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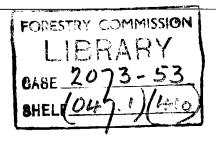
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Twenty-Third Annual Report
of the
Forestry Commissioners
for the year ending
30th September, 1942.

Personnel of the Commission.

The late Mr Walter Smith. The Commissioners record with regret the loss of their colleague Mr Walter R. Smith, J.P., who died on 26th February, 1942. Mr Walter Smith was returned to Parliament on three occasions, first as Member for the Wellingborough Division of Northamptonshire and later as Member for Norwich; he held office in the Labour Government of 1924 and again in 1929-31 and at the date of his death he had served as Forestry Commissioner for exactly 17 years. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he took charge of the Labour Section of the Timber Supply Department of the Commission and his services were invaluable. His record as a Commissioner was one of loyalty and keenness and he was, at all times, particularly interested in the Welfare of the staff.

Mr D.R. Grenfell, who had remained a member of the Commission since his appointment of Minister of Mines in 1940, resigned in May, 1942, after upwards of 13 years' service as a Commissioner.

The Earl of Radnor, Mr M.P. Price, M.P., and Mr D.J.K. Quibell, M.P., were appointed Commissioners on 23rd May, 1942.

Forest Policy.

Curpent Policy.

Buring the year under report there were no major developments. Full attention was given to the maintenance of existing plantations at the expense where necessary of making new plantations. The large thinning programme, which tended nevertheless to get into arrears, provided considerable quantities of material useful to the war effort. Large quantities of suitable timber were turned over to the Home Grown Timber Department of the Ministry of Supply for exploitation.

The general position was rendered difficult by two main factors. It became progressively harder to secure efficient labour for normal forest operations and secondly, the pressure of the armed forces of the Grown became more intense in the woodlands. The labour position was partly met by the recruitment of women and by vacational employment of school boys.

The spring of 1942 was also extremely hazardous and fire losses were the highest on record. The slackening of the muir-burning regulations in Scotland, where losses were particularly high, the practice of realistic military operations, and generally the presence in the woodlands of people who did not appreciate fire hazards, were the main contributory causes. On the other hand losses from enemy action were unexpectedly low. In these circumstances great efforts were made to improve methods of fire prevention and fire protection both independently through the Commission's own organisation and also in association with the National Fire Service.

With regard to nursery stocks the policy was to maintain the largest possible supply of seedlings while transplanting only sufficient seedlings to meet the assured planting programmes. It was considered that although this procedure would lead in the event of a long war to the destruction of seedlings it was the cheapest way of ensuring that there shall be a minimum of delay in starting large-scale planting when peace returns. The area of nursery ground was extended in order to have suitable lining-out ground ready as required. A Conference was also held with the Horticultural Trades Association in February, 1942, with a view to the maintenance of stocks of plants in trade nurseries.

Land acquisition made little progress owing to the lack of specialised officers for conducting the necessary enquiries and negotiations.

Care was taken that all important research projects should be maintained.

Future Forest Policy.

Furing the year the Commissioners devoted a great deal of time to the formulation of Post-War Forest Policy. As a preliminary the subject was sub-divided under a number of headings and good progress was made in considering the individual items. Sufficient progress had been made by July, 1942, to call into consultation the Presidents of the Royal Scottish and Royal English Forestry Societies and representatives of the Central Landowners' Association and Timber Trade.

The Chairman had previously (July, 1941) reported generally on Post-War Forestry to Mr Greenwood (Minister without Portfolia) and reported again (May 1942) to his successor Bir William Jowitt. The latter accompanied the Chairman on visits of inspection to New Forest, Inverliever and East Anglia, and prepared an independent report to the Cabinet.

Contact was maintained with various Committees considering subjects which had a bearing on Post-War Forestry. Chief among these was Lord Justice Scott's Committee on Land Utilisation before which the Chairman gave evidence (December, 1941). He also gave evidence before Earl De La Warr's Committee on English and Welsh Hill Sheep and had discussions with Lord Balfour, Chairman of the Scottish Hill Sheep Committee. Mr Gosling (Acting A.C. (Scotland)) was nominated to give evidence before the Scottish Land Settlement Committee.

So far as future Forestry Policy was concerned, therefore, the year under review was a period of active enquiry conducted with a view to the formulation of thorough-going plans.

General.

The Headquarters of the Commission remained at Bristol throughout the year. The Chairman and a small staff returned to London (6, Burlington Gardens) in June 1942 in order to keep in closer contact with Government affairs generally and Mr W.L. Taylor took charge of routine business at Bristol.

The total area of plantable land acquired during the year amounted to 8,149 acres compared with 12,450 acres in 1941. The total area planted in 1942 was 16,740 acres compared with 26,867 acres in 1941, a reduction which was largely due to allocation of land for food crops, lack of labour, and increase of weevils. The area thinned amounted to 5,177 acres compared with 4,081 acres in 1941, and the area felled to 5,740 acres as against 5,717 acres in the previous year.

PINAMOR.

The balance in the Forestry Fund at the equipment of the forest year was £344,487. Parliamentary Votes (£625,000) and Forestry Operations (£618,990) amounted to £1,243,990. to £1,120,544, so that the balance in the Fund at 50th September, 1942 was £467,953. The payments and receipts is indicated in the table below. The progress of Payments smounted Receipts from

Perestry Fund: Payments and Receipts.

•	Third decade: 1940 1941 1942	Second diseads: 1950-39	First decade: 1980-29 (10) finan- cial years)	September.	Year ending
	1,018,000 965,200 1,143,000	8,423,000	6 8	Proposed.	
	822,217 988,290 1,120,544	7,926,093	£,502,018	Actual.	Payments.
	- 189,785 + 33,090 - 22,456	- 496,907	1 %	Excess (+) Deficit(-)	
	349,000 461,700 556,000	1,731,000	l to	Proposed.	
	363,198 569,771 618,990	1,821,652	£ 851,484	Actual.	Receipts.
Total	+ 14,198 +108,071 + 62,990	+ 90,852	i to	Excess (+) Deficit(-)	
ŧ	663,000 493,500 587,000	6,692,000	3,892,000	Proposed	
11,133,867	459,019 418,519 501,554	6,104,241	£ 3,650,534	Actual	Net Payments.
•	- 203,981 - 74,981 - 85,446	- 587,759	£ - 241,466	Excess (+) Deficit(-)	

Commissioners' Estates

The following statement presents a general view of the properties under the charge of the Commissioners at 30th September, 1942, and a summary of the main cilvicultural operations which have been undertaken:

Number of Forests	Engler & Wale		Scotle	and G	Total reat Brit	a1n
At beginning of year	137	••	114	:	251	
At end of year	138		117		255	
Utilisation of Ground (Act	res)					
Forest Land:						
Acquired Plantations	54,000		11,000		65,000	
Planted by Forestry Commission.	266,000		154,000		420,000	
To be Planted	138,000		144,000		282,000	
~		458,000		309 ,000	and the second s	767,000
Nurseries		900		400		1,300
Agricultural	The second section is a second section of the second section of the second section is a second section of the section of	25,900		80,000		45,900
Forest Workers' Holding (including outrum)	ngs	10,700		3,400		14,100
Unplantable and Miscellaneous		133,100	rue.	OFE 500		408,400
WIR CETT SULL GR				275.300	7	
·		628,600		608,100		1,236,700

The total area planted, including replacements, was 459,779 acres (see page 7).

