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MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES
AND FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

More than 1,000 men constitute New Brunswick's forest fire fighting force as already organized for the season of 1927, it was revealed at a conference called by Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, and held Friday afternoon at the provincial buildings when a number of the leading lumbermen of the province and the chief officials of the department attended.

This force consists of inspectors, rangers and wardens and can be converted into a force of many times its number upon only a few hours' notice when fires break out and a fighting force is required.

System Outlined.

The whole organization of the protective system was outlined at the conference and the new patrol system, which is being inaugurated and in connection with which time clocks are to be used for the first time to ensure efficiency, was described. The lumbermen present at the conference were asked for suggestions and it was evident that they were very much impressed with the completeness of the organization that has been built up for the 1927 season, especially the new patrol system and the introduction of time clocks. Suggestions were made that it would be advisable to have the portage roads opened up so that fire fighting forces and equipment could be more readily moved to the scene of trouble in the event of fires breaking out in the forests. The lumbermen present promised co-operation in this connection and there is already a satisfactory working agreement between the provincial forest service and the lumber companies in connection with the

operation of the lookout towers and in respect to other branches of the protective system.

District Arrangement.

Under the arrangements being put into operation this year the province is divided into a number of districts, each in charge of an inspector, and these districts are divided into sub-districts with a ranger of the permanent staff in charge of each sub-district. There are also numerous fire wardens, the complete staff of game wardens being pressed into service for this purpose as part of the organization, and there are many others on call for hazardous periods.

Councillors Enlisted.

Each one of the 328 county councillors in New Brunswick is automatically a fire warden under the forest fire law and they handle all fires on what are known as private or granted lands. They have the assistance of 277 municipal fire wardens, making a staff of 605 in all as a nucleus of the protective force for the lands other than Crown Lands. There also are 300 fire wardens who are appointed on nomination of the lumber companies, duties extending to both Crown Lands and private lands; these 300 co-operative fire wardens are all paid by the lumber companies themselves but they have the full authority of fire wardens appointed by the provincial forest service except that they are not authorized to incur expenditures to be paid from provincial funds except when they are especially engaged by the forest service officials to take charge of a situation when the regular government wardens are not available. All these wardens are being specially instructed to demand that registration certificates be shown by all persons with whom they come in contact in the forests.

CAPILANO.

(From the anconver Province)
Waters of the Capilano,
Rushing downward to the sea,
In a hundred cascades leaping
Like a prisoned soul set free.

From the crest of snowcapped
mountains
Far above the restless foam
Tiny streamlets join together
Dancing from their mountain home.

Soon their bondage is forgotten
Soon they are a thousand strong
And there is a note triumphant
In the cadence of their song.

Lingering now for just a moment
In a quiet crystal pool
Where are mirrored fern and fir tree
In their depths so clear and cool.

Then away as though regretting
Their brief moment of repose
Or like haunted driven mortals
Fleeing ever from their foes.

Through a canyon deep and rugged
In their wild tempestuous flight
Laughing mocking at their barriers
Till with foam and spray they're
white.

Spent and weary but triumphant
Gently murmuring now they rest
For their souls have found contentment
On the ocean's rolling breast.

—A. V. HOLLAND.

"So you went to college?"

"Yes."

"What did you take up there?"

"Space."

Of Interest to
the Women

SHOE STYLES.

A faux pas of the first order—according to the book of fashion etiquette—is to wear shoes inappropriate to the rest of the costume.

Aristocratic feet are not those which are most expensively but most suitably shod. Satin slippers for example even black ones are forbidden with street costumes just as heavy shoes with built up heels are out of place with anything but the most informal sports costume. This does not mean that every shoe is wearable with only one dress or coat. All shoes this season except the purely sports shoe show a similarity of silhouette which makes them interchangeable for different occasions. There is usually however one type of shoe which is preferred for a certain type of costume.

A high heeled oxford so low cut that only its two eyelets still prove the name dainty but with a reserved dignity is the wise choice for wear with that most perfectly groomed of all costumes—the tailored suit. Navy blue kid is good but only for the navy blue suit. Reptile or beige or black kidskin are for the black or hairline suit. Kidskin trimmed with reptile on heel toe or eyelet is a possibility.

The shoe wardrobe must include a pair of reptiles. An afternoon slipper which can be worn with practically any kind of dress is a one-strap spike heeled model made of one of the mottled skins in neutral beiges or grays. And there is a chameleon like lizard which seems to be beige or gray at will according to the color of hose worn with it. The slipper which is low cut to the sole showing the graceful instep and arch of the foot is a strictly formal daytime shoe and not one which can be worn on the street.

A more conservative model of lizard or snake a one strap, not cut to the sole is an all around shoe good for wear with the tailored suit afternoon dress or dress coat indoors or out.

The two eyelet oxford is versatile to serving for an afternoon shoe as well as tailored street model.

The slipper with the instep strap and bow on top and patent leather shoes (in any model) are things that are "all right" but are not at present the darlings of fashion.

The Heavy Sports Shoe.

Certainly not dainty but good looking with heavy style of its own, is the sports shoe with the wing tip and the built up heel for the sweater costume or mannish tweed coat to be worn out of doors walking, driving or on the golf course.

The Formal Satin Pump.

There are as many kinds of evening slippers as of evening dresses many of them elaborate ones taking their names from the latest dance step or slang expression. But the gentility and the comfort of the satin opera pump makes it the classic of all formal slippers the one in most unquestioned good taste.

Black Satin Slippers.

Black satin slippers are worn only with black gowns. Dresses in the pastel shades can be matched perfectly with the soft shades in satin or can be worn with blonde satin which harmonizes with all colors. The newest buckle for these pumps is a rectangle outlined in large pearls—to match the long opera

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length pearl necklace and—perhaps (a touch of real finesse) a pearl buckle on the girdle of the dress. Rhinestone and cut steel buckles of course are still good. Flat velvet bows of color contrasting with the slipper are novel and smart. Silver and gold satin kid slippers are consistently fashionable.

Many of the younger set are wearing for evening the frivolous but very smart high heeled sandal—cut out in so many places that it is practically nothing but a series of toe and heel straps.

WILLOW SONG

(From the London Spectator)
Willow wands willow wands here are
colored willow wands!

Dipping by the river where the
thrushes sing;

Purple willow, creeping willow
White willow, weeping willow—
Here are magic willow wands to
conjure in the spring.

Willow wands, willow wands; here
are pollard willow wands,
Swaying by the water in the wind
and rain;

Silver catkins, sallow catkins
Green catkins, yellow catkins
Here are colored willow catkins
flowering once again!

—HAMISH MACLAREN.

Oswald—Whew! I'm tired of
dancing. I believe I'll stop and rest
awhile.

Clara—All right but would you
please get off my feet before you
stop?

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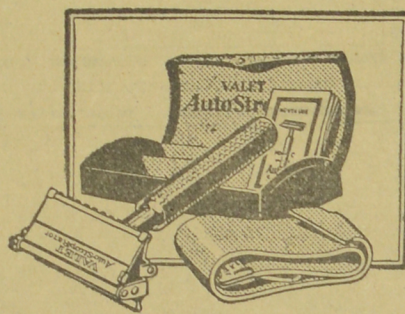
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