

fishermen in his district because their presence magnifies the danger of forest fires. The majority of men who go into the woods to hunt or fish are careful with their camp fires and with smoking, but there will always be a small number who may start conflagrations through ignorance or carelessness.

Education of the Public - The development of public understanding of all phases of forestry from forest protection to utilization of forest products is of paramount importance. The appalling losses caused by forest fires resulting from carelessness continue to be emphasized in educational programs by government agencies, companies, and associations such as the Canadian Forestry Association. The federal and provincial forest services carry on extensive programs of public education in forest-fire prevention with invaluable aid from the press, the radio, the motion picture of industry and many industrial organizations. The Federal Forestry Branch has distributed to schools more than 400,000 copies of The ABC's of Forest Fire Prevention, in English and French editions, as well as other publications for school and general use.

One of the most practical methods of adult education is the Tree Planting Railway Car of the Canadian Forestry Association, which has been operating its prairie shelter-belt campaign for over 30 years. Its purpose is to demonstrate and encourage tree planting around prairie homes. The results to date show over 250,000,000 trees distributed by Federal Government and other forest nurseries.

Through many other media, such as 4-H Forestry Clubs, Boy Scout forestry badge work, Royal Canadian Mounted Police handbooks and school science textbooks, public interest is stimulated in Canada's forest resources and the cause of forestry thereby promoted.

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