

**An Opportunity
to Double the
Timber Yield.**

"Here is a natural resource," states Dr. B. E. Fernow, director of Nova Scotia Forest Survey, "capable, under proper management, of forever producing by annual increment, as interest, at least twice as much as is now being cut from capital stock."

The Forests of Nova Scotia, in Dr. Fernow's estimate, represent a potential capital of at least \$300,000,000. And yet, "it is now largely in poor condition and is being annually further deteriorated by abuse and injudicious use."

This is Public Business!

It is to the State we are compelled to look for initiative and continuity of policy in the care of forest lands. The long time-element involved in the maturing of timber crops is constantly at war with the natural human desire for "present profits." The latter consideration, however, is properly divorced from the function of governments. In nearly all well-organized lands, the public administrator is regarded as the natural custodian of the forest properties—most easily destroyed of all the material resources. The Nova Scotia of 1979 is to a considerable extent in the hands of the Government of 1918. If the forest possessions are not husbanded today, there will be no tomorrow in which to husband them.

**What Other
Governments
are Doing.**

What are other Governments doing to maintain their forests?

New Brunswick last year created a new Forest Service, at the head of which is a Provincial Forester and a staff of technically-trained Foresters and fire rangers. The service will cost New Brunswick about \$100,000 a year but will repay the cost many times over.

Quebec has a Forest Service, with a Provincial Forester and more than forty technically-trained assistants, besides a splendidly-organized set of "forest protective associations," which are rapidly subduing the plague of forest fires.

Ontario has a Provincial Forester, with more than a thousand fire rangers and inspectors, costing \$500,000 a year. And it pays!

The three prairie provinces are under the Dominion Director of Forestry, with a large staff of subordinates, engaged in fire prevention.

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