

- lease or otherwise, such lands designated in the by-law as the council may deem suitable for reforestation purposes;
- (b) For planting land so acquired and for preserving and protecting the timber thereon;
 - (c) For the management of such lands and the sale or other disposal of the timber grown thereon;
 - (d) For the issuing of debentures from time to time for the purpose of providing for the purchase of such lands to an amount not exceeding \$25,000 to be owing at any one time.
3. No by-law shall be finally passed under this Act until the same shall have been approved in writing by the Minister of Agriculture.
4. (a) Municipal councils of townships in districts without county organization shall have all the powers,

privileges and authority conferred by paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 2 hereof on councils of counties.

(b) The councils of such townships shall have power and authority to levy by special rate a sum not exceeding \$200.00 in any year for the purpose of providing for the purchase of such lands.

To Mr. Thos. Southworth, late Director of Forestry and Colonization for the province, Mr. E. J. Zavit, Forester to the Department of Agriculture, and others who have been prominent in the agitation for this measure, the passage of this Act must be very gratifying, as it is, in less degree, to all interested in the forestry work of this province. Several of the county councils, particularly those of York, Simcoe, and the united counties of Northumberland and Durham, are already looking forward to action in this direction.

The Forest Ranger.

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'The biggest and best thing about the Forest Service is the loyalty of its men. They are working for all the people and that is worth while.'

Gifford Pinchot.

There are nearly two thousand field men actively engaged in the protection and administration of the two hundred million acres upon which Uncle Sam is practicing forestry. Constituting this vast domain are one hundred and fifty reservations, called National Forests. Their present value is more than two billions of dollars.

Each National Forest has an organization and staff of its own. The man in charge is the forest supervisor, and the men comprising his field force are the forest rangers.

There are now 1,200 rangers in the service. There are three grades in this position—Assistant, Deputy and Forest Ranger proper. Promotion from one grade to the next is made on the ground of efficiency and period of service, and the positions are held through merit alone, this branch of the Government service being particularly free from favoritism and political patronage.

Once every year or so the United States Civil Service Commission conducts an examination to determine the fitness of applicants for these positions. These examinations are

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