

000. With this money there were opened or re-opened 525 miles of pack trails, there were purchased canoes, axes, shovels, tents, and gasoline motors for railway patrol, and a beginning made in erecting telephone lines and in connecting these with existing telephone systems. The result was that 97 incipient fires were promptly extinguished and the association came through the year with practically no loss. This year it is proposed to extend the trails, to connect up the telephone lines and to erect lookout stations from which watchmen may send out warnings to headquarters so that a sufficient force of men may be sent promptly to put out the fire. The officers for the first year were: President, Mr. Alexander MacLaurin, of Montreal; Vice-President, Mr. W. R. Brown, of Berlin, N.H., and La Tuque, Que.; Manager, Mr. H. Sorgius, of Three Rivers. Owing to the illness of Mr. MacLaurin which has necessitated a trip to the south, and the occupation of Mr. Brown with other features, these gentlemen (though both are enthusiastic over the work) retired and the new officers elected were: President, Joseph Dalton, Three Rivers; Vice-President, S. L. de Carteret, La Tuque; Manager and Secretary, H. Sorgius, Three Rivers.

One of the successful features of the gathering was the banquet at the Place Viger Hotel when about twenty-five gentlemen, members of the Association or interested in the work, discussed an excellent menu and afterwards listened to a few pithy speeches dealing with the subject in hand. The toastmaster was Mr. Ellwood Wilson of Grand Mere, and at the table were Hon. Jules Allard, Minister of Lands and Forests, Quebec; and Messrs. W. R. Brown; R. H. Campbell, Dominion Director of Forestry; Joseph Dalton; Lt. Col. Hibbard, Member of the Quebec Utilities Commission; E. J. Zavitz, Guelph, Forester for the Ontario Government; Clyde Leavitt, Chief Fire Inspector of the Dominion Rail-

way Commission; W. C. J. Hall, Chief of the Forest Protective Service, Quebec; Wm. Power, M.P., Quebec; J. F. Grant, William Ritchie and Frank Ritchie, Three Rivers; L. K. MacLaurin, Montreal; B. M. Winegar, C.P.R. Natural Resources Dept., Montreal; Gustave C. Piché, Chief of the Quebec Forest Service; Geo. Dansereau, Montreal; James Lawler, Secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, Ottawa; L. N. Ellis, C.P.R. Forestry Dept., Calgary; H. E. Brinkerhoff, St. Jovite, Que.; D. B. Brown, La Tuque; M. C. Small, Grand Mere; and H. Sorgius, Three Rivers.

Hon. Mr. Allard referred to the good work of the Association and promised that the Government would support it more strongly in the coming year.

Mr. W. R. Brown told of the success of similar associations in the United States.

Mr. W. C. J. Hall pointed to the greatly increased efficiency of such organizations as compared with individual effort, and hoped to see the time when five or six similar associations would cover the entire forest area of the province from the Ottawa Valley to Gaspé.

Mr. R. H. Campbell said this was the first organization of this kind in Canada. It had been a great success and he hoped to see the plan adopted not only in other parts of Quebec but in western Canada.

Mr. Clyde Leavitt indicated that what the Railway Commission had done in securing the co-operation of the railways and federal and provincial governments in patrolling railway lines in the west they desired to extend to the eastern lines, and in this way there could be co-operation in the St. Maurice Valley of the limit holders, the government and the railways and Railway Commission.

Lt. Col. Hibbard brought this out further by stating that the Quebec Utilities Commission had considered the regulations for fire protection of