

ENCOURAGING CANADIAN FORESTRY



Scene of a Forest Fire.

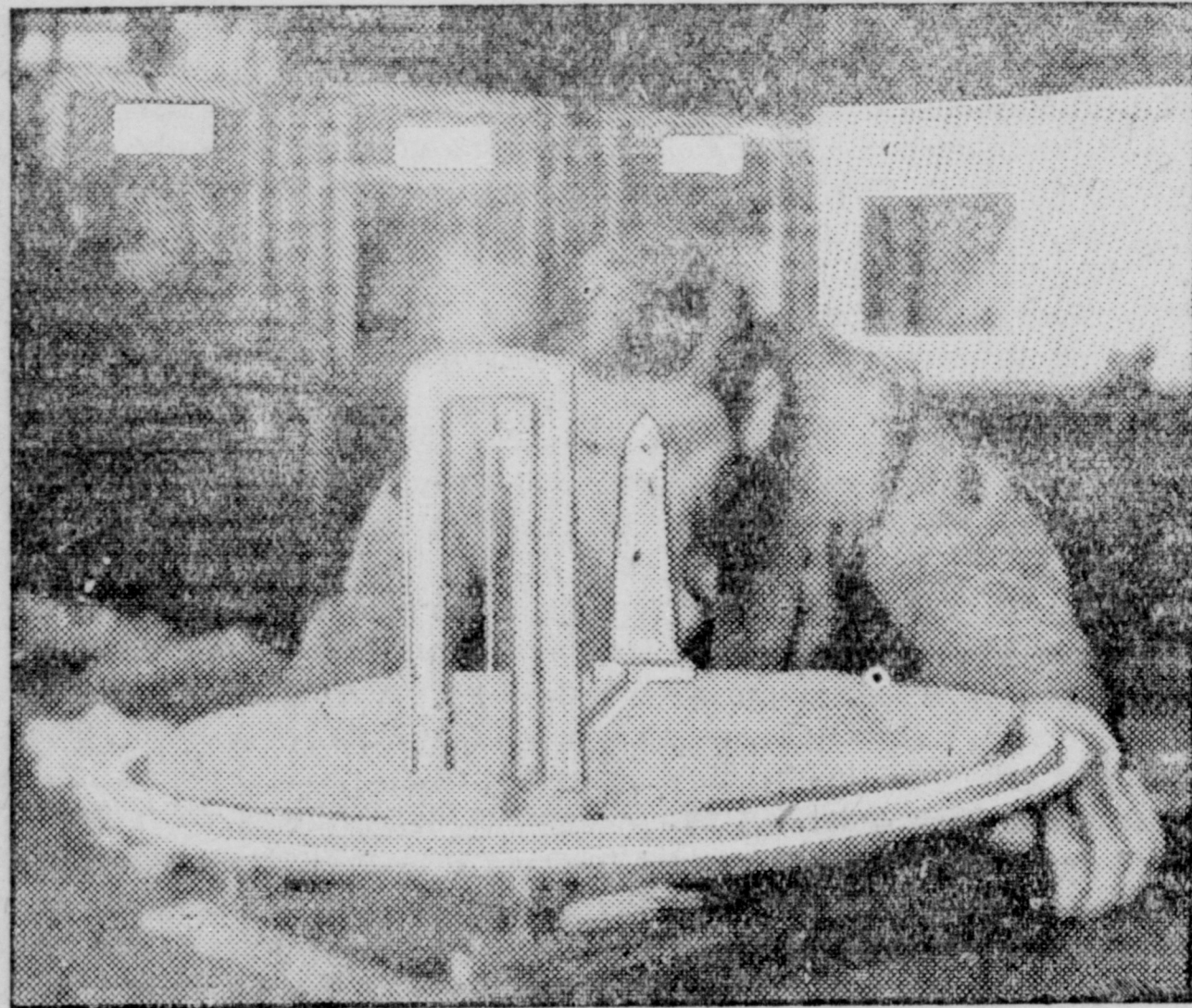
It was only during recent years that the public of Canada began to fully realize the value of the trees of the country, and the necessity for protecting them. One never knows the worth of a tree until its shade is gone. Canada was so rich in forests that the people imagined that their forests were inexhaustible. But year after year devastating fires swept over the wooded areas to such an alarming extent that the people at last realized that steps would have to be taken to save the trees.

Twenty years ago the Canadian Forestry Association was inaugurated. To-day under the presidency of Mr. C. E. E. Usher, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is one of the most flourishing organizations in the Dominion.

