

Ontario's Forest Protection

A Strong Organization Being
Formed to Administer
the System

Material progress is being made in the re-organization of Ontario's forest fire protection system. The organization will be supervised by E. J. Zavitz, Provincial Forester. Mr. Zavitz is a technically trained forester and has had wide experience under Ontario conditions, having been connected with various lines of government forestry work in the province during the past 12 or 13 years. He will be assisted in the head office by J. H. White, of the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto. Mr. White has collaborated in the preparation of reports on *Forests of Nova Scotia, Trent Watershed Survey and Forest Protection in Canada, 1913-1914*, published by the Commission of Conservation. Three district chiefs have been appointed, for the supervision of the work in the field. L. E. Bliss will be stationed at Port Arthur, Ernest G. Poole at Cochrane, and A. J. McDonald at North Bay. Under these district chiefs will be a large staff of inspectors and fire-rangers. A strong effort will be made to co-ordinate the work of the whole organization, and to provide adequate overhead supervision and inspection.

Co-operation with the Board of Railway Commissioners will be continued, under which the Province will provide a number of inspectors to supervise the fire protection work of the several railways, in forest sections. The regulations of the Board make the railways responsible for the prevention and control of fires due to railway agencies. For the enforcement of these regulations in Ontario, the Province last year provided eleven inspectors. The work of these inspectors related chiefly to right-of-way clearing, the reporting and extinguishing of fires by railway employees, and the inspection of locomotive fire-protection appliances.

Proposed amendments to the Ontario Forest Fires Act will give the Provincial Forester very wide authority in the handling of the whole situation. One of the most important amendments provides for the adoption of the permit system of regulating settlers' clearing fires. This action should go far toward preventing a repetition of previous disastrous fires in the clay belt. Similar provisions are now in effect in other provinces.—C.L.

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