

which, on a former occasion, devastated our forests all over Canada, is an example of the results that may follow this work. The European corn borer and the oriental peach moth situation demand that there be no relaxation of this work. The certainty of the introduction of new pests likewise demands that this group, of workers be kept intact. They have all had a training that cannot be learned in schools, have shown quite unusual enterprise in devising new methods and equipment to meet their very special needs. This organization is one of those most likely to suffer severely from these cuts, since several of the staff are on the so-called "temporary" list.

Forest Insects

The importance of our forests in the national life of Canada is recognized by everyone, and all who have any acquaintance with the industry recognize the menace of insect outbreaks and appreciate the service already performed by the Division of Forest Insects. It has been foremost in surveying and investigating the pests concerned, in co-operating with lumber companies, provincial departments and private owners. It has been active in disseminating information in an original and practical form. The Division and its staff has the confidence and respect of all interests, as a result of these efforts.

Among the many emergency problems calling for prompt action, is an outbreak of a newly introduced species of sawfly that has already defoliated hundreds of thousands of trees and is spreading rapidly. Absolutely the only organization that offers any hope of warding off the swift destruction of the white spruce stand in this area (Gaspé) is this Division. To do so without detriment to the other equally valuable work that they are doing requires more and