

## Our Lecturers Reach Back Communities by Sleigh

Lectures on forest protection during the winter are being carried out by the Canadian Forestry Association. One of our most interesting enterprises is now under way in Northern New Brunswick where Messrs. Angus Cooch and Mr. A. S. Legere, an accomplished speaker are at work. A letter just received from the Provincial Forester, Mr. G. H. Prince, states: "In regard to the educational campaign now being carried on in New Brunswick by members of your staff, let me express my hearty approval of its value in preventing fires by awakening public interest. I was present at Nelson at one of Mr. Cooch's meetings and assisted him in Moncton on the 19th instant when he addressed 3,300 school children and 88 school teachers. Arrangements were made for this meeting by Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines, and the Secretary of school trustees in Moncton. The children gave Mr. Cooch's address splendid attention and burst out in applause many times as the pictures of fire fighting, fishing and hunting were shown. In the evening Mr. Cooch repeated the pictures after my address on fire protection and care of the farm woodlot, to the 250 farmers who attended the United Farmers and Dairy-men's Convention meeting. I expect Mr. Cooch will arrange to visit Fredericton where we have about 300 new student teachers. Everything considered, the lecture tour is a splendid success."

One of the most interesting and unusually features of this trip is that part of the itinerary will have to be covered by sleigh. The lecturers are well equipped with an electric generator, a motion picture machine and stereopticon, with plenty of entertaining films and lantern slides. During the first three weeks of February most of the public addresses will be in French. One of the English lectures at Doaktown attracted 236 people and another at Blackville drew 187.

### PUBLIC FOREST SERVICES SUFFER.

"The most critical difficulty which confronts the Forest Service to-day is that of securing and holding a personnel able in numbers and in qualifications to do

efficiently the growing volume of work which we are called upon to perform," says Col. W. B. Greeley, Chief Forester of the United States Department of Agriculture, in his annual report. "For a period of four years," he states, "the Service has suffered a steady loss of trained and experienced men. The annual turnover in the various groups of scientific and technical employees still ranges from 14 to 27 per cent. The outside compen-

sation received by these former employees of technical training exceeds, on the average, their total compensation in the Government service by 60 per cent. During the fiscal year 1920, 330 rangers, a full third of the ranger force, resigned. The Forest Service is compelled to function in no small measure as a training school for private enterprises, taking green and inexperienced employees from the civil service register, carrying them through a breaking-in period which is comparatively unproductive, and then losing a large proportion of them at the time when they are qualified for really effective work."

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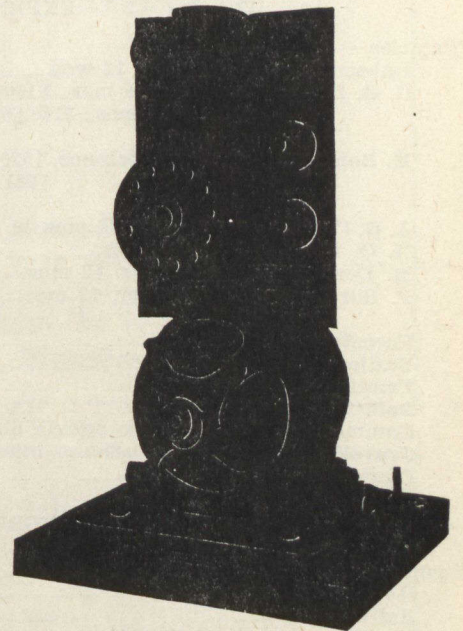
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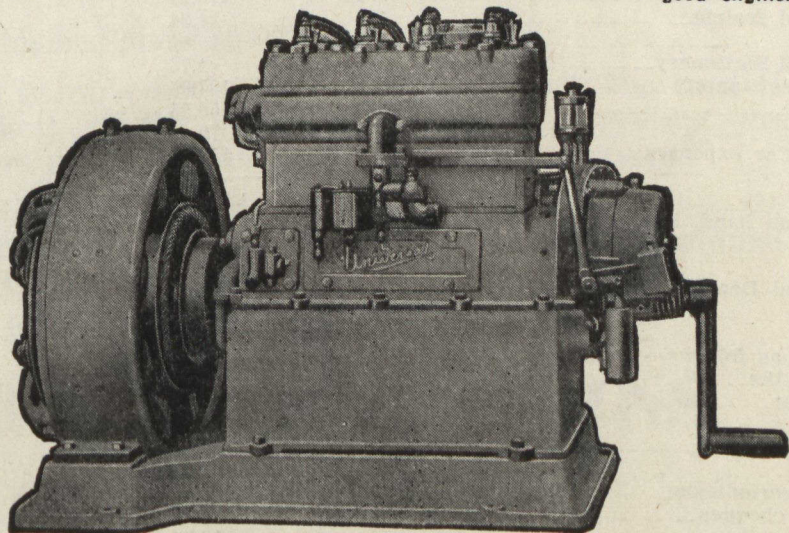
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