Silvicultural Operations		England & Wales	Scotland	d Great Britain
during Year (Acres)				
Planted or Sown		9,634	7,112	16,746
Naturally Regenerated		26 3	-	263
Underplanted		269	6 0	329
Thinned		6,418	1,759	8,177
Felled		5,119	621	5,740
Holdings and Estate Management:				
Number of Forest Workers' Holdings Established:	•			
At beginning of year	1,092		590	1,482
During Year	1	-	2	3
At end of year		1,093	39 2	1,485
Other Tenancies:				
Agricultural Holdings;				
Under £20 per annum	802	ta.	435	1,237
Over £20 per annum	415	Market 1	233	648
Foresters' Houses	126		6 8	194
Cottages	39 2		893	685
Residential and Sporting	320		257	577
Easements, Permissions, Minerals, etc.	2,169		303	2,472
Site Rents and Feus	******		246	246
	4,224		1,835	6,059

It will be observed that during the year the number of forest units has increased by 4, from 251 to 255. One unit (Chequers) was handed over to the Trustees of the Chequers Estate; of the 5 new units 2 were in England and 3 in Scotland.

Including transferred Crown Woodlands the total area of land which has been acquired increased by 10,000 acres, from 1,227,000 to 1,237,000 acres, and the plantable area by 8,000 acres, from 759,000 acres to 767,000 acres.

Compared with the previous year the changes in silvicultural operations are planting and sowing 16,740 acres against 26,867 acres, area thinned 8,177 acres against 4,081 acres, and area felled 5,740 acres against 5,717 acres.

Land Acquisition

Acquisitions during the year emounted to 9,153 acres net, of which 8,149/were classified as plantable.

Acquisition of Flantable Land.

Total

Year ending 30th September.	By Lease or Feu	By Purchase	Actual	Acland Proposals	Excess (+) Deficit(-)
First decade:	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
1920-29.	156,759	153,471	510,230	402,000	- 91,770
Second decade:		-	•		
1930-39,	60,057	284,700	344,757	343,000	+ 1,757
Third decade:					
1940	24,396	7,238	31,634	34,300	- 2,666
1941	2,526	9,924	12,450	34,300	- 21,850
1942	1,190	6,959	8,149	34,300	- 26,151
	244,928	462,292	707,220	847,900	- 140,680

Planting Programme State Forests.

The area planted during the year was 16,746 acres.

Area Planted.

	<u> </u>				
Year Ending	Proposed to ACTUALLY PLANTED				Excess (+)
30th September		Planted New Replace Planting		Total	Deficit(-) on Decade or Annual Programme
First Decade:	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1920-29: Conifers Hardwoods	150,000 Unspecified	126,444 6,365	4,316 1,146	130,760	-19,240
Second Decade:	*	218,064	12,543	230,607	
Third Decade: 1940 1941 1942		26,411 25,644 16,045	877 1,223 701	27,288 26,867 16,746	
		418,973	20,806	439,779	

The area proposed to be planted was 25,000 acres per annum for 1930 and 1931, and a minimum of 20,000 acres per annum for 1932 to 1936. From 1937 onwards the proposals embraced the Special Areas programme. The general object in view was to increase the rate of planting as quickly as possible to 30,000 acres per annum.

The total area planted by the Commission to 30th September, 1942, was 439,779 acres, of which 406,350 acres consisted of conifers and 33,429 acres of hardwoods. New planting accounted for 418,973 acres and replacements, which included 9470 acres replanted after damage by fire, for 20,806 acres. Details are given below:-

<u>Conifers</u> Acres	<u>Hardwoods</u> Acres	<u>Total</u> Acres
3 89,580	29,393	418,973
16,770	4,036	20,806
406,350	33,429	439,779
	Acres 389,580 16,770	Acres Acres 389,580 29,393 16,770 4,036

Assistance to Local Authorities and Private Owners.

The Commissioners have continued to assist planting by local authorities and private owners by means of grants and a proceeds-sharing scheme. The total area planted amounts to 138,288 acres, of which

3,681 acres were planted during the year. Particulars of the grants are given on page 27

First decad	le	Acres.
1920-29	*** ***	72,856
Second dece	ede	
1930- 39	*** ***	53,006
Third decad	le	
1940	***. ***	4,318
1941		4,427
1949	*** ***	3,681
		138,288

Utilisation of Home Grown Timber

The quantities and values of timber sold to the Home Timber Production Department of the Ministry of Supply during the year were as follows:— Saw timber 6,258,000 cu.ft. (hardwoods 2,705,000 cu.ft., softwoods 3,553,000 cu.ft.) valued at £326,000; Pitwood, etc. 3,860,000 cu.ft. valued at £142,000. These sales consisted mainly of standing timber, but included also a certain amount of prepared, or partly prepared, timber resulting from thinnings undertaken by the Commission. The total quantity of timber sold to the Home Timber Production Department from September 1939 to September 1942 amounted to nearly $31\frac{1}{2}$ million cu.ft., valued at £1,191,000.

The character of the fellings has swung more to saw timber as so many of the Commission's pitwood stands have become exhausted on account of the very heavy call upon them in the first 2 years of the war. On the other hand the area thinned during the year is twice that in the previous year, the figures being: 1941-4081 acres (England and Wales 3,089 acres, Scotland 992 acres), 1942 - 8,177 acres (England and Wales 6,418 acres, Scotland 1,759 acres). This increase is largely due to the fact that more plantations have reached the thinning stage.

Amenity

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England with whom the Commissioners work in close lisison in matters pertaining to the preservation of amenities have issued a War-Time Progress Report for the period August 1941 to August 1942. This contains (page 16) a reference to afforestation and the Council's recommendations are so much in accord with the Commissioners' sims that a part of the reference may be quoted:

"It seems desirable that a measure of control of State and privately owned woodlands should be maintained under the Forestry Commission after the war to ensure (1) Uniformity and continuity in the system of management; (2) the prevention of wholesale destruction by developers and timber speculators which has been the cause of much disfigurement and waste in time of peace. The post-war authority should be the existing Forestry Commission, whose policy with regard to the creation of national forest parks in suitable areas should be encouraged and supported.

