

Illustrated Lectures in French

By an arrangement recently completed between the Canadian Forestry Association and Mr. G. C. Piché, Chief of the Quebec Forest Service, a series of illustrated public lectures will be delivered in Quebec Province beginning early in the New Year and extending through February. Where advisable, bi-lingual addresses will be given, but in communities where French-speaking citizens predominate a French lecturer will be exclusively employed. The Canadian Forestry Association will manage the undertaking, supplying stereopticon and equipment, advertising matter, etc., without cost to local authorities.

The first lectures will be held at Windsor, Stoke Centre, St. Camille, and St. George, in the Eastern Townships, and other dates will be arranged so as to reach the greatest number of people and at centres which promise best results. Suggestions as to other localities, dates, etc., are invited by the Secretary.

The topics will follow much the same lines as other lectures given through the Association, a discussion of the extent and value of the forest possessions, the importance of the wood-using industries, the public losses through forest fires, and how to eliminate them, the care of woodlots, etc., etc. One hundred lantern slides will be used.

A Forest-Book for French Children.

The Canadian Forestry Association will have ready for distribution about January 1st a 32-page illustrated booklet in French telling of the forest, its dependent industries, the origin of forest fires, the care and value of the woodlot, etc., etc.

There will be about 30 photographic engravings, the whole resembling very closely the "Boy Scout's Forest-Book" which had a circulation throughout the Dominion of 15,000 copies, going to every Boy Scout and hundreds of school teachers and pupils.

Those who can place a number of these French booklets in the hands of French-speaking boys and girls of 13 years and upward are asked to correspond with the Secretary of the Association.

As the Association's funds are able to provide for only 5,000 copies, any member of the Association may undertake by private subscription to greatly increase this number.

The recent announcement that \$1,000,000 will be spent by the Dominion Government in the construction of an aeroplane factory, probably at Toronto, lends special interest to the report that the proposed aeroplane station to be established by the United States Government at Duluth, Minnesota, will be made the basis of an aero forest fire patrol system. The state forester of Wisconsin has already secured excellent results from the use of an aeroplane for the patrol of a large area of forest in the northern part of the state, and it is expected that similar good results will be secured in Minnesota, from the co-operative arrangement which has been approved by the commander of the Minnesota Naval Militia. The main object of this patrol will, of course, be the prompt discovery and location of forest fires. The telephone system which has been developed will enable the forest rangers to be notified at once in case a fire is located, so that they can at once take all necessary steps for its extinguishment. State Forester Cox, of Minnesota, estimates that at least \$45,000 can be saved the state annually with the installation of an air patrol.

In view of the great importance of Ontario as a timber-producing province, and of the enormous damage that has resulted in the past from forest fires, it is to be hoped that some co-operative arrangement may be possible, in connection with the testing of machines and training of men, under which a thorough test may be made of the practicability of using aeroplanes.