

Ontario.—In the province of Ontario, timber lands are administered by the Department of Lands and Forests. The sale of saw timber is by tender after examination. Conditions cover the removal within a specified period, disposal of *débris*, etc. Pulpwood areas are usually disposed of by individual agreements for longer periods than in the case of saw timber. Manufacture in Canada was made a condition in the disposal of all softwood saw timber in 1897, of all pulpwood in 1900 and of all hardwood in 1924. In some individual pulpwood agreements the licensee must undertake not only to erect a pulp-mill but also a paper-mill within the province, the type of mill being stipulated in the agreement. In this province about 7,972 square miles of forest land have been disposed of outright.

Quebec.—The Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests administers the timber lands in Quebec; its powers include the classification of land, disposal of timber and regulation of cutting operations. Forest protection is now under a separate organization, the Forest Protective Service. Licenses are granted after public competition and are renewable from year to year, subject to changes in royalty by the government at any time. Grants of land in fee simple, made in some cases under the French *régime* in Quebec, are responsible for the private ownership of about 34,173 square miles of forest land.

New Brunswick.—The Forest Service, under the Department of Lands and Mines, and a special Forestry Advisory Board, form the forest authority in New Brunswick. At present timber lands are disposed of as in the other provinces, but in the past several grants of forest land were made to railway companies, private concerns and individuals, who now own in fee simple about 10,675 square miles of forest land.

Nova Scotia.—In Nova Scotia the greater part of the forest land, amounting to 12,300 square miles, has passed into private ownership. What remains vested in the Crown is administered by the Chief Forester under the Minister of Lands and Forests, who also has charge of forest protection throughout the province.

2.—Forest Fire Protection.

The protection of forests from fire is undoubtedly the most urgent and most important part of the work of the different agencies administering forest lands in Canada. In the case of the Dominion Government, this duty falls chiefly on the Forest Service of the Department of the Interior for all Dominion Crown timber lands, whether within forest reserves or not. Certain officers of the various forest authorities are appointed *ex-officio* officers of the Board of Railway Commissioners and are responsible for fire protection along railway lines. These guards co-operate with the railway fire rangers employed by the various railway companies, the compulsory patrol of all lines throughout the country being a Dominion law. Other Dominion legislation regulates the use of fire for clearing and other legitimate purposes and provides for closed seasons during dangerous periods.

Each of the Provincial Governments maintains a fire protection organization which co-operates with owners and licensees for the protection of all timbered areas, the cost being distributed or covered by special taxes on timber lands. An interesting development in this connection in the province of Quebec is the organization of a number of co-operative protective associations among lessees of timber limits. These associations have their own staffs, which co-operate with those of the Board of Railway Commissioners and the Provincial Government. This latter contributes in the way of money grants and also pays for the protection of vacant Crown lands lying within the areas of the association's activities.