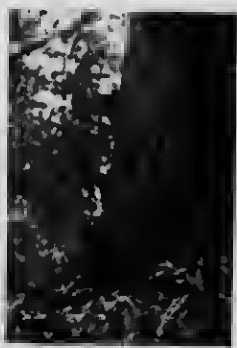


well seasoned before use. The long and slender pendulous cones which hang from the branches give the tree a very graceful appearance: and the strong, pungent odor which it emits when freshly cut, and which it never loses, renders it very easy of identification.

### Western White Pine

None of the Western pines are found in quantity near the coast, and so far they have been used for Western purposes only. It is found in the interior of Vancouver island and is abundant in the southern parts of the Coast Range, where there is heavy rainfall. In the Selkirk Mountains it is not very common, but



attains a considerable size on the mountain slopes. The wood is used for the same purpose as the Eastern white pine. Mr. Anderson says: "It is the most useful wood for window-sashes, doors, powder barrels and similar work. Being a white and very light wood, it is unsuitable for outside uses, and has a tendency to absorb moisture when in contact with the ground, and is, therefore, liable to decay." It has not heretofore been used to a very great extent. It is a splendid looking tree, having bluish-green fronds and cones from 8 to 12 inches long.

### Engelmann Spruce

This characteristic spruce of the Rocky and Selkirk mountains is the most useful tree growing in the interior of British Columbia, and is there largely used in bridge and trestle work and for heavy construction work generally. In the valley of the Columbia it is often more than 150 feet in height and 4 feet in diameter. The