The produce of the forests is one of the greatest assets of Canada. The pulp and paper business and the lumber business supply tens of thousands with profitable employment. The object of the Canadian Forestry Association is to preserve existing forests, to encourage tree planting, and provide the most up to date forestry administration.

The Association has now 12,500 members, the majority of whom are not financially interested in timber limits, saw mills or paper mills. It is completely independent of government departments and commercial bodies and has the more easily, on that account, won public confidence and attained great influence through its aggressive educational campaign. From the beginning the association has aimed to encourage a spirit of intelligent partnership between the federal and provincial governments and the wood-using industries in connection with the protection and management of the forests.

To diminish much more than in the past the destruction of the forests by fire is considered by the association to be by far the most important problem. After that it gives due consideration to replanting and general forest management. The very effective results of its educational campaign are due to the variety of practical methods that are followed. These include publicity work through the newspapers; a speaker's bureau of three hundred voluntary workers; travelling lecture cars in the East and in the West; the preparation of travelling



The new Forest Fire Finder, an instrument recently invented to locate a fire quickly. It is expected to reduce the danger and loss from fires to a minimum. The instrument has been installed in the look-out towers in California forests and a fire can be detected 50 miles away.

lecture sets of lantern slides, and lecture manuscripts; an illustrated forestry magazine; the placing of "sermonettes" on the menu cards in railway dining-cars, and little warnings in cigarette packages, etc. Tree planting in the Prairie Provinces is making rapid headway at present. On April 10th, 1921, a tree planting campaign was started. There are now more than 50,000 plantations of trees in the three prairie provinces, and more than 50,000,000 seedlings have been furnished from the Dominion Government nursery at Indian Head, to prairie farmers. Fully 90 per cent. of them have been successfully grown. A railway car equipped as an auditorium with motion picture machines visits many districts, and lecturers explain the object of the tree planting campaign. It is expected that 200 prairie communities will be covered before the present tour closes. The primary object is to enlist the personal interest of settlers in constructing a shelter belt of trees by showing them exactly how to proceed and supplying complete data to ensure success. "The economic importance of constructing windbreaks of trees," said Mr. Robson Black, executive secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, "cannot be overstated. Thick shelter belts are a powerful preventive of soil drift, and of wind damage to crops. A thick growth of trees protects the land to a distance equal to ten times the height of the trees. There is also to be considered the need of every farmer for fence posts and fuel and small construction timber. He may very easily and cheaply produce such necessities on his own property. "Our tree planting campaigns are heartily endorsed by agriculturists and foresters for they are thoroughly practicable. They have the financial backing of one of the prairie provinces, Saskatchewan, and of the railways, land companies, and several wholesale houses in Winnipeg."

COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY MORNING (Official Report.)

The semi annual meeting of the County Council opened at 11 a. m. on Tuesday morning, Warden Melville in the chair. Officials present: Rev. M. E. Conron, chaplain; J. C. Hartley secretary treasurer; Chas. Comben, auditor; J. P. Malaney, reporter; Herbert Holmes, janitor; H. V. Mooers, deputy sheriff.

The personnel of the county council follows:—

Aberdeen—Arthur McIntosh, James Miller.

Brighton—W. D. Keith, Fred W. Smith, M. L. A.

Kent—G. W. Perry, Stephen Kinney.

Northampton—Harry Phillips, Arthur Gibson.

Peel—E. W. Melville, Frank L. Tompkins.

Richmond—W. E. Flemming, K. F. Dalling.

Simonds—Odour Shaw, James Peters.

Wakefield—Robert Bell, Harley Hannah.

Wicklow—R. K. Tracey, M. L. A. John Fulton.

Wilmot—W. F. Anderson, H. C. Carvell.

Woodstock Parish—F. Byron Bull, Charles Clark.

Woodstock town—H. D. Stevens, James W. Gallagher, Alex Benn.

Hartland town—Jas. S. Faulkner, Rev. M. E. Conron, Methodist, a returned chaplain, opened the proceedings with prayer.

The National Anthem, led by ex-Warden, E. C. Morgan of Hartland, was sung by the councillors.

The secretary treasurer read the minutes of the January session, which were approved.

Moved by Coun. Keith, seconded by Coun. Miller, that a committee be appointed to take up bills and accounts and report as soon as ready.

Carried.

The warden appointed Couns. Keith McIntosh, Stevens, said committee.

Warden—Can we have a report from the dog tax committee before dinner?

Coun. Carvell—I was a member of that committee but I rather left it to the county members who are members of the legislature.

