

both in such a manner as to encourage forest conservation and forest growing.

PROTECTION OF FORESTS.

"We agree that the ownership of forest lands, either at the headwaters of streams or upon areas better suited for forest growth than for other purposes, entails duties to the public, and that such lands should be protected with equal effectiveness, whether under public or private ownership.

"Forests are necessary to protect the sources of streams, moderate floods, and equalize the flow of waters, temper the climate, and protect the soil; and we agree that all forests necessary for these purposes should be amply safeguarded. We affirm the absolute need of holding for forests or reforestation, all lands supplying the headwaters of streams, and we therefore favor the control or acquisition of such lands for the public.

INDUCEMENTS TO REFORESTATION.

"The private owners of lands unsuited to agriculture, once forested and now impoverished, or denuded, should be encouraged by practical instruction, adjustment of taxation, and in other proper ways, to undertake the reforestation thereof.

FOREST FIRES.

"Notwithstanding an increasing public interest in forestry, the calamitous and far-reaching destruction of forests by fire still continues, and demands immediate and decisive action. We believe that systems of fire guardianship and patrol afford the best means of dealing adequately with fires which occur, whether from natural causes, such as lightning, or in other ways; but we affirm that in addition thereto effective laws are urgently needed to reduce the vast damage from preventable causes.

REGULATING CUTTING.

"Apart from fire, the principal cause of forest destruction is unwise and improvident cutting, which, in many cases has resulted in widespread injury to the climate and the streams. It is therefore of the first importance that all lumbering operations should be carried on under a system of rigid regulation.

FORESTS ON WATERSHEDS.

"The first requisite for forest or other covering which will conserve the rainfall and promote regularity of water flow is the retention of the soil upon watersheds. We therefore favor the construction of such artificial works as may effect this