

Water-supply.—The water-supply at the nursery continues to give satisfaction, although additional pressure would be most desirable in case of any outbreak of fire.

Buildings.—The additions to the nurseryman's house were completed during April, but the erection of a bathroom and woodhouse would be much appreciated. A roof of corrugated iron replaced the felt roofing of the office, as most of the latter material was blown off during a heavy gale. A substantial extension was attached to the workshop, and the accommodation now meets all requirements. A clay floor was put down in the smithy.

Horse-feed.—Good crops of clover and rye hay were harvested in good condition for winter feed. An autumn sowing of 12 acres of oats yielded a good crop, which was harvested during January.

Maintenance-work.—This work consisted principally in repainting building and vehicles. The repairing of tools, vehicles, and implements was also carried on.

Manures.—A sowing of 6 tons of line was distributed over the vacant areas set aside for seed-sowing and lining-out, and was thoroughly worked in with harrows and cultivator.

Pests.—Hares and rabbits were not troublesome, and no damage was done to young trees. The grass-grub was again in evidence, however, and did very considerable damage to seedling larch. The estimated output was thus reduced by from 30 to 40 per cent.

The grubs have also made their appearance amongst this year's seedling larch, and it is feared that the loss from this source will be again a heavy one. The sowing of "aportite" has been tried as a means of dealing with the pest, but sufficient time has not elapsed since its application to enable a decision to be arrived at as to results.

An average of 7.91 men were employed on the nursery throughout the year.

Statements of expenditure and values, together with records of rainfall for the year, are appended.

Schedule I.

Month.	Rainfall.	Number of Days Rain fell.	Temperature.		Number of Days Frosts occurred.
			Minimum.	Maximum.	
1910.			Degrees.	Degrees.	
April	Inches. 4.12	7	73	27	1
May	3.22	9	72	20	10
June	6.11	11	70	20	13
July	5.67	16	57	21	11
August	3.78	11	65	24	9
September	2.53	9	71	27	7
October	1.30	4	71	30	3
November	1.95	6	85	32	1
December	5.70	16	81	37	..
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January	4.08	9	82	32	1
February	5.93	9	85	36	..
March	0.29	3	81	38	..
Totals	44.68	110	..	..	56

Schedule II.—Statement of Expenditure.

	For Year.			To Date.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tree-planting and maintenance—						
Tree-growing	596	18	0	3,499	7	4
General maintenance and repairs	98	3	9	437	6	4
Tree-seeds	85	16	6	477	0	3
Manures	10	15	7	48	19	8
Horse-feed, purchased and grown	69	7	9	409	6	1
Miscellaneous works	28	19	0	144	12	4
Stock and material—Tools, implements	31	16	3	531	18	1
Permanent works—						
Buildings	226	5	1	984	6	6
Nursery-formation	92	12	5	452	3	9
Fencing	1	17	6	55	18	5
Water-supply	..	..	..	440	0	10
Supervision and clerical—						
Proportion of Superintending Nurseryman's salary	35	0	0	115	0	0
Proportion of Nurseryman's salary	101	0	0	590	0	0
Clerical assistance	10	0	0	40	0	0
	£1,388	11	10	£8,225	19	7