



A Speeder that Means Business. Fire Superintendent E. G. Poole, of Cochrane, Ont., has Equipped one of his Motor Speeders with a Fender, an Electric Headlight, a Fairbanks-Morse Power Pump, and has Allowed Plenty of Room for Fire-fighting Tools. Note the Convenient Arrangement of the Hose Reel at the Rear.

## Court Makes Settler Pay for Fire Damage

Quebec, June 18.—A case that interests every farmer and lumberman in the country, was closed here in the Appeal Court, when a decision of the Superior Court, condemning a homesteader to pay all damages arising out of a forest fire he caused. The case was that of Louis Collard, Joseph Villeneuve and the Factories Insurance Company against Elie Gagne. In the Superior Court Gagne had been condemned to pay Collard \$5,879.28 with interests and costs; to Villeneuve, the sum of \$834.60, and to the Factories Insurance Company \$1,600. These sums were claimed from Gagne because he was the cause of the forest fires that destroyed property belonging to the plaintiffs, the Factories Insurance Company also filing a claim for reimbursement on insurance paid.

The Superior Court condemned Gagne to pay all damages, and this decision has been maintained by the Appeal Court.

### CATCHING TREE THIEVES "RED HANDED"

A reader of the Canadian Forestry Journal sends the following note regarding precautions adopted by the Chinese Government against theft of newly planted trees.

"So scarce is wood fuel in certain districts, due to China's indifference to forest protection in times past, that citizens are encouraged to plant trees by a drastic law making death the penalty for theft of saplings. I have planted many saplings myself but never without daubing them from roots to topmost twig with a red powder obtainable at any Chinese store. The object of this is that any robber touching the plant is easily traced by his red hands. The powder marks are not easily removed and form sufficient evidence to justify execution."