

It is with particular pleasure that we welcome the appearance of this 48 page booklet on Roadside Trees published by our sister organisation and written by one of the most prominent members of our own Society. It is attractively produced by the Dundalgan Press and the exclusively Irish illustrations are of a very high quality, adding considerably to its value and aptly illustrating the text.

The problems of the roadside tree planter and the special requirements which have to be met are fully discussed and emphasis is rightly laid on the importance of planned development of new roads to fit trees into a harmonious scheme which will allow ease of movement for the vehicles which are likely to use these, provision for telegraph and transmission lines, adequate lighting and so on.

Separate chapters deal with street, suburban, county road and seaside planting so that information is readily accessible on any particular aspect of roadside planting. Much useful information is also given on soil preparation, planting, staking, watering, pruning, spacing, protection and general care.

This booklet is essential to all who are concerned with town and country planning and with the care and upkeep of streets, roads and parks. It is also very useful to city dwellers who wish to beautify their gardens with trees or shrubs and to the country landowner with avenues and roadside trees to care. It may also be recommended strongly to the forester—if only to prevent his developing

that warped mentality which looks at everything other than utilitarian economic planting with a jaundiced eye. In its pages he will get inspiration for his roadside, ride line and marginal belt planting, ideas which will add to the beauty and interest of his forest and serve to sharpen his aesthetic sense.

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Also received:

Annual Report of the Forestry Commission for the year ending September 30th, 1946. H.M.S.O. 1/3 net.

The Forest, Forestry and Man. Empire Forestry Association. 4/-.