

The act is not mentally associated with the idea of vandalism. Educational propaganda against forest fires, tackles this 'average man' by skillful appeals to common sense and selfish interest. It is to forest protection as hygiene in disease prevention. It modifies the careless attitude, puts out the *match* before a hundred rangers are asked to put out the *holocaust*.

A Provincial Forester in Nova Scotia, by public meetings, lectures, work in the schools, newspaper publicity, distribution of literature, etc., can do a remarkable service in the provincial interests.

**Cut Down
Railway Fires by
Co-operation.** 4. Yet another most valuable consequence of the appointment of a Provincial Forester for Nova Scotia would be the lessening of timber waste from forest fires caused by the railways. As has been true in all forested provinces of Canada, the task of guarding against fires set from railways requires special organization and unremitting vigilance.

Since the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners undertook the direction and supervision of railway fire protection in 1912, the destruction of timber areas contiguous to the private-owned railway lines has materially lessened. In the case of the public-owned railways, (not under the Board's jurisdiction), cooperative arrangements have in some cases been worked out, usually through the provincial governments, by which patrol work and right-of-way clearing and inspection of smoke stacks and ash pans on locomotives have been developed with excellent results.

The Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, however, has worked largely through existing forestry organizations, as in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and on Dominion lands in the West, conferring upon certain of the forestry officials a special authority, as inspectors for the Board, to check up the fire protection work of the railway companies.

In Nova Scotia, however, there is no special provincial forestry organization, and no Provincial Forester. The Railway Board, therefore, has been unable to extend the benefits of its railway fire inspection to the railways of the province to the fullest extent because its own immediate staff is inadequate to provide the necessary degree of close and continuous inspection required for the best results.

Should Nova Scotia follow up the legislation it has already adopted and appoint a Provincial Forester, that officer would immediately be constituted a representative of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners for purposes of railway fire protection, with all the authority that goes with such designation.