

## SCHEDULE 5.—Trees transferred from Eweburn Nursery to Plantations, 1909-10.

Where sent.	Name of Tree.	Number.	Value per Thousand.	Total Value.	Remarks.
Gimmerburn Plantation	<i>Pinus austriaca</i> ..	38,900	£ s. d. 3 0 0	£ s. d. 116 14 0	Used for planting pre- vious failures.
	" <i>Benthamiana</i> ..	5,000	3 5 0	16 5 0	
		43,900		132 19 0	
Naseby Survey Paddock	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> ..	46,350	3 0 0	139 1 0	Number of these were beeled in.
	" <i>Bethamiana</i> ..	9,025	3 5 0	29 6 7	
	<i>Larix europæa</i> ..	40,525	1 5 0	50 13 1	
	" " ..	60,175	3 0 0	180 10 6	
		156,075		399 11 2	
Totals .. .. .		199,975	..	532 10 2	

A. W. ROBERTS,  
Nurseryman in Charge.

## GIMMERBURN PLANTATION RESERVE.

(Area, 1,200 acres; altitude, 12,000 ft.)

During the year trees to the number of 43,900 were planted out, at an average cost of 16s. 6d. per thousand; this includes pitting and planting. These trees have been used for filling in blanks, and have been very successful.

Oats to the value of £44 4s. were transferred to Tapanui and Hanmer Springs Nurseries, and oaten sheaf to the value of £18 to Eweburn Nursery, making a total of £72 4s.

As there has been no new area planted, the acreage remains at 173½ acres.

About 50 acres is to be broken up and sown down in oats for the supply of horse-feed to other nurseries.

The workmen's hut was covered with corrugated iron, and is now much more comfortable.

The expenditure for the year amounts to £152 14s. 3d., and the total to date is £2,519 0s. 5d.

An average of one man was employed throughout the year.

## Statement of Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1909	2,366	6	2
Tree-planting	36	7	10
Cartage of trees	5	4	0
General upkeep of plantation	57	9	0
Horse-feed purchased and grown	11	10	0
General repairs	9	13	5
Proportion of Nurseryman's salary	30	0	0
Supervision	2	10	0
	<u>£2,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>

A. W. ROBERTS,  
Nurseryman in Charge.

## NASEBY SURVEY PADDOCK PLANTATION (INCLUDING COMMONAGE).

(Area, 300 acres; altitude, 1,900 ft.)

The trees at the above plantation have made very satisfactory growth for the year on the old site, and those planted on the Naseby Commonage Block have also done very well.

Owing to an objection being raised by the Miners' Association and Commonage Committee, the area recently acquired has been abandoned in the meantime, and, in consequence, trees have suffered severely through the fact of rabbits and cattle having access to the enclosure.

If the plantation is to be continued in this locality, I would recommend that land be taken in higher up, as the conditions applicable to this area is equally suitable for tree-planting.

Trees to the number of 156,075 were transferred from the nursery, and 2,500 from Tapanui Nursery, the latter being for experimental purposes.

Owing to instructions being received to desist planting, only 65,925 trees were planted, leaving a balance of 93,150 still in the trenches.

The season has been one of the driest experienced for years, and in consequence a large number have died in the trenches, the larch being the variety that suffered most severely.

There were 65,925 trees planted, at an average cost of 13s. 3d. per thousand; and 128,100 grubber pits were made, at a cost of 14s. 7d. per thousand, by day-labour.

The number of trees in the plantation (including Commonage Block) up to the 31st March was 443,725.

The area planted for the season is 20 acres, making a total of 163 acres under forest trees.

The expenditure for the year is £510 16s. 6d., and the total to date £277 9s. 1d.

Average number of men employed, three (day-labour).