

in the mass to realize what they realize as individuals. Every intelligent man, when you talk to him about fire protection, agrees that it is very necessary, but men in the mass do not seem to understand this matter nor the necessity of meeting the difficulty. They are inert, they lack the stimulus, the initiative, to do anything. While they realize the conditions, they do not want to start on the remedy.

Patriotism in  
Times of Peace

We must realize that in this great question of forest fire protection there is a patriotism behind it all, a patriotism of peace, just as important as the patriotism that we have shown in this great war. There are slackers in peace times, just as much as in war times; and it is time for every one of us to realize his individual responsibility in this matter; to make government officials, who are responsible for fire protection, see that they are only public servants, that public office is a public trust, and that they have no political and no individual interest in this matter; that their duty is perfectly clear and plain, and is, first of all, to protect our natural resources—and that applies to every one of us, because, if each man realizes his responsibility, his representative will realize his responsibility too.

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