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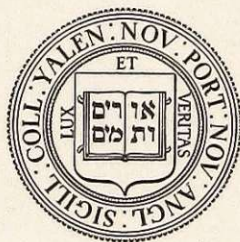
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FORESTRY PRACTICE

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FOREWORD

THIS publication has been prepared as a contribution toward solving some of the forestry problems with which owners of woodland are confronted. Forest conditions and details and methods of forest management on one property, the Eli Whitney Forest, are set forth here in the hope that the recital may provide a helpful object lesson.

Forest management is scarcely initiated in the United States. On most forest tracts it is either not practiced at all or else is in the early stages of organization. Thousands of land-owners should begin such work on their own holdings. The biggest task to-day confronting those who wish to conserve our forest resources consists of getting private owners started in forest management and in creating, among the people who do not own forest land, a sympathetic understanding of the situation. For this reason the attempt has been made to present what has been accomplished on the Eli Whitney Forest in a way that is interesting not only to the forester but, what is more important, to the private owner of forest property.

Illustrations have been used freely in order to bring before the reader the character of the forest and the operations which are carried on. With the exception of the frontispiece all illustrations have been placed at the end of the text, and appropriate references are made throughout the text to individual plates. The illustrations are arranged so as to advance progressively with the text and are accompanied by full descriptions which often give additional details. The photographs were taken especially for this bulletin by P. J. Meyer, of the Simonds Commercial Photo Company.

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