Licensing of felling should be maintained in such a way as to allow freedom of enterprise to well-managed properties. Re-afforestation after felling should be made compulsory forthwith and the C.P.R.B. has already recommended that a certain proportion of the sale price of timber received from clear-felled areas over five acres should be reserved for such reafforestation. Whatever method is devised, it is the view of the Council that re-afforestation is imperative and that it should be compulsory.

A policy of mixed planting, where possible, is desirable on the grounds of amenity. When felling takes place a sufficient number of trees should be left to allow for natural regeneration. Where this is not possible nor likely to be effective, recourse must be had to planting which should be carefully devised to suit the soil and maintain the character of the landscape. The fullest possible support should be given to the authorities in a policy for the extermination of rabbits and other vermin."

New Forest

Reference was made in the Commissioners' last Report to the fact that it was proposed to hold a further Conference of Representatives of the Planning Authorities concerned together with representatives of the New Forest Verderers, The New Forest Advisory Committee, The Ministry of Health, and the Forestry Commissioners, in order to reconsider the Report of the Committee of Planning Officers in the light of present circumstances. This Conference was duly held early in the year and was preceded by a Meeting of the Committee of Planning Officers who issued a Second Report recommending the formation of an Advisory Planning Committee for the New Forest with dual functions: firstly, to advise on interim development affecting the Forest, and, secondly, to make suggestions regarding the preparation of Statutory Schemes, the main purpose in view being the preservation of the amenities of the Forest and its surroundings.

The Conference adopted the recommendations with slight amendments and unanimously passed a resolution in favour of the formation of an Advisory Planning Committee supported by a Technical Committee of Planning Officers.

The Commissioners welcomed the new measures for the protection of the Forest, the importance of which, in the light of recent events, cannot be over-estimated and before the end of the year the First Meeting of the new Committee was held.

[&]quot;Protection of the New Forest". Report of the Committee of Planning Officers 1938-39. (H.M. Stationery Office).

Private Forestry

The Royal Scottish Forestry Society, The Royal English Forestry Society, and The Central Landowners' Association have prepared reports containing proposals and recommendations for an improved Post-War Policy for Private Woodlands. It is certain that war fellings will result in almost complete devastation of many estate woods, and one of the major issues which will arise will be the necessity for rehabilitating the existing woodlands and thereafter maintaining them in a state of productivity. The Commissioners are glad to have the considered views of the Societies and hope to arrange for consultation on the many post-war problems which present themselves with a view to formulating proposals for submission to Government.

National Forest Parks

The war has prevented the formation and development of additional National Forest Parks, the first of which (Argyll) was opened in 1936. They provide a cheap and effective contribution towards the provision of outdoor recreational facilities for the public and the Commissioners' Estates already include several areas which are considered eminently suited for the formation of additional Parks after the war.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Argyll National Forest Park was held at Edinburgh during the year under review, when the opportunity was taken to consider the post-war aims of those interested in the development of National Forest Parks with a view to helping the movement. It was agreed to recommend that the Commissioners should be entrusted with the development and management of National Park areas in Scotland.

Imperial Forestry Institute

Arrangements were made as before for students of the Institute to visit Forestry Commission areas in place of the customary tours to the Continent.

Compilation of the field data collected from the many war-felling areas is proceeding and is in process of being analysed. This research work was undertaken by the Institute on behalf of the Commissioners. The project aims primarily at correlation of growth and timber defects with site factors, and the investigation includes details as to ecology, soil science and pathology. It is expected that a general report on the project will be available in due course.

The Commission's Research Officer continued to be attached to the Institute.

The Weather

In the early part of the winter bad weather delayed planting work in Scotland and this was followed by a period of acute fire danger. South of the Border a hard winter was experienced for the third year in succession and there was a severe spring drought. It was in fact fortunate that the planting programme was on a much reduced scale compared with previous years.

CPARATIONS - MURCUIT YEAR 1941 - 1942.

The Forestry Fund.

The position of the Forestry Fund at 50th September 1948, and at the same date in previous years is shown in Table I.

Table I. - Porcetry Fund Account.

,			Receipts.			
Year ending 30th September	Balance from proceding Year	Parlin- Tentary Votes	From Forestry Opera- tions,etc. (Table II	Total	Payments (Table II, Heads A. to L).	Belance in Forcetry Fund 30th
	(1)	(2)	Kesa 3).	(4)	(5)	September (6)
First decade	4	£,			8	Ø.
1920-29	***	4,000,000	351,484	4,051,484	4,502,018	-
9econd decade 1950-59	i	6,196,800	1,021,862	7,948,682	7,986,098	
Third decade: 1940 1941 1948	872,026 863,006 344,467	450,000 400,000 625,000	368, 198 60, 771 618, 990	815,150 050,771 1,245,990	023,217 963,290 1,180,544	863,006 344,497 467,988
Grand Total	•	11,601,800	4,220,800	10,627,006	15,369,109	

provision for the saccouling six months of the financial year.

An analysis of payments and receipts by Leads of Account is given in Table II. Compared with the previous year, total payments rose from 2008,200 to A1,120,544, an increase of £158,854, mainly under the head of forestry operations. Receipts were greater by £46,219, and not payments were therefore 205,005 more than in 1941. It may be noted that heads of Account differ in some respects from those under which estimates are presented to Parliament.

recorded by the heads of account under which they occurred. In subsequent tables, which are based on commercial practice, outstanding receipts and payments are brought to account, salaries and everhead charges (meads A to D) are allocated to appropriate objects of expenditure, and adjustments are made between various heads of account in respect of produce used for forest purposes and transfers of Isna and buildings between the forests and forest workers' holdings.

are shown in Table IIa.

Grand Total	Third decade: 1940- 1941 1942	Second Decade:	First decade:		ending 30th September	;	
1,435, 420	62,630 76,984 87,806	714,848	£ 4 94, 157	(1)	Salaries Wages and Allowances	A	
92,812	6,897 5,997 4,739	55,005	£2,676	(2)	Head- quarters Charges	Ø	
98,127235,512	# 51 50 89 99 80 60 80 60 80 60	49,485 D7,251	30,586 3	(3)	Assistant Commission- ers Charges	O	
1 1	15,565 14,978 16,284		74, 434	4)	Divisional Officers' Charges	ש	
11, 832,557	681,431 844,399 954,173	6, 232, ALT	£ 3,118,837	5)	Forestry Operations	b)	
375,998	9,660 10,250 19,668	128, 596	£ 207,824	(6 6)	Advances for Afforestation Purposes	n (Paymonts.
5,998 168, 380	3,657 4,351 10,830	73,538	76,004	(7)	Education	Ð	
148, 47 5	9,433 7,819 9,580	84, 916	36,38	(8)	Research and Experiment	H	
91,885	1 L	57	91 ,776	(9)	Agency and Advisory Services	£	
31,138	762 174 179	13,681	£ 342		Special Services	×	
851,048 15,359,162	27,872 16,792 12,623	468,306	£ 455		Forest Workers' Holdings	1	
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Inble IIa. - Emenditure and Income.

