

The Results of Public Lectures

The public lecture programme involving two lectures daily was carried out by the Secretary during the two weeks ending Saturday, February 26th, the territory covered representing Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Fort William, and Sudbury.

The newspapers at these points gave unstinted publicity to the propaganda in advance of, and during, the Secretary's visits. Columns of space were devoted by the Winnipeg newspapers to forest conservation matters in the form of interviews, reports of the lectures, and editorially.

The senior students of technical schools and collegiate institutes were frequently assembled for an hour, while the lecturer outlined the story of Canada's forest industries, the importance of maintaining the storehouse of raw materials, the damage wrought by forest fires on standing timber and stream protection, the work of fire rangers, etc., etc. The attention given was invariably good, and one-hundred pic-

tures on the screen accentuated the impressions of Canada's forest needs.

At Winnipeg, the Secretary was privileged to discuss with Hon. T. C. Norris, Premier of the Province, and the majority of his Cabinet Ministers the desire of conservationists for better co-operation between provincial authorities and those responsible for the care of the forest reserves. It was pointed out that the reserves required protection from settlers' fires on their borders and had suffered greatly from this source, that a policy of careful guarding and development by the Dominion Forestry Branch would inevitably bring great benefits to the surrounding country in increased supplies of wood for settlers and ultimately the starting of new industries. The Premier and Ministers gave the presentation a courteous hearing.

Other lectures have been arranged for Cobalt, Sault Ste. Marie, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Brockville, and other centres.

Fighting Forest Insects

Some little time ago Canadians were startled by the news that an outbreak of forest insects had occurred in Stanley Park, Vancouver, and that there was danger of a great part of that magnificent timber being destroyed. At the last monthly meeting of the Foresters' Club of Ottawa held at the University Club, Mr. J. M. Swaine, entomologist for forest insects in the Department of Agriculture, told how that outbreak had been first checked, and then beaten off. This came as an incident in his address on forest insects

in Canada, which address was illustrated by lantern views and made still more plain by the exhibit of samples of the wood and bark of destroyed trees, and by specimens of the insects which did the damage.

Mr. Swaine told of his work in the past three years to learn the life history of insects not yet fully studied and to devise and apply measures to combat their destructive work, and to save timber areas that had been attacked.

There was not a dull or uneducative minute in the whole lecture.