

Owing to the very dry season, the trees lined out have not made very much growth, but the seedlings have done exceedingly well. The species grown in this district are very few in number, consequent on the extreme climatic conditions prevailing, and, although a very large variety of trees has been experimented with, those entirely suitable for the locality are the species enumerated on schedules attached. The number of trees lined out was 431,700, at an average cost of 2s. 10½d. per thousand.

The number of trees sent to nurseries and Government plantations was 279,125, their total value being £872 8s. 6d. The number of trees sent out to date amounts to 1,301,687, their total value being £3,862 0s. 11d.

The number of trees in the nursery at the 31st March was 1,105,640, and their value £1,757 5s. 4d.

The details of above will be found on Schedules 1 to 4.

During the year all buildings have been painted, and all tools, implements, &c., have been kept in good repair.

Another foal has been reared during the year, and it is valued at £10.

The average number of hands employed was 5·64.

The following is a record of the rainfall and temperature for the year :—

Month.	Rainfall.	Number of Days Rain fell.	Maximum Temperature.	Date.	Minimum Temperature.	Date.	Number of Days on which Frost occurred.
1907.	Inches.		Degrees.		D. grees.		
April ...	0·53	3	73	7th	21	29th	7
May ...	1·03	12	67	1st	16	19th	21
June ...	0·29	7	55	29th	16	25th	27
July ...	0·33	6	61	2nd	15	29th	26
August ...	0·97	11	54	30th	15	5th	25
September ...	0·96	10	69	24th	19	16th	18
October ...	0·86	9	79	30th	25	5th	14
November ...	1·89	5	81	5th	29	2nd	3
December ...	2·76	8	88	29th	37	3rd	...
1908.							
January ...	0·53	4	96	17th	32	17th	1
February ...	1·55	7	86	15th	30	1st	1
March ...	2·23	13	76	13th	31	15th	2
Totals ...	13·93	95	...	...	...	...	145

*Statement of Expenditure.*

Amount at 31st March, 1907	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
Tree-growing	...	...	...	...	8,717	5	5
General maintenance and repairs	...	...	...	...	364	11	4
Nursery-formation	...	...	...	...	242	7	0
Horse-feed, purchased and grown	...	...	...	...	87	17	6
Tree-seeds	...	...	...	...	30	6	9
Tools, implements, &c.	...	...	...	...	64	4	2
Miscellaneous works	...	...	...	...	4	1	0
Supervision	...	...	...	...	2	18	2
Fuel and freight	...	...	...	...	14	11	0
					9	19	3
					£9,538	1	7

*Values of Stock.*

Amount at the 31st March, 1907	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Less value of trees	...	1,832	17	3	6,300	19	4					
"    horse-feed	...	15	0	0								
					1,847	17	3					
								4,453	2	1		
Trees, as per Schedule 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	555	2	6		
"    "    2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	409	19	6		
"    "    3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	782	3	4		
Tools, implements, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	0		
Nursery-formation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	17	6		
Horse-feed in stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	0		
Increased value of foal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0		
Value of foal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0		
Improved value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	213	7	0		
								£6,540	2	11		