

New Fire Prevention Organization.

Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Fire Prevention Association formed.

On Nov. 29 Mr. Franklin H. Wentworth of Boston, spoke before the Ottawa Canadian Club on fire prevention and immediately at the close of his address a further meeting was held at which an Ottawa branch of the Ontario Fire Prevention Association was formed. The Canadian Forestry Association has always been strongly in favor of this work and the list of officers of the newly formed association resembles a partial list of the Ottawa members of the Canadian Forestry Association. Last year just after the Ontario Fire Prevention Association was formed with headquarters in Toronto the Secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association was asked to act with the Grass and Timber Committee of the Fire Prevention Association in securing the insertion of warnings against careless handling of fire, in railway time tables, etc. The Secretary found the railways very favorably inclined. In fact the Canadian Pacific Railway had for the past ten or twelve years been inserting a warning to tourists and campers in all its folders dealing with this traffic. This was due to forethought of Mr. C. E. E. Usher, Passenger Traffic Manager of the C. P. R. and one of the charter members and now a director of the Canadian Forestry Association. This it is believed made the Canadian Pacific the first railway in America to issue these warnings in its tourist and

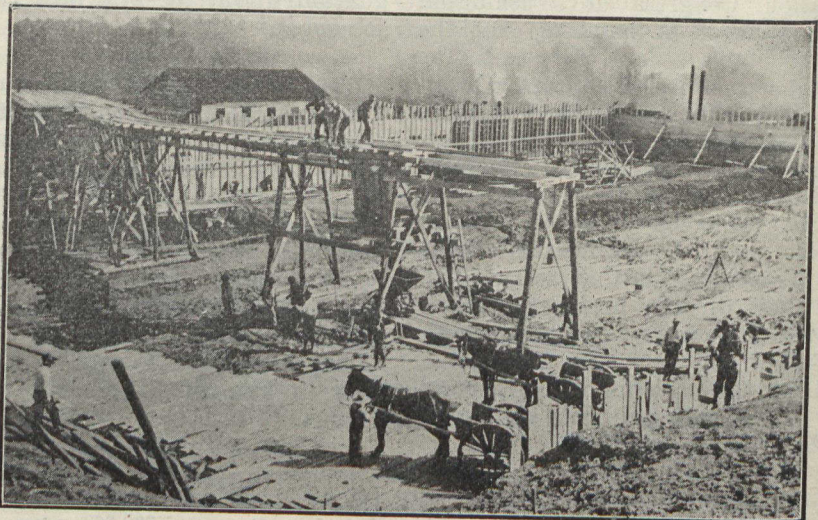
settler literature. The Grand Trunk Railway System, it was found had also for some years under the care of Mr. H. B. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, included such warnings in its campers' and tourists' literature. The General Manager of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Mr. C. F. Sise, Jr., also gladly consented to place a warning about forest fires, and the name of the person who should be notified by telephone of the breaking out of fires, in all telephone directories covering forest territory, Mr. Percy Robertson of Toronto, secretary of the above committee, of which Dr. Fernow is a member, communicated direct with the head office of the Canadian Northern Railway at Toronto and found the officers of that company ready to assist in the work.

Fire loss is dead loss whether it be in the forests or in the cities and the aroused public opinion that lessens this criminal waste in the one will lessen it in the other. The Canadian Forestry Association therefore urges on the efforts of the Ontario Fire Prevention Association.

The officers of the Ottawa Branch are as follows:—

President, Hon. W. C. Edwards; 1st vice-president, C. Jackson Booth; 2nd vice-president, H. K. Egan; secretary, E. D. Hardy; treasurer, T. E. Clendinnen.

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