

New Method of Fire Ranging

MANY favorable comments were heard at the various Conventions held in Montreal in January, on the new system for recording the work done by Fire Rangers each day while out on the Range. This was a new departure in Fire Ranging, tried out for the first time two years ago and which has been constantly growing in favor ever since.

Canada can claim the unique distinction of being the first country in the world to use time recording systems for Fire Rangers although the need of something of this kind would seem to be universal from the fact that many inquiries in regard to the operation of the system are now being received from other countries.

The system has proved of exceptional value to Forestry Protective Associations who were frequently forced to deal with complaints from limit-holders that rangers were not covering certain territory. They are now able to furnish absolute proof of the ranger's visits to any part of their territory, and the dates on which the visits were made.

Speaking at the Convention of the Quebec Forest Protective Association, in Montreal, Mr. E. T. Allen, Forest Economist, of the Western Forestry and Conservation Commission, Portland, Oregon, compared the results of air patrol with ground patrol and lookout towers. Mr. Allen stated that out of a total of 432 fires only fourteen were reported by the air patrol which had not already been reported by the lookouts and ground men, and sometimes extinguished by them.

The new time recording systems are used both for lookout towers and ground patrol. They keep a record of the ranger's work each day for a period of twenty-eight days or any portion of that time. Every user of the system last year has expressed satisfaction in the results obtained. The equipment is a product of Hardinge Bros. of Canada, Limited, of Toronto.

1923 "A.B.C." Lumber Directory

THE new edition of this valuable book of reference is recently off the press and exhibits many features which will make the directory and year book even more useful to the trade than its predecessors. In an industry such as lumbering in British Columbia, the busy man is continually confronted with the need for obtaining information on a thousand and one matters and this book provides a ready reference, giving instant access to accurate and voluminous data in every department of the trade. Altogether the book is a veritable guide to the lumber industry of British Columbia and is a worthy successor to the four previous editions put out by the Progress Publishing Company, Ltd., of Vancouver.

Forestry vs. Farming

Canada spends about \$800,000 a year on agricultural research and not more than \$35,000 is devoted to forest research. The forests of Canada occupy about 80% of the inhabitable area and practically the only population in that 80% of our country will have to be attracted by forest industries.

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