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FIRE CAUSES ENORMOUS LOSSES TO TIMBER LANDS

Fires Which Kill the Young Trees are the Most Destructive -A Severe Indictment of Those Who Manage Forest Land From the Pen of Dr. C. D. Howe of the University of Toronto-Millions Have Been Spent in Protection.

A severe indictment of the manage- where 32 were originally. nent of our forests and especially of Dr. Howe states that the fundamenthe attempts to safeguard them from tal problem is how to guard the fire, was made by Dr. C. D. Howe, Fac- forests properly from fire; that in the ulty of Forestry, University of Toron- last decade about \$10,000,000 have to, at the recent annual meeting of been spent in protection, and yet that the Commission of Conservation. He the forest has been so unsafe for showed that not only is the present trees through destruction by fire that supply of pine, spruce. and balsam there is apprehension of serious curdiminishing rapidly, but that the meth- tailment, perhaps exhaustion, of our ods of logging and the repeated rav- timber supply. He declares that withages of fire are killing off the young out adequate fire protection it is only trees. The result will be in a few years a waste of time to discuss methods of the end of an industry which i sexceed- forest conservation, and that when ed only by agriculture and manufac- they are made reasonably safe from turing as a producer of wealth to the fire other measures are required to ountry. make them continually productive.

People are aware in a general way of the enormous loss to timber caused annually by forest fires, but the nost destructive effects of these fires are not generally recognized or appreciated even by those who have our who is in love with himself." forests in their keeping. It is the re-

peated fire which is the most vicious agent of destruction, for it kills the young trees which are to make the future forest, and it also kills the mother or seed trees, which might if allowed to live replace the young that are destroyed. He examined 80,000 acres of cut-over and burnedover pine lands in the central portion of old Ontario and found 110 young pine trees on the average acre of area burned over once; 14 pine trees per acre on areas burned over three the average acre

restock these areas with pine. This is not an exceptional

similar results on thousands of thing?" square miles throughout the Dominion

One half of our commercial timber lands have ben burned. Even if there never were another forest fire, onehalf of our future supply of timber married forty years." should come from these burned areas. Every fire decreases that possibility by destroying the young commercia trees. We have not only killed the commercial, revenue-bearing trees on one half the timber-producing area in Canada, but our forest policy has been such that we have virtually decreed thier children shall not live.

The original forest in the St Maurice River Valley was dominated by white pine from 3 to 6 fet in diameter and from 100 to 150 feet high, towering 50 to 75 feet above Judging from the and balsam. stumps left, the trees ran from five to 30 per acre, but today there is only an odd pine standing on some inaccessible bluff. The original giants have disappeared from the forest, and, worse still, no young pines are rising to take their place In order to prosper the pine requires plenty of light overhead, but the openings made in the forest by the removal of the original trees were allowed to fill up with hardwoods, which overshadowed and stifled the young pine shoots. It was further shown by Dr. Howe that both spruce and balsam were 97 acres of severely culled areas from which 26 spruce trees per acre had ben removed, he found that the present number of spruce trees per acre was: Seedings below half-inch 422; half-inch to three inches, 19, and eight inches ti eleven inches, 7. Although the total came to 477 new trees, it will be noted that the mortality increased very rapidly with the growth of these trees. The net result is that there will be only 7 spruce trees to take the place of the 26 per acre removed by logging operations. Taking the same severely-culled areas based on sample plots totaling 97 acres from which 32 balsam trees per acre had been reber of balsam trees per acre was seedlings below one-half inch, 2,477; half-inch to three inches inclusive 58; four to seven inches, 27, and eight to eleven inches, 12. Apparently there would be over 2,500 balsam trees per acre to replace the 32 removed, but again the rate of mortality increases so rapidly with the growth of the trees that there will be only 12 trees per acre where 32 had been taken away. Moreover, 7 out of the 12 will be so diseased as to be unfit for pulpwood, so that the net result will be only 5 pulpwood-bearing balsams



NOT ENOUGH EXPERIENCE.

COMMON DELUSION.

several hundred years for nature to across the table a question. "Mr. Oldwed, he said, "how long

around.



Ottawa, April 26-Politically a great | There are sertainly a number of the

at least towards satisfying the low chological moment to make a move. The young man who had been tariff sentiment of the West, it is Mr. Pardee, for example, the former married just a week and was already hard to see how rupture in the Go . Liberal whip, has already declared times and only three pine trees on beginning to spend his evenings at ernment ranks can be avoided. Crerar, himself. There are a number of old of areas burned the club, stopped a moment in his Reid and Maharg at least of the West- line Conservatives who would willingover four or more times. It will take game of whist to ask an old man ern members will have to make good ly make a break of some sort, but explanations or consider going over they have no place to move to. Meanto the Opposition, whose somewhat while, they gather around Hon. Robt. case. does a man have to be married before rejected. The Western caucus has told evidence of late in the lobby, and tell childish overtures they have all along Rogers, who has been very much in Repeated forest fires are producing his wife agrees with him in every- the Western members of the Cabinet him their woes.

what they expect, and Sir Thomas "I'm sorry my boy," replied the man white has indicated to them that they Mr. H. W. Robertson of St. John is "very sorry, but you'll have to ask need not expect much now. Whether a guest at the Queen someone else. You see I've only been they will be satisfied with the pro- Mr. D. J. Buckley and Miss Buckley

> posed commission of inquiry after the of Newcastle are registered at the House adjourns, remains to be seen. Queen.

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there really is "no such animile" the Yankee said said about the giraffe after he saw it), as one Western constituency has already informed its member that they will be pleased to accept his resignation, pronto.

many things depend on what happens Liberals now sitting on the Governin Canada after the budget is brought ment side of the House, who are dedown. If it does not go some distance bating with themselves as to the psy-

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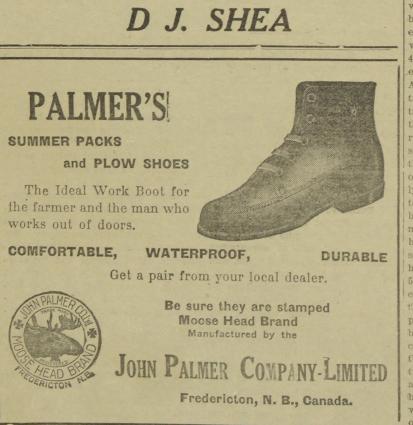
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