



Motor-Speeder Railway Patrol in the territory of the St. Maurice Forest Protective Association, Quebec Province.

bracing all the timberlands of the St. Maurice Valley and adjoining territory; to fight and extinguish fires; to construct look-out stations, telephone lines, trails, &c., necessary for efficient patrol and the apprehension of fire; to prosecute transgressors of the fire laws; and to promote legislative and educational measures advocating the conservation of forest resources.

On the 20th of March a manager was appointed who submitted a working plan and estimate of cost to the Directors of the Association on the 6th of April and the fire patrols commenced actual operation during the first week of May.

Thus in the short space of nine weeks an Association comprising 16% of the lands under license in the Province was organized and its work started over the entire territory.

The affairs of the Association are controlled and managed by a Board of Directors, and the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the Association are raised by assessment which is based on the acreage holdings of the members.

The Association assumes for its individual members all the obligations of fulfilling the fire protective regulations of the Government.

It also carries on the fighting of fires occurring on the lands covered by its operations and the expense incurred in so doing is assessed pro-rata on all the members of the Association in proportion to their acreage holdings.

Over 12,000 Square Miles.

The present area patrolled, exclusive of Government lands not under license and settled districts, is 12,332.46 square miles, or 7,892,776 acres.

This area is divided into six divisions each in charge of an inspector, these divisions being further sub-divided into thirty-two districts or patrols, seventeen of which are patrolled by men in canoes, seven by men on horseback, three by men on foot, one by man in look-out station, and four railway patrols by men on motor cars.

During the past season eighteen special rangers were put on the drives and with construction crews.