

then blow uninterruptedly over the denuded land; the streams bereft of the present natural reservoirs which the forest covering at their sources affords, will then be torrents in the spring time, and dry during the summer and winter months, causing destruction to the fish and to navigation; the fur-bearing animals and other game will practically disappear, and instead of having a land with many possibilities, we will have an arctic desert.

Fortunately the land in this great region is practically all in the possession of the Crown, so that little difficulty stands in the way of conservative forestry there. From what has been said it is evident that there is a great field for intelligent forestry in Canada, which it should be the aim of the people and of the Governments, both Federal and Provincial, to have put in practice with as little delay as possible.

Dr. A. Harold Unwin, formerly of the Dominion Forestry Branch, but now of the Imperial Forest Service, writes from West Africa that he has started work in the Western Division by inspecting concessions, i.e., timber limits that are being worked, and also rubber tree plantations that are already set out. This year two hundred new plantations are being worked, scattered over a tract of country about one hundred miles square, and as the inspection has to be made on foot, it takes some time to see the district.

The concessions cause a great deal of supervision, as no concessionaire may cut any tree under twelve feet in girth at ten feet from the ground, and must plant twenty mahogany seedlings for every large tree he cuts, and must also preserve any young mahogany growth he may find. The latter operations are directed by the forest service. There are twenty-eight foresters, all natives, for the work in the Western Division. In the Central Division there are six foresters. The latter division includes mainly rubber plantations, though there is splendid timber at some distance from the railroad.

The appropriation for the service is \$50,000, and gives ample for everything except the extension of the plantations. The revenue of the colony is good, and increasing, so that it is expected there will be a larger appropriation in the near future.

The foresters also have charge of the game in the districts, which consists of several herds of wild elephants, quite a responsibility to undertake.

There is no pine in the country, but the question of introducing Long Leaf Pine is being considered. It will grow well, and the imported timber stands the climates, ants, &c., splendidly.