

# Dominion Forestry Work, 1911.

## An Outline of the Work Projected by the Forestry Branch this Summer.

With the increasing number of trained men that is now becoming available through the institution of the forest schools of Canada, it has become possible for the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior to develop its work to a greater degree, and this season the number of men in its employ—temporarily, at least—shows a considerable increase. An outline of its work will be found of considerable interest.

### Surveys.

Seven parties in all are engaged in survey work of various kinds.

Of these parties two will be engaged in a continuation of the work, commenced last year, of determining the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain forest reserve. Both of these parties are in general charge of Mr. G. H. Edgecombe, B. Sc. F. Going in by way of Edmonton, these parties started their operations at the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, the 'northern' party working northward toward the northern limit of the reserve, the 'southern' party working southward to the 11th base line, (a point nearly due west of Lacombe, Alta.), up to which Mr. Caverhill located the boundary last season. The southern party is composed of Messrs. Geo. Tunstell, Wm. Kynoch, S. H. Clark and E. H. Finlayson, while in the northern party are Messrs. G. A. FitzRandolph, C. R. Mills and E. C. Manning.

A survey of the Porcupine Hills in Alberta is being made by a party with Mr. E. G. McDougall, B. Sc. F., at its head. These hills, while outside the boundary of the Rocky Mountain forest reserve, are reported to be well timbered, and the sur-

vey is being made with a view to ascertain whether they are suitable to be formed into a regular forest reserve. Mr. McDougall's assistants are Messrs. Roy L. Campbell, A. K. Shives, K. R. Machum and L. S. Newman.

Mr. H. C. Wallin, who has been with the Forestry Branch for several years, will continue the work of inspecting timber limits within the Railway Belt in British Columbia, with a view to ascertaining which of these are suitable for being thrown open to settlement as agricultural lands and which are permanently to be reserved for forest purposes. The great demand for land for farming within the British Columbia Railway Belt has made this work one of considerable importance. The examination of tracts suitable for reserves will also be carried on. Mr. Wallin's assistants will be Messrs. H. C. Kinghorn, B. Sc. F., a graduate of the Forest School of the University of New Brunswick, who will have charge of a separate party for part of the season; H. S. Irwin, R. McG. Watt, G. H. Prince and C. H. Morse.

Mr. D. Roy Cameron, B. Sc. F., will have charge of a reconnaissance survey of the timber in the vicinity of Lesser Slave Lake, and will have as assistants in the work Messrs. J. André Doucet (who was with Mr. Dickson's party last summer), R. G. Lewis and Fred. McVickar.

Mr. W. J. Vandusen will be the leader of a party which will work in the Porcupine mountains, in Saskatchewan. This party will survey the Porcupine mountains west of the present reserve, with the object of ascertaining how much, if any, of the land there should be permanently