

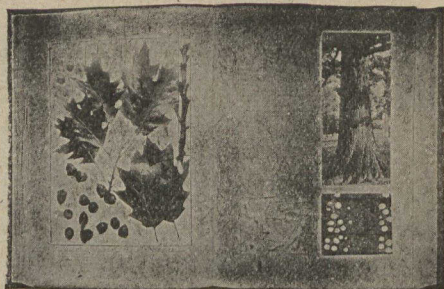
MONTREAL STAR ON WASTE OF THE FORESTS.

In the report of the Canadian Forestry Association for the current year, it is very clearly shown that with better guardianship of forests the danger of conflagrations would be immensely reduced. "The point we wish to emphasize," says the report, "is that the cost of vigorous and efficient forest guarding is a mere trifle compared with the amount of timber which efficient patrolling, etc., would save." Statistics in the report prove that in 1916 the forest fire losses totalled over nine million dollars. The fact is dwelt upon that in districts where the patrol service is satisfactory, fires are nearly unknown, but that the menace to the forest wealth is always in districts where the patrolling is poor, spasmodic and lacks efficiency. Facts such as these should be taken into serious consideration by the Government. The immense boon of forests is recognized in all countries, and the most earnest efforts are made to preserve timber. As to the origin of most of the forest fires in this country, facts show they are due very largely to carelessness. Laws are now being enacted in various provinces making it incumbent on settlers to get special permission before proceeding to clear spaces by the use of fire. It has been a matter of the deepest regret in many countries that adequate steps were not taken to protect forests, and they are setting aside immense areas for tree planting; but it will take generations before most of the trees reach maturity and can be of any commercial value. It behooves Canada to take this object lesson to heart.

Bricks Without Straw.

According to a despatch from Watertown, N.Y., a new process of making news-print without use of sulphite is to revolutionize the paper-making industry. The despatch appeared in the daily press a day or two ago as follows:

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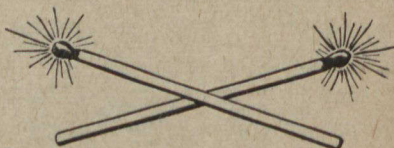
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