

## B. C. Buys Flying Boat for Fire Patrol

### First Official Experiment in Use of Planes for Forest Protection

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In line with the decision announced some time ago to improve the system of forest protection, the British Columbia Government has contracted with the Hoffer Motor Boat Company, of Vancouver, for the construction of a patrol flying boat to be utilized for forest patrol.

Some two years ago this up-to-date method of forest protection was the subject of discussion at a gathering of Northwest lumbermen at Portland, and the idea of an air force of fire wardens was strongly advocated as both practical, economical and efficient. The great stretch of country that an airship could keep guard over, and the ability to distinguish the first beginnings of fire, and rapidly get help to the spot to prevent its spread, were factors that appeared

to be especially within the province of an air patrol. The idea has been seized upon by British Columbia, and will within a month or two be put into operation.

At first it was thought possible to arrange with the Imperial Government for the leasing a machine from the naval force, one of the obsolete hydroplanes. But this idea has been abandoned in favor of the purchase of a flying boat type, which will be better adapted to the purpose. The machine contemplated will carry the pilot and one fire warden, it will have a wing spread of forty-two feet, and chord of five feet will develop 100 horse-power, and have a speed of seventy-eight miles per hour, and a climbing capacity of about 3,000 feet in ten minutes.

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## Scotland Ready for Forestry Advancement

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That Scotland has been aroused by the experience of war time to the pressing necessity of national forestry policies is indicated by the following letter:

West of Scotland Agriculture College,  
Department of Forestry, Glasgow, Scotland.

To the Secretary, Canadian Forestry Association,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:

I should like to indicate to you that for some time past in the West of Scotland here we have been very much interested in the development of the Canadian Forestry Association. As you are aware we have no analogous Association in Scotland, but there is a feeling at present that such an Association should be formed, and I had thought that you might be able to assist us with suggestions and advice regarding the formation of such.

I may say that a very keen interest in the development of Forestry is being shown by business people in the West of Scotland here, and we should value very much any advice sent us.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) G. P. Gordon.