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FIRST QUINQUENNIAL REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL FOREST POLICY, TOGETHER WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1925.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 64 of the Forests Act, 1921-22.

The Director of Forestry to the Hon. the Commissioner of State Forests.

Sir,— Wellington, 1st June, 1925.

I have the honour to submit herewith the first quinquennial review of the operation of the national forest policy, and the report on the activities of the Forest Service for the year ended 31st March, 1925.

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L. MacIntosh Ellis, Director of Forestry.

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PROGRESS OF FORESTRY DURING THE PERIOD 1920 to 1925.

I. FOREST POLICY.

(1.) A Forest Act defining approved principles of operation and policy was made law during the parliamentary session of 1921-22.

(2.) A managing agent—the State Forest Service—was created in 1920 for the purpose of administering the National Forest Domain on sound, practical, and businesslike lines. This organization now comprises a small body of twelve executive and eighty-three operating officers—equivalent to one operating officer to approximately 90,000 acres.