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THE HIGH COST OF FISHING.

Fifty per cent of the forest fires in New Brunswick this year were set by fishermen.

This is too high a price to pay for a few strings of salmon and a pocket full of snap shots.

It means buying your sport at fifty dollars a day and your fish at ten dollars a pound; and letting the taxpayers of New Brunswick pay the bill.

Fishermen deserve their fun, but forests are getting too scarce to exchange them for a frying-pan of bass.

New Brunswick, and no other province, will stand for this sort of vandalism. Probably not a single fire caused by these fishermen was necessary. Probably every one resulted from neglected camp fires, from lighted matches, from tossing away lighted cigarettes. They had their fun and New Brunswick pay for it at so much an ounce.

The economic pillar beneath the Province of New Brunswick is timber. A square mile of forest is valued not because of the cubic contents of the wood growing thereon, but because of the capacity of that square mile to keep on producing successive crops of wood. No province in the Dominion can so ill afford to sacrifice its forest wealth as New Brunswick.

Two methods may be suggested to teach the careless fishermen that fire is a vicious thing to fool with. He can be shown by educational propaganda. But that must be supplemented. An hour in police court, and a hundred dollar fine is a great tonic for sluggish patriotism. It likewise improves the memory and increases personal efficiency much better than a mail order course.

THE CHILDREN BOSS THE FUTURE.

Of the numerous channels of educational propaganda employed by the Canadian Forestry Association, perhaps none is more interesting to readers of this magazine than the Travelling Lecture Sets. At present there are in daily operation five such sets. Two tell the story of Canada's Forests and set forth graphically the need for conservation. One is a French language set, on a similar subject,



EDITORIAL



The Christmas Tree.

I like that custom quaint and old
That makes the tree the emblem of
The reason when our hearthstones hold
So much of laughter and of love.
For trees, that from the dreary earth
To merry realms of blue arise,
Are links that bind our humble mirth
To God's great laughter of the skies.

Trees are our green ambassadors
From earth to heaven. In all lands
The tree God's grace divine implores
With lifted head, uplifted hands.
And he who looks upon a tree
Must upward look beyond, afar—
Shall in the selfsame vision see
Above the tree the sun, the star.

May we at Christmas learn the truth,
What man must be to be complete;
The little sapling in its youth
Strives for the heavens at God's feet.
And so must we, tho rooted here
On God's gray earth, still strive to rise,
And thru life's long and changing year
Still seek for heaven and the skies.

which has been given a hearty reception by scores of schools in Quebec. Another relates the story of Old Ontario's deforested lands, the great tract of sand dunes and other barrens, how these have been afforested in certain sections, what the process is, the remarkable result achieved, and then goes on to give practical information as to the planting of barren lands with suitable trees. Another of the lecture sets is for use in the prairie provinces and is a complete and most interesting exposition of tree planting under prairie conditions. Any western resident who can resist the lure of tree planting after hearing the prairie lecture must have a hard heart indeed.

Each lecture set consists of fifty-five beautiful photographic reproductions in lantern-slide form, attractively tinted in natural tones, together with a complete manuscript containing an introduction and

a series of descriptive paragraphs corresponding to the lantern slides. The outfits are packed in strong break-proof boxes in which the glass slides can safely travel thousands of miles without much risk of damage.

The Association first ascertains by correspondence the schools, churches, etc. with stereopticon equipment, willing to employ the lectures. Each lecture-set is then routed from Ottawa to the nearest applicant. On the inside of the box is a packet of ready-addressed labels with a route, so that after making use of it, each recipient merely attaches a new label, hands the case to the express agent and on the next day the set does duty in another community.

Tens of thousands of Canadian school children and adults have been given delightful and instructive hours by this form of instruction.

The Tree—Our Best Trade Agent

Until very recently the forest has been the great unadvertised member of Canada's family of natural resources. Note the following:

In Canada's trade with the United States in 1920 the forests of this country

supplied products representing a value of \$8 per head of Canadian population. Our agricultural sales to Uncle Sam were only \$5.90 per head. Minerals were \$4.50 per head, and fisheries \$2.10 per head.