

Three Counties a Day.

It would be an easy task for a pilot with a good land machine to patrol three or four counties in a state each day, at the same time carrying mail, supplies or passengers to any outlying ranger's cabin. A useful load of 1,000 pounds is nothing for the average machine, and as far as weather conditions are concerned, a pilot with a well-powered plane will fly in anything short of a gale.

The limitations are the lack of sufficient landing places in a thickly forested region, and highlands. For this reason a few lots of six or seven acres each should be cleared at different places, depending upon the necessity of landing places, where aeroplanes are used.

The machine used by Mr. Vilas is standard, four-passenger Curtiss Flying Boat, 110 H. P. Curtiss Motor; speed on water 45 miles per hour; speed in air 60 miles per hour averages; width of plane 38 feet; length of hull 26 feet over all; weight of machine, without passengers or fuel, 1,400 pounds; climbing capacity 1,000 feet in six minutes, and consumption of gasoline about eight gallons per hour.

Brave French Foresters

In the *Revue des Eaux et Forêts* is given a list of the loss to the French Forest Service after a year of war. This comprises 46 men, including one inspector, 7 assistant inspectors, 27 forest assistants and students, 5 students who were just admitted to the forest school at Nancy, and 6 officers who have disappeared (possibly captured), but concerning whom no official information has been received. Judging from the account of the work done by foresters each month, the French Forest Service is making an enviable record, since quite a number of them have been not only cited in the orders of their brigade, but for exceptional bravery in the army orders of the day.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1916 FEES?

Members are respectfully reminded that the 1916 Membership Fees of the Canadian Forestry Association should be paid, if possible, this month.

The Association's extensive publicity work depends entirely upon voluntary contributions and members' fees form a very large part of the annual revenue.

Make all cheques payable at par to the Treasurer at Ottawa.

Prisoners Set to Work

The French Minister of War has facilitated the employment of prisoners for lumber operations in France, with the provision that not less than 50 men would be employed in one place. The employer guarantees food and lodging and pays the sum of 8 cents per prisoner per day; 4 cents going to the prisoner and 4 cents for his clothing. If the employer only furnishes lodging and beds without food, he must pay, in addition, 20 cents per day. If neither food nor lodging is supplied, the total cost to the employer of each prisoner is 30 cents per day, (1 fr. 57). In case of laziness, it is provided that the 4 cents will be withheld from the prisoner.

A Novel Fire Poster

Danphin Herald: "Supervisor Chas. Wellman, of the Duck Mountain, is always practical. His latest stunt is to utilize some of the bulletin boards that were in commission during the late temperance campaign to educate the public as to importance of preventing fire getting started in the timber belts.