

25 and 26. The fire had assumed serious proportions on the previous Monday (June 24). Several bridges were destroyed and thousands of ties burned, the amount of damage being placed at \$100,000.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on July 1st, reported fires in the vicinity of Shell Lake. Half a million feet of high-grade white pine had then been destroyed, and four hundred men were fighting the fire. South Porcupine also reported that some of the Porcupine mines were in danger. The fire had found food in some of the dead brush left by the fire of July, 1911.

Halifax, N. S., reported on July 3, that forest fires were raging in some woodlands near the city. One of these was in the Sir Sandford Fleming park, near the Memorial tower, while on the Dartmouth side of the harbor a hundred volunteers were employed in beating out a fire.

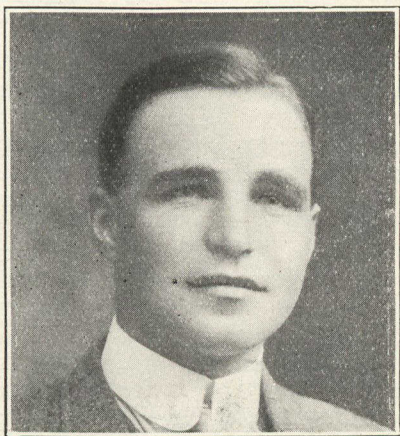
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### **The Chief Forester of B.C.**

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Mr. H. R. MacMillan, the recently appointed Chief Forester of the British Columbia Department of Lands, left Ottawa early in July and has now taken up the duties of his new position at Victoria, B.C.

The province of British Columbia is to be congratulated on having secured the services of so capable and energetic a forester as Mr. MacMillan. His connection with the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior dates back some years. In the first forest survey undertaken by the Branch, namely that of the Turtle Mountain forest reserve in the summer of 1905, Mr. MacMillan was chief of the party. He was then a student at the Ontario Agricultural College, from which he graduated in 1906, after a brilliant course, obtaining the degree of B. S. A. from the University of Toronto.



**H. R. MacMillan, M.F., Chief Forester,  
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Columbia.**

In the fall of that year he entered the Yale University Forest School, graduating at the head of his class in 1908, with the degree of Master of Forestry. His vacations, in the meantime, had been spent in active forestry work, mostly with the Forestry Branch, and he then became a regular member of the staff. Since then he has been given a number of important and difficult assignments, both in field-work and in office-work, which have been completed with distinction. He entered with enthusiasm on the work of collecting statistics of the wood products of the Dominion and the work has become one of the most important parts of the Forestry Branch's work. The bulletins embodying the results of these investigations have also been compiled under his direction. He has also been the author of several other bulletins of the Branch, and has been prolific in magazine and newspaper articles on various forestry subjects.

Mr. MacMillan's organizing ability has been well tested, and he can be expected to inaugurate a good service for the Pacific province.