

Private Planting.

Increase in the Amount of State Grant.

(1) The amount of the Grant which may be paid by the Minister for Lands towards the cost of the planting (or replanting) of land by private landholders or public bodies *has been increased to £20 per statute acre* with effect from the commencement of the 1958/59 planting season.

(2) The Grant is payable in two equal instalments as follows :—

£10 per statute acre on the satisfactory establishment of the plantation, and

£10 per statute acre five years after payment of the first instalment.

(3) The following conditions apply :—

- (a) The total area to be planted must be not less than one statute acre.
- (b) No area of less than half an acre will be taken into account in the calculation of the amount of Grant payable.
- (c) Save in exceptional circumstances the width of any plantation must be not less than two chains (44 yards).
- (d) The trees planted must be suitable species of forest trees as approved by the Minister.
- (e) An adequate number of trees at suitable spacings must be used. The following species may be planted at not more than six feet apart when planted pure or in intimate mixture with one another :—Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, Japanese larch, *Pinus insignis*, *Cupressus lawsoniana*, *Cupressus macrocarpa*, *Abies nobilis*, *Abies grandis* and ash. Except in special circumstances and subject to the Minister's approval other species should be planted at not more than five feet apart.

At six foot spacings approximately 1,250 trees per statute acre would be required; at five-foot spacings the number required would be approximately 1,750.

- (f) The plantation must be adequately fenced and protected, where necessary, against damage by fire, livestock, rabbits, etc.

(4) Payment of the second instalment of the Grant may be withheld if the plantation has not been properly maintained after establishment.

(5) A Grant will not be paid in respect of any planting or replanting for which a Grant is payable under any other State scheme or for which trees are provided at the public expense either free or at reduced rates.

(6) Application for Grants under the scheme should be addressed to the Secretary, Department of Lands (Forestry Division), 22 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.

N.B. The services of the Department's technical officers are made freely available to advise on methods of planting, suitable species, spacing, etc. If you have land suitable for planting you are invited to avail of this facility.