

trial. Our rangers issued 3886 Permits and no serious opposition was encountered.

Fire Statistics for 1917.

1. Number of Fires:—

May.....	441
June.....	317
July.....	152
Aug.....	115
Sept.....	66
Total.....	1,091

56.1 per cent. did not exceed 5 acres.

2. Causes of Fires:—

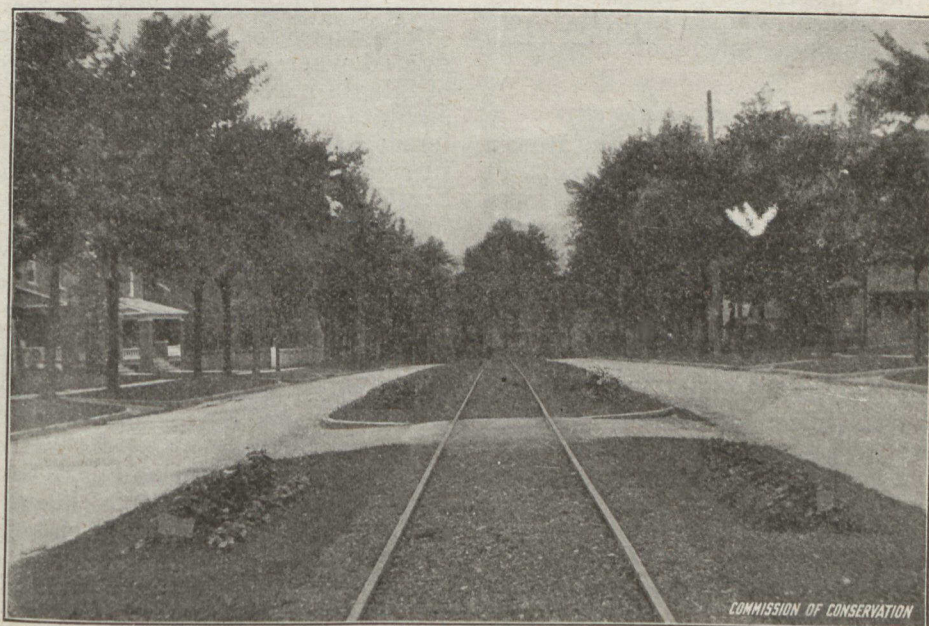
Settlers.....	91
Camp Fires.....	98
Railways.....	541
Lightning.....	28
Indians.....	54
Logging Operations.....	45
Miscellaneous.....	40
Unknown.....	194
Total.....	1,091

Areas Burned

3. Timberland, mainly coniferous.....	71,910
Timberland, mainly hardwood.....	110
Cutover, some coniferous timber left.....	148,368

Cutover, some hardwood timber left.....	2,160
Young growth, mainly coniferous.....	60,625
Young growth, mainly hardwood.....	13,202
Barren.....	82,922
Grassland.....	2,332
Total.....	381,629
4. Ft. B. M.	15,278,000
Cords.....	90,446
Ties.....	781,685
Posts.....	150
Poles.....	125
5. Private property.....	\$2727.00

The forest region of Ontario over which our organization has jurisdiction covers an area of over 100,000,000 acres. The greater part of this region is covered with coniferous growth. Large areas have been cut over leaving inflammable slash. Three trans-continental railways pass through this territory over one thousand miles in length opening it to prospector, timber cruiser and scattered settlement bringing in their wake problems of fire protection. Over 4,000 miles of railways cut through this forest region.



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