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The report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario for the year 1904, shows a total revenue from Woods and Forests of \$2,650,782; \$1,664,268 being received on account of bonuses, \$919,471 on account of timber dues and \$64,997 on account of ground rent. There were 318 fire rangers on duty in the forest exclusive of those in Algonquin Park and the Forest Reserves. The cost of this service for the year was \$82,589, of which the Department paid \$42,989.

Of the 318 rangers 290 were distributed over licensed territory, 12 on the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Railway and 16 elsewhere on lands of the Crown not under license. The rangers along the line of the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Railway were under the supervision of a Chief Ranger, who was clothed with magisterial powers, so as to try promptly any offenders against the Fire Act. A ranger was also placed on the construction of the branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Romford Station and Byng Inlet on the unlicensed lands, and one was on the head waters of the Missanabie and Moose Rivers, so as to post up notices on the portages and have a general supervision of parties using these waterways.

No serious fires occurred on licensed lands. There were two fires in the Temagami region, one near Net Lake, which would certainly have developed into a very serious fire had it not been promptly suppressed by the rangers on the spot. The other was on Horse Island in Lake Temagami, which was suppressed by the rangers in the reserve, which would no doubt have assumed very serious proportions had it not been suppressed by the rangers.

The Superintendent of Algonquin National Park in Ontario reports that in 1904 the capercaillie introduced the previous year were seen in several places. They evidently made direct for the