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OF THE

WOODS AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

from 1st January 1906 to

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1907,

BY

C. G. RICHARDSON,

ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's command.

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WOODS AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT.

Report by the Acting Inspector General of Forests.

To the Hon. N. J. Moore, Minister for Lands.

Woods and Forest Department,
Perth, 20th July, 1907.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the operations of the Woods and Forest Department for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

2. Acting in accordance with instructions from Parliament that Departmental reports should be reduced in bulk, I have made my report as short as possible.

I have, etc.,

C. G. RICHARDSON,
Acting Inspector General of Forests.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

1. The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure of the Department since its inception in 1895 :-

Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st January to 31st December, 1895	3,175 5 2	1,108 5 5
1st January to 31st December, 1896	4,838 11 2	2,020 11 5
1st January to 31st December, 1897	12,320 6 4	3,489 14 4
1st January to 31st December, 1898	30,150 6 3	3,356 5 7
1st January to 31st December, 1899	16,999 11 3	2,438 7 5
1st January to 31st December, 1900	15,525 19 2	2,648 11 10
1st January to 31st December, 1901	18,477 16 2	2,747 6 3
1st January to 31st December, 1902	18,752 11 7	4,301 6 1
1st January to 31st December, 1903	20,478 9 1	3,789 3 4
1st January to 31st December, 1904	20,018 19 4	4,192 16 9
1st January to 31st December, 1905	18,479 18 6	5,089 18 6
(6 months) 1st January, 1906, to 30th June, 1906	10,973 18 4	3,385 1 9
1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907	22,783 1 5	6,270 15 2
	212,974 13 9	44,838 3 10

2. From the above statement it will be seen that to the 30th June, 1907, the revenue exceeded the expenditure by the large sum of £168,136 9s. 11d.

Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

3. The revenue derived from our Forests for rents of Timber Leases, Timber Concessions, Monthly Licenses and Royalty amounted to £22,783 1s. 5d.

4. The total expenditure of the Department for the year under review amounted to £6,270 15s. 2d.

THE STAFF.

5. The officers of the Department are as follows :-

HEAD OFFICE.

C. G. Richardson, Acting Inspector General of Forests:

F. U. Palmer, Clerk,
R. Cooper, Typist,

D. W. Arnold, Clerk,
R. R. Marshall, Clerk.

FOREST RANGERS.

H. S. Brockman, Donnybrook,
J. J. Fitzgerald, Waroona,
J. H. Gregory, Narrogin,
G. F. Griffiths, Donnybrook,
C. L. Hastie, Bunbury,
E. Kelso, Coolgardie,

W. Pennell, Chidlow's Well,
A. Stevenson, Collie,
F. E. S. Willmott, Bridgetown,
H. Yelverton, Kirup,
D. McVicar, Greenbushes.

Caretaker, Point Walter Reserve: F. W. Allen.

Nurseryman, State Nursery, Hamel: A. McFarlane.

PLANTATIONS.

1. The planting of Pines has been extended this year at the State Nursery, Hamel, bringing the total area under pines to about 150 acres. The pines planted in the Hamel plantations are principally *Pinus insignis* and *Pinus pinaster*; but include *Pinus Halepensis*, *Pinus excelsa*, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Pinus ponderosa*, *Pinus resinosa*, and *Pinus strobus*.

2. A further area of about 100 acres is now cleared and will be ready for planting next season.

3. Sooner or later the great possibilities of the planting of softwoods will be realised by the public of Western Australia, and Pine Plantations will be formed on a large scale throughout the State.

4. I am glad to say that the present Government has recognised the immense possibilities of growing our own supply of softwoods instead of importing the timber from abroad, and with this object in view have authorised the formation of a Pine Plantation on a large scale near Ludlow, on the South-Western Railway line; arrangements are now being made to at once proceed with the clearing and grubbing of about 5,000 acres for planting pines in this locality, and it is hoped next planting season some hundreds of acres will be put under pines.

5. That there is ample justification for the undertaking has already been shown in the Eastern States where pine plantations formed some 18 years ago

have recently been cut over with a view of testing the probable return from the pines planted.

6. The result of this cutting showed that the value of the timber was a very considerable one, some of the pines turning out sufficient timber to make twenty-eight (28) cases, each of which found a ready sale at 1s. each, and would yield a return of about £200 per acre.

