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THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY to the Hon, the Commissioner of State Forests.

SIR,-

Wellington, 1st June, 1926.

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the activities of the Forest Service for the year ended 31st March, 1926.

I have, &c.,

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REPORT.

CHAPTER I. SUMMARY.

A REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN FORESTRY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1926.

GENERAL.

This report is annually prepared and published for the information of the general public, for it is right that the people should have the opportunity to be fully informed as to the activities of the Forest Service; to be given an accountancy of stewardship of the 7,553,690-acre forest estate, of the departmental receipts and expenditures, and a general review of the progress of forest-conservation and of forest-culture within the Dominion. Of necessity, it must be brief, but fuller information can be secured from the numerous Service publications which are available for the asking.

National forestry has a fourfold objective. The components are—

- The production of timber crops.
 The conservation of stream-flow by the maintenance of protection forests.
- (3.) The protection and control of New Zealand's forest wild life.
 (4.) The development of forest recreational uses.