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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY TO THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE FORESTS.

Wellington, 1st August, 1921.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the work of the State Forest Service for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

I have, &c.,  
L. MACINTOSH ELLIS,  
Director of Forestry.

The Hon. Sir F. H. D. Bell, K.C.M.G., K.C.

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CHAPTER I.—PROGRESS OF NEW ZEALAND FORESTRY.

NEW ZEALAND is now in the third “forestry boom,” the first one dating back to the year 1874, when the self-same symptoms and fears of timber famine were expressed as are being voiced at the present time. The positions are parallel, but with the important difference that to-day the Parliament, Press, and people are beginning to appreciate the meaning of timber-conservation and national forestry. This growing interest has found expression during the year in a definite forest policy, the creation of an administrative instrument, the Forest Service, and the additional dedication to technical management of forest and woodlands which now bring the total up to 6,800,000 acres.

The year under review may be considered as the year of stocktaking, of orientation, and of study of the conditions and problems incident to a sound and businesslike administration, and of the procedure and *modus operandi* necessary to forest-management. The year ending 31st March, 1922, will be known as the year of establishment and of application, whilst the year ending 31st March, 1923, may be known as the year of fruition and results.