

HEAVY U. S. LOSS TO FIRE.

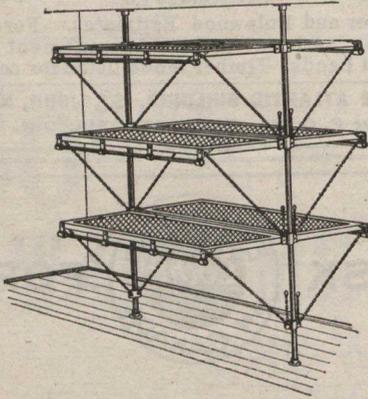
Forest fire losses during the 1918 season on the U. S. Pacific Coast exceeded the three million dollar mark and perhaps reached or passed the four million dollar figure. More than 300,000 acres were burned over and more than three billion feet, board measure, of merchantable timber was damaged, about two-thirds of it beyond salvage.

The fire season lasted so long that reports from many sources are not yet available. Approximate figures on National Forest losses show between 60,000 and 70,000 acres burned over in Oregon and about 75,000 acres in Washington. The loss in the National Forests of Oregon was greater, however, as about 50,000 acres burned over in the Cispus forest tract in Washington was "burned over" land and bore virtually no merchantable timber.

IN NORTH ONTARIO.

In the Cochrane division of the Ontario Forest Protection Service nearly double the number of fire permits over the issue of last season has been made to settlers. Of the total number of rangers in the division 95% have their homes north of North Bay, well illustrating the sensible policy of the Department in employing men with a personal knowledge of and interest in the district where their fire ranging duties lie.

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