

serves. This policy is becoming well established and the beneficial results are apparent in the form of decreased fire hazard.

On the other hand, there is no progress to report in connection with the enforcement of the technical forestry regulations on licensed timber berths, these not being under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Branch. A large percentage of the merchantable timber on Dominion Crown Lands is included within these licensed timber berths, and the fact that there is no provision for a technical administration of cutting regulations on these lands is a complete anomaly. Under the present plan of administration, the forestry experts of the Dominion Government are completely cut-off from any direct administrative contact with cutting operations on lands which contain the great bulk of merchantable timber on Dominion Crown Lands.

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