

6.—Forest Fire Losses, by Province,¹ 1959 and 1960, compared with Ten-Year Average 1950-59

Item		Average 1950-59	1959	1960
Newfoundland—				
Forest fires.....	No.	176	217	443
Area burned.....	acres	19,430	34,234	70,750
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	113,377	251,434	410,289
Nova Scotia—				
Forest fires.....	No.	285	254	605
Area burned.....	acres	6,488	2,575	21,266
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	56,894	10,669	264,203
New Brunswick—				
Forest fires.....	No.	221	261	475
Area burned.....	acres	8,857	5,612	27,490
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	132,851	54,073	488,399
Quebec—				
Forest fires.....	No.	900	669	874
Area burned.....	acres	190,691	94,889	127,668
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,598,984	2,212,206	4,282,727
Ontario—				
Forest fires.....	No.	1,279	1,005	956
Area burned.....	acres	96,099	5,211	31,386
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	1,853,440	382,041	1,129,423
Manitoba—				
Forest fires.....	No.	259	155	448
Area burned.....	acres	212,534	27,064	412,149
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	354,033	96,922	996,650
Saskatchewan—				
Forest fires.....	No.	145	169	236
Area burned.....	acres	71,048	6,444	462,577
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	138,035	237,206	1,744,830
Alberta—				
Forest fires.....	No.	233	469	474
Area burned.....	acres	289,585	87,959	19,960
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	2,488,569	2,045,318	798,284
British Columbia—				
Forest fires.....	No.	1,937	1,954	4,113
Area burned.....	acres	439,064	271,315	285,820
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	2,707,668	3,045,654	9,099,448
Federal Lands—				
Yukon Territory—				
Forest fires.....	No.	60	60	49
Area burned.....	acres	236,556	42,196	21,102
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	287,754	42,240	31,949
Northwest Territories—				
Forest fires.....	No.	65	78	92
Area burned.....	acres	512,901	110,845	101,682
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	300,518	277,611	175,373
National Parks—				
Forest fires.....	No.	31	21	36
Area burned.....	acres	2,451	9	9,129
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	14,929	1,693	116,207
Indian Lands—				
Forest fires.....	No.	55	53	65
Area burned.....	acres	7,254	14,001	25,310
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	46,540	24,424	75,237
Other Federal Lands (incl. military areas)—				
Forest fires.....	No.	4	18	15
Area burned.....	acres	5	121	55
Fire fighting cost and damage.....	\$	294	1,484	936

¹ Prince Edward Island is not included, but 1960 was a particularly serious year for forest fires in that province; an estimated 25 fires burned 18,000 acres with damage assessed at \$221,000. Cost of fire fighting is not available.