundred beds. In these there were a few failures, but in nearly every case the reason for these was known, and as the work proceeds these can be avoided in future. The nursery has also been equipped with a water system which will materially improve the working conditions.



View in Quebec Government Nurseries Berthierville, Que., looking toward St. Lawrence River.