

## NOTES.

**CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS.** The latest bulletin of the Forestry Branch, Department of the Interior, is entitled "Forest Products of Canada, 1908." It was compiled by Messrs. H. R. MacMillan and G. A. Gutches, and is No. 8 of the series. The production of lumber, lath, shingles, cross-ties, poles and pulpwood is given for the whole Dominion and also separately for the provinces; the amount and value of each species of trees are also given. Lack of space forbids longer mention of it at present. Copies can be obtained free on application to R. H. Campbell, Superintendent of Forestry, Ottawa, and may be had either in French or in English.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVE.** The activities of the Commission of Conservation, under the able guidance of its chairman, Hon. Clifford Sifton, have been very much in evidence of late, especially in regard to proposed legislation in regard to waterpowers. In the opposition to the Long Sault and Fort Frances power schemes the hand of the commission has been evident, and a study is now being made of forest fires especially along the National Transcontinental Railway in Ontario.

**DOMINION FOREST SERVICE.** During the coming season the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior will have six survey parties in the field, each to consist of a forester-in-charge, three assistant foresters and a cook. Of these parties two will be in the railway belt in British Columbia, two on the eastern slope of the Rockies, and two on the route of the Hudson Bay Railway. The work of tree distribution from the Forest Nursery at Indian Head will be continued as in former years. The number of fire rangers will be considerably increased.

**QUEBEC FORESTRY SCHOOL.** Special mention was made in the Speech from the Throne recently delivered at the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec of the foundation of a school of forestry in the province. Legislation will be introduced at the present session to give effect to this. A number of young men now in the service of the provincial department of lands and forests will enter the school at its opening, after some months spent in practical work in connection with the department.

**ONTARIO'S FOREST REVENUE.** Ontario's total revenue from Woods and Forests during the ten months ending October 31st, 1909, was \$885,892.44, made up as follows: Bonus, \$285,571.41; Timber Dues, \$529,422.50; Ground Rent, \$68,528.53; Transfer Fees, \$2,370.00. The revenue from timber dues is for ten months only, and, as many of the accounts did not fall due until December 1st, are small as compared with some other years.

In the Mississaga forest reserve, Ontario, the timber damaged by fires in 1909 is put down as seventy-five million feet. The fire which injured the reserve came up from licensed lands to the south, and it was found impossible to ascertain the cause of the fire or fix the responsibility for it. Small quantities of red and white pine, both Crown and private property, on the Timagami reserve were also damaged.

Senator Davis, of Prince Albert, has introduced into the Senate a bill to amend the Dominion Lands Act, with the object of enabling a homesteader to fulfil part of his homestead duties by the planting of trees. The bill proposes that, within certain areas which may be judged by the Governor-General-in-Council to be suitable for tree culture, if any entrant on applying for a patent can prove that there are on his homestead one thousand healthy trees, planted by him, of not less than one inch in diameter, this shall be taken as equivalent to half the amount of cultivation usually exacted.

**BROWN TAIL MOTH.** Inspection of all imported nursery stock, in order to prevent the spread of the Brown Tail Moth, is being continued this year under direction of the Division of Entomology of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Last year over a million and a half imported seedling plants were examined and 196 nests were found. This year, as last year, all the nests have been found in imported French nursery stock. In Canada, so far, the pest has not spread beyond Nova Scotia. An account of the insect is given in the last report of the Experimental Farms.

Dr. J. F. Clark's many friends will be interested to know that he has entered business on his own account in Vancouver, under the style of J. F. Clark & Co.