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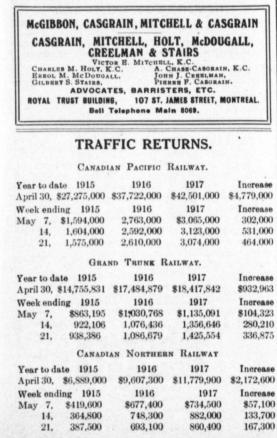
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FOREST AND PRAIRIE FIRE PROTECTION.

The Saskatchewan legislature recently enacted a law prohibiting the setting out of fires by settlers, etc., except when certain specified precautions are taken and providing for the appointment of the reeve as chief fire guardian in each rural municipality. All members of the provincial police will be fire guardians, ex officio, under the new act. Provision is made also for the appointment of fire guardians in unorganized areas.

Reports on all fires are to be made to the Provincial Fire Commissioner, who will be in general charge of the administration of the law. The act prohibits the throwing away of matches, cigar and cigarette stubs, etc., without extinguishing same. It provides also that citizens may be required to fight fires which occur within 15 miles in wooded districts, and 6 miles in prairie country. Fire guardians are given authority to make arrests for violation of the act. Provision is made also for the safe disposal of debris resulting from the construction of roads, trails, telegraph or telephone lines, and railways, or from the clearing of land for other purposes.

In a place in New Jersey a town building caught fire, and the extinguishers failed to do their work. A few days later at the town meeting some citizens tried to learn the reason. After they had freely discussed the subject one of them said : "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the fire extinguishers be examined ten days before every fire."



Among the names of insurance interest lately figuring in the British casualty lists is that of 2nd Lieutenant Lawson E. Allan, youngest son of Mr. James Allan, sub-manager of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. Lieutenant Allan was killed in a fight with German aircraft while acting as a R. F. C. observer.

