

Under the pressure of public opinion and the findings in regard to the cause of the loss the legislature grudgingly appropriated \$6,500 for forest protection, \$1,500 to be paid to a chief forest fire warden. The legislature seemed to feel that it had met the requirements, but it had totally ignored the "reasonable amount."

Fourteen years later another fire wipes another town off the map, damages others, leaves thousands of people homeless, destroys five million dollars worth of property. Investigation shows that the fire was caused by carelessness and neglect in fighting fire when it was small.

The direct and immediate loss from these two great conflagrations was about \$30,000,000. The consequent loss of wealth production in the following years would probably amount to more than that, but is ignored in these calculations, because few people look deep enough to see it. The direct losses then, from these two fires would pay the state appropriation for fire protection, as it now stands, for the next four thousand six hundred years. Is that not rather a low insurance rate, especially when it is remembered that these two fires form only a fraction of the total losses to the state? The Forestry Commissioner has at his disposal about a quarter of a mill an acre for the protection of the land under his care. No business concern in the world would expect to get adequate protection at such ridiculously low rates.

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**A FORWARD MOVEMENT.** During the summer an energetic movement has been commenced to increase the membership of the Forestry Association. A pamphlet entitled "The Forests and the People" has been prepared, treating briefly, among other things, of the need of forestry for Canada, forestry work already being carried on in the country, the results of forestry in other countries, forest fires, and, last but by no means least, the work of the Association. An active canvass has also been carried on in the cities of Ottawa and Montreal by Mr. Roy L. Campbell, of the former place, who has met with good success in his work of inducing many prominent men of these places to become members of the Association. Up to date the number of members added to the Association's ranks since the beginning of this forward movement has been about two hundred, the number of members now standing at over 1,500.