

systematic grazing with sheep, and also in supervising any work requiring attention. Although the wisdom of forming plantations and subsequently allowing them to remain without a resident caretaker is questionable, the extent of young forest here at present does not perhaps justify such an annually recurring expenditure.

One man was engaged for some little time in ridding the enclosure of rabbits, which of late have become very troublesome. It was, however, impossible to eradicate the pest under the circumstances prevailing last season; but as rabbit-proof has now been substituted for sheep-proof netting the prospect of more satisfactory work is bright. Double leaders being conspicuous throughout the plantation, arrangements have been made to remedy this by pruning. Every effort will also be made to cut the clumps of briars, blackberries, and gorse, which appear to be spreading here and there.

By expending £10 10s. 2d. the total outlay on the plantation to date reaches £10,065 7s., but by including the value of prison labour this figure is increased by £2,365 14s. 7d., as detailed in supporting statements.

Schedule II.—Statement of Expenditure.

	For Year.			To Date.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Planting operations and maintenance—						
Tree-planting				1,777	10	7
Pitting				3,898	11	1
Clearing				13	5	0
Cartage of trees				73	10	6
General upkeep of plantation	5	10	2	1,514	12	6
General repairs				23	17	8
Horse-feed						
Permanent works—						
Acquirement of land				3,600	0	0
Fencing				122	17	10
Formation				158	5	7
Buildings				41	2	8
Stock, implements, &c.—Tools, implements				276	3	2
Supervision and clerical (salaries)—						
Supervision of free labour				347	14	9
Supervision of prison labour				467	16	3
Proportion of Superintending Nurseryman's salary and clerical assistance	5	0	0	115	14	0
	£10	10	2	£12,431	1	7
Estimated value of prison labour (apportioned in above items)				2,365	14	7
Actual expenditure	£10	10	2	£10,065	7	0

Schedule III.—Trees Account.

	Number.
Trees received during year.. .. .	
Less to replace blanks	
Planted on new area	
Previously planted	569,640
Total number planted on 209 acres (average age, eight years)	569,640

Schedule IV.—Property Account.

	£	s.	d.
Land (857½ acres)	3,600	0	0
Buildings			
Live-stock			
Improvements	158	7	7
Fencing	122	17	10
Stores in hand			
	£3,881	5	5

Balance-sheet.

	£	s.	d.
Total expenditure (prison labour included)	12,420	11	5
Less Property Account	3,881	5	5
Cost of operations	£8,539	6	0
209 acres planted (average age, eight years).			
Estimated value of plantation per acre	10	14	6

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