

jack pine, which only needs protection to be a very valuable product in the future and to be of great protective value on these sand hills. This reserve will also furnish a park and pleasure ground for the city of Prince Albert, and will be of great value to the city for recreative purposes of all kinds. The rifle range for the military district with headquarters at Prince Albert is located on the reserve. This tract was carefully examined in 1911 and it is proposed to include an additional area of 60 square miles.

#### PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

When the Rocky Mountains Forest reserve was established by the Forest Reserves Act, the examination of all of the boundary had not been completed. The examination has been continued since that time and it is proposed to add some additional areas to the reserve. In the southern part of Alberta, a little to the north of the Crow's Nest Branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, is a tract of land known as the Porcupine hills, which is separated by a narrow valley from the Rocky Mountains proper. These hills rise to a height of from 5,000 to 6,000 feet and have in places very good stands of spruce, lodgepole pine and Douglas fir. It is the centre of the grazing district where the annual precipitation is not very large and its value as a watershed is very great. Steps have been taken for the careful protection of this area from fire and it will be a great convenience to a ranching population in that vicinity, and the proposal for the reservation has their full support.

In the northern part of the reserve along the head waters of the Saskatchewan and Athabasca rivers the examination of the boundary had not been completed when the reserve was established by Act of Parliament, and the preliminary line was laid down in the statement. Further inspection however, has shown that additional lands should be included in the reserve, as the elevated foothill country extends very much farther eastward into the prairie in the northern part of the mountain range. The tract proposed to be included does not contain any large areas of mature timber but the land is high and open and in many cases carries extensive muskegs. The timber is spruce and lodgepole pine with occasional groves of Douglas fir. The growth on well-drained lands in this district is rapid, and its possibilities for the production of timber for the prairie districts is only limited by the possibility of protecting it from fire. During the past year the organization for protecting it from fire has been much more thoroughly worked out and considerable work in the building of trails and otherwise providing means of communication so that fires can be handled readily has been carried on. The total area proposed to be added to this reserve is 2,675 square miles.