7. Some of the pines in the Hamel plantations, although only about eight years old, are fully fifty feet in height, with a diameter of 16 inches measured at three feet from the ground, and from this rate of growth and the result of the experimental cuttings in the Eastern States some idea may be formed of what can be expected from growing pines in Western Australia. The *Pinus insignis*, known as the Mounterey or Remarkable Pine, is eminently suited for fruit and other case making, as it is light, tough and strong, holds nails and admits of re-nailing without the splitting which so often occurs when cases are made of our local timbers. *Pinus pinaster*, the Cluster or Maritime Pine, is largely used along the Mediterranean and in France for boards, scantling, packing, boxes, etc., and should prove equally useful in Western Australia. Both these timbers are extensively used for a variety of purposes in the Eastern States, and high opinions have been formed of their value.

8. All the *insignis* and *pinaster* growing at Hamel are making rapid growth, and the plantations generally are well worth the inspection of anyone interested in the planting of softwoods.

THE STATE NURSERY.

List of Trees and Shrubs raised in Nursery during the year under review.

Acacia Baileyana	.. .. .	Silver Weeping Wattle (N.S.W.)	.. .. .	1,296
Acacia decurrens	.. .. .	Black Wattle (N.S.W.)	.. .. .	828
Acacia dealbata	.. .. .	Silver Wattle (Queensland)	.. .. .	970
Acacia pycnantha	.. .. .	Golden Wattle	.. .. .	1,872
Aleuritis cordata	.. .. .	Chinese Wood Oil Tree	.. .. .	130
Araucaria Bidwilli	.. .. .	Queensland Pine	.. .. .	210
Agonis flexuosa	.. .. .	Peppermint (W.A.)	.. .. .	774
Araucaria excelsa	.. .. .	Norfolk Island Pine	.. .. .	320
Ceratonia siliqua	.. .. .	Carob Bean	.. .. .	1,134
Cupressus (of sorts)	.. .. .	Cypress	.. .. .	4,150
Eucalyptus citriodora	.. .. .	Lemon-scented Gum (Queensland)	.. .. .	576
Eucalyptus corynocalyx	.. .. .	Sugar Gum (S.A.)	.. .. .	4,016
Eucalyptus ficifolia	.. .. .	Red flowering Gum	.. .. .	1,364
Ficus Australis	.. .. .	Pt. Macquarrie Fig	.. .. .	2,742
Ficus macrophylla	.. .. .	Morton Bay Fig	.. .. .	1,506
Lagunaria Patersonii	.. .. .	Pyramid Tree	.. .. .	1,180
Phoenix dactylifera	.. .. .	Date Palm	.. .. .	960
Pittosporum undulatum	.. .. .	Cheese Wood	.. .. .	1,250
Sterculia acerifolia	.. .. .	Queensland Flame Tree	.. .. .	476
Schinus molle	.. .. .	Pepper Tree	.. .. .	7,026
Grevillea robusta	.. .. .	Silky Oak	.. .. .	1,109
Thuya occidentalis	.. .. .	Northern White Cedar (Arbor vitæ)	.. .. .	281
Laurus Camphora	.. .. .	Camphor Laurel	.. .. .	604
Sterculias	.. .. .	Kurrajongs	.. .. .	2,360
Robenia, Pseudo Acacia	.. .. .	False Acacia	.. .. .	4,236
Melia Adzedarach	.. .. .	Pride of India	.. .. .	4,428
Salix Aurea	.. .. .	Basket Willows	.. .. .	1,200
Populous fastigata	.. .. .	Lombardy Poplar	.. .. .	1,150
Populous alba	.. .. .	Silver Poplar	.. .. .	690
Platanus orientalis	.. .. .	Plane tree	.. .. .	650
Juglans regia	.. .. .	English Walnut	.. .. .	840
Quercus Hodgkinsonii	.. .. .	Evergreen Oak	.. .. .	1,612
Tamarisk gallica	.. .. .	Flowering Cypress	.. .. .	2,009
Pinus insignis	.. .. .	Remarkable Pine	.. .. .	21,678
Pinus Halepensis	.. .. .	Alleppo Pine	.. .. .	1,102
Pinus pinea	.. .. .	Stone Pine	.. .. .	451
Pinus sylvestris	.. .. .	Scotch Pine	.. .. .	.. .. .
Pinus resinosa	.. .. .	Red Pine	.. .. .	940
Pinus strobus	.. .. .	Weymouth Pine	.. .. .	1,140
Pinus ponderosa	.. .. .	Yellow Pitch Pine	.. .. .	1,170
Pinus pinaster	.. .. .	Cluster Pine	.. .. .	1,906
Pinus rigida	.. .. .	American Pitch Pine	.. .. .	300
		Total number of trees raised	.. .	82,636

DISTRIBUTION OF TREES.

