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AFFORESTATION IN THE VICINITY OF KOPRIVSHTITSA FROM 1904 TO 1944

(Summary)

The problem of afforestation on the area of Koprivshitsa is not researched by historians, which makes it an interesting topic for investigation. The recent unscrupulous act of deforestation in the area of Koprivshitsa brings to light the necessity of pine tree zone around the town. The main purpose of the present publication is to track the stages of the afforestation process in Koprivshitsa from 1904 to 1944; to summarize the motives of local people who embarked on the first afforestation actions; to explain the benefits of afforesting the eroded soil, and to consider afforestation in Koprivshitsa as a concrete example of the implementation of the state policy undertaken by the Ministry of Trade and Agriculture. The longterm goal of afforestation in Koprivshitsa was to improve the climate as well as the appearance of the settlement, turning it into a small mountain resort and improving the living conditions of the local population.

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