

Government in "The Dominion Forest Reserves Act." By this Act twenty-one forest reserves, with a total area of 3,420,200 acres, were set aside; of these reserves, six were in Manitoba, three in Alberta, four in Saskatchewan and eight within the "railway belt" in British Columbia. An examination of the timber on these reserves was in progress, with a view to their scientific management, including Rocky Mountain Park, Yoho Park and Glacier Forest Park, the area of land now reserved is 7,200,000 acres.

Important legislation had also been passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick. By this Act a complete survey of the Crown lands of the Province is to be made, and a classification of these lands. Streams were also to be examined as to their availability for lumbering operations and as to whether measures should be taken to conserve their flow. The Lieutenant-Governor is authorized to take measures to preserve the timber lands of the Province.

The tree-distribution in the North West had been successfully continued during the year.

The resignation of Mr. E. Stewart from the position of Superintendent of Forestry was noted with regret. His part in the founding of the Canadian Forestry Association, and generally in the awakening of interest in the forestry movement had been a prominent one, and he was to be congratulated on having initiated it and placed it on a stable basis.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The address of the President, Mr. Stewart, reviewed at some length the foundation and progress of the Association, noting its increase in membership from 244 in 1901 to 1,222 in 1907. Projects deserving of encouragement were the planting of avenue trees along country roads and lanes, of groves on unproductive land, the retaining of woodlots where land had not been completely cleared up and the granting of partial or total exemption from taxation on woodlands.

An opportunity was now open to nurserymen for the growing of forest nursery stock on a large scale, which could, no doubt, be done at a profit. If nurserymen would not take up this matter provincial governments should establish nurseries from which stock might be got to plant up denuded limits.

On the aesthetic side, more particularly, the aid of the women of the country might be enlisted for the cause of forestry.

In granting patents to wooded lands a proviso should be inserted that at least ten per cent. of the area conveyed should be retained by the patentee in forest, the timber to belong to him for his own use.