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acquisition from several points of view, as, apart from its being very suitable for tree-planting, it requires only about 100 chains of fencing and fire-break, whereas on the old boundary 220 chains had to be maintained.

The growth made by the trees during the past season has been entirely satisfactory,t he damp weather experienced during the greater part of the growing season having favoured the young plants to a marked degree, and it can safely be said that in no previous year has the growth been more rapid. The bulk of the planting was made up of Pinus Laricio and European larch, and both species have done remarkably well. On the whole, the percentage of failures amongst the former is about equal to that of previous seasons, although the deaths are not evenly distributed, and are most noticeable on certain areas which were planted in the middle of winter, when the frosts were most severe. It has been found by previous experience that *Pinus Laricio*, along with other species of pines, does not do so well if planted when the ground is very cold; and, if possible, the planting should be completed before such time, but with the large number to handle this was impossible. Amongst the larch there is an almost entire absence of failures, and there will probably be little or no replanting to be done. Small plantings of Douglas fir, white-cedar, and various species of pines have all done well, with the exception of *Pinus teocote*, which were mostly killed by frost in the spring. For the same reason *Eucalyptus Stuartiana*, which were planted on bare exposed land, also suffered severely.

The planting of blanks was mostly confined to Pinus radiata and E. Stuartiana on the same block, where unfavourable conditions caused a considerable number of failures during the previous

season.

Throughout the plantation the older trees have made rapid growth, quite equal to any previous year; and although several frosts occurred during the summer, beyond discolouring the foliage of the larch no damage was done.

Pits to the number of 62,000 were left available for the coming season, when it is expected that about a million and a quarter trees will be dealt with.

Statements of the expenditure, &c., for the year are attached.

Schedule II.—Statement of Expenditure.

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Planting operations	and ma	intenar	nce-		£	5.	đ.	£	s.	d.	
General utilizat								68	17	7	
Tree-planting.					583	4	9	4.164	4	8	
Pitting					539		11	5,337	18	9	
Clearing					346		8	5,924	0	5	
Cartage of tree						18		311		4	
General upkeep of plantation					909		0	6.289		10	
General repairs					55	5	3	398	3	9	
Horse-feed				• •	143		5	840	-	11	
Permanent works—		• •	• •	• •	1.0	• • •	.,	****	•	• •	
Fencing								1,078	1	10	
Roadmaking			• •	• •		•		368		2	
Formation .		 	• •		74		11	196	9	4	
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Buildings Water-service		• •	• •	• •		16	9	95	5	6	
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Planting operations	and ma	intena	nce—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Tree-planting					OOF.	6	10	1,558	-8	3	
Pitting					34	10	0	516	1	6	
Clearing			, <i>,</i>		270	0	0	1.557	4	8	
General upkeer	of plar				336	14	6	1.386	8	9	
General repairs					3	12	6	310	6	5	
Miscellaneous v						15	11	95	19	4	
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