

WHAT FOREST FIRES COST

CANADA IN 1916

(Canadian Forestry Association.)
Canada has lost through forest fires in 1916 more than nine million dollars. This equals more than six times what has been spent on forest protection work from coast to coast. The enormous sum wasted through this year's forest fires most of which were preventable, would add another \$480 to the first year's pension allowances of nearly 15,000 Canadian soldiers.

It is noteworthy that while some parts of the dominion owe to rainy weather their immunity from fire danger, the season's record proves beyond guinea that in areas where first rate fire protection systems were in operation, losses of life and property were held down to a remarkable minimum.

Quebec had some heavy fires in the Lake St. John and Saguenay districts, in the Kippewa district, also in the Gaspé peninsula and west of Escalante on the Transcontinental railway. It is a striking fact, however, that within the 24,000 square miles of Quebec, covered by the two well organized associations of limit holders, the amount of green timber burnt is practically negligible. This immunity was not a matter of luck but of consistent patient effort to educate settlers, lumberjacks and others in care with fire, coupled with a system of promptly reporting all outbreaks, and attacking forest fires in the incipient stage with large forces of men and modern equipment.

British Columbia faced fairly favorable fire conditions through the summer months and the cost of fire fighting was reduced by about 75 per cent. over the record of 1915. The number of fires was about half of last year. The British Columbia forest protection service is the most capable in Canada thus far and the saving of timber is a logical consequence.

A heavy average of rainfall kept fire troubles at arm's length in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and this weather condition was undoubtedly responsible for the escape of the main areas of big timber throughout Ontario. The Claybelt fires at the end of July and first week of August provided a tragic sacrifice of 262 lives and what is estimated to be six million dollars worth of property. There was practically no forest guarding organization in the fire-swept district, except along the railway track.

New Brunswick escaped the risks of 1916 with a very small timber loss, and Nova Scotia had a similar experience. The records of the Dominion Railway Board show that the private-owned railway lines of Canada have not been responsible this year for any damaging forest fires. Those that were started were promptly extinguished by railway employees.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR AT MOOSEPATH PARK
The annual exhibition of the St. John City and County Agricultural Society, held at Moosepath yesterday, was a great success. Some excellent exhibits were brought forth, the attendance was favorably large and conditions generally contributed to the success of the fair. Keen competition was in evidence in the various entries and the judging of stock and exhibits was no easy matter, taking from the middle of the morning until late in the afternoon.

Eighty-five Women's Institutes.
The total number of Women's Institutes in New Brunswick is now eighty-five. Miss Hazel Winter, the supervisor has returned from a trip to New Brunswick and Ontario, where two more branches were organized. One branch was organized at Douglastown and another at Nelson, and the total number in that county is now seven.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Tickner-Lackie.

In New York City September 5, Miss Martina Florence Lackie, daughter of Joseph Lackie, Salt Springs, Kings county, N. B., was united in marriage to Harry K. Tickner, of New York, by Rev. F. J. Goodwin.

Worden-Tait.

At the home of Daniel Tait of Penobscot, Miss Mabel Levia Tait and Herman Lee Worden, son of Mrs. George Worden of Perry's Point, were recently united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Worden will reside in Hampton.

Stockton-McLeod.

At the Methodist parsonage, Sussex, on Thursday evening, September 28, Rev. H. C. Rice united in marriage Bryant Stockton and Miss Louise McLeod, both of Sussex.

Earle-Urquhart.

On September 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Urquhart, Kars, Kings county, Miss Lena Earle, their daughter was united in marriage to John Byron Earle of Kingston, Rev. R. W. Hopkins officiating.

Henderson-Seely.

At the Church of the Ascension, Lower Norton, on September 27, Nettie Seely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olyvia Seely, was united in marriage to Harry B. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henderson, of Nauwigewauk.

Madden-Ryan.

On Tuesday morning, Oct. 3, in St. Francis Xavier church, Sussex, Mary L., second youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ryan of Sussex, was united in marriage to Francis P. Madden, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Madden of Sault's Creek.

Hazelwood-Hanson.

Announcement of the wedding of Miss Nettie R. Hanson, of Durham Bridge, and Earl C. Hazelwood, of Marysville, is made. The ceremony was performed at the Brunswick street Baptist parsonage on September 6.

FALLACIES ABOUT WAR

(Toronto Star Weekly)

There is a great difference between justifying a war for the defence of liberty and civilization, and lauding war as a good and glorious thing in itself. A lot of pernicious rubbish is talked by champions of the latter idea. They profess to regard war as the only real end noble life, while life without war is a handmaiden and even ignoble thing in which men are in danger of stagnation and degeneration.

No such degeneration takes place. The present British army is a standing evidence to the contrary. The bulk of its members are men brought up under peace conditions. Up to the time of this war Great Britain maintained only a small army. The number of soldiers and of sailors on warships was a very small percentage of the total population. Yet the members of this civilian army, after a training of two years at most, and in many cases of only a few months, have shown themselves at least the equals of German soldiers, the product of militarism run mad.

Not is there any degeneration of intellect or reforming zeal in the constructive periods between great wars. After the influence of the Napoleonic wars had worn off, Great Britain entered upon its Augustan age of energetic and elevated thinking in literature, in science, in philosophy. The people were enfranchised, and their representatives shone like stars of the first magnitude. The minds of Dickens, of Thackeray, of Tennyson, of Browning, of Macaulay, of Carlyle, were

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It is absurd to suppose that human faculties and virtues are developed only in periods of destruction, and cease to grow in periods of construction. War does not create, but uses energy and virtue accumulated in peace.

THOS. MALCOLM IMPROVING

Thomas Malcolm, of Campbellton, after a month's confinement to his bed,

is able to sit up again. He has not been able to see friends or attend to personal matters. With Mrs. Malcolm he intends to spend the winter in the south.

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