

Ontario Forests: Revenue and Protection

Extracts from the Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines for Ontario for the year ended Oct. 31, 1913:

Revenues.

Total revenue accrued from woods and forests for the year: \$2,127,222, an increase of \$59,162.

Revenue collected: \$1,979,125, a decrease of \$6,000 from previous year, which was a record exceeding that of the next preceding year by \$274,000.

Revenue from timber dues: \$1,277,490; decrease \$62,467.

Bonuses: \$591,676; increases \$50,974.

Ground rent: \$99,460; increase \$3,198.

Area and Output.

Area under license: 17,519 sq. miles; decrease 891 sq. miles. This fluctuates as areas are cut out and surrendered, others forfeited for non-payment of dues, etc.

Output of pine timber: 360,377,168 feet board measure; decrease 127,661,498 feet.

Output of timber other than pine: 64,498,036 feet b.m.; decrease 4,876,536 feet.

Pulpwood: 131,434 cords; decrease 8,904 cords.

Railway ties: 6,355,828 pieces; increase 651,269 pieces.

Cause of reduction: scarcity of money.

Fire Ranging.

Fire rangers on forest reserves, 217; on railways, 208; on Crown lands, 114; chief rangers, 34; assistant chief rangers, 4; supervising rangers on licensed lands, 8; total Ontario Government officers and rangers, 585; rangers employed by lumbermen on their limits, 350; grand total, 935 fire fighters.

Forest Reserve Ranging.

Temagami reserve: area, 6,000 sq. miles; 137 rangers, and 4 chiefs.

Mississauga reserve: 3,000 sq. miles; 32 rangers, and a chief ranger.

Nepigon reserve: 7,300 sq. miles; 20 rangers, in addition to those on railway construction in the reserve.

Quebec reserve: 1,500 sq. miles; 14 rangers under the Crown Timber Agent.

Eastern reserve in the county of Addington, 100 sq. miles: 6 rangers and a chief ranger.

Algonquin National Park: 2,741 sq. miles; 10 rangers in addition to the regular park rangers.

Railway Lines Ranging.

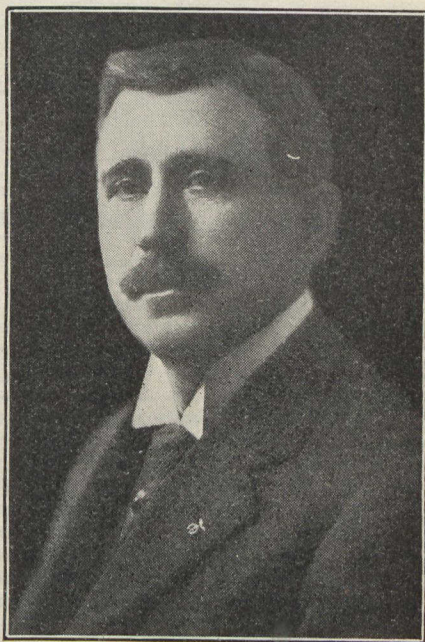
Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway: 58 rangers, 3 superintendents.

National Transcontinental Railway: 68 rangers, 3 chiefs.

Algoma Central Railway: 26 rangers, 2 chiefs.

Expenditure on Fire Ranging.

On Crown lands \$65,000, on railways \$80,000; on forest reserves \$88,000, total \$233,000. This is in addition to the amount spent by the lumbermen which outsiders (not the report) estimate at \$105,000. Grand total spent on forest fire protection in Ontario, \$338,000.



HON. W. H. HEARST,

Premier of Ontario.

Hon. W. H. Hearst, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in the Government of Ontario, who, since the death of Sir James Whitney, has been made Prime Minister of Ontario.