

The Fire Ranger and His Job



DOTTED over 100,000,000 acres of forest, 1,000 men, organized in the employ of the Government of Ontario, are, this summer, passing back and forth over the canoe routes and along the railways, watching out for the tell-tale smoke which is the sign of fire. Regardless of hot weather, black flies, mosquitoes, discomfort, loneliness or monotony, the Fire Ranger makes his rounds, preventing, quenching or fighting fires in Ontario's forests, paying his own living and traveling expenses, and receiving \$3.00 per day for his services.

All in all, the Ontario Fire Ranger is entitled to the help and co-operation of everyone. He deserves all the support the people of Ontario can give him. His work is of vital importance. Heed his warnings. Do what he asks.

Save Ontario's Forests They're Yours

The Ontario Fire Ranger, during the danger period of the dry summer, is constantly on patrol to catch fires while they are small. He cannot prevent them starting, as a rule. He is at the mercy of all types of carelessness. Thanks to his vigilance, however, two-thirds of the forest fires in the last four years did not spread beyond five acres and of these, half did not exceed one-quarter acre.

Most of Ontario's Fire Rangers are northern woodsmen. Contrary to common belief, only five per cent. of them are students, and these are experienced Fire Rangers or returned soldiers.

Rangers travel chiefly by canoe and in pairs over a definite "beat", the length of which varies according to the degree of danger from fires.

Others travel up and down the forested railway sections on hand velocipedes, following trains to put out fires set by steam locomotives. In all, 2,100 miles of railroad are patrolled steadily all summer.

Two men devote their whole time to examining locomotives to see that screens and ash pans will not permit the escape of sparks and live coals. In the clay belt, a large force of Rangers supervise settlers' fires in land-clearing operations.

Don't blame the Fire Ranger if he asks you to be careful. Don't think he is too particular. He knows the risk. Ontario is poorer by untold millions of dollars through forest fires in the past. Help the Fire Ranger save the increasingly valuable forests that remain.

Ontario Forestry Branch
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DETECTIVE SMITH

(BY CRAWF C. SLACK)

Way back in Hickey's Corriers, Elder Smith chanced to reside, As a man of many measures, he was known both far and wide, He was carpenter or cobbler, mend your boots or trim your trees, And was certainly an expert when it came to hiving bees, He was gardener and farmer skilled with axe or plow or hoe, In fact, there wasn't very much the Elder didn't know.

Now the Elder had a garden, which to him was a delight, He would hoe it in the morning, and he'd water it at night, He had peas and beans and onions, of every kind and size, He had apples, plums, and berries, which really were a prize, He doted on his berries, which were of the choicest brand, And which in the berry season were always in demand.

Elder Smith, as other mortals had his worries and annoy, For his berries ripe and juicy held attraction for the boys, They paid the garden visits when the man was not around, Either when he went to meeting or when he was sleeping sound, Now this put the Christian spirit of the Elder to a test, And to catch the youth'ul vandals he resolved to do his best.

Deacon Coons his thrifty neighbor, also had his little woes, But it wasn't boys which bothered but a flock of theivin' crows, He had toiled throughout the springtime in his corn-field now in sprout, And he found the black-winged devils 'Was a-pullin' of it out'. And by skillful observation to his great delight he found, That the crows were never present, when he was himself around.

Well, He set his wits a working and decided on a plan, Said he "I'll make a scarecrow which will represent a man," At this he was an artist and considered hard to beat, So it wasn't many hours e're he had the thing complete, It had a pair of breeches with a coat and cap to match, And that night he placed the scarecrow near the Elders berry patch.

That very night the Elder planned to watch his berries ripe, And to catch the youthful robbers when they came there them to swipe, In the shadow of some bushes, with the berry patch in sight, The Elder as detective settled down their for the night, As the twilight waned, and faded and the gloomy mid-night neared, The Elder was rewarded for two berry thieves appeared.

Here the Elder crept to-ward them cautious not to make a noise, But the Elder as detective wasn't in it with the boys,

For their eyes and ears were sharper and they heard the faintest sound, And they soon espied the Elder and immediately gave ground, The Elder stealthily followed to the cornfield up the hill, Where he saw a lonely figure standing fearless like and still.

He was just a little timid of the figure there in view, So he stopped to reconnoitre just within a rod or two, He finally found courage there to vent his ruffled ire, And he said "You thievin' sinner I know you. Know your sire," "I also know your coney and I'll have you jailed and fined" For there are far too many around here of your kind."

"I'll make you an example though it break your Mother's heart." "You never had no bringin' up right from the very start" "Nor you never had no breedin' Your Father was a scamp" "And your Mother was a member of a travelin' Gypsy camp. "I know you hide and tallow too. I know your parents well". "And I'll place you where straw-berries you want pilfer for a spell".

The wordy war the Elder he had carried on alone, For the figure like a statute had been silent as a stone, He exclaimed "You peskey coward you at once get out of here" But the figure never murmured and the Elder ventured near, He was filled with indignation you could bought him for a dime, He'd been talking to the figure of the scarecrow all the time.

He pondered for a moment, then he started to retreat, And to himself he murmured, "Here's another old fool beat, He was hostile as a hornet, sipping vindication's cup, And the next day he get even, went and dug the berries up, All was too good for its keeping so he told it 'round about, And yet he will tell you laughing, how the scarecrow knocked him out.

Sand Bay

The farmers are nearly all done their harvest in this part of the country.

Mr and Miss Orr from Gananogue visited Mr Rodgers Sunday.

Gordon Kelsey takes charge of the cheese factory to-day, Mr and Mrs Rodgers are going to Uncle Sams Dominion for a few days.

The small pox people are nearly all out again.

The funeral of the late Richard McCrady was held at his Fathers, Mr Alex McCrady's Saturday 30 inst. and was the largest funeral ever known in this part of the country. He leaves a wife and two children. Father and mother, three sisters, to mourn his loss. James Robs, Lizzie, Annie and Caroline at home and Charles near Lyndhurst and it is nice to hear everybody say we know if there is anybody gone to heaven Dick McCrady has. He was only a young man yet 39 years. After the service he was buried at Sand Bay cemetery, his loss will be greatly felt by all who knew him his pall-bearers he picked out himself, his three brothers and Uncle, Earnest McCrady and Messrs Charles and Wesley Ferguson. A young daughter arrived at the home of James McCrady on Saturday August 30, 1921, just before the funeral.

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