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CANBERRA FORESTRY SCHOOL.

A UNIQUE INSTITUTION.

Canberra, May 15.

"My care is for the future." That is the translation of the Latin motto displayed above the front entrance of the building of the Australian Forestry School at Canberra. The school should prove to be of great value to the Commonwealth.

Opened on April 11 last, the Forestry School is not yet in full swing, as some of the lecture-rooms have yet to be furnished. It is a unique type of school. There are 16 students, men who have taken a two-years' science course at Australian Universities, and who have been nominated by the States.

The course is of two years, and at the end of that period the men will enter the Agricultural Departments of the States as experts on forest matters. With the wealth of timber possessed by Australia, the value to the country of these timber specialists can easily be estimated.

Before the establishment of the school at the capital, the only forestry school in Australia was at Adelaide, and prior to the opening of the present school, the Commonwealth had a number of men being trained at Adelaide.

The School of Forestry at Canberra is remarkable, because the entire woodwork in the building is of local timber. Each separate floor is made of wood from a dif-

ferent State. The floor of the main vestibule, a huge circular one, provides a splendid example of parquet work, highly polished and forming a neat design. The wood used is all local. This parquet flooring is said to be the best piece of its kind in the Federal territory.

In addition to lectures from four lecturers, the students at the school receive practical demonstrations in the care of trees one day a week. They go into fields and forests nearby, under the charge of Mr. G. J. Roger, Chief Forester of the territory.

Until a permanent principal is appointed, Mr. Lane Pool, Inspector-General of Forests, is acting in that capacity.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

From The Register, Saturday, May 19 1877.

Mr. John Lancelot Stirling, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed private secretary to the Acting Governor (His Honor Mr. Justice Way), and Capt. Haggard will fulfil the office of provincial aide-de-camp. The new private secretary is a son of the late Hon. Edward Stirling, who was well known as member of the firm of Elder, Stirling, & Co., and as a member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Lancelot Stirling is a native of South Australia, and received his early education at St. Peter's College. He afterwards graduated at Cambridge, and was admitted to the ad eundem degree of Bachelor of Laws at the recent commencement of the Adelaide University.—In reference to the proposal which has been made to found a scholarship in recognition to Mr. Radley's services to the colony, in connection with the reaping machine, Mr. G. W. Hawkes has handed us a letter received from Mr. J. W. Bull, accompanied by a detailed statement, in which that gentleman submits the evidences of his being the original inventor of the machine which has proved such a benefit to South Australia.