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Stop the Fires or Lose Our Game!

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*"If we are to preserve our fur
bearers, we must preserve
our forests"*



"In taking stock of our national resources and considering ways and means for their conservation, it should not be overlooked that an important part of the national assets consist of our insectivorous and game birds, our splendid game animals, and our native fur bearers."

Thus stated Doctor C. Hart Merriam, former Chief of the United States Biological Survey.

If the above is true in regard to the United States, it applies with even greater force to Canada. Because, as a nation a greater percentage of our population follow farming and fruit growing; further, our timber industry is also of greater relative importance than is that of the United States.

It may be assumed that the settled opinion of all well-informed persons is that the game, in its limited sense, both birds and mammals, of a country, has a four-fold value to its people, viz:

(a) The value of birds, game and non-game, to all the people as insect, rodent and weed-seed destroyers, thus assisting our vegetable and other crop

producers and preserving our fast diminishing forests.

(b) The value of game quadrupeds certain birds, and fish, as food assets.

(c) The value of all game as an incentive and inducement to an out-door life whereby man may recuperate his powers and renew his health.

(d) The value of game in an economic and financial way to a country because of the tourists and sportsmen's travel attracted thereby.

Many varieties of game animals and game birds, and practically all of our fur-bearers, are products of our forests.

Among big game, Moose and Woodland Caribou are essentially products of our forests.

It is in forested areas, in the more northerly districts, that the densest and finest of our furs are to be found. But the ever expanding area of human settlements have caused many districts, formerly the haunts of fur-bearers to be now entirely denuded of them. The clearing away of the forests and the grazing of natural coverts by domestic