

the Federal Department of the Interior has jurisdiction over, or is indirectly concerned in, the following special and inspectorial forestry branches, employing in all not more than forty qualified officials :—

- (1) Inspection of Forests (Berne)—
 Inspector-General of Forests (Dr. Emil Hess).
 Eight inspectors.
 Four forest engineers.
 Institute of Snow and Avalanche Research (four officers).
- (2) Federal Institute of Technology (School of Forestry) (Zurich) —
 Nine professors and forestry lecturers.
- (3) Federal Forest Research Institute (Zurich)—
 Nine research foresters.
- (4) Military Department—
 One forest engineer.
- (5) Department of Public Economics (Price Control) —
 One forest engineer.

70. Swiss forest policy is traditionally conservative ; in normal times the Confederation imports about 25 per cent. of its timber requirements, and manages its forests with the object of conserving resources (which could economically be utilized) to ensure timber self-sufficiency in time of emergency.

THE SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (*Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule*)

71. The E.T.H., as it is known throughout Switzerland, was founded in 1854 at Zurich and is the only educational institution owned and administered by the Swiss Federal Government ; it is also the only technical school of University standing in the country. The Universities, as well as primary and secondary education, are the responsibilities of the Swiss Cantons.

72. The Institute is divided into eleven schools or faculties for professional education in the following subjects : Architecture, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Rural Engineering and Surveying, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Physics, Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Forestry, Military Sciences.

73. In addition, a general section of courses in History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics are available to all students of E.T.H. to provide scope for broader education ; in fact all students of professional faculties are compelled to take at least one course in the general section each term.

74. The Institute comprises ten different buildings, magnificently appointed, and situated in the hilly central part of Zurich. The Schools of Agriculture and Forestry share the same block of buildings, which in recent years has resulted in congestion, and plans which are being prepared for a separate forestry building were demonstrated by the E.T.H. Architect, Dr. Dunkel.

THE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY (E.T.H.)

75. The School is administered by a “ Conferenz ” (Council) of E.T.H. Professors, including the Forestry Professors. The Dean is, however, never a Forestry Professor ; the purpose of this apparently being to avoid domination of the School by any one school of forestry thought.

The staff of the School consists of :—

- (a) Three forestry professors (Dr. Knuchel, Dr. Leibundgut, and Mr. Gonet).
- (b) Four assistant lecturers in forestry.
- (c) Two part-time lecturers (qualified foresters) from the Agriculture Faculty.
- (d) Occasional lectures by Research Institute staff.