

5.—Forest Fire Losses by Province 1954 and 1955 compared with Ten-Year Average 1945-54—concluded

Item		Annual Average 1945-54	1954	1955
Quebec—				
Forest fires.....	No.	1,134	392	1,276
Area burned.....	acres	171,259	51,959	549,550
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,106,023	158,545	4,914,672
Ontario—				
Forest fires.....	No.	1,335	881	2,252
Area burned.....	acres	155,071	54,693	396,423
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,292,302	960,810	6,512,453
Manitoba—				
Forest fires.....	No.	262	121	327
Area burned.....	acres	184,771	5,871	106,926
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	256,043	18,655	350,461
Saskatchewan—				
Forest fires.....	No.	126	57	175
Area burned.....	acres	138,161	3,802	33,497
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	110,394	15,410	108,363
Alberta—				
Forest fires.....	No.	191	80	232
Area burned.....	acres	395,610	128,337	201,294
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,299,252	1,128,538	1,243,840
British Columbia—				
Forest fires.....	No.	1,491	764	1,384
Area burned.....	acres	279,952	10,309	46,694
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,264,147	211,792	233,974
Federal Lands—				
Yukon Territory—				
Forest fires.....	No.	..	55	75
Area burned.....	acres	..	7,109	41,329
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	..	27,627	30,996
Northwest Territories—				
Forest fires.....	No.	..	57	81
Area burned.....	acres	..	1,124,480	193,046
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	..	289,214	386,136
National Parks—				
Forest fires.....	No.	32	18	43
Area burned.....	acres	4,564	151	1,220
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	8,910	1,435	76,507
Indian Lands—				
Forest fires.....	No.	45	29	36
Area burned.....	acres	16,968	2,093	1,136
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	35,675	3,962	12,566
Other Federal Lands—				
Forest fires.....	No.	..	26	73 ¹
Area burned.....	acres	..	376	4,886
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	..	1,170	17,107

¹ Includes military areas.

6.—Forest Fires by Cause 1954 and 1955 compared with Ten-Year Average 1945-54

Cause	Provinces ¹						Yukon and Northwest Territories	
	Av. 1945-54 ²		1954 ²		1955 ²		1955	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Camp fires.....	829	16	580	19	899	14	42	27
Smokers.....	1,164	23	515	17	1,174	19	21	13
Settlers.....	535	10	251	8	632	10	—	—
Railways.....	546	11	329	11	570	9	5	3
Lightning.....	924	18	447	15	1,893	30	54	34
Industrial operations.....	244	5	148	5	295	5	1	1
Incendary.....	139	3	99	3	156	2	—	—
Public works.....	79	1	53	2	78	1	1	1
Miscellaneous known.....	449	9	451	15	387	6	3	2
Unknown.....	232	4	149	5	276	4	29	19
Totals.....	5,141	100	3,022	100	6,360	100	156	100

¹ Includes federal lands within provincial boundaries.
prior to 1949.

² Newfoundland included.

² Newfoundland excluded; no records available