The following list shows the number of trees and the various public bodies to which same were supplied during the year ended 30th June, 1907:—

Agricultural Societies	2,152	
Cemetery Boards	1,010	
Churches	1,120	
Churches (R.C.)	68	
Convents (R.C.)	72	
Experimental Farms	162	
Experimental Purposes	1,917	
Farmers' Associations	60	
Government Gardens, Perth	1,220	
Government House, Perth	101	
Hospitals	542	
Industrial School, Government	50	
King's Park, Perth	162	
Lunatic Asylum	1,860	
Mines Department	400	
Monastery, North Perth	274	
Mundaring Weir	442	
Municipalities	7,817	
Old Men's Home	334	
Orphanages (R.C.)	113	
Park Committee, York	1,121	
Parliament House	150	
Police Department	62	
Progress Associations	400	
Public Halls	40	
Railway Department	2,081	
Recreation Reserves	1,701	
Roads Boards	2,803	
Salvation Army	250	
Schools	3,236	
Training College, Claremont	52	
Yalingup Caves	25	
Zoological Gardens	2,092	
		33,889
GOLDFIELDS.		
Board of Health	550	
Bowling Club	150	
Cemetery Boards	225	
Hospitals	340	
Municipalities	4,283	
Progress Associations	100	
Pumping Stations (C.W. Supply)	1,628	
Railway Department	54	
Recreation Reserves	100	
Roads Boards	3,400	
		10,830
Total number of Trees distributed		44,719

From the above it will be seen that during the year under review the number of trees distributed from the State Nursery, Hamel, amounted to 44,719.

The distribution of trees has continued now for a period of nine years, during which some 350,000 have been distributed throughout the State.

The free distribution of trees raised at the State Nursery is a matter which has given rise to a considerable amount of controversy of late, the local nurserymen being opposed to it on the ground that it injures their interests.

It is, however, a question affecting not only all the settlers throughout the State but particularly the residents of the goldfields, and it is regrettable that for the last two years this section of the community has, through the action of a few nurserymen, been debarred from obtaining trees.

In the Eastern States the general distribution of trees to farmers, orchardists, etc., for shade and shelter purposes is regarded as a matter of the greatest importance, as it is generally admitted that the planting of trees not only enhances the beauty of the country, but tends to ameliorate the climatic conditions.

TIMBER IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The following statements show the quantity and value of the timber imported into Western Australia during the years ended the 30th June, 1906, and 1907, respectively, and the countries whence imported :—

Country from whence imported.	Year ended 30th June, 1906.		Year ended 30th June, 1907.	
	Quantity. Super. feet.	Value. £	Quantity. super. feet.	Value. £
(531) ARCHITRAVES, MOULDINGS, ETC. :				
South Australia			501	2
Victoria	7,408	52	41,234	274
United Kingdom	676	11	..	..
Germany	4,000	13	..	..
United States of America	12,567	113	5,539	16
Total	24,649	189	47,274	292
(532) DRESSED, N.E.I. :				
New South Wales	4,087	39	7,705	84
Victoria	56,135	552	199,519	1,769
Queensland	5,500	33	..	..
South Australia	7,815	112	10,149	81
United Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	1,771	28
United States of America	542,417	4,892	436,991	4,846
Sweden	2,183,170	11,747	1,827,860	11,139
Norway	266,400	1,349	1,165,166	7,166
Singapore .. .. .	..	..	4,904	47
Total	3,065,524	18,724	3,654,065	25,160
(533) UNDRESSED OREGON, IN SIZES 12IN. x 6IN. AND OVER :				
New South Wales	5,023	24	50,246	608
Victoria	17,076	109	52,543	455
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	600	12
United States of America	619,121	1,142	2,067,022	8,169
Total	641,225	1,275	2,170,411	9,244
(534) UNDRESSED, N.E.I., IN SIZES 12IN. x 6IN. AND OVER :				
New South Wales	2,110	16	..	..
Victoria	13,496	169	4,334	37
Queensland	5,353	94	810	16
South Australia	5,902	33	144	1
Tasmania	600	9	..	..
United States of America	564,023	4,202	411,291	2,767
Singapore	9,000	42	1,666	8
India .. .. .	..	..	250,113	4,402
Norway .. .. .	..	..	432	4
Total	600,484	4,565	668,790	7,235
(535) UNDRESSED, N.E.I., IN SIZES LESS 12IN. x 6IN. :				
New South Wales	48,925	454	59,265	548
Victoria	109,605	1,268	266,643	2,831
Queensland	64,564	857	128,298	1,611
South Australia	23,549	268	47,329	373
Tasmania	111,735	559	120,162	547
United Kingdom	154,555	1,148	22,696	102
United States of America	3,641,976	19,782	6,220,160	31,087
Germany	3,000	19	94,166	556
Singapore	95,241	578	123,150	809
Sweden	378,862	2,519	317,667	1,987
Norway	1,140	6	..	..
India	10,974	396	41,469	1,097
Russia .. .. .	..	..	98,590	834
New Zealand .. .. .	..	..	1,545	6
Italy	14,760	207	..	..
Cape Colony	2,543	5	..	..
Lorenzo Marquez	900	3	..	..
Total	4,662,329	28,069	7,541,143	42,388
(536) LATHS :	No.		No.	
New South Wales	12,000	19	..	..
Victoria	27,900	42	125,610	175
South Australia	90,000	120	20,000	32
United Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	14,000	7
United States of America	774,720	378	1,517,760	1,352
Total	904,620	559	1,677,370	1,566
(537) PALINGS :				
New South Wales	45,000	47	..	..
Victoria	510	4	..	..
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	1,300	13
Tasmania .. .. .	..	..	300	2
Total	45,510	51	1,600	15

