



Denizens of the Heights: Rocky Mountain Goats in Jasper Park, Alberta.

Some 1921 Forest Fires—and Canada Pays the Piper

At the time of going to press the record of Ontario's forest fire losses this year is not complete enough for publication. A few rough figures only can be given:

There were 1269 forest fires on the timbered area administered by the Provincial Government (constituting the great bulk of commercial timber lands).

The area burned over was roughly, 750,000 acres.

The approximate cost of fire fighting was \$78,000.

It is hoped in the next issue to indicate more accurately the actual loss to the Province of Ontario in timber destroyed.

The Western division of the Southern St. Lawrence Forest Protective Association (patrolling over two million acres) in Quebec, reports as follows:

"We had 128 fires as against 89 last year and the total area burnt over was 22,189 acres against 34,364 last year." The fire fighting cost was \$10,025 and the value of 'materials and buildings destroyed' \$15,395.

The Eastern Division of the above Association patrolling over five million acres of Quebec forest reports as follows:



The fire-season has been extremely hazardous in our section. The excessive dry weather, and heavy winds which prevailed from the very beginning of the spring until late in the month of September made the situation the most terrible

to any one's recollection in this part of the Province.

"Number of Fires—Damages."

Although the number of fires has not been as large as last year, each one proved much more stubborn and expensive to extinguish. According to our ranger's reports 188 forest fires arising from the following sources have been extinguished by our Association forces.

Sources—	Number of Fires.
Settlers	76
Locomotives	55
Unknown	38
Berry-Pickers	8
Lightning	4
Fishermen	3
Smokers	2
Hunters	2
	188

A total area of 50,597 acres of forest land owned by settlers and limit-holders have been devastated by fire during 1921. This means that nearly 1 per cent of the total forested area of our section was