

an interesting nature was observed. The University, parks, nurseries, gardens, museums, and forests, &c., occupied fully my three days' sojourn there.

On the 16th June I left New York by s.s. "Mauretania" and arrived in London via Fishguard six days later. During my four days' stay in London it was possible to visit many places of extreme interest, among which were Kew Gardens, Forestry Museum, Hampden Court, parks, various educational institutions, &c., and proceeded to Edinburgh on the 26th June. The ensuing fortnight was devoted to a splendidly organized tour of inspection through Scotland's best forests, nurseries, &c., and the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society spared no expense or trouble to make the tour of the following Home, foreign, and colonial representatives a most enjoyable and educative one:—

ROYAL SCOTTISH ARBORICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DIAMOND JUBILEE GUESTS.

Captain Archibald Stirling, of Keir, *President*.

Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., of Pollok, *Hon. Secretary*.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

<i>France</i>	..	Monsieur Pardé, Inspector of Waters and Forests at Beauvais.
<i>Russia</i>	..	Actual Councillor of State Monsieur Rauner, Vice-Director of the Corps of Foresters.
<i>Sweden</i>	..	Mr. Carl Björkbohm, Inspector of Forests.
<i>Denmark</i>	..	Dr. P. E. Müller.
<i>Holland</i>	..	Monsieur J. H. Jager Gerlings, Inspector of the Government Forestry Administration at Breda.
<i>Hungary</i>	..	Mr. John Czillinger, the Royal Hungarian Inspector of Forests.

REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIAN AND COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS.

<i>India</i>	..	Mr. A. M. Caccia, M.V.O., Director of Indian Forest Studies.
<i>Canada</i>	..	Mr. R. H. Campbell, Director of Forestry.
<i>New Zealand</i>	..	Mr. R. G. Robinson, Superintending Nurseryman for South Island.
<i>South Africa</i>	..	Mr. K. A. Carlson, Conservator of Forests, Orange Free State Conservancy.

HOME REPRESENTATIVES.

<i>England</i>	..	Sir William Schlich, President Royal English Arboricultural Society. Professor Somerville, Oxford University. Mr. William Dawson, Cambridge University. Mr. H. J. Elwes, of Colesborne.
<i>Wales</i>	..	Professor Fraser Story, University College, Bangor.
<i>Ireland</i>	..	Mr. R. J. Campbell, Board of Agriculture, &c., Dublin. Professor Augustine Henry, Dublin. Mr. A. C. Forbes, Chief Inspector of Forestry, Dublin.
<i>Scotland</i>	..	Mr. John D. Sutherland, Member of the Board of Agriculture. Dr. John Nisbet, Forestry Adviser to the Board of Agriculture. Mr. E. P. Stebbing, Edinburgh University. Mr. George P. Gordon, B.Sc., West of Scotland Agricultural College. Mr. P. Leslie, B.Sc., North of Scotland Agricultural College. W. Steuart Fotheringham, Esq., of Murthly, <i>Vice-President</i> . Sydney J. Gammell, Esq., of Drumtochty, <i>Vice-President</i> . Dr. A. W. Borthwick, <i>Hon. Editor of "Transactions."</i> Mr. Charles Buchanan, Convener of Excursion Committee. Mr. Robert Galloway, S.S.C., <i>Secretary and Treasurer</i> . Mr. Mann, <i>Reporter</i> .

In addition, during the last three days of the tour, over seventy gentlemen from all parts of the British Isles, and prominent in forestry circles, joined and travelled with the above party.

An account of the tour in Scotland is appended (see page 53).

On the 11th July, in company with Professor Story, of Wales, and Mr. A. C. Forbes, Chief Forester for Ireland, I journeyed through Wales and visited the Bangor University and experimental plots, where a speciality is made of forestry science teaching. We then proceeded to Ireland, and under the guidance of Professor Henry and Mr. Forbes it was possible to obtain an accurate idea of Ireland's ambition regarding its afforestation scheme. Specially interesting were the nurseries, trial plantations, forestry museums, and forest schools at Avondale, under the direction of Mr. Black, and Botanical Gardens and reserves at Dublin, where Dr. Henry is experimenting with the hybridization of poplars, and already has accomplished most wonderful results. On the 14th July I arrived at Chester, and, after being shown over Dickson's extensive nurseries of about 500 acres, proceeded to Dean Forest, where Mr. Robinson, Superintendent of Forestry Division, had made excellent arrangements for having me shown over England's foremost State forest nurseries, plantations, distillation-works, and forestry school for workmen. Returning to London on the 17th July I spent some days in visiting places of interest, including Oxford University (as the guest of Sir W. Schlich, Professor of Forestry), Windsor, Eton College, museums, several large private nurseries (including Sutton's at Reading), forestry exhibitions at the White City, Head Offices of the Forests and Woods Department, and was also received with much kindness by the High Commissioner and his staff.

On the 25th July I left London for Bordeaux (France), and, viewing the sand-dunes, gradually worked my way to Biarritz, Bayonne, Fonterabbia, and San Sebastian (Spain), interviewing *en route* officers of the Forest et Eaux Department regarding the sand-dune plantations of *Pinus maritima* and indigenous forests generally. The war breaking out during my sojourn in Biarritz, much difficulty was experienced in getting back to Bordeaux, where martial law was in operation, and it was necessary to remain there for eight days before being able to embark on the refugee ship "Fauvette," which, after an exciting passage, arrived in London on the 11th August. Thus, after securing all my tickets for an extensive European tour, it was impossible to use many of them, and efforts are now being made to obtain a refund from Messrs. Cook and Sons, agents.