

British Columbia has a strongly-organized Forest Service with a Provincial Forester and a group of District Foresters and Rangers.

Nova Scotia

What of Nova Scotia?

Legislature

endorsed Pro-

vincial Forester.

Nova Scotia has no Provincial Forester, although the need of such an organizer and authority is quite as acute as in British Columbia or New Brunswick. That such an officer is essential to the province was recognized by legislation passed in May, 1913, providing for his appointment.

What would be the duties of a Provincial Forester in Nova Scotia?

1. To properly organize and develop the present fire ranging plan. Nova Scotia has excellent legislation already in existence for prevention of forest fires and the forested areas are so located as to make fire protection relatively easy. What is required, therefore, is that the existing legislation should have thorough and expert application. Only a technically-trained Forester can accomplish this.

The natural rate of forest growth in Nova Scotia is so favorable that, with fires excluded, restoration of the timber values must take place over very large areas.

2. The day of haphazard lumbering is over in all parts of America. While the virgin forest remained, the incentive to conservative lumbering was anything but imperative. Now the virgin forests of Eastern Canada are mostly cut out. The pulp and lumber companies are reaching out for technical guidance in the management of their forests so as to perpetuate the supply and save their huge investments. To assist with expert counsel the Provincial Government in the management of the remaining Crown Lands and to co-operate constantly with the private woodland owners, whether mill operators or farmers, would be another important part of the Provincial Forester's duties.

The Power of

Education in

Forest Guarding.

3. To this officer would naturally fall a third highly important function which is surely a government's function—to campaign against carelessness with fire. The 'average man' who leaves his camp fire burning or throws away lighted matches and cigarettes is not malevolent by intention. He merely does not "think" because amongst all the impressions he gathers in a day's journey he may never encounter a suggestion that camp fires cause great conflagrations.