

lookout towers, portable fire-fighting pumps, motor cars, canoes, launches, etc.

The forest revenues are large, and the Province can well afford this additional expenditure. It cannot afford to be without the protection which such an expenditure would ensure. In addition to the absolutely vital question of safeguarding life and improved property, there is the enormously important problem of conserving our supplies of pulpwood

and saw-timber, which are becoming sadly depleted, the adequacy and continuity of which are of the most vital importance in the industrial life of the Province and of the Dominion as a whole.

The Ontario Forestry Branch has made great strides during recent years toward better forest protection. Statistics of appalling forest fire losses prove however that the facilities are not yet adequate by a wide margin. The fire-ranging service is

not responsible for the Haileybury disaster, but its hands should be so strengthened that it will be in a position to enforce all reasonable precautions to prevent a recurrence, perhaps five or six years hence, perhaps next year or the year after.

This is a matter for the public conscience of the people living in the North Country and of the people of the Province as a whole.

What is the answer?

MRS. NELLIE McCLUNG SNAPS FOREST RANGERS

ONE OF the most devoted and helpful members of the Canadian Forestry Association in Western Canada is Mrs. Nellie L. McClung of Edmonton, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and known to our readers, of course, as a successful author. In sending the Illustrated Canadian Forestry Magazine, the accompanying picture, Mrs. McClung remarked:—"I had the pleasure of meeting some of the Forest Rangers



The figures in the picture from right to left, are;—Mr. Irwin, Fire Ranger in the Smoky District; Mr. Burrows, Fire Ranger at Entrance, Alberta; Mr. Ernest Harrison, Ranger of Smoky; Mr. James D. Cook, of Rock Lake and Mr. Tom Monaghan, of Entrance.

of Alberta [when I was out for my holidays in August this year and took a picture of some of them at Rock Lake, Alberta. The two Forest Rangers of the Smoky District are in this picture and you will remember that the Smoky District is one that was very hard hit by fire this year. The Rock Lake District did not have a single fire. On all sides I heard the greatest praise of the Forest Rangers at their work."

THE VALUE OF TREES TO SASKATCHEWAN FARMER

IN SENDING the accompanying photograph to the Illustrated Canadian Forestry Magazine, Mr. F. W. Pinder of Melville, Sask., states that the shelter belt has been so valuable to him that he would not take a thousand dollars and be without the trees.

"When I planted these trees" writes Mr. Pinder, "they said I was foolish to spend my time that way but when the trees grew up they spoke



differently. Other farmers wish now they had planted some of my trees. It is a very pretty place I have, apple trees two years old, growing in the garden. This was a bare spot, when I came here in 1882. I have ash trees as thick as my arm and I often go in and cut one of them that I think is in the way and use it for all kinds of things where hardwood is needed."