

to its dire consequences, a plan of co-operative action is immediately necessary. What part the Provincial and Federal Governments shall play in the matter should be clearly ascertained and appropriate action taken by the Association.

Another subject which, it is hoped, will have a prominent place on the programme is brush disposal. The subject is an integral of fire protection. Eastern Canada has been by no means a crusader in experimenting with the

removal of logging slash, and some live testimony from practical lumbermen in Minnesota and elsewhere who have applied the brush disposal principle to commercial lumbering operations would be interesting and stimulating. Contributions to the subject from Canadian sources should prove of equal value.

Other subjects will be on the programme, a detailed announcement of which will be sent out in ample time to all members.

Grazing in the Woodlot.

The most important step to take in the care of the woodlot is to protect the trees of the future. Unless the young trees, which go to make up the undergrowth of the woodlot are protected there can be no trees to replace the mature ones as they are removed. Without trees there can of course be no woodlot.

Grazing animals are one of the greatest hindrances to the proper development of the small trees. It is almost as impractical to pasture cattle on the same piece of ground as one is attempting to grow trees as to pasture them on a piece of ground on which one was attempting to grow oats. Not only do the cattle destroy a large number of the small trees by eating the top off, but they trample them down and the sun and wind have an opportunity to act on the soil and dry it out or bake it, thereby causing the tops of the larger trees to die back. On open patches within the woodlot or where the borders are thin, young growth should be encouraged as much as possible.—B. R. Morton, Dominion Forestry Branch.

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