



PROTECTION ON THE T. AND N. O. RAILWAY LINES.

The vigilance of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commissioners in matters of forest protection has received much well-deserved testimony. Above picture shows one of the four tank cars used on the line between North Bay and Cochrane, Ontario. Each car holds between 7,500 and 8,000 gallons of water, and can be easily re-filled at the water tanks. Good service was done by one of the cars at Mileage 133, main line (previous to the holocaust of July last) in extinguishing a fire caused by a settlers' slash. In the judgment of the commissioners the tank cars have already paid for themselves, and will eventually become a piece of standard railway equipment in forested country.

What Guarantee?

Hamilton "Times," Aug. 10, 1916: Despite this devastating fire, the clay belt will be repopulated. Those who escaped are already being persuaded to go back. But what guarantee have they that another fire will not sweep across their land next year or the next? The Government must see that precautions as good as in other provinces are taken in Northern Ontario. Our Government cannot afford to have our settlers burned up in this way when prevention is possible.

Opinion in Peterboro.

Peterboro "Examiner," Aug. 5, 1916: Here we have expert opinion to the effect that forest fires are preventable or possible of great restriction by the simple passing and enforcing of legislation prohibiting the crime of setting out "slash" fires in the height of an unusually dry period. The neglect to take action is little short of criminal.

Community Interests.

Dundas "Star," July 27, 1916: The interests of the community are of more importance than those of the individual and we must legislate accordingly.

"The Clay Belt's" Opinion.

From the Cochrane "Claybelt," Aug. 18, 1916: If the Government should not see fit to introduce legislative measures during the next session to reorganize the obsolete fire ranging system and inaugurate sane fire protective service, the entire North will not rest until they see men at the helm of the Government who are capable of stopping a repetition of the horrors accompanying such devastation as we have now experienced for the second time within five years.

Can Fires Be Prevented?

Winnipeg "Post," Aug. 5, 1916: One-tenth part of the losses sustained annually by forest fires would provide an army of forest rangers and other means of preventing forest fires or of arresting them when they get beyond control.

Opinion in Woodstock.

Woodstock "Sentinel-Review," Aug. 7, 1916: In the light of the statement presented by the Canadian Forestry Association the recent disaster was not merely a disgrace to the province but a crime.