

TABLE 8.—ONTARIO—AREAS PATROLLED, STAFFS AND EXPENDITURES

1914	Staff	Area Acres	Expenditure
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Forest Reserves	225	11,754,240	87,101
Provincial Parks	58	2,714,000	22,524
Railways	243		
Unlicensed Crown Lands	111		145,558
Licensed Crown Lands	328	10,893,120	* 90,000
Total	965		345,183
1915			
Forest Reserves	177	11,754,200	67,414
Provincial Parks	57	2,714,000	31,954
Railways	144		56,326
Unlicensed Crown Lands	113		49,925
Licensed Crown Lands	294	10,893,120	* 75,000
Total	785		280,619
1916			
Forest Reserves	197	11,754,200	86,967
Provincial Parks	57	2,714,000	32,972
Railways	146		
Unlicensed Crown Lands	123		106,118
Licensed Crown Lands	298	10,655,840	* 80,000
Total	821		306,057

* Paid by licensees, amount estimated by Department of Lands, Forests and Mines.

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Organized fire prevention is confined for the most part to the licensed Crown lands, comprising about 45,000,000 acres. Of this about 15,000,000 acres are patrolled by the two co-operative associations formed by licensees. Other limit holders provide for the patrol of their own limits. The province employs a certain number of rangers and inspectors but does not report details in regard to the staff. The 1914 report of the Department of Lands and Forests states that 660 rangers were on duty. It is thought that this includes the rangers employed by limit holders. The appropriation for forest protection was \$32,000 for 1913-14, \$39,000 for 1914-15, and \$40,000 for 1915-16. This appropriation covered the cost of the Government rangers and inspectors and also part of the cost of patrol and fire-fighting by the licensees and co-operative associations. An additional appropriation of \$5,000 was made each year for the protection and administration of the Laurentides park.

One of the associations, which patrols about 8,000,000 acres, employed 84 rangers in 1916 and expended for patrol and general expenses about \$25,000, or approximately 0.3 cent per acre. This expenditure is borne mainly by the licensees who pay into the treasury of the association at the rate of one-quarter of a cent per acre, the remainder being paid by the Provincial Government and by railway companies whose lines are patrolled by the association. The cost of fire-fighting was \$13,004 in 1914, \$7,329 in 1915, and \$2,758 in 1916, being paid by the licensees and the Provincial Government.