

NEW BRUNSWICK

1914.—For this season 35 fires are reported. The total area burned over by 32 of them is reported as 8,666 acres. Only 3 fires burning less than ten acres are reported.

1915.—Twenty-six fires are reported; 21 burning 39,952 acres, while 5 were less than ten acres in extent. The area of the fire in the Hazen and Grimmer settlements, which is described more fully in an earlier portion of the bulletin, is stated to have been 22,980 acres.

1916.—Detailed reports of only 7 fires are given, but others which are said to have been extensive are mentioned in a general way. The 7 fires burned 1,467 acres, and 909 acres additional were burned in the Hazen and Grimmer settlements.

NOVA SCOTIA

1914.—This year was the worst fire season of the three seasons. Fifty-seven fires are reported on the mainland; 11 of them burned over 14,300 acres. The areas of 11 others are not reported but they are stated to have burned over considerable, and in several cases large areas. The number of fires is not complete, as the number of small fires, particularly, is not definitely stated for all counties.

1915.—For 1915 the definite reports mention 32 fires as having occurred. Twelve of these burned over 1,545 acres. Two others are stated to have burned considerable areas. The remainder are reported to have been mainly small in extent.

1916.—The total number of fires reported was 59, the area of 20 of them totalling 3,900 acres. Three others are stated to have burned considerable areas.

FIRES ALONG RAILWAYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS

The statistics of the number of fires and acreage burned over along these lines during the past three years give striking evidence of the effectiveness of the regulations relating to prevention of fires that have been imposed, and to the efficiency of the enforcement of these regulations by the Chief Fire Inspector of the Board in co-operation with the organizations responsible for forest fire prevention in the various regions. The totals for the whole Dominion are as follows:—

1914—	Number of fires,	1,346;	area burned,	191,770 acres.
1915—	“	686;	“	37,263 “
1916—	“	558;	“	16,481 “

During this period the mileage of lines coming under the Board's jurisdiction increased materially.