

PRESERVATION OF FORESTS FROM FIRE.

The Provincial Legislature has taken steps to prevent for the future the waste of our forest resources by fire. No one must set fire in the woods between 1st April and 1st November except for the purpose of clearing land, cooking, obtaining warmth or some industrial purpose. Everyone setting fire between those days for the purpose of clearing lands is to take every reasonable care that the fire shall not extend into the bush. Everyone setting fire for any other purpose is to select a place in the neighborhood in which there is the smallest quantity of vegetable matter, or of resinous trees : to clear the place of all loose vegetable matter for a radius of ten feet from the fire ; and to exercise due care to prevent a fire from spreading. Any person who drops any lighted match, or burning tobacco ashes, or discharges any firearm,

must extinguish the fire caused by these substances before he leaves the spot. All locomotive engines must be equipped with spark arresters. Any infringement of the above provisions subjects the offender to a penalty of \$50 and costs or three months' imprisonment. The Crown Lands Agents, forest agents, free grant agents and bush-rangers are to prosecute in every case of infringement of the Act that comes to their knowledge.

MINERAL LANDS.

Mines and minerals are not included in grants or sales under the Free Grant Act, or sales under the Public Lands Act for agricultural purposes after May 4th, 1891.

The grantees of such land are, however, entitled to compensation for all injury to their surface rights caused by mining operations.

Mining lands may be acquired from the Crown either by purchase or lease.

