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Slocan Park, Gutelius P.O., B.C., Sept. 15, 1908.

N. Wolverton, Esq.,
President, The Kootenay-Slocan Fruit
Co., Ltd.
Nelson, B.C.

Dear Sir,—

Now that we have had an opportunity of judging fairly as to the merits of land at Slocan Park, we thought possibly you might be desirous of our opinion. We cleared 4 acres last spring in as many weeks, and we are keeping as a souvenir the only stone we found on it. The fruit trees we planted, despite the exceptionally dry summer, are growing fine.

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Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully, (Signed) Oldfield and Roberts.

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20 and 21. The fire of 1903 burned over almost the same territory as that of 1897, and killed thousands of acres of splendid reproduction, besides much timber that had escaped previously. The first start of the fire seems to have been at or across the American boundary but it is evident that it was started in several other places later with the intention of making a clean job of removing the forest so that the land would be thrown over for settlement. This fire burned all summer, and any attempts that were made to put it out were futile. The reports from the other reserves are of a very similar character.

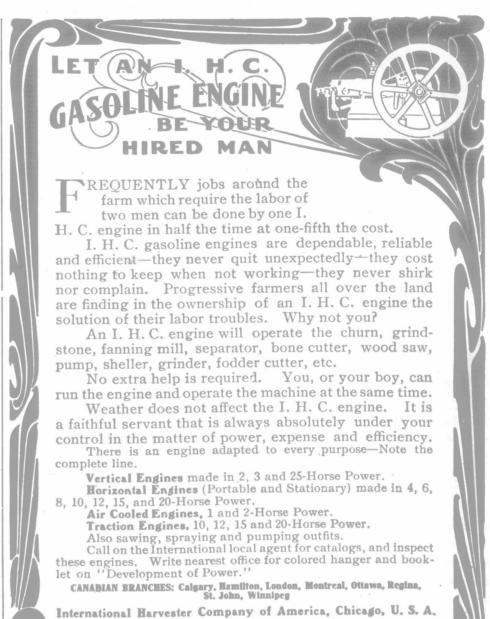
As regards British Columbia, the recent conflagrations, including that in the Elk River Valley, where several thousand persons were rendered homeess, were all outside the regions patrolled by the Federal fire rangers. The Provincial forest fire protection system has proved unequal to the service, but the need of an increased force of fire fighters is recognized.

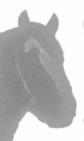
These disastrous fires were in nearly, though not in all, cases caused by human agency. Electric storms are sometimes rarely, responsible. If any proof of this were needed it would be furnished by the fact that on the whole the forest matures and is preserved until manwhite man and his retinue—gets into a district, and then the destruction greatly exceeds the natural recuperative powers of the forest. Most of the fires by man are not accidental, but the result of gross, often wilful, carelessness, and not a few of deliberate intent. In dry seasons a match thrown down is always a source of danger. Camp-fires, even when extinguished with water, may still smolder in rotten logs, mold, or

roots, and eventually break forth. In 1901, following a series of very disastrous forest fires, Canada adopted the present system of fire rangers. rangers were selected from men residing in or near the places where it was intended to employ them, and placed under the direction of a supervising officer, usually the Crown Timber Agent, regular forest ranger, or homestead inspector of the district. They were furnished with copies of the Fire Act, a copy of general instructions defining their duties, and notices for distributing and posting up, warning all concerned against the careless use of fire in the forest. Where horses could be used the men were supplied with them. The ranger's remuneration when on duty was fixed at three dollars a day, including expenses for both man and horse. The fire ranger was required to hand in a ED THE OTHER DAY FROM diary showing how he had been em-TWO OF OUR FIRST SETTL- ployed each day. That year the rang-ERS AT SLOCAN PARK, ers were required almost constantly in British Columbia, and in several cases ers were required almost constantly in WHEN IT WAS OPENED IN succeeded in confining the fires within DECEMBER LAST YEAR. the limits of territory that had formerly been burned over, and thereby saved from destruction large quantities of valuable timber. In one district south of New Westminster a fierce fire broke TAKE A FOURTH out, which at one time threatened to sweep for miles through excellent timber, but by the timely action of the Crown Timber Agent in employing assistance it was prevented from even entering the green timber. In this one instance alone millions of feet of timber were certainly saved. But the chief benefit derived from the employment of the fire ranger is in what he does to prevent fires. The extent of good done

in this way can never be ascertained The Northwest Mounted Police have also been of the greatest service in discovering, preventing, and extinguishing fires in the west, and in making known the precautions to be taken in regard to camp-fires and lighted matches and in advertising the law on the sub-

During the present year surveys of the unsurveyed resources of the west are being made by the Forestry branch of the Department of the Interior. The organization of the Department is being strengthened and the service for the protection of the forests from fires increased. A number of forest firerangers have been stationed along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific from Edmonton westward. Patrolling of the reserves and of the eastern slope of the Canadian Rockies, as well as along the Peace and Athabasca Rivers established last year, is maintained, and the system is to be applied to the Churchill River.





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