

A New Forest Fire Pump

A new forest fire pump to deliver a greater volume of water at a higher pressure, will shortly be put on the market by the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company, Limited.

There are several improvements that will meet with the approval of fire rangers and other users.

better fly over the area in order to satisfy himself that he had the situation well in hand. This was accordingly done and he circled the fire several times until he was satisfied that all real danger was past. The plane then returned to its base at Forestry Island.

The recent fires in Northern Ontario have amply demonstrated the fact that an army of men, even if they were assisted by a fleet of aeroplanes and any quantity of fire-fighting apparatus, would be useless when once a forest fire has had time to get well under way. Any one of the fires described in this little article might have developed into just such a tornado of destruction as swept through the Temiskaming District, had it not been for the fact that aeroplanes were available, not only for reconnaissance work, but also to carry the fire fighters directly to the danger spots.

These instances have been related, not because they were in any way spectacular or different from the routine experiences of fire rangers in other parts of the country, but rather because they constitute a concrete example of what can be done under the present system and with the equipment now available. The only outstanding feature in the case is the fact that 12 fires were successfully handled within a period of six days by a very small staff of fire fighters, due solely to the fact that they were able to discover the fires before they had made any very considerable headway. It must be evident to any thinking person that the only successful way of fighting fires in our forests is to catch them at the time when they are in the incipient stages, so that two or three men will have no difficulty in extinguishing the blaze.

The following copy of a Forestry Department poster, which was picked up in the woods during this trip, expresses in a very concise form this fundamental principle of the Forest Ranger's work:—

HONOUR!

There is more honour in preventing a forest fire than in extinguishing one.

FIGHTING a fire may be more spectacular and may gain public praise;

PREVENTING a fire is usually done quietly and alone, but to the individual it brings the enduring satisfaction of

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and, after all, is not that what counts?

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