

The Brantford Board of Trade is endeavoring to secure the co-operation of other Ontario Boards of Trade in memorializing the Ontario Government to protect the forests of Ontario and restore them as far as possible. Special attention is called to the greater frequency of floods on Ontario rivers now in comparison with former times.

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Experiments carried on at Eberswalde and elsewhere in Germany with regard to manuring of forest trees lead to the conclusion that in nurseries of conifers on sandy soils, nitrogenous manures, especially if acting slowly and continuously have the best results. The cultivation of lupins which were afterward allowed to die down, the placing of peat in holes between the plants and pine-dust or other similar litter similarly applied were the most successful ways of applying this nitrogen. Pines under thirty years were benefitted by applications of basic slag and sulphate of ammonia, also by mechanical cultivation. Nitrate of soda washed away too soon.

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Mr. E. N. Lewis, Member for West Huron, brought to the attention of Parliament during the session of April 29th the immediate necessity of action being taken by the Government in reference to the appointment of a committee of members of the House to ascertain the facts relative to the forest resources of Canada and the United States. He suggested that a small committee should be appointed to get together the official facts during recess and report next session. He asked that members of the Geological Survey staff and others be called before the proposed committee and be examined on the timber resources of the northern country. As is not perhaps generally known, between twenty and thirty parties are sent out from the Geological Survey Department each year and the reports of these men, if correlated, would give a better idea of the forest resources of the north than could be got from any other source.

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TO THE EDITOR OF FORESTRY JOURNAL,

Dear Sir:—When reading the reports of the speeches that appear from time to time in the Press as they are spoken on public occasions by those who are intrusted with the interests of the people, it is concluded that the preservation of what is frequently termed "Our Grand Heritage," is one of the chief concerns of our Legislators, but when we read of the efforts that are being made to cultivate forests in the treeless plains of the West, or on the sand dunes of Ontario under great difficulty and at great cost, the reader is inclined to doubt the