Coun. Tracey—When I went to Fredericton I took the question up with

the Premier. I asked him if it could not be arranged to leave the enforcing or non enforcing of the dog law to the Municipal Councils. He was agreeable and referred me to the minister of agriculture. Mr. Smith and I called upon that gentleman; he had a bill drafted to meet our wishes. While I was at a meeting of the Agricultural committee, I was unable to attend as I was a member of another committee. When the bill came before the Agricultural committee, it met with objections so strong that it could not get through. I took the matter up in the House, but as the Agricultural committee did not approve it, and the law had so many sympathizers, that I could not make headway. If we could get a resolution through the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, favorable to a change, something might be done at next session of the House.

Warden Melville—Did you tell them that we had a notion to take the law in our own hands?

Coun. Tracey—Yes, but it did not scare them one bit. The Agricultural committee thought that the change was too radical and would hurt the whole law.

Coun. Smith—I was a member of the Agricultural Committee and endeavored to get the change. The minister of agriculture promised to make the change. Mr. Robichaud of the North Shore opposed it so strongly that the minister of agriculture dropped the bill.

Coun. Perry—I was on the committee, but as we had the honor of having two members in the House it took the responsibility off our hands. When the law is put on a district, it seems to be hard to get it off. We certainly should have some redress. The government should place the power in the hands of the Municipal Councils. The election for councillors comes often, and we are more scared of the people than any other legislative body.

J. S. Leighton—As one of the valuers, I find that the work entails a lot of labor. I would suggest that you appoint a committee to consult with the revisors.

Moved by Coun. Stevens, seconded by Coun. Bell, that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the valuers and report when ready.

Carried.

The warden appointed Couns. Bell, Carvell, Keith, Phillips, and Flemming said committee.

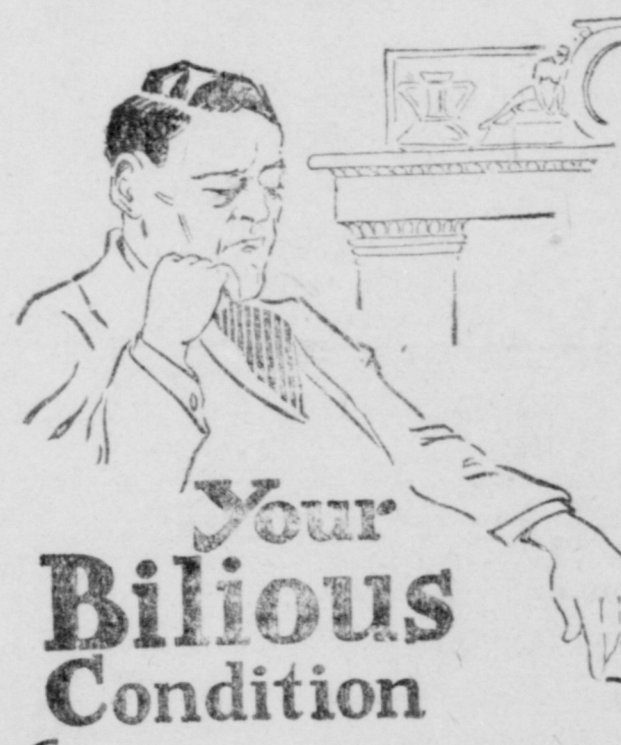
TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p. m., Warden Melville in the chair. All councillors present, except Couns. Hannah and Clark.

Improvements in Record Office

Donald Munro, recorder, was heard before the board. Mr. Munro said: There is a phone in the Court House now, but in the interests of the county, one should be placed in the Registry office. It would cost \$30 a year, less 25 per cent to public utilities, which would make the price \$22.50 a year. We are now using the Elliott Fisher Typewriting Machine. Since 27th April, 1914, this machine has filled 14 books, and typed 8557 documents. Similar machines were in use and had been discarded in the registry offices of St. John, Westmorland, and York Counties. All up to date offices are now using the Remington Typewriter, with loose leaf books. A letter from the provincial secretary to me advises that Carleton county purchase two Remingtons, in our buildings, etc., Carleton county is considered one of the most up to date counties in the province, but it is behind the times in the particulars mentioned. A Remington Typewriter will cost \$165, and each book will cost \$47.50. We used three books last year, but as a rule, two books will do each year. We might get along with one Typewriter. The office receipts last year were \$3800 for York and \$3650 for Carleton counties.

Moved by Coun. Bull, seconded by Coun. Perry, that the Building Com-



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