

less I see of it, for its multiplied and various horrors, intervening between the vision and the picture, wrap the whole in impenetrable gloom.

Resting on the indulgence of those who have been kind enough to patronize this work, it may not be improper to state that I was, at the time of the 'Great Fire,' residing within a mile of Newcastle. If my opinion be entitled to any consid-

eration, that is its candid expression: A greater calamity than the fire which happened in Miramichi never befell any forest country, and has been rarely excelled in the annals of any other; and the general character of the scene was such that all it required to complete a picture of the General Judgment was the blast of a trumpet, the voice of the archangel and the resurrection of the dead.



[Photo R. B. Miller.

A Tract of Country Burned over in the Miramichi Fire and never satisfactorily re-forested.

#### DR. WM. SAUNDERS RESIGNS.

Members of the Canadian Forestry Association noted with much interest the resignation, from his post as Director of Experimental Farms, of Dr. Wm. Saunders, C. M. G., who has held that position since the establishment of the Dominion Experimental Farms in 1886. Dr. Saunders has shown a keen interest in the Canadian Forestry Association since its organization, and was for some years one of its Board of Directors. Long prior to the foundation of the Association he had shown his interest in the problems of afforestation and the growing of forest trees. On the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa experimental work in the planting of forest trees was commenced in 1888, two years after its inception, and on the other farms within a short time after their establishment. The work, especially, of the Experimental Farms at Brandon, Man., and Indian Head, Sask.,

laid the foundations of the extensive plantings made on the homesteads all through the prairie provinces, under the direction of the Dominion Forestry Branch. Dr. Saunders' resignation took effect on March 31st, and he will leave Ottawa in May for a holiday tour in Europe. His many friends will wish him not only a pleasant holiday, but also many years of well-earned rest. Mr. J. H. Grisdale, B. Agr., for some years agriculturist at the Central Experimental Farm, has been appointed Director of Experimental Farms in Dr. Saunders' place.

#### FOREST RANGERS MEET.

The annual meeting of the forest rangers on the Dominion forest reserves was this year held at Saskatoon, Sask., on April 4, when a number of questions of interest in regard to the management of the reserves were discussed.