Country from whence imported.	Year ended 30th June, 1906.		Year ended 30th June, 1907.	
	Quantity. Super. feet.	Value. £	Quantity. Super. feet.	Value. £
(538) PICKETS, DRESSED,	No. Nil	Nil	No. Nil	Nil
(539) PICKETS, UNDRESSED: United States of America	14,475	36	80,130	277
(544) HICKORY, UNDRESSED:				
New South Wales	616	5		
Victoria			634	16
South Australia	100	1		
United States of America	6,072	97	3,973	99
Total	6,788	103	4,607	115
(545) LOGS NOT SAWN AND SPARS IN THE ROUGH:				
New South Wales			50	5
Victoria	1,285	13	533	6
Queensland			8,206	86
United Kingdom			7	1
Japan			481	3
Total	1,285	13	9,277	101
(546) STAVES, UNDRESSED, OR ROUGHLY DRESSED, BUT NOT SHAPED:				
South Australia	2,900	58		
United Kingdom			500	78
United States of America			1,200	42
Total	2,900	58	1,700	120
(547) NEW ZEALAND PINE, UNDRESSED:				
New South Wales			21,052	207
Victoria	8,718	101	109,123	1,218
South Australia			1,690	21
New Zealand	555,388	4,551	619,761	5,098
Total	565,106	4,652	751,626	6,544
(548) OTHER (FREE):				
New South Wales		241		264
Victoria		503		327
Queensland		331		
South Australia		318		177
Tasmania		82		46
United Kingdom		288		129
United States of America		743		392
Germany		9		26
Singapore		15		
New Zealand		31		
France		12		
China				29
Japan				4
Total		2,573		1,394
Grand Total	8,567,340	60,163	14,847,193	92,473
Total number of laths, palings, pickets, staves	987,505	704	1,759,100	1,978

From the above statements it will be seen that during the year ended the 30th June, 1906, the value of the timber imported into this State amounted to £60,867, as against £94,451 for the year ended the 30th June last, making an increase of £33,584.

TIMBER EXPORTS.

The following statements show the quantity and value of the timber exported from this State during the years ending 30th June, 1906, and 1907, respectively, and the countries to which same was exported.

Owing to the fact that no record is kept of the shipments to the Eastern States, I am unable to include this information.

