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## FIRE-RANGING SUGGESTIONS.

An Alberta clergyman, writing not long ago to the Secretary, expressed himself as follows:—

'I have grieved very often over the dreadful destruction of timber that we see on every hand. Then we have suffered so severely with fire from year to year in the Crow's Nest Pass, that I am very glad to be brought into touch with the Association.

'I have long felt that one of the first steps that the Dominion Government should take is to compel all loggers to burn their slash. This would make fire-fighting a very much more simple thing than it is now. It would work no hardship on the lumberman, as all would fare alike, and the increased cost would be borne by the public in the end.

'Again, from our experience this summer here, I feel that no fire-ranger should be appointed who has to defend property of some one who is heavily interested in only one section of the country, and who, receiving his pay in part from such a person, would naturally give himself to the care of his employer's timber to a greater extent than he otherwise would do if he were paid entirely by the government and under obligation to do his very best for the whole community.

'Again, such men should be appointed not for one or two months of the year, but for the whole summer. He should know very thoroughly the district in which he is located, be familiar with every point of vantage where a fire could be easily checked, be under obligation to prepare rough maps of the trails and creeks and ridges where fires can be most easily stopped.

'Further such fire-rangers should have the power to order out any man to assist to put out a fire.

'I am sure that if active, earnest men could be got for this work many millions of feet of timber would annually be saved to the country.'

Much of what is above advocated is precisely what the Forestry Branch is endeavoring to carry out, not only in the Rockies, but on all other forests under its jurisdiction.