PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY EDUCATION.

(A paper read by C. E. Lane Poole, Conservator of Forests, Western Australia, at the Hobart Forestry Conference, 1920.)

The Perth Conference in 1917 resolved: "That it be a recommendation from this Conference that the Commonwealth establish an institution for education in forestry and forestry research work." What has been done in this matter? I fear, nothing. That Conference discussed the whole question very fully, and arrived at the unanimous decision that there was only room for one forestry school in the Commonwealth, and that the school should be a Federal institution. So far as Western Australia is concerned, the position is becoming desperate, for it is impossible for me to find trained men to take charge of the various districts and initiate and carry out the sylvicultural work for which the jarrah and karri forests are crying out. The alternative to a Commonwealth forest school, viz., a forest lecturership at the Western Australian University, has been urged by many in that State, but I have set my face against this proposal, being of the opinion that lecturerships in forestry attached to universities do not give the best results, and that, if each State establishes them, Australia will end by having six third-rate forest courses, which will cost as much as, if not more than, one first-class school of forestry. The time has come when definite steps should be taken to establish a Federal school. The forest heritage of the whole Commonwealth amounts to about 40,000 square miles. This area in its present condition—mainly wild forest—is inadequate to supply Australian needs. If the forests are to be converted into tended forests, and so brought to that pitch of production that they will yield enough timber for local demands, then forestry must be practised throughout the length and breadth of the continent. The majority of States now have adequate legislation for the purpose in view; indeed, I doubt whether any land can boast so much forest legislation and so little forestry. The reason at the bottom of this lack of forestry is the absence of an adequate system of forest education for

SPEAR & JACKSON'S famous CIRCULAR SAWs

Made in Sheffield, England, by the most modern processes.

Spear & Jackson

were the Pioneers of the Electric Furnace for the Production of High Grade Alloy Steels, and the reputation they have established for "Quality" Steels is your surest guarantee of satisfaction in their Circular Saws, for "Quality" Steel is the only sure foundation for a good Saw.

A water-tight guarantee is given with every saw bearing the name Spear & Jackson

To every purchaser of a Spear & Jackson Saw our proposition is:

"Heads you win, tails you lose — Nothing"—for if it fails, after correct usage, we will replace or give your money back.

We are sure of the article we are selling. Let us serve you.

Large stocks always on hand.

Shipments constantly arriving.

Inquiries solicited for Vertical Saws.

Spear & Jackson's

We do not dabble in everything. We are "Saw" Specialists

Let us take care of your Saw requirements—PROPERLY

Specialists in Saw — CHAPMAN & CHAPMAN — and Knife Repairs

55 Pier Street (Opposite Darling Harbour), SYDNEY