

Fernie to an active fire warden might have saved that terrific conflagration.

Government telephones are needed to:

- (1) Protect our forests.
- (2) Render our police force more efficient, and render the crimes of men like the notorious Bill Miner more difficult, and their capture more certain.
- (3) To make life safer in country districts by enabling the inhabitants to summon assistance either from the doctor or each other, when required.
- (4) To render our country districts more attractive, and thereby counteract the steady drift of the population towards the cities.
- (5) To enable the farmers to co-operate more successfully.

The following is an outline of a telephone scheme for our Province:—

The Government should put a telephone line along each public road, with free public stations at suitable points.

The Government should also supply free wire and the necessary instruments to any responsible property holder who desired to connect with the system; wire and instruments so given to be installed under the supervision of the Government telephone manager.