Note The above transferred June, 1986.	Percentage	Grand Total	Third decade: 1940 1941 1942	C 1 E-2	First decade:	Soptomber.	Year	
20 E		138.05£T	90,908 82,117 110,149	925,404	87,288	Superior Supervision and Overhead Charges.		2 60 5
cenmissio	85.9	B, 334,736	781, 192 922, 624 1,061, 763	7,056,580	2,612,677	Forestry Operations.	÷83	
ables d	40 \$0	446 ,687	12,407 12,673 24,069	8	241,694	Advances for Afforest- Purposes.	**************************************	Expenditure
no.		2211 , 0204, 2011, 773 2	18 5 0 20 870 46 870	97,998	218'10T	Education		
#	1.7		14,819 12,480 14,598	245	099*64	Research and Experiment.	Bary C	Buthata
the discust		18,974	1,047		365 f 645	Agency and Advisory	E4	Allocat
or or		107,770	1, 635 1, 235 1, 235	\$	602 (13	Special Services.		ton of
the vilantion	6.7	udaj izak	87,597 24,479 28,424	500,871	\$98 , 008	Forest Norkers' Holdings.	****	Colum
5	100	16, 528,196	858,898 9 79,838 1,138,659	a,070,185	4,485,649	Total (9)		
(£1,738,075) p	94.2	4,450,000	098,040 189,749 199	10 OT4	901 6888	Forestry perations	21.	
1aced	5. 5	269, 145	21, 545 80, 908 80, 938	164 466	27,515	Forest Workers' Holdings.	\$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00 \$00	Income.
on the C	ંહ	14,662	782 647 1,624	4,673	6,936	Mis- cellaneous		
Crown pro 1984 and	100	8	572,468 576,681 721,209	1943 545	693 *9 T6	Total		
properties and 1st		10,787,736	281427 405,151 417,45	6,129612	3,56,090	Net Expenditure		-

Subheads A to D - General Organisation

Expenditure, £110,149

Expenditure is given on a net basis, after deducting receipts on account of pension liability for staff loaned to other Departments. Compared with 1941 there is an apparent increase of £28,032. Receipts in 1941 however were abnormal owing to the inclusion of arrears, and on the basis of gross expenditure, which amounted to £113,364 in 1942, the increase amounts to £12,811 over the comparable figure for the previous year, due to normal increments, increases in war bonus, issue of balance of sivil pay to staff serving with the Forces, and revised regulations for travelling and subsistence allowances.

The technical staff employed and not seconded to the Ministry of Supply comprised 16 Divisional Officers and 49 District Officers.

Subhead E - Forestry Operations

Expenditure, £1,061,763; Income, £698,040.

Details of expenditure and income are given in Table E.

Gross expenditure was £139,139 more than in 1941. The Chief increases were on everhead charges and superior supervision (£22,129), local supervision (£18,962), cultural operations (£17,054), preparation of produce (£62,707), stores and miscellaneous (£25,213). Overhead charges and superior supervision are dealt with in the preceding section. The rise in cost of local supervision was due to increases in rates of pay for foresters and foremen and normal increments. Increases in the other items are due largely to the raising of the minimum agricultural wage (which applies also to forest workers) from 48/- to 60/- as from 28th December 1941 in England and Wales and 19th January, 1942, in Scotland. Income from forestry operations rose by £142,911.

Overhead Charges, 237,404; Superior Supervision, £48,398 and Local Supervision, £94,715. Overhead charges are in respect of salaries, allowances and other expenses in the offices of the Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners. Superior supervision represents similar expenditure in respect of the Deputy Surveyors, Divisional Officers and District Officers; and local supervision includes the salaries, housing allowances and miscellaneous expenses of Foresters and Foremen. During the year the number of Foresters and Foremen employed in forestry operations was increased by 39. The numbers at 30th September, 1942, were: Foresters 252 (Head, 8; Grade II, 52; Grade II, 192), Foremen 138.

Acquisition of Land, Buildings and Standing Timber .-

Expenditure amounted to £55,845, of which £21,660 was in respect of purchases of land including standing timber and buildings, and £34,185 in respect of land held on long lease or feu. (This expenditure is not directly applicable to the areas acquired during the year, particulars of which follow).

The total area of land acquired during the forest year 1941-42 amounted to 9,552 acres, of which 5,208 acres were classified as plantable. On the other hand disposals and adjustments amounted to 399 acres (59 acres plantable).

The average rent or feu duty for land acquired for forestry operations during the year by lease or feu was approximately 2s.Od. per acre and the average price for such land purchased, approximately £1.2.4. per acre. If the whole outlay in respect of land, buildings, timber, etc., were charged against plantable land the figures would be 2s.2d. and £8. 3. 4. respectively. Land and buildings for forest workers' holdings are excluded.

The net total area in Great Britain in respect of which the legal formalities of acquisition by the Department had been completed by 50th September, 1942, was 1,113,287 acres, the corresponding figures in the previous two Annual Reports being 1,104,138 and 1,088,359 acres. In addition to these completed acquisitions, entry had been secured to other property. Details are given in the table below, which also shows the area of "plantable" land and "other" land, i.e. land which is either too poor to plant or is required for other purposes.

Land acquired by Lease, Feu and Purchase from 29th November, 1919, to 30th September, 1942.

	By Lease and Feu						
	Plant- able (includ- ing planted)	Other Land	Total	Plant- able (includ- ing planted)	Other Land	Total	Total Ac- quired
England and	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Agres
Finally com-	141,544	31,452	172,996	265,688	79,062	344,750	517,746
Entry secured	2,632	107	2,739	222	-	2 22	2,961
Total	144,176	31,559	175,736	265,910	79,062	344,972	520,707
Scotland: Finally completed Entry secured	100,323 429	113,31 7 64	213,640 493	196,382	185,519	381,901	595 , 541 49 3
Total	100,752	113,381	214,133	196,382	185,519	381,901	596,034
Great Britain	244,928	144,940	389,868	462,292	264,581	726,873	1,116,741

Of the net total area acquired by lease, feu and purchase in Great Britain to 30th September, 1942, 707,220 acres were classified at the time of acquisition as plantable and of this area 410,086 acres (58 per cent.) were in England and Wales and 297,134 acres (42 per cent.) in Scotland.

In addition to the above-mentioned areas, Crown woodlands extending to about 120,000 acres (of which some 60,000 acres are plantable) have been transferred to the Forestry Commissioners.

