hundred feet from railway rights of way. This is an excellent provision, but should be made applicable to privately owned lands as well. In many cases, the efforts of railway companies in the direction of fire protection are largely neutralized through the presence of large quantities of the most inflammable debris on lands immediately adjacent to railway rights of way.

Another excellent provision of the new Quebec Act is that any fire ranger or other forest officer may summon any male citizen between 18 and 55 years of age to assist in extinguishing any forest fire, the rate of pay being specified, and penalty being provided for failure to

obey the summons.

The fire laws of the province of Quebec are among the most progressive in Canada, but larger appropriations are needed to make them fully effective. In particular, provision should be made for a larger staff of inspectors. The present staff is not sufficient to exercise proper supervision over the fire rangers on licensed lands, nor is there adequate provision for the protection of Crown lands not under license.—C. L. in "Conservation."

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