



Soil drifting has become a real problem in portions of the Canadian west where trees are scarce or wholly absent. Unobstructed winds have destroyed many valuable areas.

Reforestry in Adirondacks

THE largest privately owned tree nursery in the United States is that of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, located at Bluff Point, where each year thousands of Scotch Pine, Norway Pine, Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, Red Spruce, Poplar, Ash and White Cedar are grown for transplanting on waste lands in the Adirondacks. The industry gives employment to many girls, women and men during all seasons of the year and at wages which provides those employed with more than a comfortable living. This nursery is one of the most interesting spots in this part of the State, showing as it does the growing of the trees from time the tiny trees, only a few inches in height, are carefully taken from the transplant beds and shipped to the planting fields in the Mountains.

The reforestation project was first undertaken by the Delaware & Hudson Company in 1907, and the following year the Company secured from the Federal Government sufficient trees for the planting of 15 acres in the vicinity of Wolf Pond, there being 18,000 trees set out that year.

In October of that year the Delaware & Hudson Company placed H. R. Bristol, a trained forester, in charge of their reforestation operations and immediately enlarged upon their programme until to-day they have the largest forestry programme in the country. In October, 1908, extensive forest fires in the Northern Adirondacks played havoc with the forests of the Adirondacks, but the then new superintendent of the operations was not to be discouraged by this set back, and under his guidance the Company continued their reforestation work with renewed energy, the result being that in the few years which have elapsed between that time and the present the Delaware and Hudson Company's reforestation operations have been enlarged from the modest fifteen acres of 1907 to over 9,000 acres at the present time.

The nursery at Bluff Point is to the novice the most interesting part of the reforestation operations. There are trees are grown from the seed. The nursery contains seventeen and a half acres, and has at the present time over 200 seed beds. Each of these beds are