Article and Countries to which exported.	1905-6.		1906-7.	
	Quantities. Super. feet.	Value. £	Quantities. Super. feet.	Value. £
TIMBER UNDRESSED, N.E.I., 12IN. X 6IN. AND OVER :				
United Kingdom	1,239,854	8,528	2,838,627	18,271
Cape Colony	150,816	1,005	31,296	209
Ceylon	42,600	284	3,360	22
India	1,199,683	7,897	906,962	6,040
Mauritius				
Natal	55,452	367	33,132	221
New Zealand	196,584	1,309	655,656	4,371
Singapore	4,356	29		
Argentina	62,292	415	559,320	3,729
Belgium			61,841	362
China	843,948	5,627	1,267,848	8,452
Egypt	11,424	76		
Germany	88,862	595	137,923	927
Holland	46,500	310	27,168	181
Lorenzo Marquez				
Uruguay	27,638	184	118,218	788
Total	3,970,009	26,626	6,640,451	43,573
TIMBER UNDRESSED, N.E.I., LESS THAN 12IN. X 6IN. :				
United Kingdom	17,880,920	114,212	18,548,242	127,213
Cape Colony	3,343,776	23,299	978,996	6,526
Ceylon	196,800	1,312		
India	34,685,283	232,491	20,650,697	137,671
Mauritius	279,000	1,628	535,980	3,468
Natal	6,093,715	40,624	466,080	3,107
New Zealand	2,895,768	18,964	6,212,962	41,343
Straits Settlements	129,984	867	548,532	3,654
Argentina	1,807,668	12,051	1,457,200	9,712
Belgium			573,536	3,182
China	7,038,758	46,924	10,890,332	71,985
Egypt	2,080,356	13,869		
Germany	1,320,937	8,827	347,864	2,359
Holland	534,240	3,562		
Java	12,300	82		
Lorenzo Marquez	1,968,288	13,122	1,974,917	13,166
Uruguay	4,491,318	29,275	5,244,536	33,963
Total	84,759,111	561,109	68,429,924	457,349
TIMBER, LOGS NOT SAWN, ETC. :				
United Kingdom			1,440	
Cape Colony	49,848	332		
India	32,769	218		
New Zealand	7,500	50	16,092	107
Argentina	80,532	538	16,074	80
China			10,836	72
Total	17,649	1,138	44,442	263
(Grand Total)	88,899,769	588,873	75,114,817	501,185
TIMBER—PICKETS, UNDRESSED :	number		number	
Cape Colony	10,551	73		
New Zealand	23,612	133	31,140	208
Total	34,163	206	31,140	208
Grand Total		589,079		501,393

The above statements show that during the year ended the 30th June, 1906, the value of the timber exported outside the Commonwealth from Western Australia amounted to £589,079, and that for the

same period ending the 30th June last, the export came to £501,393, showing a decrease for the year under review amounting to £87,686.

SANDALWOOD EXPORTS.

The following statements show the quantity and value of the sandalwood exported from Western Australia during the years ended the 30th June, 1906, and 1907, respectively :—

Countries to which Exported.	Year ended 30th June, 1906.		Year ended 30th June, 1907.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	cwts.	£	cwts.	£
United Kingdom	309	140	175	53
Ceylon .. .. .	..	..	160	80
India	1,415	526	4,557	1,909
Hong Kong	124,293	54,835	120,791	45,135
Singapore	14,457	4,974	12,369	4,666
China	36,340	10,660	36,482	13,187
France	181	77	..	..
Germany	310	141	20	8
Holland .. .. .	..	..	48	20
Total	177,305	71,353	174,602	65,058

From the above it will be seen that for the year ended the 30th June, 1906, sandalwood was exported to the value of £71,353, whereas for the year ended the 30th June, 1907, the exports amounted to £65,058, being a decrease of £6,295.

This falling off in the export of sandalwood may be due to the awakening of China and her present tendency to abandon some of the ancient customs, such as the practice of ancestor worship.

Most of the sandalwood exported from Western Australia to China and Singapore is used for burning in the Joss houses, where it is customary to burn this wood for incense to their ancestors.

This custom is, however, undoubtedly dying out, and has been abandoned by a large body of the Chinese nation, with the result that there is not

such a demand for sandalwood for incense burning as formerly.

If this reform movement spreads throughout the whole of China, it will no doubt seriously affect the sandalwood trade of this State and cause a further decrease in the value of the exports.

MALLET BARK EXPORT.

The subjoined statement shows the quantity and value of mallet bark exported from Western Australia during the years ended the 30th June, 1906 and 1907, respectively, and the countries to which same was sent. As no record is kept by the Customs Department of shipments to the Eastern States, the statement below only shows what was exported beyond the Commonwealth :—

Countries to which Exported.	Year ended 30th June, 1906.		Year ended 30th June, 1907.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	cwts.	£	cwts.	£
United Kingdom	21,375	7,489	4,866	1,846
New Zealand .. .. .	..	..	170	79
Singapore	217	75	..	..
Belgium .. .. .	..	..	13,000	4,875
Germany	290,570	108,724	237,173	89,676
Italy .. .. .	..	..	2,548	956
United States of America	199	75	..	..
Total	312,361	116,363	257,757	97,432

It will be seen by the above statement that the exports of mallet bark for the year ended the 30th June, 1906, exceed those of the year under review by the sum of £18,931.

