

Vivid Letters from the Front

Canadian Foresters Now Serving Empire Meet Strange Experiences—From Pigeon Training to Air Photography.

The following extracts from letters received from Canadian foresters, and others in the Dominion forest service, will prove of much interest:—

From Private J. H. Vicars, (Clerk in the office of the Riding Mountain Forest Reserve):

107th Canadians,
Witley Camp, Sussex.

"Logging operations are carried on quite extensively in some parts of this country. I had no idea there was such an amount of good timber. Fir is the predominant species just around here, and the site of the logging operations is certainly an object lesson in economy. Absolutely nothing is wasted. The stumps are cut level with the ground, the branches utilized for kindling wood, and the fine brush is piled and taken away, or is scattered evenly on the ground. I see a large number of logs peeled in the bush, and in this case even the bark is collected and taken away, perhaps to the tannery yards."

From Lieut. J. A. Hutchison, (Forest Assistant, Brazeau Forest):

Royal Flying Corps,
London, December 27.

"I have been posted to the 39th Squadron where I get my preliminary flying. Took my first flight yesterday and have almost an hour in now. I like it fine."

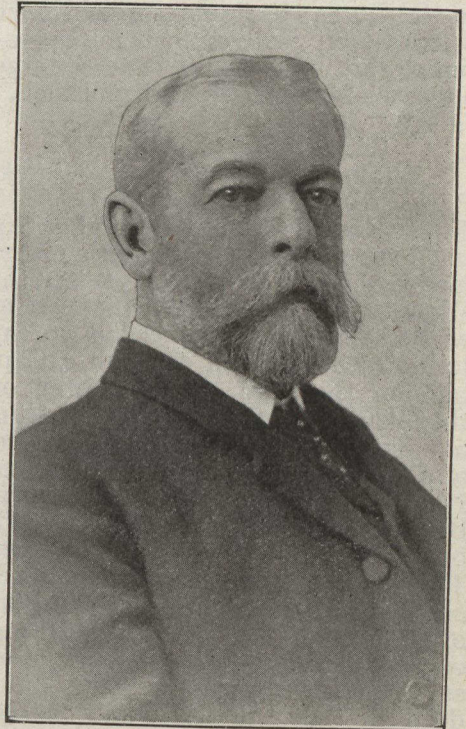
From Lieut. J. P. Alexander, (Forest Assistant, Crowsnest Forest):

France, December 11.

"So far out here I have seen none of the Forestry men from Canada, although I heard in England that Charlie Morse was in command of a sawmill somewhere in the country. And I must not forget that W. L. Scandrett and I had dinner together one evening in London and met Mr. Christie, who I believe was in the

British Columbia service and is with the Engineers over here. He came over when I did, leaving England on 24th October with an officer's draft. Scandrett has been flying in France now for over six months, and seems to be getting along very well. He was on leave when I saw him.

"For myself I was released from from the 134th Battalion and later came over with the First Officers' Draft from Canada. After a varied career at the Canadian Military School and Pioneer Training Depot in Shorncliffe I was drafted to the 3rd Canadian Pioneer Battalion and have been here ever since.



HON. SYDNEY FISHER
President, Canadian Forestry Association
for 1917.