

HOUSE No. 162

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FORESTER, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, Jan. 2, 1917.

HON. A. P. LANGTRY, *Secretary of State, State House, Boston, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:— In accordance with the act requiring it, we submit herewith the recommendation contained in the annual report of the State Forest Commission, together with bill embodying the same.

Very truly yours,

C. O. BAILEY,
Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE STATE FOREST COMMISSION.

By the most careful estimate of the cost of planting wild areas with pine or other coniferous trees, it would require at least \$10 an acre to plant, and as all the land purchased is practically waste land, or land which will have to be actually planted as well as cleared, it would require for the land already bought by the Commission between \$75,000 and \$100,000. This, of course, should not be attempted all in one year, but at least 1,000 to 2,000 acres ought to be planted every year and should be cared for after they are planted in a way to protect them against natural enemies and fires.

