

**Mnemonic.**

State Forests in Europe give good returns:  
Four and a half millions net the Prussians,  
One and one-fourth gross millions to pillaged  
France,

Not to mention each Hun State, the Swedes, and  
the Russians.

For gross returns in each class of forest--

Huns 24 millions, Japs 12, Swiss 2 or 3 does it.

The author's merits as a forester are undoubted, but his skill and knowledge in this direction cannot be said to extend to the literary side. His report is probably the most discursive and incoherent ever printed by the Government. It rivals some of those remarkable ebullitions perpetrated in the Seddonian times by American journalists whose "boosts" of the Dominion were reprinted in official papers. The Americans, at all events, enjoyed enough literary skill to make their narratives read smoothly, but Sir David Hutchin's report is such a remarkable jumble of fact, opinion, quotation, and mnemonic doggerel, that we earnestly suggest the desirability of the Government engaging a capable editor for his next production, otherwise its value will be seriously discounted by the impossibility of easily understanding what the learned author desires to convey.

We understand that copies of this report may be obtained from the Forestry Department, Dominion Farmers' Institute, Wellington.

**Building Notes.****AUCKLAND.**

A new six-storeyed home for nurses is to be added to the Auckland hospital. The plans have been approved by the Hospital Board, and the building is to be of reinforced concrete with brick foundations. The plans are by the Board's architect, Mr. Allsop, who has recently returned from a trip through the United States and England. The building will have a frontage to Park Road, on the site at present occupied by the old nurses' home. The plans provide for 150 bedrooms. After allowing for 96 nurses who are at present in temporary quarters, there will be rooms for 50 additional nurses. Provision is made for the lady superintendent and three lady doctors, and a large lecture hall and sick-ward for nurses are also included in the plans. Proposals for remodelling the steam-heating

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