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Following a season in which, chiefly due to human carelessness and indifference, four thousand forest fires cleared off an enormous area of our remaining stock of timber and destroyed many lives, the canadian rorestry Association has started to multiply its efforts through constructive propaganda to prevent the annual repetition of these disasters.

We have made application to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal for a grant of \$500 to help with our preventive program now in force. Our Directors would like to feel that your attitude towards our application to the Bank of Montreal will take into account the fact that as an Association which was organized twenty-two years ago for an economic purpose of most vital meaning to this Dominion, we are performing a business service which encreaches upon no government function, and which returns season by season every dollar invested in it with plenty of interest.

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