The total area of land in the Commissioners' control is thus a proximately 1,237,000 acres. In round figures the utilisation as at 30th September, 1942 was as shown in the table on page 4.

edettenter.	1940 1942 1948	First decade; 1920-29 Second decade; 1930-39 Third decade;	Year Ending 30th September.	
	38, 3d\$ 29, 598	192,997	Charges Overhead	
	\$5,585 5985	301, 122 201, 122	Supervision	
8	9,773 9,775	174,130	Local	nadke
18.9	55,857 55,845	787, 477	Acquisition of Land, etc.	Expenditure (Table
45.7	550, 581	500,100.6 108'015'1	Cultural Operations	ij,
	26, 472 27, 462	118,853 202,395	Preparation and sale of Produce	Column 2).
3,3	25, 487 25, 262 36, 481	246,853	Roads and Buildings	
10.9	98,012 126,894 152,087	664,073	Stores and Miscellaneous	
100 33	781,192 923,694 1,081,785	3,512,577 7,056,580	Total	
3.6	1,2,5	78, 784	Sales of Land and Buildings	Ĭæc
30.4	92,728 95,195 108,045	274, 091 274, 091	Ronts and Royalties	incano (Table
\$ 505 56.5	432,065 428,374 540,778	404, 594	Porest Produce	Ħ,
9.9	24, 935 52,540 52,545	122,639 205,404	Other	Column 10)
100	551,362 555,129 696,040	(15) (14) (15) £ £ £ 122,639 882,108 2,630,469 203,404 1,770,014 5,286,586	· 15.4	
6,878,083	229, 830 367, 495 363, 723	2,630,469 2,286,566	Net Expanditure	

Forestry Commission Units

ENGLAND AND WALES

1.	Chopwell, Durham. *	50.	Lymings Kent.
2.	Delamere, Cheshire. *	51.	
3.	Hafod Fawr, Merioneth. *	52.	Haugh, Hereford.
4.	Dean Forest, Gloucester,	53.	Wyre, Worcester.
	Hereford and Monmouth. *	54.	
5.	Tintern, Monmouth. *	55.	
6.	Dymock, Gloucester and	56.	Maria and the second se
	Hereford. *	57.	
7.	Salcey, Bucks and	58.	
	Northampton. *	59.	
8.	Hazelborough, Bucks and	60.	
_	Northempton. *	61.	
9.	Alice Holt, Hants. #	62.	
10.		63.	Ferndown, Dorset.
11.	Bere, Hants. x	64.	Wilsey Down, Cornwall.
12.	New Forest, Hants, x	65.	
13.		66,	Rosedale, Yorks.
14.	Bedgebury, Kent and Sussex. A	67.	Ampleforth, Yorks.
15.	Rothbury, Northumberland.	68.	Cwmeinion, Cardigan.
16.	Thornthwaite, Cumberland.	69.	Tarenig, Cardigan and
17.	Allerston, Yorks.		Montgomery.
18.	Selby, Yorks.	70.	
19.		71.	
~~	Denbigh.	72.	Westbury, Hents.
20.	Coed-y-Brenin, Merioneth.	73.	Buriton, Hants and Sussex.
21.		74.	Bawtry, Nottingham.
22.	Rockingham, Northampton.	75.	
23.		76.	Swanton, Norfolk.
24.			Dunwich, Suffolk.
05	and Suffolk.	78.	Brynmawr, Cardigan.
25.	Rendlesham, Suffolk.		Bruton, Somerset and Wilts.
26.			Myherin, Cardigan.
27.	Mortimer, Hereford, Radnor		Harwood, Northumberland.
0.0	and Salop.		Kershope, Cumberland.
28,	Walcot, Salop.	83.	
29.	Kerry, Montgomery and		Brighstone, Isle of Wight.
2 0	Salop.	85.	and the state of t
30.	Rheola, Glamorgan.	86.	
31.	Margam, Glamorgan.		Merioneth.
32,	Llantrisant, Glamorgan.	87.	
33. 34.	Llanover, Monmouth.	88.	
35.	Chepstow, Monmouth. Bodmin, Cornwall.	20	Carmerthen.
36.	Halwill, Devon.	89.	Caio, Carmarthen.
	Haldon, Devon.	90.	
38.	Eggesford, Devon.	91.	Yardley Chase, Bedford and
39.		do	Northempton.
40.		92. 93.	
41.		200	Monmouth.
42.		94.	Herodafoot, Cornwall.
43.		95.	
	Sussex.	96.	Bardney, Lincoln.
44.	Ennerdale, Cumberland.	97 .	Redesdale Northumberland.
45.	Clipstone, Derby and	98.	Challock, Kent.
V	Nottingham.	99.	Vinehall, Sussex.
46.	Beddgelert, Caernaryon.		Pocowood, Sussex.
47.	Cynywd, Merioneth.		Lydford, Devon.
48.	Dovey, Merioneth and	102.	
 -	Montgomery.	103.	
49.	Radnor, Radnor.	104.	
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England and Wales continued.

105.	Itton, Monmouth.	121.	Usk. Brecknock.
106.	Grizedale, Lancashire.	122.	•
107.	Hafren, Montgomery.	123.	Coed-y-Rhaiads, Brecknock
108.	Collingbourne Wilts.	124.	
109.	Gravetye, Sussex.	125.	
110.	Sedbury, Gloucester.		Scardale, Yorks.
111.	Warke, Northumberland.	127.	
112.	Greystoke, Cumberland.	128.	
113.	Wigsley, Lincoln and	129.	Savernake, Wilts.
	Nottingham.	130.	Osborne, Isle of Wight.
114.	Hay, Hereford.	131.	
115.	St. Gwynno, Glamorgan.	132.	Arundel, Sussex.
116.	Mendip, Somerset.	133.	Newborough, Anglesey.
117.	Hartland, Devon.		Orlestone, Kent.
118.	Marden, Sussex.	135.	
119.	Willingham, Lincoln.	136.	
120.	Gardiner, Wilts.		Andover, Hants.
	138.	Alton, Hants.	•

SCOTLAND.

