

Forestry Commission Leaflet No. 16. Larch Canker. 2d.

Forestry Commission Leaflet No. 26. The Spruce Bark Beetle. 2d.

The leaflet on Larch Canker, now appearing in revised form, deals in a practical way with this troublesome disease. The emphasis is on preventive measures—the use of home-

collected or Scottish seed, avoidance of planting sites subject to unseasonable frost, careful planting and cleaning, and heavy thinning. Heavy opening-out and underplanting with species such as Douglas fir, *Tsuga heterophylla* and *Abies grandis* is recommended for badly cankered pole plantations.

The spruce bark beetle, *Ips typographus*, a most destructive pest of Continental spruce forests, has been imported into Britain in round timber from Germany since 1946, and the second leaflet deals with this and related species which in spite of precautions might become established in British woodlands.
