

With the Forest Engineers.

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In Northern British Columbia.

H. S. Irwin, District Forester at Prince Rupert, writes:—

'For the last seven months I have been stationed in Prince Rupert, and have been attempting to cover a district over three hundred miles in length with several thousand miles of shore line, by means of a "dinky" motor-boat. There are innumerable small logging outfits scattered along the coast, and this, with the fire patrol, keeps us pretty busy.'

H. C. Kinghorn writes as follows from Hazelton:—

'At present I am holding down the position of Forest Assistant in the Hazelton Forest District,—which takes in all the central part of northern British Columbia. I arrived here the latter part of May, 1913, having been transferred from Fort George, where I spent the previous nine months on reconnaissance and general timber-administration work. Our chief work here so far has been forest fire-protection, — and thanks to the weather conditions and the good generalship of the District Forester, Mr. R. E. Allen, lately District Fire Warden of Revelstoke, the season has been very successful from that standpoint, as fires have been very few and occasioned little expense. We are now working on permanent improvements for a better system of fire-protection, and plan for the construction of several short trails, a telephone line and several cabins for our guards' permanent head-quarters, and for a place in which to keep our fire-fighting equipment. This district is not over-stocked at present with merchantable timber, on account of forest fires having swept over a large area of it, but many places, especially the watersheds are still covered with a good growth of young trees. If our forestry principles are carried out this will be protected for the future welfare of the country. This is an immense country, most of which is still undeveloped, and its real value is still unknown.'

In the Rockies.

W. N. Millar, District Inspector of Dominion Forest Reserves for Alberta, sends a brief note suggestive of the strenuous life of the West. He writes, under date of August 28th, as follows:—'I am at the same old thing—three weeks in the mountains on bacon and beans, and one week of double time in the office, trying to

avert the wrath to come. I leave for my final long field trip of this season in a few days, and will be out for six or seven weeks on the Bow, Clearwater and Brazeau, if three high passes I must cross don't snow up before I get to them. The season has been fairly successful so far. Practically no fires as yet, but very dry weather for the past two weeks, which I am now beginning to get anxious about; it is bound to break in the next two weeks with the annual September big snow, but there may be trouble in the meantime.'

Southern British Columbia.

From Cranbrook, B. C., G. H. Prince writes:—

'In June, 1912 I was assigned to special examination work in the interior of the province, working at Creston, Waldo, Cranbrook and Aspen Grove. In December, 1912, I was appointed Forest Assistant in the Cranbrook District, working with J. D. Gilmour, District Forester. During last winter I examined over one hundred logging operations, travelling a great deal on snowshoes, and enjoyed the work very much. The greater part of this season has been spent in land and timber examinations, trail, telephone and lookout construction, besides a small amount of office work.

I have found the work very interesting and very full of good experience which should prove of great value to me in the future.'

R. H. Campbell, Director of Forestry, recently returned to Ottawa after a trip of inspection in the Western provinces, occupying nearly three months.

A. H. D. Ross, of the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, paid a short visit to Ottawa recently on his return from his summer's work as Consulting Forester of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Department of Natural Resources, most of his time being spent in Calgary. On his return he spent a short time at the United States Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis., where research work of much interest is being carried on.

R. B. Miller, professor of forestry at the University of New Brunswick, paid a short visit to Ottawa recently after his season's work with a number of his students in the woods in the Maritime Provinces.