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We regret to announce the death of the Chief Forester, P.Z. Caverhill, at his home in Victoria, on Sunday, December 8th.

Mr. Caverhill, one of the first graduates of the Forest School at the University of New Brunswick, came to the Forest Branch in July, 1912. He was appointed District Forester at Kamloops where he was associated with a number of men still in the Service.

In 1916 he returned to New Brunswick to assume the duties of Chief Forester there but came back to B. C. the following year to be District Forester at Vancouver. He assumed the duties of Chief of this Service in 1920 and it was in this capacity that most of us have known him.

In 1931 Mr. Caverhill was absent from duty for a period on sick leave, after which it was commonly felt that with reasonable care the Chief was physically fit to carry on indefinitely.

In July this year he left to attend the Empire Forestry Conference in South Africa, arriving back in Victoria a week ago, on the 2nd. On Friday he left the office slightly indisposed with a cold, intending to take a short holiday to recover from the affects of his long trip. On Sunday his heart failed without warning.

In his death Canada loses one of the outstanding Foresters of the day; the Service loses the Forester and, at the same time, an administrator of exceptional capabilities; those of us who were in closer touch with him lose a guide and mentor on whose sure judgment we had learned to rely. The knotty problems could always be taken to the Chief with assurance that the road would be made plain and comparatively easy.

Forest Branch work will go on--timber sales have to be completed and fires have to be fought, but the Service will feel a gap in its ranks which will take a long time to close.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Caverhill and son.