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**FORESTRY EXTENSION WORK.**

**An Effort to Preserve and Improve Michigan Farm Woodlots and Stimulate Interest in Tree Planting.**

At a recent meeting of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture, Mr. Comfort A. Tyler of Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, was appointed to aid in the establishment and development of a system of forestry extension work in conjunction with agricultural extension work now being conducted by the Michigan Agricultural College and Experiment Station.

The object of this work will be to create a State-wide sentiment favorable to this important and exceedingly valuable branch of Michigan agriculture. An effort will be made to induce farmers and others interested to properly care for the farm woodlot which now is probably the most grossly neglected of our farm possessions. Much emphasis will also be placed on economic methods of improvement employing at first those within easy reach of the ordinary farmer. The utilization of farm lands unsuitable for agricultural purposes by converting them into tree plantations will be strongly advocated. Encouragement and suggestions will also be given relative to tree planting for shade and ornamental purposes around the farm home, along the highway and private road and also shade tree planting for the pasture lot and farm field.

In organizing this work the institution desires to co-operate with farmer's organizations, educational institutions and business men's associations especially in the country towns. Communities interested in farm woodlot improvement may procure the services of the Forestry Extension Expert without cost, by addressing him at the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Michigan.

The Forestry Department at the College conducts one of the largest and best equipped forest nurseries in the country including 30 acres of land containing about 400,000 conifers and 150,000 broad-leaved seedlings. This nursery has been furnishing tree stocks at very reasonable prices to the farmers and others during the past several years. Over 125,000 seedlings have been sent out during the present season. Descriptions of the stock and price lists will be furnished upon application.

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Director.

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