

### B. C.'S STAFF REORGANIZED.

The British Columbia Forest Branch has recently undergone a complete rearrangement of its administrative organization, which will enable it to handle its large volume of work more adequately, and render better service to the public, than ever before. The return of the great bulk of its technically trained forestry staff from overseas service, coupled with the acquisition of some new men, has rendered this progressive action possible.

In recognition of valuable services rendered, as well as of increased living costs, the salary scales have also been revised upward in a way that will set the standard for other governmental forestry organizations throughout Canada.

One of the features of the administrative reorganization is the establishment of an office of investigations, whose duty it will be to conduct studies and researches into the various problems connected with the administration of Provincial Crown timber lands. This will include growth studies, volume studies, regeneration surveys, methods and costs of slash disposal, etc.

The Forest Branch has full charge of all

phases of Crown timber land administration, including not only fire protection, but the enforcement of timber regulations, scaling, collection of forest revenue, grazing and the development of domestic and foreign trade in British Columbia timber. The forest revenue to the province aggregates upwards of \$2,700,000 per year and is now to be further materially increased, due to the enhanced selling price of lumber, upon the basis of which stumpage prices for timber cut on Crown lands will be increased in accordance with the Forest Act.

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