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1.	Invertiever, Argyll. *	60.	Balblair, Sutherland.
2.	Borgie, Sutherland.	61.	Leel, Ross.
3.	Slattadale, Ross.	6 2.	Clashindarroch, Aberdeen.
4.	Achnashellach, Ross.	63.	
5.	Ratagan, Inverness and Ross.	64.	Inglismaldie, Kincardine.
6.	Inchnacardoch, Inverness.	6 5.	Blackgraig, Perth.
7.	South Laggan, Inverness.	66.	Achaglachgach, Argyll.
8.	Port Clair, Inverness.	67.	Strathyre, Perth.
9.	Culbin, Moray and Nairn.	68.	
10.	Monaughty, Moray.	<u>6</u> 9.	Fiunary, Argyll.
11.	Kirkhill Aberdeen.		Carden, Fife.
12.	Montreathmont, Angus.	71.	
13.	Glen Righ, Inverness.	7 2.	
14.	Glenduror, Argyll.		Kirroughtree, Kirkcudbright.
15.	Glehbranter, Argyll.	74.	Newtyle, Moray.
16.	Terismuir, Fife.	75.	- Carlotte and the second seco
17. 18.	Edensmuir, Fife. Glentress, Feebles.	#6	Kincardine.
19.	Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbright.	76.	Longart, Ross.
20.	Newcastleton, Hoxburgh.	77.	Garadhban, Stirling.
21.	Teindland, Moray.	78. 79.	Inverinan, Argyll. Glenbrittle, Isle of Skye.
82.	Glenurquhert, Inverness.	80.	Alltcailleach, Aberdeen.
23.	Glenhurich, Aggyll.	81.	Fleet, Kirkcudbright.
24.	Drummond Hill, Perth.	82.	Kinfauns, Perth.
25.	The Queen's Forest, Inverness.	83.	Kilsture, Wigtown.
26.	Culloden, Inverness.	84.	Whitehaugh, Aberdeen.
27.	Nevis, Inverness.	85.	Guisachan, Inverness.
28.	Craig-nan-Eun, Inverness.	86.	Changue, Ayr.
29.	Ardgartan, Argyll.	87.	Asknish, Argyll.
30.	Barcaldine, Argyll.	88.	Dundeugh, Kirkeudbright.
31.	Benmore, Argyll.	89.	Carron Valley, Stirling.
32.	The Bin, Aberdeen.	90.	Tinnisburn, Roxburgh. and
33.		, , ,	Dumfries.
34.	Ordiequish, Moray.	91.	
35.	Salen, Argyll.	92.	
36.		93.	
37.	South Strome, Ross.	94.	Millbuie, Ross.
38.		95.	Inshriach, Inverness.
59.	· —	96.	Craigvinean, Perth.
40.	Findon, Ross.	97.	Tilliefoure, Aberdeen.
42,		98.	Corriedoo, Kirkeudbright.
42.	Drumtochty, Kineardine.	9 9.	Keillour, Perth.
43.	Midmar, Aberdeen.	100.	Cairn Edward, Kirkcudbright.
44.	Kenmay, Aberdeen.	101.	Minard, Argyll.
45.	Glengarry, Inverness.	102.	Carcrogo, Kirkcudbright.
46. 47.	Blairadam, Fife and Kinross.	103.	Carradale, Argyll.
47. 48.	Forest of Deer, Aberdeen.	104.	
49.	Forest of Ae, Dumfries. Eilanreach, Inverness.	105,	
50.	Greskine, Dumfries.	106.	
51.	Edgarhope, Berwick.	107.	Assich, Nairn.
52.	Fearnoch, Argyll.	106. 109.	
53.	Dornoch, Sutherland.	110.	
54.	Inverinate, Ross.	110.	
55.	Lennox Castle, Stirling.	112.	
5 6 .	Loch Ard, Perth.	113.	
	Scootmore, Moray.	114.	
58.	Clunes, Inverness.	115.	
59.	Devilla, Fife.	116.	
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^{*} Former Crown Woods.

* Includes Bennen.

* Includes Glencaird.

Table E.S. - Cultural Operations (Table E. Column 5)

Year		Nur-	Grand			
ending 30th September	Preparatory work and Planting.	Establish- ment and Maintenance.	Forest Protection.	Total	ser- ies	Total.
	(1)	(8)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
First decade: 1920-29	638,503	295,201	95,824	1,029,528	461,273	1,510,801
Second decade:	1,053,327	916,427	377,133	2,346,887	724,132	3,071,019
Third decade: 1940 1941 1942	139,854 149,570 115,723	128,221 159,020 198,7 6 2	63,079 89,341 103,490	331,154 397,931 417,975	100,599 135,396 132,406	431,753 \$33,697 550,381
Grand Total	2,096,977	1,697,631	728,867	4,523,475	,573,606	6,097,281
Percentage	46.4	37.5	16.1	100		

Cultural Operations. - Expenditure amounted to £550,381 details of which are given in Table E 5. Plantations accounted for £417,975 and nurseries £132,406.

Plantations. The total area planted or sown during the year was 16,746 acres, of which 15,733 acres were placed under conifers and 1,013 acres under broadleaved species. Included in the above are 664 acres re-afforested in former Crown Woods, and 70060 acres replanted after damage by fire. Details by forests are given in the Appendix, pages 36 et seq.

The total addition to the woodland area of Great Britain as a result of the Commission's operations was 12,803 acres. In forming plantations and beating-up previous years' plantations 45 million trees were used, of which 51 per cent. were Norway and Sitka spruce; 26 per cent. Scots and Corsican pine; 9 per cent. European and Japanese larch; 12 per cent. broadleaved species; an area of 529 acres of existing woods was underplanted, necessitating the use of 172,000 plants.

The quantities of work done by Divisions during the year are shown in the table below:

Silvicultural Operations.

Division	Planted and Sown	Naturally Regener- ated	Under planted	Thinned	Felled
England & Wales:	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
N.E.(E) N.(Y) S.W.(E) S.E.(E) E.(E) New Dean N.W.(E) S.(V)	2,516 1,774 527 706 574 600 465 567 1,905	- - - - 233 - - - - - - 263	5 76 - 78 30 48 13 19	270 1,570 190 486 1,046 763 1,728 192 173	138 90 48 1,959 569 679 1,504 100 32
Scotland:				•	
North South East	1,481 1,292 1,999 2,340	-	21 20 5 14	358 335 362 704	47 135 172 267
Total	7,112	-	60	1,759	621
Total. Great Britain	16,746	263	329	8,177	5,740

Cost of Planting. - The outlay on labour and material on the areas planted between 1919 and 1942 was £10.10.0, per acre.

This figure covers the cost of preparation of ground, drainage, fencing, plants, planting, replacement of failures and weeding, but does not include expenditure on forest protection, supervision and overhead charges.

for the three years 1940 - 42 are given in the following table:stocked with 226 million seedlings and 76 million transplants. Comparative figures NURSERIES - The total area under Nurseries at 30th September, 1942, was 1,268 acres

	1940		1941		1942	30th Sept.	Year Ending
Total	England and Wales Scotland	To ta.	England and Wales Scotland	Total	England and Wales Scotland		COUNTRY
6,106	3, 503 2 , 80 3	8,885	4, 933 5, 952	8,939	4,852 4,107	Conif- erous	35
184,139	178,845 5,296	283,165	278, 880 4, 285	25,880	25, 264 616	Broad- leaved	MAIOS (EBES
190,245	182,146 8,099	292,050	283, 813 8, 2 37	34,819	30,096 4,723	Total	
107,331	69,965 37,366	91,310	55,933 35,877	69,039	43,029 26,010	Conif- erous	
10,681	9, 391 1, 290	11,565	10,355 1,008	7,354	6, 605 751	Transplants Broad- leaved	Stock of
118,012	79,356 38, 6 56	102,673	66, 288 36, 385	76,393	49 , 632 2 6, 76 1	Total	thousends at
115,868	59 ,7 85 54 ,08 3	185,653	100,156 83,497	217,472	124, 940 92, 532	Conif- erous.	30th
14,318	15 , 6 05 713	21,812	20,776 1,036	8,046	7,385 661	Seedlings Broad- leaved	ep te mber
128,186	73,390 54,796	205, 465	120,932 84,533	225,518	152,325 93,193	Total	
1,092	682 4 10	1,241	817 424	1,268	835 433	(Acres)).rea

