



Bringing in Bodies to the Cemetery at Deadman's Point, near Porcupine.

## Other Forest Fires of the Summer of 1911.

The awful forest fire at Porcupine, Ontario, has naturally claimed the most attention among all the forest fires of the year. Not only in other parts of the Dominion of Canada, however, but in the United States and in some foreign countries the season has been marked by large fires and consequent destruction of life and property.

### **Nova Scotia.**

The province of Nova Scotia has suffered to an unusual extent during the past summer. In addition to the severe conflagrations which occurred towards the end of May last in Shelburne and Cumberland counties, a very severe fire raged near Amherst during the first part of July, originating near Fox River. This was claimed to be of incendiary origin, the fire having been set in three different places and in parts of the forest not frequented by sportsmen. By July 21st it was estimated to have run over more than 6,000 acres of the holdings of one company alone.

### **British Columbia.**

About July 20th a fire raged near Squamish, near Vancouver, the loss from

which was reported to be half a million dollars. A few days previous a serious fire was reported a few miles east of Yale, which proved troublesome, and also a fire west of Lake Coquitlam.

### **United States.**

In the state of Michigan, during the early part of June, several towns were destroyed, and the death list amounted to seven. The middle of the month was also marked by severe fires in the Moosehead district, Maine. Thousands of acres of Maine's finest timberlands were reported to have been burnt over, with a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of these fires are said to have been caused by lightning.

### **Foreign.**

During May last immense forest fires occurred on the island of Hokkaido (or Yezo), Japan. A number of villages are reported to have been destroyed, and many lives lost. The fire line was almost sixty miles in length.

Sweden also reports serious forest fires during the last of May, near Umea, in the province of Vesterbotten. Some deaths are reported.