Prospectors sometimes burn the forests in order to expose the underlying rock. Carelessness with camp fires has been the cause of some fires and the Indians are accused of setting fire to round up game and to improve the feeding ground for the deer.

There are still numbers of deer and some bear in these mountains, and in places there are beaver, which at the end of the closed season in 1910, will stand considerable exploitation. One of the finest trout lakes in British Columbia is in the Long Lake Reserve and many of the small lakes and streams in the district abound in Dolly Varden and Rainbow trout, attracting anglers from all parts of the world.

The area under reserves in this region should be considerably increased in order that the watersheds may be adequately protected, and then with a sufficiently large force of rangers to guard these reserves, they will be of inestimable value to the surrounding district.

FOREST RESERVES AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

With industrial development and its accompaniment of crowded cities and strenuous business applications, the need of mankind to return to the great out-of-doors for rest and health is increasing. Never before were the forests more appreciated for the invigorating life they afford than at present. Not many years ago people who would spend their holidays camping out in the wilderness would have been ridiculed. Now, however, thousands seek the sylvan solitudes in the summer, enduring many discomforts and often privations in order to get back as near as possible to the natural life. The forest reserves which are being established throughout Canada, will preserve for future generations these recreation grounds. In the fight against tuberculosis, the establishment of isolated sanitaria where the patients can enjoy an out-door life, is one of the chief means of combat. It would seem that the forest reserves, situated as they are away from settlement, should provide ideal sites for these sanitaria and that the Government should offer every encouragement for the use of the reserves for this purpose.