Details showing by Divisions the utilisation of Nursery Area are as follows:-

UTILISATION OF NURSERY AREA

Division	Seedbeds	Lines	Fallow and Green Crops	Other	Total
England & Wales:	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
N.E.(E) N.(W) S.W.(E) S.E.(E) New Dean N.W.(E) S.(W)	27.4 14.1 5. 34.4 38.7 24.9 10.8 6.7 19.7	48.3 32.8 12.2 28.3 45.4 24.6 10.3 13.4 32.3	37.4 32.3 6.6 16.1 51.4 64.4 12.8 15.2 37.6	15.9 14.6 8.1 15.9 23.9 8.3 5.1 4. 36.5	129. 93.8 31.9 94.7 159.4 122.2 39. 39.3 126.1
Total	181.7	247.6	273.8	132.3	835.4
Scotland:			manufer to superior services		
North South East West	18.8 17.9 28. 32.7	27.7 25.1 23.5 43.	24. 27.2 51.7 72.1	13.5 11.1 20.8 16.	84. 81.3 104. 163.8
Total	97.4	119.3	155.0	61.4	433.1
Total. Great Britsin	279.1	366.9	428.8	193.7	1268.5

Seed Supply

No supplies of seed were available from the Continent and an attempt to purchase Corsican pine seed via Portugal and Madrid proved abortive. Canada was able to provide 1189 lbs. of Sitka spruce and 423 lbs. of Douglas fir seed. The United States 768 lbs. of Japanese larch, 400 lbs. of Sitka spruce, 98 lbs. of Douglas fir and 97 lbs. of Silver fir. The total value of these imports was £3,088.

On account of the difficulties of obtaining seed from overseas and the necessity of keeping the Commission's Nurseries adequately stocked to meet post-war demands the home collection was intensified. 2,732 lbs. of Scots pine seed were extracted from the cones collected and small quantities of Corsisan pine and Douglas fir cones were obtained. In Scotland 391 lbs. of larch seed were secured as well as 1,046 lbs. of Norway spruce. Supplies of other conifer species were negligible.

Hardwood seed was far from plentiful. The acorn crop was a failure and only 20,000 lbs. of beech seed could be found as against an estimated requirement of 36,000 lbs.

Seed sold to the Trade and private individuals included 578 lbs. of conifer and 376 lbs. of hardwood seed. In addition 300 lbs. of Scots pine was invoiced to the United States.

Forest Fires. The weather conditions which prevailed in 1942 gave rise to the most serious losses by fire which the Commissioners have yet experienced. During the year 1,381 fires occurred, compared with 712 in 1941 and 1,144 in the previous bad fire year of 1938. The planted area affected was 6507 acres and the damage was assessed at £158,000 including cost of extinguishing. These figures include 113 fires (damage £28,000) caused by the Forces and 5 fires (damage £2,000) due to enemy action. In 1941 damage caused by the Forces amounted to £3000 and by enemy action to £18,000.

Comparative figures for the five years 1938 to 1942 are given below.

	1938	<u> 1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u> 1941</u>	<u> 1942</u>
Number of fires Area burnt (acres)	1,144 2.066	355 975	628 1.750	712 3.025	1,381 6,507
Damage valued at	£39,910	£19,465	£38,145	£49,400	£158,000

Claims aggregating £42,800 have been lodged by the Commissioners in respect of the damage done during the year.

The following table gives the causes of fires in 1942 and it will be seen that most fires originated in sparks from railway engines, but a large number (126) and the greatest damage were caused by fires which spread from adjoining land.

Origin		Number of Fires.	Planted area <u>burnt</u> . acres
Railways Adjoining land Troops etc. General public Commission's employee Road Engines Enemy action Other Unknown	Totals	946 126 113 61 12 5 5 5 90	737 2,203 913 792 575 3 121 298 867
	103	- Indian - I	*

Subhead F. - Advances for Afforestation Purposes.

Expenditure £24,058

Grants to private individuals and local authorities for planting amounted to £8,872, advances in respect of a proceeds-sharing scheme to £11,000 and overhead and supervisory charges to £4,186.

The grants were as follows: -

- (1) Conifers. Up to £2 per acre plan thereafter maintained as a forest crop. Up to £2 per acres planted or sown and
- For every acre planted or sown with approved species and thereafter maintained as an area for the production of hardwoods: - up to £4 per acre for oak or ash; £3 per acre for beech, sycamore or chestnut, and £2 per acre for other approved species.

 The number of schemes in respect of which grants were paid during the year and the areas dealt with are stated below:-

	England & Wales	<u>Scotland</u>	Total
Number of Schemes	180	57	237
	Acres	Acres	Acres
Planting Conifers Planting Hardwoods	1,853 599	1,825 4	3,078 605

Subhead G. - Education. Expenditure, £12.545.

Details of expenditure are given in Table G.

Apprentices' Schools: Expenditure. £7.232.

The syllabus and time-table were revised at the Parkend School (Forest of Dean) in order to be prepared for war-time contingencies which might necessitate the disbanding of the class before the 2-year course had been completed. Twenty-two second-year students continued at the school and 17 commenced the new course.

Good progress was also made at Benmore School, Argyll, and at the close of the forest year there were 17 first-year and 17 second-year students.

Grants to Universities. Colleges. etc: Expenditure. £1,642.

Grants were made during the year to the following: Cambridge University; University College of North Wales, Bangor, King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Aberdeen University.

Imperial Forestry Institute. Expenditure, £2,625. The annual grant to the imperial Forestry Institute from the Forestry Fund was continued; the amount paid in 1942 covers one and a half years. The number of students attending the Institute Courses showed a further reduction as compared with previous years. were 6 Colonial Forestry scholars and 4 students.

Table G. - Education

		100	37.2	12.5	19.7	5.4	12.8	12.6	Percentage
280,076	3,008	883,084	83,079	27,359	43,900	12,115	ಸ್ ಪ್ರ ರೀ.	87,996	Grand Total
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97,555	443	97,998	42,646	. 9,809	17,682	5,329	10,848	12,184	Second decade:
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Subhead H - Research and Experiment

Expenditure: Gross, £14,598; Net, £14,176
Details of expenditure are given in Table H.

