

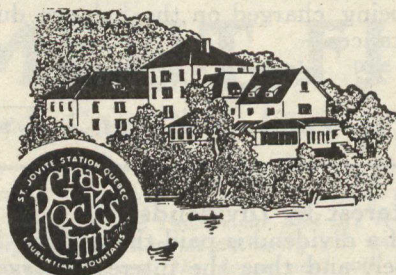
## New Brunswick's Forests a Great Magnet to Tourists

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OUR Maritime forests are becoming more and more the resort of tourists recruited both within and beyond our borders. The wonderful climate, the facilities for hunting, fishing and camping on our network of streams and secluded lakes, made accessible through the well appointed railway and steamship connections, the carefully distributed system of well kept roads making the interior accessible by automobile, all are necessary factors in making the forests of the Maritime Provinces the important recreation ground of the East. The guides' associations, the tourist and automobile associations, the various Boards of Trade and Clubs of the towns and cities, the governments, all join in welcoming the tourists and making their stay a pleasant one. "See Canada First," and "See the East First," is being combined into the slogan, "See the Maritime Provinces First" and adopted by the tourist, whether from New England, Upper Canada or Great Britain. To those living within and beyond our borders who have already "seen," "See the Maritime Provinces Again" is more appropriate.

Of course each province expects every fisherman and camper to extinguish his camp fires, his matches and burning tobacco. The fire warden may appear to doubt your ability as a woodsman, as he watches you extinguish your cigarette and asks you how far up you "Boiled." He may even be openly suspicious of you as he takes down your name and asks how long you expect to remain in the woods. Perhaps in his zeal to prevent all forest fire "leaks" and consequent devastation to the forest as a revenue producing and recreation resort, he appears a bit annoying. Perhaps he has in mind the \$250.00 Barnjum prize to be given to the best warden in each province at the end of the season. More likely, he is an old hand at the game of fire prevention and knows that at least fifty per cent. or more of the damage caused to the forests in the Maritime Provinces yearly comes through the carelessness of campers and fishermen. Then the press reported the other day that on May 24th on a certain favored trout stream, visited by over a score of fishermen, one pair allowed their camp fire to spread beyond control and then beat a hasty retreat, leaving the local warden and some of the other fishermen to extinguish the fire. Another press report about a week ago related how a fire which broke out about noon was finally brought under control by evening through the prompt action of the local warden aided by all the citizens round about, but not before a considerable area of forest was destroyed and the beautiful green of the landscape changed to a detestable black. Investigation proved that the fire was caused by a burning cigar thrown from a passing automobile. All of which goes to prove that there are yet enemies of our forests amongst our tourists and fishermen.

Perhaps this is the reason why the fire warden is suspicious of every bit of burning tobacco and every camp fire, large or small, within the forest. For he reasons thus:— If you go into a factory or warehouse do you wait until you see a big sign "No smoking allowed" or are told by a watchman to "put it away" before you extinguish what you are smoking? Does not your respect for those instrumental in building and maintaining that warehouse or factory and a realization of what a fire means make carefulness with fire in such places a habit? Then treat the forest in a like manner, a factory of inflammable material, a warehouse full of countless living things so essential to its value as a recreation resort, and let being-careful-of-fire become a habit in the woods.



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