

forest fire, feed a starving elk herd or rebuild a foot-bridge, it is usually the park wardens who direct the operation. Quick and efficient communication is essential for the fighting of forest fires, the rescue of visitors injured in mountain, water, trail or road accidents, and the apprehension of game poachers, so the park wardens operate and maintain fire-roads and trails, radio and telephone networks, and lookout towers.

Biologists of the Canadian Wildlife Service advise the staff of the national parks on wildlife management and protection, while the rearing and stocking of game fish in the lakes and streams of the parks is handled by Wildlife Service limnologists seconded to the National Parks Service staff.

Canada, with the second largest national parks system in the world, is fortunate that at an early stage in its development far-sighted legislators took steps to preserve for the people of later generations large areas of unique natural beauty and interest as national parks.

Millions of today's visitors are finding in the national parks the same inspiring sights and enjoyable experience they offered in 1887, and a large number of people are coming to think of the national parks as not merely a place to holiday but a part of their common national heritage, to be used with care and respect.

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