Table H - Research and Experiment

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Production

Eleven sample plots were established during the course of the year, and 45 plots remeasured. After allowing for plots lost as a result of war fellings, windfall, or fire, the total number in being at 31.8.42. was 213, of which 128 are in England and Wales and 85 in Scotland.

Nursery and Plantation Work.

Experiments on the propagation of Norway spruce from cuttings begin to yield encouraging results. Success largely depends on the time of year at which the cuttings are taken; growth promoting substances have not so far proved very effective. Methods of storing beech seed were studied; stratification in moist sand for a short period before sowing gave the best results, but dry storage led to a considerable reduction in viability.

Work on plantation problems included a survey of the older European larch plantations established by the Commission. Die-back has affected some of these in various parts of the country and it is hoped that the survey will throw some light on the causes of the trouble. An experiment on the season of planting beech on the chalk was completed; the evidence indicated that October was the most favourable planting month. In the Forest of Dean a series of beech plots was established using plants raised from seed collected in different regions. Experimental work on the treatment of derelict coppice areas was started at Tintern Forest, Monmouthshire.

Experimental plots at Borgie, Teindland, Inchnacardock, Achnashellach, and Bedgebury Forests were lost owing to forest fires.

Entomology and Mycology.

Some further progress was made with the chafter investigation, but, in the main, attention was concentrated on the
coniferous felled areas. Scattered outbreaks of pine weevil,
pine beetle, and the clay weevils have occurred, but in most
areas the produce has been removed before a pine beetle
epidemic could develop, while the weevil menace has been
largely countered by a policy of deferring replanting until
the stumps have dried out. The inspection, at regular intervals,
of the more important areas has resulted in the collection of
much useful biological data.

Botanical and Soil Research

Research on tree mycorrhize has continued under the direction of Dr. M.C. Rayner; further observations have been made upon plants raised in soil from Hope Forest in Derbyshire and Allerston Forest in Yorkshire.

The field side of the soil survey of Ardgarten Forest in Argyllshire was completed.

Advisory Committee on Forest Research

The Committee met at Scarborough and visited experimental plantations on Calluna moorland at Allerston Forest.

Utilisation.

Pitprops of various species and sizes, collected from different parts of the country, have been supplied to the Forest Products Research Laboratory for a series of tests on the strength values of home-grown props.

Subhead J.- Agency and Advisory Services Expenditure: £1,046, Income £1,114.

The expenditure is an apportionment of overhead and supervisory charges in respect of the time of various officers of the Commission who have been engaged in an swering enquiries and advising woodland owners as to the treatment of their woods.

Income is mainly in respect of overhead charges for defence work undertaken for the War Department.

Subhead K .- Special Services. Expenditure, £1,225.

Details of expenditure are given in Table K.

Table K .- Special Services.

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ending 30th September	Superior Supervi- sion and Overhead Charges.	sulta- tive	Pub- lica- tions	Special Enquir- ies	Relief of Un- em- ploy- ment	Total	In come	Expen- di ture
First decade:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
19 2 0- 29	26,585	523	1,995	12,368	19,828	61,299	347	60,952
Second decade: 1930-39	28,698	145	1,279	12,572	-	42,694	33	.42,661
Third decade; 1940- 1941 1942	864 777 1,046	9	2	76 0 149 179	-	1,635 986 1,225	1 -	1 ,634 926 1,225
Grand Total	57,970	677	3,276	26,028	19,828	107,779	381	107,398
Percentage	53.8	.6	3.0	24.2	16.4	100		

Subhead L .- Forest Workers' Holdings

Expenditure, £23,424: Income, £21,545.

Expenditure and income show little change compared with the previous year. Destails are given in Table L.

During the year three holdings were completed and, after allowing for disposals and transfers to other tenancies the total number of holdings for forest workers amounted to 1485. The average cost of establishing holdings is £499, of which land accounts for £68, and cost of buildings, drainage, water supply, etc. £431.

Table L. - Forest Forkers' Holdings

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Grand Total	157,160	6		7 20 044	69,205	48,541	17,690	11/41, 244	256,842	\$\$30\$	≥9 , 145	78.,099

SUBHEAD 2.- INCOME. \$721.209

Total income was £144,528 greater than in 1941. Sales of forest produce increased by £112,404 rents and royalties by £7,852 and "other" income from forestry operations by £23,459.

livestock £21.827, (an increase of £7,255), and miscellaneous estate, form and forest receipts £29,895 (an increase of £15,228 of which £7,944 is due to a receipt on account of pension liability for foresters, etc. loaned to the Ministry of Supply). Details are given in Table 2. Rents and royalties include \$14,044 from the Forest of Dean mines. "Other" income includes sales of

Table 2. - Income

Grand Total 1	Third decade: 1940 1941 1942	Second decade: 1950-59	First decade:	Year ending 30th September	
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Employment in the Commission's Forests.

The number of forest workers employed in the Commission's forests is stated in the table below:

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1922	526	1922-23		1,775
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1924	1,620	1924-25	• • •	2,650
1925	1,980	1925-26	•••	2,960
1926	2,335	1926-27	•••	3,185
1927	2,735	1927-28	•••	3,495
1928	2,740	1928-29	• • •	3,565
1929	2,640	1929-30	• • •	3,835
1930	3,130	1930-31	***	3,850
1931	2,830	1931-32	• * *	3,505
1932	2,720	1932-33	***	3,985
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1936	3,720	193 6- 37	•••	4,565
1937	4,065	1937-38	•••	5,110
1938	4,555	1938-39	•••	5,395
1939	4,320	1939-40	•••	5,155
1940	4,740	1940-41	• • •	5,625
1941	4,900	1941-48	•••	5,630
1942	5,420	1948-43	• • •	5,550

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Hemorandum to Mr. Coggins.

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Commissioners' Annual Report - F.Y.42.

One copy of the typed report contains an error in Table IIa, page 15. The worded headings to cols. 2-4 are wrong; they apply to cols. 1 (which has been left blank) to 3, and col. 4 should be headed "Education". As the worded headings have been typed in separately it is possible that other copies of the Report have been correctly typed. Please ascertain whether your copy is correct and, if necessary, make amendments as above.

Please also make amendments to this report as shown in the attached sheet. The total area planted given in the Appendix plus replanting after fire equals the gross area planted.

The Assistant Commissioner, Scotland, has notified the following amendment to his Report for F.Y. 42:-

Appendix I.

Replacements.

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Statement of Emendments to be made to copies of Twenty Third Annual Report for year ended 30th September 1942.

Page 2 Last paragraph. Area planted in 1942 - 16,746 acres

Page 6 First paragraph. Planting and sowing 16,746 acres

<u>Page 22 Plantations</u> Area replanted after damage by fire - 700 acres <u>Pages 36/45</u>.

Appendix - Plantations

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p.45. Appendix - Plantations - Summary.

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