

## STRICTER DISCIPLINE TO GOVERN RANGERS

How Mr. Cochrane Plainly Intimates That Reorganization is Needed

"Chief rangers have been somewhat slow to exercise the power of dismissal vested in them by the department. In future any failure to dismiss an incompetent ranger after fair trial will be visited upon the chief responsible. Rangers must understand that the power to dismiss is vested in the chief, and govern themselves accordingly."

The foregoing statement in an official notification to provincial fire rangers issued by Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of mines, is significant of an intention to enforce seriously the discipline to which fire rangers are subject.

### Warning to Nimrods.

Mr. Cochrane says further: "Persons whose hunting instincts are stronger than their sense of duty need not apply. In view of the loss of life last year thru the careless handling of firearms, and the temptation to kill game for food, rangers will hereafter not be permitted to carry arms of any kind, nor to have them in possession. Rangers must remember that they are ex-officio game wardens as well as fire rangers, and it is their business to thoroughly enforce the fish and game regulations. Any ranger found deficient in this respect will not only be dismissed, but he will be made a public example of."

### Must Give Whole Time.

It should not be necessary, but it apparently is, to remind rangers that they must not undertake other employment while employed by the department. This applies particularly to rangers stationed near railway construction work and mining operations. Nor may rangers, who are local men, leave their beats to work on their homesteads. Any infraction of this regulation will entail summary dismissal and loss of pay.

### Experienced Men Required.

The aim of the department is to have the staff, as far as possible, composed of experienced men, and preference will be given applicants with experience whose record with the department has been satisfactory. Sound judgment is necessary and obedience to the instruction and directions of the chief rangers is expected. Lack of judgment, foolishness and disobedience of orders resulted in the death of five rangers last season. In no instance was the loss of life incidental to the discharge of duty by rangers, and hereafter the department must decline to bear the expense of searching for bodies or meeting in whole or in part funeral expenses where death has resulted other than from the discharge of duty.

### Salary and Perquisites.

It is pointed out that the season usually lasts from May 1 to Sept. 30, that the salary is \$250 a day, and the department supplies canoes, tents, cooking utensils, etc., and the rangers pay their own railway fare and supply their own food stuffs.

The list will close on March 31. Mr. Cochrane complains that last year a number of students appointed as fire rangers on May 1 were unable to take up their duties until late in the month, causing confusion. This year an applicant not ready at the appointed time will forfeit consideration.

### Must Have Woodmen's Skill.

Attention is called to the fact that rangers must be prepared to swing an axe in cutting portages, building shelter huts, etc., when not actively engaged in fighting fire. Rush experience of that sort is essential. In their anxiety to secure appointment many declare their ability to handle a canoe when they are better adapted for work along the railways. The department requires as many men for one class of work as the other, and it would save confusion and annoyance, the loss of the position and possibly the loss of life, if applicants would bear this in mind.

Applicants who are not strong physically should not apply. Anyone found to be in ill-health, or not physically fit on reporting, or who, after trial, is found to be deficient for any reason whatever, will be dismissed, and will thus lose the money spent in traveling.

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### COACH ROOF BLOWN OFF.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 2.—The blizzard sweeping over Kansas gave passengers on Rock Island railroad train No. 25, due here early this morning, an unusual experience. While running at full speed the top of a passenger coach was blown off, hitting the passengers a child but no one was injured. The damaged coach was abandoned, and the train reached Topeka two hours late.

### Ex-Mayor of Barrie Dead.

BARRIE, Jan. 2.—Henry Sewrey, formerly mayor of Barrie, and a prominent business man, passed away Saturday evening, aged 74 years. He had been a resident of Barrie for fifty-six years, and filled the offices of chief magistrate from 1881 to 1888 inclusive. For many years he was the proprietor of the Barrie foundry. He is survived by a widow and three sons.



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### NAVAL PAY ROLL

Revised Schedule issued by the Minister of Marine.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The following wages have been scheduled in the naval pay roll: Instrument allowance for bandmaster, 25 cents a day extra; band corporal, 15 cents; bandmen, 10 cents; naval schoolmaster (to the petty officer acting as such), 15 cents a day.

The wages provided for shipwrights, carpenters, mates and chief carpenters' mates have not proved sufficiently high to obtain suitable candidates, and the minister of marine has made a new schedule as follows: Shipwright \$1.25, after three years \$1.35, after six years \$1.50; carpenters' mate \$1.55, after three years \$1.75, after six years \$1.90; chief carpenters' mate \$2, after three years \$2.20. The increases are from 25 to 40 cents a day.

### FIVE CHILDREN BURNED

Blaze Caused by Upset Oil Lamp at New Year's Celebration.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The five children of John Markas, aged from their lives at Minersville, near here, early to-day, in a fire which destroyed three houses in the foreign quarter of the town. The children ranged in age from two months to eight years. The

origin of the fire is credited to a New Year's celebration of boarders in one of the houses, an upset oil lamp, it is said, starting the blaze.

### RECIPROcity NEGOTIATIONS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The Canadian Government has decided that Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Wm. Patterson shall proceed to Washington next Thursday to resume the reciprocity negotiations on Jan. 7.

### A COSTLY GAME

Enormous Expense of Maintenance of Europe's Armed Peace.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Edmond Thery, the French economist, figures that the maintenance of Europe's armed peace footing in the last twenty-five years cost one hundred and forty-five billion francs, approximately twenty-nine billion dollars, which involve an increase in the public debt of the European states of from one hundred and five to

one hundred and fifty-one billions of francs, and constantly excluded from productive industry 195,000 officers and 3,800,000 men.

### Torontonians for Europe.

Among the passengers sailing on the empress steamship George Washington of the North German Lloyd line, from New York to Bremen, via Plymouth and Cherbourg, on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1911, are the following from Toronto: Miss R. Armitage, J. H. Stowe, G. H. Wood, Mrs. G. H. Wood, Miss Ethel Wood.

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