INSPECTION OF TIMBER LANDS.

Five hundred and seventy-two (572) Conditional Purchase and Homestead Farm applications were referred to the Department during the year under review for inspections as regards timber before approval. All land applied for within our timber areas is inspected by the Forest Rangers, who visit each

block and ascertain whether it contains valuable timber which, in the opinion of the Department, should not be alienated. Upon the Ranger's reporting that the land applied for contains marketable timber, the application is refused and the land retained for Forest purposes. It will be seen, therefore, that in this manner the alienation of large areas of valuable timber is prevented, and that a careful watch is kept upon one of the most valuable of our national assets. The inspection of forest lands is a very important portion of the work of this Department, and from the number of the blocks inspected some idea may be formed of the work entailed.

INSPECTION OF TIMBER.

Railway Sleepers, etc., Inspected and Branded for Export.

The following statement shows the quantity of timber passed and branded by the various inspectors of the Department during the year under review, and the countries to which same was exported:—

Country to which Exported.	Number of sleepers.	Number of Piles.
Adelaide, South Australia	7,690	88
Bombay, India	6,560	6,693
Central South Africa	23,312	..
Johore, Malay States	46,212	..
Karachi, India	373,818	..
Liverpool, England .. .. .	..	900
Manila, Philippine Islands	20,635	..
Natal, South Africa	12,655	..
Singapore, Malay States .. .. .	..	2,420
South America	164,939	..
Suakim, Egypt	1,520	..
Wellington, New Zealand	76,534	..
Total	733,875	10,101

All sleepers subject to Government inspection are passed in accordance with the conditions of the general standard specifications adopted for passing sleepers exported from the State.

Every sleeper before being loaded up for shipment is subject to the approval of a Government inspecting officer, and if approved is branded by them with the Departmental brand.

The charge for Government inspection and branding in accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned specification is one shilling per load of hewn timber, and nine pence per load for sawn, to be defrayed by the purchaser.

No responsibility of inspection is accepted by the Department unless the specification agreed upon between the contracting parties is in reasonable accordance with the general standard specification adopted in connection with foreign orders.

Upon the sleepers being passed and branded, a certificate covering each shipment is issued.

SAWMILLING PERMITS.

The following statement shows the sawmilling permit applications received during the year under review:—

Name of Applicant.	No. of Permit.	District.	Area in acres.
R. Bunning	2	Wellington	4,700
Collie Timber Co.	1	Do.	10,000
Sexton & Drysdale	1	Nelson	10,000
L. R. Honey	1	Nelson and Wellington	6,400
W. A. J. Saw Mills	1	Nelson	60,000
T. Walters	1	Preston	12,000
J. M. Ferguson	1	Do.	19,000
Bunning Bros.	1	Wellington	5,800
Adelaide Timber Co	1	Do.	6,000

123,400

Permits such as the above are now issued in lieu of timber leases, and while giving the holders the sole and exclusive right to the land included in the area granted under permit, do not allow large areas of land to be held without being worked, as was said to be the case under timber lease. The area over which the right of cutting timber is conferred by permit is proportionate to the horse power of the mill to be erected on the basis of the provision to the holder of ten years' cutting.

A saw mill permit holder must, within six months from the date of approval, erect within the area or on some other site approved by the Inspector General of Forests, a fully equipped saw mill plant of the capacity provided for on his application, and must maintain same in working order. Within six months of the granting of the permit, it is compulsory for the holder to proceed with the falling and removing of the timber in accordance with the Act and Regulations.

All timber felled and removed from the area to which the permit relates is subject to the Royalty charges prescribed by the timber regulations now in force and to the license fees for each man employed in falling and hauling within the permit area.

STATE FORESTS.

State Forests are set apart upon the various Gold-fields for the purpose of providing a supply of firewood and mining timber for the various mines situated within such fields.

All the timber within these areas is reserved for local use only, and is not permitted to be removed outside the boundaries of the State Forests for the use of other mining centres.

In this way a supply of fuel and mining timber is reserved for the future use of various mines throughout the State.

The following statement shows the State Forests set apart during the year now ended 30th June, 1907:—

State Forest.	Gazetted.	Approximate Area.
Geraldton	31st August, 1906	5½ square miles
Higginsville	12th October, 1906	16 square miles
Majestic Leases	17th August, 1906	19 square miles
Malcolm	18th January, 1907	196 square miles