

Public Pay the Cost of Forest Fires

Henry S. Graves, chief forester of the United States told the Federal Trade Commission that present cutting methods are crude and wasteful, but that fires were the greatest factor of loss so far. As systematic fire control is now operating, fires have been reduced to a minimum. The cost of this should be borne by Government and private owners.

Mr. Graves said: "If when we started using wood in paper making, fire control and scientific reforestation had prevailed, we would now have spruce enough in this country to meet our present needs without going to Canada for our supply, and newsprint paper would be cheaper. But as you must wait so long to realize the benefits of this plan, there is lacking the incentive for private owners. It is the public that is responsible for the present conditions, and it must pay the cost."

PELEE, A NATIONAL PARK

Point Pelee, the most southerly portion of Canadian territory, jutting out from the lake shore of Essex county, Ontario, into lake Erie for a distance of about nine miles, has just been created a National Park by the Dominion Government, to whom the land belonged. The creation of this park for the protection of its distinct and attractive tree and plant life and the wild life it harbours permanently and during certain seasons, was recommended by the Commission of Conservation and the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection; the Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds and the Essex County Wild Life Conservation Association also advocated its creation.

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HOW RESEARCH PAYS

The great laboratory of the General Electric Company at Schenectady is maintained at an annual cost of over \$500,000 and employs seventy-five investigators, including among them several who are eminent in the world of pure science. One of its products is the tungsten lamp which is now manufactured by twenty-two factories scattered over the country. This lamp, according to a very careful estimate made in 1911, was, at that time, effecting a power saving valued at \$240,000,000 per annum. Since then, the consumption of this type of lamp has increased three-fold and further research has increased its efficiency of light production nearly 25 per cent. The research workers are discouraged from thinking of financial results, as discoveries are more likely to be made by those who are working in the scientific spirit.—*Prof. J. C. Fields.*

FORESTER BUYING SPRUCE

Mr. Ellwood Wilson, chief forester of the Laurentide Company is now a member of the Imperial Munitions Board and has been assigned the task of buying aeroplane spruce.

FORESTER REPATRIATED

Lieutenant J. R. Martin, among the Canadian prisoners in Germany to be repatriated and sent home, was formerly district forester at Nelson, B.C. He was wounded four times before being captured and spent 22 months in enemy territory.

FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

A recommendation has been made by the New Westminster Board of Trade that in the framing of a permanent policy to assist the returned soldier to return to civil life, among the courses to be given at the B. C. University, forestry should be included.