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Mr. Jas. T. Blackford, the Chief Fire Ranger for the Dominion Government in Northern Manitoba, reports that on the night of July 23rd an electric storm of a very severe nature, unaccompanied by rain, passed over his district and was the cause of numerous fires starting up all over the district. The next morning Mr. Blackford saw the smoke and on going up the lookout tower could see nine fires started. It was not more than 30 minutes between the time he first saw the smoke of one fire until he could see the smoke of nine.

For the next week he was busy day and night, only taking sleep as he travelled by canoe. He was at three of the fires in person and had gangs of men at each. By the end of the month all the fires were reported out except two which were being steadily fought. None of the fires as yet reported on were started by campers. All appear to have been started by lightning.

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